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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ROCKS

DANIEL MORROW

At its regular August meeting Mayor Betsy Davis and the entire Town Council praised Chief A. Beniamino, his officers, town staff, and a host of volunteers and supporters for their outstanding work during Middleburg's August 7 celebration of "National Night Out," a community-building, crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch for the past 29 years.

Bundles Murdock, Council's Public Safety chair, credited Panebianco's "infectious enthusiasm" for making the evening "a huge success."

Designed to bring the town's police officers and the citizens they protect closer together, the evening featured fine food, equipment displays, representatives from neighboring law enforcement jurisdictions ... and a dunking booth.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes, Officer Heather Fadely and the

Chief himself were praised for their total "immersion" in the project, and their outstanding good humor, especially when wet. Panebianco reiterated councils' thanks, and praised all his officers. In thanking Senior Officer Mike Prince and his son for their help, he told council that without Prince, he did not know how successful the event would have been.

New Officer Takes Oath of Honor

Chief Panebianco administered the Middleburg Police Department's new "Oath of Honor" on August 9 to Officer Jay Hollins.

Every officer upon formally joining the force is, of course, "sworn in" by the Clerk of the Loudoun County Circuit Court.

The "Oath of Honor," however, is a pledge of personal integrity and commitment, above and beyond the standard law enforcement officers' oath.

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MOSBY HERITAGE AREA'S 15TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

MARC LEEPSON

For fifteen years, on the first weekend of October, the Middleburg Community Center is home to an event that may not make the front pages of the local newspapers, but nevertheless is of national significance: The Conference on the Art of Command of the Civil War.

This first-class conference, organized by the Mosby Heritage Area Association, brings nationally known Civil War authors and historians to town for two days of talks and a guided battlefield tour.

The theme in 2012 is the Chancellorsville Campaign, arguably one of the most studied military campaigns in history.

The Conference kicks off on Friday afternoon, October 5th.

"We get people from all over the country at the Conference," said Childs Burden, the MHAA President who conceived of the event in 1997, two years after the non-profit preservation and historic association was formed. "I can't think of another regularly scheduled Civil War history conference that includes more well-regarded military historians or one that attracts as many participants."

In recent years the conference has focused on Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Shenandoah Valley; the Battles of Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville, Mosby's Rangers, and actions around Unison; the Second Battle of Manassas; the Battle of Fredericksburg. Last year, Burden said, "we had a record number of participants, and we believe that the stellar line-up of historians we have to discuss the Chancellorsville Campaign this year will attract another great crowd."

It's also worth noting, Burden added, that the Conference is the signature event of the year for the Mosby Heritage Area Association, which works to educate about, and advocate

for, the preservation of the historic, cultural and scenic resources in the Northern Virginia Piedmont. "Our motto is 'Preservation Through Education,'" Burden said, "and the Conference more than lives up to that goal. It has helped raise more than \$175,000 for our educational programming for children and adults."

At this year's Conference an array of historians will present nine talks on various aspects of the pivotal April 30-May 6, 1863, Battle of Chancellorsville. In that a massive engagement Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee outmaneuvered Union Gen. Joseph Hooker, but only after there were some 30,000 casualties on both sides. That included the death of famed Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

The talks begin on Friday afternoon and continue throughout the day on Saturday evening. The conference ends with a day-long tour of the Chancellorsville Battlefield on Sunday.

Among this year's speakers is longtime conference favorite, Jeffery Wert, the author of seven books on the Civil War. Other speakers include Gary Ecelbarger, the author of *The Battles of Front Royal and Winchester*; Kim Holien, a renowned U.S. Army military historian; Frank O'Reilly, the leading expert on the Battle of Fredericksburg; and Eric Wittenberg, a Civil War cavalry specialist and the author of eleven books.

Admission for the entire Conference is \$425 or \$200 for the Friday and Saturday talks, but excluding the Saturday night dinner. For register and to find out more information about the Conference, call 540-687-6681 or email info@mosbyheritagearea.org



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NEWS OF NOTE

KATHRYN (KATS) JAMES CLARK



Kathryn (Kats) James Clark of Middleburg, Virginia died peacefully Saturday, August 4th on her 85th birthday.

Born in Dayton, Ohio to Lina and Lee James, she was their only child. The family moved to Long Island, New York where Kats attended the Greenvale School and then the Oldfields School in Glencoe, Maryland. She was an avid horsewoman and recognized for her many achievements in the show ring by being elected to the Virginia Horse Show Hall of Fame, the Upperville Wall of Fame and also by serving on the Board of the Washington International Horse Show.

Kats began riding at an early age and was a frequent exhibitor at the local shows on Long Island. Soon her talent was evident and she moved on to the circuit.

While married to Jack Leib,

their Fox Lake Farm boasted such champions as Automation, Mid-Flight and Valiant Hawk. She had an eye for horses that would do well in the conformation division and has retired many trophies in such.

After marrying Stephen Clark in 1989, Kats had an unfortunate riding accident that left her partially disabled. Nothing could stop her spirit or love of horses and she still attended shows non-stop while watching Kenny Wheeler train her champions Call You Raise You and Celebrity. A second accident left her a quadriplegic, but she still was a familiar sight at the shows in her wheelchair cheering on Joe Fargis who showed her open jumpers. Her will to live and her love of the horse show world were unparalleled.

Kats was predeceased by her husband Stephen C. Clark. She is survived by her son James Leib of Boston, Massachusetts and her step-daughter Melissa (Missy) Veghte of Wilmington, Delaware.

She was the beloved grandmother of Robert (Rox) Veghte of Wilmington, Delaware and her two great-grandsons, Jonathan and Andrew Veghte.

A memorial service celebrating her life will take place September 6th at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made to the Middleburg Humane Foundation, PO Box 1238, Middleburg, VA 20118, or to The National Sporting Library and Museum, 102 The Plains Road, Middleburg, VA 20117.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

A COMMUNITY THEATER EVENT

A Place to be Music Therapy at 15 West Madison Street will be transformed into Mushnik's Florist Shop on September 14, 15 and 16th. When a community group performs Little Shop of Horrors, the story of a sad, small florist worker and how one man-eating plant changes his life forever.

This cult musical will be performed by actors of varying ages. Local celebrity and everyone's favorite Caterer Tutti Perricone will be "The Plant" who eats people so she can grow. Local designer Wendy Pepper along with student designers Shea O'Brien and Dalton Cashin will help create a plant costume that you

will not forget. Come see this toe-tapping, one-of-a-kind, freaky little musical directed by Tom Sweitzer and Kim Tapper with student producer, Kyle Boardman.

Little Shop of Horrors will be fun for the whole family. Very limited seating. As there is very limited seating, tickets must be reserved by calling 540-687-6740. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 4th; 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 5th and 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 6th.

Thanks to an anonymous donor tickets sales will benefit A Place to Be Music Therapy

CIVIL WAR ON THE HOME FRONT TOURS AT OATLANDS

Civil War on the Home Front Tours have been added to the Oatlands event calendar this year to continue its recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War.

The tours will be offered August 25-26 and September 15-16.

The Civil War on the Home Front Tour is an indoor/outdoor tour that highlights the day-to-day life of those left at home during the Civil War. Knowledgeable guides will use excerpts from Elizabeth O. Carter's diary to explore issues relevant to the Carter family and the enslaved at Oatlands during the war.

At 2 p.m., visitors will meet

author Kevin Dulany Grigsby, a descendant of a couple who were enslaved at Oatlands. His book, Howardsville: The Journey of an African-American Community in Loudoun County, Virginia, will be available for purchase.

Oatlands Historic House and Gardens are located at 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg, VA 20175-6572.

Tickets for Civil War on the Home Front Tours are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children 6-16 years of age. Please telephone 703-777-3174 for additional information.

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NEWS OF NOTE

THE NEW AGRARIANS

ALDO LEOPOLD DOCUMENTARY TO BE SHOWN AT HILL SCHOOL
"GREEN FIRE" CONNECTS HIS IDEAS TO MODERN CONSERVATION

On Friday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m., the Goose Creek Association (GCA), the Land Trust of Virginia (LTV), the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT), and the Hill School Alumni Association invite the public to a free screening of a new film called Green Fire, the first full-length, high definition documentary about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold.

The film explores Leopold's life in the early part of the twentieth century and illustrates how influential his 'land ethic' idea continues to be all over the world today.

Best known as the author of the conservation classic A Sand County Almanac, Leopold is also renowned for his work as an educator, philosopher, forester, ecologist, and wilderness advocate. He understood that nature is an ecosystem and that man, who

is simply a part of it, should not try to dominate or engineer the ecosystem.

"Aldo Leopold has left an astounding legacy. Thousands of organizations across the nation and hundreds here in Virginia, including the Goose Creek Association, the Land Trust of Virginia and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, are following his lead. It's interesting to see how Leopold repaired riparian buffers on his land like GCA is doing today with our Goose Creek Challenge Program," said GCA Chair Lori Keenan.

"Our work is Leopold's work," said LTV Executive Director Don Owen. "Land trusts have protected more than 16 million acres of land in the United States, including more than 30% of the farm and forest land in western Loudoun and northern Fauquier counties. These lands, and the water resources, wildlife,

battlefields, and historic resources on them, are one of the most important gifts we can give to future generations."

"One of the greatest challenges a conservationist faces in Northern Virginia is Leopold's notion of reconnecting the people who live here with the land around them. Green Fire is one of those inspirational films that reminds us all of our connection to land and our role in protecting it," said NVCT Director of Stewardship Ashley Stanton.

Viewing this film will be enlightening and a real treat for anyone interested in conservation. Citizens of Loudoun, Fauquier and Northern Piedmont counties are encouraged to attend.

Green Fire underscores Leopold's continuing influence by exploring current projects that connect people and land at the local level. Viewers will meet urban children in Chicago learning



about local foods and ecological restoration, ranchers in Arizona and New Mexico who maintain healthy landscapes by working on their own properties and wildlife biologists across the nation who are bringing back threatened and endangered species, from cranes to Mexican wolves, to the landscapes where they once thrived.

Produced by the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service and the Center for Humans and Nature, Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time, includes highlights from Leopold's life and extraordinary career. Viewers will learn how he shaped conservation in

the twentieth century and how his dedicated work still inspires people today.

The October 12th event begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at The Hill School in Middleburg, Virginia. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served before and after the screening.

For more information, please contact Don Owen at (540) 687-8441, don@landtrustva.org; or Andrea Rosse at 540-687-3073, goosescreek@erols.com.

You may also consult the website www.nvct.org.

JIM HERBERT APPOINTED NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR LOUDOUN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Loudoun County's Economic Development director has hired Jim Herbert as the department's new business development manager. The department's former business development officer, Buddy Rizer, was promoted to assistant director earlier this year.

Herbert brings more than 25 years of experience in business management and development to his new position. Most recently, he served for more than five years as the managing partner of Global-Strat, a management consulting firm focused on business development.

Prior to that, he was the vice

president of business development for E.J. Krause and Associates, a trade show management company with international and national clients. Herbert also co-founded and served as partner of the Association Management Bureau, which provided professional staff and administrative support for nonprofit trade organizations.

"Jim was born and raised in Loudoun, and has a passion to strengthen Loudoun as a great community to live, work and play. He has extensive private sector business development experience, particularly in trade shows and international business development," said

Economic Development Director Tom Flynn.

Early this year, the department's budget was enhanced to support hiring three additional business development officers. One of Herbert's first responsibilities will be recruiting those staff, along with filling a business retention position that recently became vacant.

"Jim will lead our eight-member commercial business development team, which is focused on attracting, expanding and retaining companies in identified industries," explained the department's Assistant Director Buddy Rizer. "That includes small businesses and entre-

preneurs."

Herbert will perform a targeted outreach program that includes conducting business meetings, participating in industry events and activities, and building social capital in local, regional and national organizations and associations. The goal is to strengthen the county's economy by increasing the number and size of Loudoun-based businesses.

"I know first-hand the business advantages of locating in Loudoun," Herbert said.

"We have one of the best-educated and technically advanced workforces in the world, in the richest county in America. We have im-



mediate access to 80 percent of the world's economies through Washington Dulles International Airport, and up to 70 percent of the world's Internet traffic flows through Loudoun-based data centers every day.

"I look forward to helping many more executives successfully build and expand their companies in Loudoun County." The October 12th event begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at The Hill School in Middleburg, Virginia. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served before and after the screening.

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NEWS OF NOTE

LOCAL VET IS HIGHEST RANKING VETERINARY OFFICIAL AT THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES

If medals were handed out for services rendered at the Olympics, the team of veterinarians who come to the games from all corners of the world would certainly deserve the accolades. Dr. Kent Allen whose Middleburg practice at Virginia Equine Imaging specializes in sports medicine, is one of the many international vets who love taking care of Olympic equine competitors.

Assisting at the Olympics is not a new assignment for Dr. Allen. He was Veterinary Services Manager at the Atlanta Games and was Foreign Veterinary Delegate at both the Sydney Games and the London 2012 Olympic Games.

"Being a part of the Olympics is a fabulous experience," according to the local vet. "My experience in London was very similar to my experience at the Sydney games... both were extraordinary opportunities that I wouldn't trade for anything."

Dr. Allen grew up successfully training and competing quarter horses nationally. His wife, Rae Stone, a Kentucky girl whom he met in veterinary college, is, according to him, a much better rider than he. These days, when time allows he enjoys fox hunting with his family.

Equine veterinary work is a family tradition for Dr. Allen.

"My father was an equine vet and taught at the University of Missouri Veterinary College. My sister is a small animal vet and my wife, Rae, is a dolphin vet who co-founded the Dolphin Quest company. We have all dedicated our lives to the care of animals."

Sixteen years ago, Dr. Allen and his wife moved their family to Middleburg to raise their children in a beautiful, bucolic atmosphere near an international airport.

"We've thoroughly treasured our time here," he explained. "I've been able to focus on sports medicine for horses, an area that provides enormous challenges and satisfaction."

"Olympic work involves all three equine disciplines: jumping, dressage and eventing. A team vet travels with each team of five horses and interfaces with the Vet Services Manager to care for the animals. The Olympic Veterinary Commission rules are demanding and clear. It is our job to ensure that the horses meet all requirements and standards before and during competitions."

This year Dr. Allen was the International Technical Delegate at

the Games, the ranking official in the veterinary area.

"When the horses arrive from 40 countries, they are carefully checked over to ensure that there is no disease transmission before they arrive at their venue. Once they come to the site, we check them thoroughly against their passports and look them over well."

Each of the three equine disciplines has its own inspection standards and all the vets dress formally in suit and tie. Each horse is presented to the Veterinary Commission, identified and trotted up and back in the main arena.

"If I have a question, we may send the horse to the hold where another vet inspects the horse again, palpates it and ensures that it is fit to compete. My top priority is the horses' safety during the competition."

Then, if judges see something that concerns them during competition, they may request that the Vet Commission inspect the horse again, after which the Ground Jury will make the decision about whether or not to allow it to compete.

"It is always amazing to me that human athletes do not undergo nearly the rigorous monitoring that

horses benefit from."

Dr. Allen continued. "I believe that, because the horses can't speak for themselves, it makes good sense that they are the most closely monitored Olympic athletes."

"The Brits worked hard to improve their programs for this Olympics. The competition was extremely impressive, some of the very best equine sport I have seen, but the British riders really deserved their medals. I'm confident that the U.S. Teams will be strong competitors at Rio Olympics 2016!"

"My Olympic goal is always to ensure that all the horses go home in good shape so they may compete again. I just received a call saying there were no drug positives this year. This is such great and encouraging news. There is nothing better than a totally clean Games."

Returning only a few days ago, our local Olympic vet admits that he misses the camaraderie of the vet team at the Games. Now fast friends with Olympic colleagues, he says it really takes a while to shake off what he calls the "Olympic doldrums" once the Games are over.

"But I am happy to return to an overflowing practice," he concludes.



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To contact Dr. Allen or staff, please email info@vaequine.com.



are captured in a moment with quick study paintings. Her work is free flowing with strong brush strokes and is easily recognized as iconic 'Gail' paintings.

An extensive background of traveling has been very inspiring for artist Carol Iglesias and has been a strong influence on her subject matter. She describes her work as "impressionist in vibrant colors". Throughout her career she has painted en plein air in Europe and many locations around the U.S.

Antonia Walker has become known for her paintings of the light and color of the Virginia countryside as well as images of Italy and France. The artist received a BFA from the University of Georgia where she studied painting and printmaking and later attended graduate school at George Washington University. Earlier while living in South America, she studied drawing and anatomy with Spanish sculptor, Benjamin Saul.

Live An Artful Life® Gallery is an artful lifestyle gallery featuring fine art and fine craft hand-made in America. The gallery is located at 6474 Main Street in The Plains, VA. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 – 6 PM and Sunday 11 – 4 PM. Additional information on the gallery as well as upcoming events is available by calling the 540-253-9797 or visiting the web site at www.LiveAnArtfulLife.com.

MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY WELCOMES TWO KEY MEMBERS TO LEADERSHIP TEAM



Middleburg Academy's Head of School Dr. Ron Sykes welcomes new Associate Head of School Chris Rehm and Director of College Counseling Janice Healy to the independent high school's leadership team.

In announcing these key appointments, Sykes described Rehm as "an energetic and talented administrator and veteran of the Virginia Association of Independent School (VAIS) accreditation process." The new Associate Head of School specializes in student leadership development, academic administration, business, operations & information technology. Together, Rehm and Sykes bring 55 years' experience in independent school administration to Middleburg Academy.

CHRIS REHM majored in both History and Business Operations/Information Technology from the College of William and Mary; holds a Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Virginia; and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Strategic Leadership through James Madison University. Most recently, he served as Director of Residence Life for the Blue Ridge School, an all-boys boarding school in St. George, VA. Prior experience also includes several years with The American School in Switzerland and as the Program Administrator for the Turnaround Specialist Program in the "Partnership for Leaders in Education" joint endeavor of UVA's Darden School of Business and the Curry School of Education.

The Rehms (Chris, his wife Sasha, and their three young children ages 5 1/2, 4 1/2 and 3 months) are busy settling into their new home in Boyce.

JANICE HEALY, a seasoned veteran from The Potomac School in Maryland, is, as Dr. Sykes notes, "recognized throughout the college and university community as a top college counselor" and adds: "I am thrilled to have secured someone with her broad

experience, knowledge, and contacts to further enhance our college placement program." Her background also includes instruction in Ethics, and she will lead the Junior Seminar course at Middleburg Academy.

Ms. Healy's academic credentials include an MA in Counseling from Marymount University and a BA in Sociology from George Mason University. She and her husband, Bob, live in the Gainesville area with their four children, who are from elementary to college age.

OLIO TASTING ROOM OPENS FOOD LOVER'S EXTRAVAGANZA

Although there are, as yet, no olive farms in Virginia, as of September 1st, Northern Virginians will enjoy the fruits of Penny Willimanns' labor at her new Middleburg shop, Olío Tasting Room.

Modeled after similar tasting rooms across the Mediterranean where olive farms abound, the Middleburg tasting room will be filled with dozens of Italian-made stainless steel barrel-like containers called "fusti." Each houses a different variety or flavor of either olive oil or balsamic vinegar from around the world.

Customers are invited to taste the variety in the store before purchasing a bottle.

Imagine, truffle and garlic infused olive oil drizzled over homemade bruschetta, dark chocolate balsamic vinegar reduced and poured over vanilla ice cream, grilled salmon marinated in spicy chipotle olive oil and mango balsamic vinegar. The abundance of mouth-watering combinations is infinite, and the variety of oils and vinegars available at Olío are truly a food lover's extravaganza.

For many years, owner Penny Willimann and her husband, Mike, purchased standard brand name olive oils off the shelf from local grocery stores in Alexandria, where they reside and where they opened their first tasting room. It was not until a few years ago when they stumbled into a tasting room that showcased gourmet oils and vinegars from around the world that they began to imagine what fun it would be to have a tasting room of their own in their home town.

Now, with the success of their first shop assured, they began talking about opening an Olío Tasting Room in Middleburg, a village and an area they have always loved where they felt certain their quality oils and vinegars would be appreciated by the local clientele.

When Penny saw a "For Rent" sign at 17 E. Washington Street in Middleburg, she stopped immediately.

"It was a beautiful space set on a small courtyard," she said excitedly. "And, fortunately, the real estate office was just across the street."

It took almost no time for Penny to sign the lease

and begin renovation.

"I am absolutely determined to open September 1st," the pretty blond emphasized, "...and we invite everyone to come to our Open House September 22nd."

Although neither Penny nor Mike come from entrepreneurial families, they have clearly illustrated that they have the talent and drive to create success.

"It is hard but very rewarding work," Penny explained. "We love to introduce our customers to the delicious products we carry."

Those products will also include sea salts, hand made pasta, teas and other treats.

The parents of two small children, Cole, 2 ½ and Hannah, 9 months, it is clear that hard work will not be a problem, although Penny did allow as how being pregnant during the holiday season last year was a bit of a challenge.

"It was a very successful season for us," she said smiling, "...but there were moments when I simply could not imagine how we would ever get all the gift orders wrapped!"

Middleburg's Olío Tasting Room opens September 1st.

"4 WOMEN PAINT" IN THE PLAINS

Live An Artful Life® Gallery in The Plains, VA will host a unique show on September 29th. The show titled "4 Women Paint", will feature Loudoun County artist Antonia Walker, Fauquier County artists Teresa Duke and Gail Guireri-Maslyk, as well as the work of Orange County artist Carol Iglesias, each painting their own still life from a beautiful display of seasonal fruits and flowers centrally located in the gallery.

Beginning at 2:00 PM, this

unique on-site painting experience will immerse viewers into the vision of these 4 talented women. Those in attendance will not only be able to watch the 4 paintings be created in different mediums - (oil and pastel), but have opportunities to speak directly with the artist as they are painting. As the day progresses and the paintings near completion, the reception will begin at 6:00 PM featuring the award winning wines of Delaplane Cellars and hors d'oeuvres.

In addition to the still life paintings they complete on opening day, each artist will have several additional paintings available. The show runs through October 28th.

Teresa Duke was born in Washington D.C. and spent much of her childhood developing her passion for art painting along side of her mother. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree and has also studied with noted artists Wolf Kahn and Daniel Greene. She teaches art to young people at Wakefield School in The

Plains, Virginia. Her recent work continues to focus on the local landscape, still life, and equine subjects.

Gail Guireri-Maslyk is an equestrian, sporting, landscape and portrait fine artist working in oil on canvas. Living in Virginia horse country, inspiration is abundant from the many local equestrian sports. The unspoiled country side is stunning out her studio balcony and has been painted many times in her Rectortown Landscape studies. Gardens, farm animals and wildlife



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horse into the winner's circle? All you have to do is make a donation to Great Meadow Foundation (min \$30) and you will ride where legends are made.

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Dates include: 08/12/2012, 09/09/2012, 10/14/2012 and 11/11/2012.

Registration Forms will be found at the Great Meadow website. You may email to info@greatmeadow.org. Or mail your check to Great Meadow Foundation, 5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, VA 20198. Negative coggins are required upon arrival.

PRO/AM GOLFERS TO APPEAR AT CANNONBALL CHARITY INVITATIONAL

The Sunbelt Senior Tour Professionals scheduled to appear for the September 15th and 16th Cannonball Invitational Pro Am have been released by Founder and Director Rick Bechtold. The invitational will take place at Aldie's Creighton Farms.

The two-day charitable event partners local golfers with Pro/Am Professionals for "good fun, a little tutelage from a golf pro, and a means to support a charitable organization that will be here and relevant for generations to come," explained Charitable Beneficiary Piedmont Community Foundation President Brad Davis.

The Sunbelt Senior Tour (SST) www.sunbeltseniortour.com is recognized as the number one tour in the world for players aged 45 or older. It attracts proven players from the PGA, nationwide, and champions tours as well as the European and European Senior tours and serves as a proving ground for emerging champions.

The SST enters 2012 in its 17th year with the following golfers scheduled to appear for the Cannonball event:

- Jim Chancey 2011 SST Champion
- Gary Trivisonno 2010 SST Champion
- Danny Edwards five-time PGA Tour Winner
- Blaine McCallister five-time PGA Tour Winner
- David Rummels 2011 Cannon Runner Up
- Paul Way European Tour Champion/Ryder Cup
- Dick Mast European Senior Tour Medalist
- Tim Conley Two-Time Nationwide Tour Champ
- Grant Waite PGA Tour Champion
- Donnie Hammond Two Time PGA Tour Champion
- Guy Boos PGA Tour Champion and Three Time Nationwide Tour Champion
- Fred Gibson Champions Tour Champion
- Fulton Allem Three-Time PGA Tour Champion
- Willie Wood PGA Tour Champion
- Ken Green Five Time

PGA Tour Champion

- Barry Lane Five Time European Tour Champion Ryder Cup Member
- Lonnie Nielson Two Time PGA Tour Champion

The Pro/Am team travels to areas across the U.S. to culminate in a final competition in Cancun, Mexico. Participation is guided by strict regulations and requirements, and since it began, has awarded more than \$4 million in purses to ProAm golfers and more than \$1.5 million to a range of U.S. community charities.

"The Piedmont Community Foundation is a good fit for the Cannonball's charitable partnership," said Bechtold. "This is a group that builds local grant-making endowments, so this event will help those in need in the Piedmont region for generations to come."

The winning amateur teams will be honored with their own winner's "purse" with a \$10,000 permanent endowment fund held at PCF. They will name the fund and decide the grant-making focus of the fund, creating a legacy of grants in their honor and with their vision in perpetuity.

"We sometimes say that genealogists of the future will look to Piedmont Community Foundation for one piece of the puzzle of someone or a family they are researching," stated PCF Executive Director, Amy Owen.

"In other words, our grant-making mission, records, and publications are designed so that, years from now, people will 'walk all over' the legacy started by today's donors. The Cannonball winners will be part of our local philanthropic footprint, forever."

PCF will apply additional charitable proceeds from the event toward its overall grant making and community development work that ranges from capacity building and training programs benefiting area nonprofit organizations to its Student Philanthropy Project, allowing local high school students to be community grant makers.

For more information on hosting or joining a golf team or sponsorship opportunities, please go to www.cannonballinvitational.com or contact Rick Bechtold, tournament director, (703) 344-1215.



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NEWS OF NOTE

A CALL FOR HELP

TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MIDDLEBURG

On July 18 the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board announced the award of a technical assistance grant to Middleburg a technical to develop a Washington Street Streetscape Improvement Plan. It was one of only two Virginia grants out of a total of nine awarded under the program to projects in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Given the relatively small size of Middleburg proper, the award reflects both high confidence in Middleburg's ability to plan, confidence in its ability to execute, and the importance of the community along the Route 50 corridor.

Thus, the improvement of the Washington Streetscape will be integrated seamlessly into an ongoing effort to shape, plan, and implement a larger vision for Middleburg.

David Beniamino, the Town Planner and Zoning Administrator is a professional, well respected for his work throughout the region.

He is quick to point out, however, that in a town the size of Middleburg, nothing of significance really happens without everyone working to-

gether, the professional staff, the Mayor and Town Council, and perhaps most important, interested and hard-working citizens of the town and surrounding areas.

Planning Commission

One of the most important and, perhaps all too little noticed of Middleburg's extensive web of powerful volunteer-staffed and volunteer-driven government organizations is the Town Planning Commission.

Chaired by Stephen Pleasow, the Commission meets monthly. It is legally responsible for, among other things: preparing and recommending to the town council: a comprehensive plan for the growth, development and redevelopment of the town and areas; amendments to subdivision regulations; policies, ordinances, administrative procedures, and other methods for achieving it plans in a coordinated and efficient manner. It also initiates or makes recommendations to the town council regarding special use permit applications and zoning map changes

Citizen and Stakeholder Input

The Commission is also responsible for establishing "advisory committees from time to time to help carry out its planning responsibilities in a particular subject area."

At its July meeting the Commission began the process of soliciting input for a major revision of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

According to Town Planner Beniamino, Comprehensive Plans "are normally updated about once every five years, in order to make sure the community is able to understand current trends and account for large projects that are developed."

Over the next month Pleasow Vice Chair Kathleen Ribaud, Commissioners Daniel Broderick, Eric Combs, Amanda Scheps, and Donald Woodruff, will work with town staff and town council liaison Kevin Hazard to develop processes and procedures to solicit as broad a range of public input as possible on the future of Middleburg.

The results of that work will not only shape a "vision" of when, where, and how the

Town should change, but the rules, regulations, legislation, staffing and spending necessary to carry out the plan.

The "Visioning" Process

According to Town Planner Beniamino, "the critical first step" in the development of a comprehensive plan is the "community vision" process.

That vision, once developed, sets the tone for the rest of the plan.

"Ideally," he notes, "the process brings the the community together, leads stakeholders to, put aside their differences and envision a future where all things are possible".

2) "Comprehensive Plans are normally updated once every five years, in order to make sure the community is able to understand current trends and account for large projects that are developed."

3) "In order to make sure this process is successful, we need to get the most support possible from residents, business owners and members of the larger Middleburg Community. This is your town, help us shape its future with your suggestions in mind".

The Commission is cur-

rently working to "establish a group of elected and appointed officials, representatives from groups like the Historic District Review Committee, Go Green, Middleburg Arts Council, Middleburg Business & Professional Association, Main Street Committee, Streetscape Committee, Middleburg Community Center & Wellhead Protection Advisory Board, plus local citizens to help with both input and facilitation of the overall vision".

At some point in the early fall, the Commission will report on specific approaches to this information gathering task: surveys (on line and on paper), charrettes, topical meetings, social media input, and a host of other ideas are being considered.

Town Planner Beniamino has asked that everyone watch the town's web site for further developments. <http://www.middleburg.org>

"In order to make sure this process is successful, we need to get the most support possible from residents, business owners and members of the larger Middleburg Community," he said. "This is your town, help us shape its future with your suggestions in mind".

FREDERICK BLOCK, BRICK & STONE ADDS UPPERVILLE LOCATION

Stephen C. Slaughter, president of Frederick Block, Brick & Stone (FBBS) of Winchester, VA, recently announced the opening of a second store conveniently located on John S. Mosby Highway in Upperville, VA.

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SUMAIYA CHOWDHURY IS AWARDED AH&T SCHOLARSHIP

AH&T Insurance, an independent insurance agency in Leesburg, has awarded their 24th annual scholarship for \$5,500 to Sumaiya Chowdhury of Heritage High School. Richard Whiteley, Vice President of AH&T Insurance, presented the scholarship at the Heritage High School Awards Ceremony.

Sumaiya who was named "Future Leader of 2012" by the Loudoun Times Mirror is a very deserving student and is well respected by both her teachers and

peers. She speaks many languages and has been involved in various school activities including:

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Sumaiya will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall with plans to major in Environmental Engineering.

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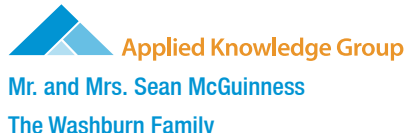
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NEWS OF NOTE

NEW BY MIDDLEBURG'S TONY WELLS

The Golden Few is the compelling true story of a group of young men who ran for Britain in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games and four years later found themselves engaged in a war of survival high above the English countryside and over the Channel during the Battle of Britain, written by Tony Wells, author of the best selling political-military thriller, Black Gold Finale, published in 2009.

In The Golden Few, Wells tells the story of silver medalist and RAF pilot Donald Finlay and the boys of the British 4x400-meter relay team, which took the gold as Lillie Riefenstahl's camera rolled to record one of the greatest British Olympic victories of all time.

Behind this dramatic fabric of struggle, courage and indomitable determination lie several endearing and unforgettable themes, including the British athletes' close and very special relationship Jesse Owens and their close connections to the soon-to-be-devastated city of Coventry.

The book's finale, set in London at the 1948 Olympic Games provides an emotional climax to a story that both warms the heart, and reminds us all of how and why so many, owed so much, to so few.

Wells has fittingly dedicated his book to the memory of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, the brilliant New Zealander who commanded Eleven Group, Royal Air Force, during Britain's finest hour.

For Americans The Golden

Few will provide new and special insight into the difficulties faced by Jesse Owens in Berlin in 1936, where he was both held in contempt by his Nazi hosts, while segregated in the very Olympic accommodations meant to unite the US team.

The story of Owen's post Berlin life and his relationship with his new found British comrades provides rare insight into intercontinental race relations in the 1930s.

Wells descriptions of the Battle of Britain and British Special Operations Executive (SOE) actions in northern France during the crucial months prior to D-Day are vivid, enhanced by priceless and extensive primary research and the author's close personal connections to several of the lead characters.

The author's meeting in late 1969 with the Olympic medalist and Battle of Britain pilot, Don Finlay, provides a poignant and appropriate close to a story that will be difficult to forget.

Eccentric readers may pur-



chase or download The Golden Few on line either via Amazon, other media downloads, or directly from the publisher, Dorrance Publishing Company Inc, at www.dorrance-bookstore.com

Anthony Wells is a local resident who is the author of the best selling political-military thriller, Black Gold Finale, published in 2009.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOSPITAL'S NEWLY RENOVATED CAFÉ

FEATURES NEW LOOK & FRESH MENU

Prince William Hospital has partnered with Morrison Healthcare Food Services to bring delicious, affordable and, most importantly, healthful foods to its newly renovated, modern hospital cafeteria.

"The new café is a far cry from what most people think of as a typical hospital eatery," explains Liz Singleton Morrison's director of food and nutrition at Prince William Hospital.

"The café's offerings may surprise employees, patients and guests who will now be greeted by a brighter café and healthy, gourmet meal options that are comparable to any casual dining restaurant."

With 3,880 square feet, the dining area seats 141 guests and will be open seven days a week. Breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m.

From top to bottom, the café has been modernized and includes updated flooring, new lighting and a fresh color scheme.

"The entire space has a warm, open feel," says Singleton. "The moment our customers step inside they will feel relaxed – almost as if they can leave their wor-

ries at the door while they dine."

"Our commitment at Prince William Hospital is to excellence in the care and service we provide, and that extends to the dining experience as well," says Melissa L. Robson, president of Prince William Hospital.

"I believe our patients, their families and our guests, as well as our physicians and staff, will see these renovations as a positive improvement for the hospital and an example of our ongoing efforts to better serve our community."

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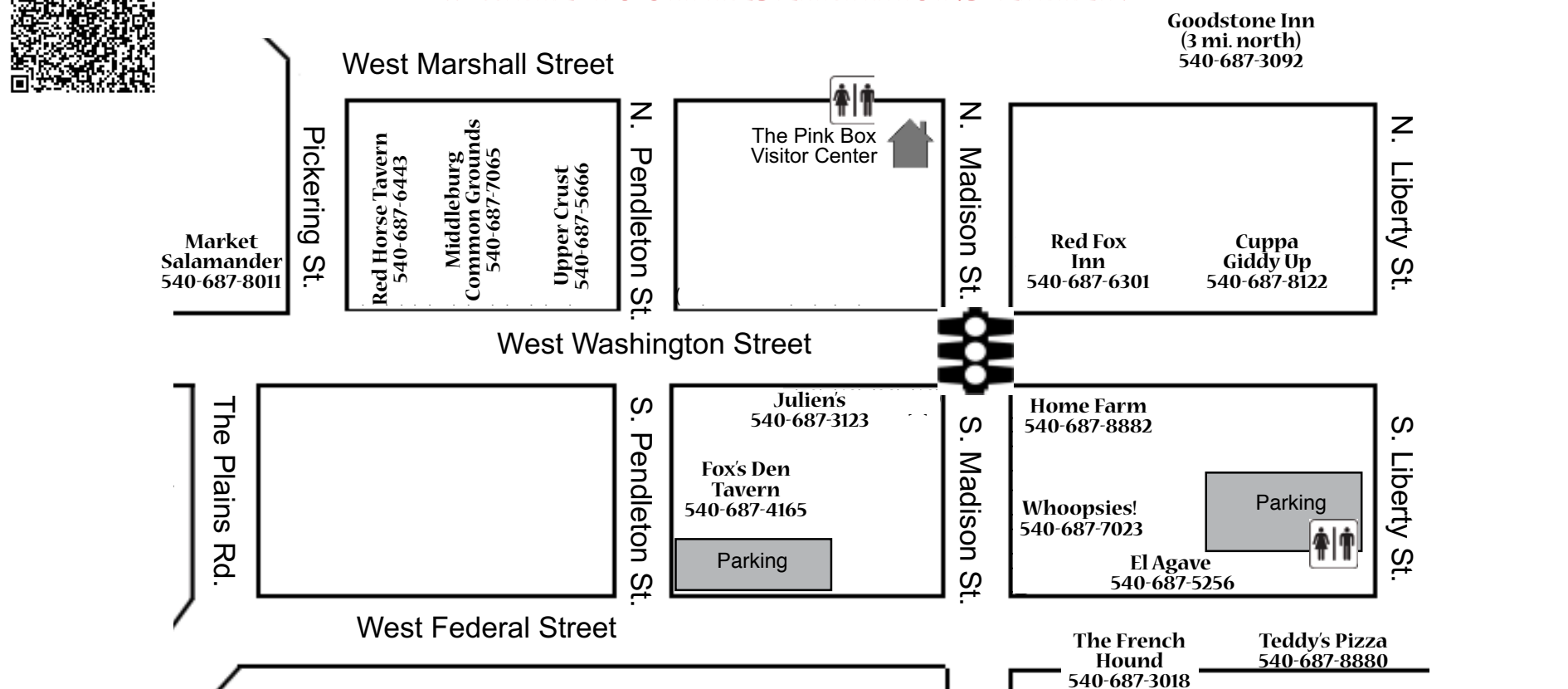
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Panebianco insists that all his officers take the oath at a formal public meeting of Town Council, in front of the Mayor, the Council, the Town Staff, and the citizens they serve. The text of the pledge is then signed and becomes a formal part of each officer's personnel file.

"It is important for police officers to see themselves as personally accountable to the people they serve," he noted.

"Honor," he said, lay at the heart of an officer's bond.

Officer Hollins

Middleburg Police Officer Jay Hollins has been in law enforcement since graduating from the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy in 1994.

He is the father of two: a 25 year old son, John and a 13 year old daughter, Courtney.

Before coming to Middleburg Hollins was a Master Patrol Officer with the Berryville Police Department. He is a certified general instructor.

Asked why he accepted the post in Middleburg, he cites all the good things he had been told about the officers and the people of Middleburg.

"It's my goal to be a part of this team and to help it grow to be a top notch department," he said. "After being here for a short time I know I have made the right choice and look forward to many years of service."

New Book On Middleburg

Jeannie Ford, who Chairs "Visit Loudoun," the Loudoun County Convention and Visitors Association and the official "destination management organization for the County and its incorporated towns, appeared before Council to promote her forthcoming book: "Images of America: Middleburg."

The Images of America series "chronicles the history of small towns and downtowns across the country" in pictures. Each book in the highly popular series includes "more than 200 vintage images, capturing often forgotten bygone times and bringing to life the people, places, and events that defined a community."

A party celebrating its release is set for September 12th at the National Sporting Library

Empty Storefronts

Ford also advised Council that, as Chair of Visit Loudoun, she attended the county's Economic Development Commission meetings.

During one of their meetings, she said, the commissioners talked about business retention, which she noted appeared to be a problem in Middleburg.

She was working, she said, with the Middleburg Business & Professional Association to stage a "landlord's forum" designed to "bring the landlords together, not for a gripe session, but to talk about what they could do to bring businesses to Middleburg that would stay." She also suggested that "a representative

from each of the banks be invited to attend."

A date for the forum would be set, she said, as soon as a facilitator was selected, noted that someone has suggested that.

Mayor Davis observed that she often heard that "Middleburg was losing businesses" and was asked "what was being done about it."

Citing the example of Middleburg's Southern States, which was saved by pledges of local support, Davis suggested the town inaugurate a "Buy Local, Shop Local" campaign. She suggested that "if everyone would do a little something in all the town's businesses, it would make a difference."

Ford "reminded Council that she tried to do such a campaign a few years ago" but "received no support."

Councilmember Kevin Hazard suggested the Town find out what businesses people wanted and recruit them.

When Council Member Murdock asked "if anything could be done about the rents," Ford noted that "all empty space in town" did not "help anyone." Landlords, she said, preferred tenants that stayed and who would not leave in a year.

Ford also observed that the opening of the Salamander Resort would bring with it extra pressure on those who rented business space to generate extra profits.

"Now," she suggested, "was the time to get in front of this issue."

"The Snake Issue"

In reply to a question from Councilmember Bundles Murdock about whether or not an exterminator had been hired to deal with what she termed "the snake issue" at 105 Chestnut Street, Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that one had been retained, and that she would follow up on the matter.

"Massage"

Council unanimously adopted a motion by Councilmember Mark Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Kevin Hazard, to adopt an ordinance to rescind Town Code Chapter 59 pertaining to massage establishments. What appeared on the surface to be a motion to eliminate regulation was actually nothing of the kind. By dropping the local ordinance Council made unambiguous the requirement that all such businesses be subject to the State of Virginia's licensing and oversight requirements.

High Weeds

A complaint about weeds and debris prompted another revision of the Town Code.

As a result, public hearings will be held on a proposal to fine property owners who do not mow their own property and/or allow debris to accumulate.

The fines: \$50 for a first offense; \$200 for a second; with total fines capped at \$3,000 for the same offense within one calendar year.

The fines would be imposed in addition to requiring the property owner to pay the cost of having the Town mow and/or remove debris.

Chickens Coming Home to Roost

According to Town Planner Beniamino Middleburg currently has

no regulations governing whether or not animals such as horses, pigs, cattle, and chickens may be kept within the village.

Several years ago, he noted, former Police Chief Steve Webber proposed that the Town rescind the animal section of the Middleburg Town Code; and, instead allow Loudoun County's Department of Animal Control to enforce their County regulations within the Town limits.

The adoption of Webber's suggestion relieved the Middleburg Police Force of most if not all animal control responsibilities, but left the town without any rules governing what animals can be kept where.

At Council's request the Town staff will draft new rules and regulations.

Credit Cards

At Town Administrator Semmes request Council ordered Town Staff to draft rules and regulations providing for the use of a Town credit card for official purchases.

"This was not just a matter of convenience," she told Council, noting that "in some cases, the staff could not make a purchase without a credit card."

In such cases, and for other purposes, Staff often use their own cards and apply for reimbursement.

Noting that each card would have to have the name of a specific town employee on them, Semmes suggested that she, the Chief of Police, and possibly the Street Superintendent should have one.

Town Administrator Semmes advised Council that the staff would draft a policy and bring the item back to them for further discussion.

Council agreed that cards were needed, and asked staff to draft rules for their use and oversight.

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Three times over the past several months, I've written critically of Penn State University and the crimes against children that were committed on the State College campus and willfully covered up by University employees and administrators.

But a recent open letter written by members of the current Penn State football team and forwarded to me by a friend and Penn State alumnus reminded me there are often different, and often valuable, perspectives in any given situation.

I've decided to give this month's column over to those football players and their perspective. In a sordid and sad situation, I found it refreshingly open, candid and honorable. Read on....

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We understand what happened in this horrible tragedy. The situation this community has faced over the past eleven months serves as an example that no individual should have the power to transcend moral accountability and personal responsibility. If there is a lesson to be learned here, it is that football should never take precedent over ethical matters. Our entire team's hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to each victim involved in these heinous crimes. We will never be able to understand their pain and we do not have the ability to give back

what was taken from them.

That being said, we also understand the ability of our football program to have a positive impact on our university, community, and the public at large. Although we are frustrated in dealing with the sanctions that we have been dealt, we understand the severity of the events that transpired and we believe the entire world can learn from our situation. This is not about getting even; this is not about the settling of scores. This is about using our platform as Penn State football players to portray a positive image and promote sound moral values.

As innocent affiliates, we as players have a commitment to each other and our university to uphold the core fundamental values that were passed down to us by each and every man that has worn a Penn State jersey before us. In moving forward, we are using this situation as an opportunity to continue the proud tradition of our great university.

The bond that has been formed between our teammates and coaches has enabled us to treat the circumstances surrounding our program as an opportunity, not as a hindrance. We will stand strong in the face of adversity. The members of this team care about each other, trust each other, and are willing to fight for each other; in the end we want to do right for each other.

In enduring these times, our team could not be led by a better man than Coach Obrien. In only seven months as our head coach,

he and his staff have provided an exemplary role model of leadership and fortitude. Through events permeating with massive disappointments in leadership at many levels, it is comforting and reassuring to know that our football program in being run by men of such strong character.

We were blindsided by these events just like the rest of the world. We sat in our dorm rooms and college class rooms while we had our worlds turned upside down as each new bit of information was uncovered and reported by the national media. We have accepted the hand that we were dealt, despite our total absence of involvement to the causes behind it. We are

not looking back, we are moving forward. Instead of chastising and scrutinizing the players that remain in this program, we ask that the public would instead understand our situation and get behind a group of young men who are trying to make something positive out of such a negative situation.

While we will never forget what has happened here and the horrible crimes that were committed, we understand that the only way to move forward is to learn from these events so that they may never happen again. We feel that we have an obligation to inspire the public in the same way that the Penn State family has inspired us. Our community's commitment and

unwavering support through these trying times continues to motivate us to succeed on and off the field with pride in who we are and what we stand for.

At the end of the day, we're just college kids. We came here to get a degree, play football and have fun. Although we started with such a simple purpose, our cause has evolved into something much bigger than football. We are humbled and honored to use the platform we've been given to make an unprecedented impact playing the game we love.

- Written by proud members of the 2012 Penn State Football Team



VIOLA OR VIOLETS

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

August is an odd month to talk about violas since their showy flowers appear in spring, but there's more to violas than meets the eye - literally. If you're like me, you might be pulling out errant violet plants this summer. They do a nice job of volunteering. I mean there's scads of them. I keep a few for the great spangled fritillary butterfly, who's larvae feeds specifically on violas. As caterpillars go, they are black and white, with small spines and a shiny appearance. Even

with my random weeding, it seems that there will always be enough violas. There are 26 species native to Virginia alone.

What I wanted to highlight are the odd underground flowers produced in summer and fall. You will not recognize them as flowers, they look like small white or purple buds attached to thin stalks, all underground. These are cleistogamous flowers, capable of pollinating themselves without forming petals or needing a pollinator. Most flowers are classified as chasmogamous, producing petals, anthers, etc.. and requiring a pollinator to

set seed. The violas do produce these in spring, but actually flower from spring to fall with these odd, underground pseudo-flowers. The word cleistogamous, pronounced klie stog' o mus, comes from the Greek word Kleistos, meaning closed. In the flower world, cleistogamous means "closed marriage" and chasmogamous - "open marriage". As you might imagine, the subsequent CL seedlings are perfect replicas of mom, no second partner involved. In fact even as the plant is forming flowers, up to a point it can determine whether the flowers

will be CH or CL, all based on available resources, i.e. pollinators, day-length, water, even herbivore predation. When resources are compromised, the plant will opt for guaranteed fertility. In a CL flower, the bud development becomes a fusion of sorts with pollen grains germinating alongside anthers and pollen tubes. Yes, it sounds quite kinky!

Some hybridizers like to think that they can better the violet by turning all flowers into CH, essentially creating a violet that blooms from spring to fall (showy flowers for all seasons). Botanists are

shaking their heads, but you have to admit, it's a great idea.

There are other CL flowering plants in the world. Orchids, impatiens and some grasses will produce them. The violas are best known for it and darned smart if you asked me. I know there's not a ranking of the top 10 smartest plants in the world, but if there were, I believe the lowly violet would rank in the top 5. Maybe surpassed by the odd parasitic dodder, another brilliantly adaptive plant. But, that's another story.



THE BEST IS YET TO COME

KAY COLGAN
CERTIFIED PILATES INSTRUCTOR

Ok. I admit that aging is not easy. All of a sudden or so it seems your hair starts losing color and the gray starts showing through. Not one or two but way to many to pull. Little lines start appearing everywhere. If that was not enough to send you running for the covers, reading glasses gives new meaning to a close up. It's hard to age gracefully when most messages about aging is some how bad. Of course there are all kinds of remedies for the hair and the lines. There are anti aging creams, lotions and potions, promising to restore the eluding youth. But I wonder if we embraced aging would we find the

best is yet to come?

There are many wonderful things about aging that can only happen with a few years under your belt. For instance the wisdom that you gain from going through life's many ups and downs. Pleasure in seeing the fine young men and women your children are turning into. Really taking the time to smell the roses. Exercising because it is good for your health, not just a swelle body. Enjoying good friends for who they are not what they have. Being interested in eating a nutritionally sound diet. Experimenting with new fruits and vegetables. Being more tolerant of yourself and others. Patience and a willingness to listen. Always open to learn new things and

to share. Blessings of grandchildren for some. Totally immersing yourself in a good book. Being able to laugh at yourself. Taking the time to really enjoy a good cup of coffee.

Embracing aging is not such a bad idea. Struggling with aging and coveting youth will leave you sad and stuck. On the other hand start enjoying who you are and what lies ahead. Be a part of life because the best is yet to come!

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ASK DR. MIKE

MICHAEL OBERSCHNEIDER
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Dr. Mike,

Our 16-year-old son is addicted to his gaming system and games. He's spent the majority of his waking hours this Summer gaming in the basement, and my husband and I are concerned that he will have a hard time getting back into the school year and routine. We spent much of last year arguing with our son over his gaming, and we DO NOT want a repeat year of that. Any thoughts on how to unglue our child from our basement TV screen?

J in Loudoun County

J,

You are not alone with your problem. I receive many letters on this topic every August. Presently, I am addressing this issue with a number of my adolescent clients and their parents. Good communication is the key to success with this problem, as is the case with most parent-child problems, so I think you and your husband should start by sitting down with your son for a talk. Your approach and manner should be proactive and not reactive, and make sure you and your husband are united on your expectations of your son before talking

to him.

I would avoid stating the anticipated negatives (e.g., that you are worried your son will game too much, that he won't do his homework or chores, that he won't be social enough, etc.). Instead, start out by stating what your expectations are for gaming for a successful school year, and just make sure your expectations are reasonable. I would then ask your son for his opinion and input. At 16, your son needs to learn how to manage his own problems - with your help. In a couple of years he will be away at school or in a job, and you will not be there to make sure he gets things done. Thus, his input at moments like this now is important for helping him develop greater autonomy and independence.

Having a plan in place before the start of the school year is essential. So many parents fail to be clear and consistent with their children regarding gaming expectations, and as a result, a small matter escalates over weeks and months to become a huge problem. By communicating early and by developing a plan before the start of the school year, you should be able to avoid the arguments, diminished social involvement, poor academics and angry punishments that could otherwise ensue for you and your son. The plan should include your agreeing in advance when and for how long your son can game on school nights. Some parents feel

that gaming should be a weekend activity only, however, I think limited gaming during the week is better for incentivizing children and adolescents. Ideally, gaming would only occur after all school-work and chores are completed. You might also consider offering your son bonus weekend gaming time when he does an exceptional job tackling his homework, chores and other responsibilities during the week. By rewarding your son with additional gaming time over the weekend for the great job he did during the week, he will feel good about himself and should be motivated to continue to do well. Your plan should also address what your son will be doing when he is not gaming. If your son is involved in after school clubs/organizations, athletics, and/or has a part-time job and an active social life, he will have less time to game. With good communication and an action plan, I am hopeful that your son will start off the school year right!

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WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Long-term memories are not always wonderful. In my case, often, I can't find where I took off my shoes the night before, but I still have vivid memories of certain things that happened some 70 years ago.

This year, when drought is very much in the news, I've been remembering the summer of 1938, and me, a three-year old playing in the yard of my parent's southeast Nebraska farm, when a dust storm hit.

I was probably surrounded by red dust blown all the way from Oklahoma for no more than two minutes before my mother rescued me but I still remember the stark terror I felt. The dust storm was a by-product of one of the worst

droughts in recent U. S. history that, coincidentally, paralleled the worst economic period in our history.

What is drought? One definition is, "an extended period of deficiency in a water supply." Consequences of drought include: water shortages and rationing; diminished crop production; dust bowls and storms; ecological and habitat damage; malnutrition and famine; and wildfires. Drought is a normal feature of the climatic cycle in many parts of the world and is one of the earliest documented climate phenomena in early history.

An article in the National Geographic in 2002 linked migration of hunter gatherers in Chile in 9,500 B.C., to drought.

Why does drought occur? Rainfall is related to the amount of water vapor in the air; the occurrence of greater than normal ridges of high pressure can prevent the rainfall in certain areas. Ocean and atmospheric cycles such as El Nino (the Southern Oscillation) cause drought on a semi-regular basis in the Midwest and elsewhere in the U. S. Human activity such as excessive irrigation, deforestation, and erosion can increase the consequences of drought by reducing the ability of the land to hold water.

Let's examine a few consequences of drought. Starvation (famine) often accompanies drought in underdeveloped countries that rely primarily on agrarian economies. Developed countries are generally better equipped

to handle drought but often at the cost of reduced agricultural production that, in turn, is responsible for higher food prices. Reduced stream flows at critical times can lead to greatly diminished fish spawning, and impact wildlife that depend on fish for their food. Decreased infiltration of rainwater can cause wells to go dry.

The July 31, 2012 edition of the U. S. Drought Monitor reported more than half the lower 48 states are presently experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions and warmer than average temperatures. Non-irrigated corn in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska, is in trouble or lost completely. This will result in higher food prices and also may result in higher prices at the pump, because, in recent



years, an increasing amount of corn has been sold to ethanol producers.

That drought and warmer temperatures are occurring in the U. S. is not a question, they are occurring. Whether this is a natural cycle, or a natural cycle impacted by man's activities, I don't know, but if I had to guess, I would pick the latter.

A few more songs about water: "Surfin' USA", "Surfin' Safari", "Surfer Girl", "Sloop John B. and "Catch a Wave" all by, of course, The



are also creative impostors who may call themselves artists without actually producing anything but chatter. My wife Linda mentions to me about the occasional gallery visitor, that would walk around with a friend, going from one artisan piece to another saying, "I could do this, I could make that." Linda now (lovingly) says to them, "But you never will." She knows productive people don't talk about it, they do it.

By the way, this is done in sport and she doesn't do this in defense of the gallery. She does it for the many artists that use their creativity in a productive way. They passionately enjoy seeing their vision come to life and enjoy it becoming part of someone else's. They don't call themselves artists as some sort of badge of creative honor. Others call them artists because of what they create and in fact, many artists have a hard time even calling themselves artists.

If you are creatively inspired - create. If you are not motivated to create, you are not creative and to be an artist, you must create. If you are creative and want to do so as a career - manage it as you would any other business. All businesses have to be creative, artists just make creativity their business. As well, all businesses have to be productive and career artists must be too! Just as you apply yourself to become a better artist, also take time to learn productivity. You'll be happy you did.

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REINVENT YOUR INTENTION

TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALING

CINDY BATTINO

Intention means consciously focusing on what you want/need, who you want to be, how you want to react, and what you want to say. It's about achieving your longings and goals in life. It's the difference between a train with or without an engineer.

Positive and Negative Intention

Positive Intention is the desire to fulfill a goal, dream or longing in your life.

Negative Intention occurs when you unconsciously choose to move away from that goal to feel pleasure in the moment: going after immediate gratification instead of delaying gratification to manifest a dream.

For example: negative intention might be wanting to lose 20 pounds by autumn. You work out with a trainer twice a week and change your eating habits. A couple weeks into your program you have lost five pounds. One day after your workout, you receive a phone call from your mother, or your ex, that sets you off on a negative spiral. On the way home, your thoughts still reeling from this phone call, you decide to go to Cold Stone Creamery for a pint of your favorite ice cream and eat it all as you zone out in front of the TV. The next morning you experience a shame hangover and call yourself all kinds of names. This shame hangover can lead to more undoing.

The Pause

Any change in how you react instinctively requires a Pause - your gateway to move from impulsive action to staying in your positive intention. The Pause allows you to be the engineer on the train. The Pause allows you to create choices in how you respond to

the phone call and to the emotions it created within you. As Engineer you can then decide if you really want ice cream or if frozen yogurt will satisfy your craving. As Engineer you take control of your immediate destiny and take responsibility for the consequences that ensue. So, even if you decide to eat ice cream, you release your need for a shame hangover. You resolve to tell your trainer what you did and thus work even harder in the next week.

Life-Changing Positive Intention

We can utilize positive intention for achieving goals. We can also use positive intention to be more present in our life and to be the person we want to be. This includes anything from wanting to release an addiction, being authentic, finding healthy anger & conflict, parenting, creating healthy boundaries, to managing and leading others. By using our conscious focus on these deep interpersonal goals, we can change any aspect of our life.

Write It Down & Read It Out Loud

Stand tall. Throw your chest out. Pull your shoulders back and down. Believe in yourself and what you want to accomplish. State your positive intention out loud to yourself and to anyone else who will listen. Write it down. Post it on your bathroom mirror, your refrigerator, in your car, on your computer at the office. The more places the better. These visual reminders keep your positive intention in the forefront of your mind. They bring a smile to your face. They motivate you to keep going when things get messy and difficult. They remind you that you deserve all that you long for.

You Don't Have to do it Alone

When you make these changes, you need the help of others. Others who have the same goals and aspirations, who experience the same struggles, who can see your true longings and give you the strength to run this long race called life. Whether it's a women's/men's night out, therapy, AA, NA, clubs, friends or family - find the support you need.

Get Messy

To make these deep life changes, you need to give up your old habits, patterns and skills that you have spent the last 20-40 years perfecting. You must create new habits, patterns and skills. This will be a messy and haphazard process. You can do it - just don't give up.

Remember when you first tried to ride your two wheeler? You wobbled. You fell. You scraped your knees. The key to learning a new skill is to take baby steps. Get messy. Each small step takes you one step closer to your goal. Have compassion for yourself while learning the new skills that will bring you where you want to be - where you deserve to be - where your positive intention will take you.

When All Else Fails

Don't forget the Pause. The Pause makes you the Engineer on your train. The Pause can bring humor to a frustrating situation and allow you to giggle at yourself when you mess up. The Pause allows compassion, clarity and, most importantly, choices.

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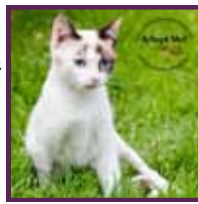
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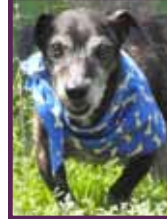
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Minnie is a tiny senior that needs a nice quiet home. She cannot live with other dogs or kids. She is fearful of new people so she needs a special person that is willing to be patient & give her time to adjust. All she wants is a home to live out her golden years.



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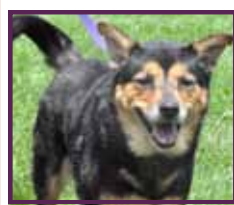
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Since 2007, the Foundation has been conducting walks and runs in Loudoun and Fauquier. Proceeds are used to detect, treat and educate, and eliminate breast cancer. The best part is that the funds are not sent to a national organization, but are used locally to help the women of our area.

This year's Middleburg event will be on Sunday, September 30th. It begins at the Middleburg Bank at 111 W. Washington Street. People can dress their pups in something pink to compete for the best-dressed pooch prize. On-site registration begins at 11:30 and the Walk/Run/Prance starts at 1:00. The two mile walk and three mile Fun Run goes through the grounds of Hill School, with runners circling onto Virginia Tech's Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension (MARE) Center.

If anyone is inter-

ested in the Pooch Prance and wants to participate with a group, Wylie Wagg is organizing a team of "Wagg Walkers". Each person who signs up in advance to walk with Wylie Wagg will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the store. Joining the team is easy - just come by or call any Wylie Wagg and ask to be added to the group. Please note that all Wagg Walkers will also need to go through the official registration process for the event. If you sign up to be part of the Wagg Walkers team, just look for the Wylie Wagg banner on the day of the event and let a Wylie Wagg associate know that you've arrived.

Registering is easy! You can register on the day of the event or you can go to CherryBlossomBreastCancerFoundation.org to register online or print out a registration form to mail. T-shirts are included in the registration fee. I should also mention that children 11 and under can participate for free.

So tell your friends, spread the word, and get ready to make a difference in our community! Hope to see you on the 30th!

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EDITOR'S DESK

OATH OF HONOR



On My Honor,
I will never betray my badge, my integrity,
my character, or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself
and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution,
and the community I serve,
So Help Me God.

Middleburg's new Chief of Police, A.J. Panebianco, administers the "Oath of Honor" to Officer Jay Hollins.

On August 9, 2012, Officer Jay Hollins became the first Middleburg Police officer to be formally sworn to an "Oath of Honor" before Town Council and the public he serves.

We hope and believe this event marks a profound and significant change in the history of the Department.

One of A. J. Panebianco's first acts as Chief of Police was to visit the offices of the Eccentric, on his own initiative, to outline the ethical standards to which he held himself, and to which he would hold the officers under his command.

We would like to thank the Chief, thank the officers who serve under him, and print, for all those who may wonder what is expected of a Middleburg Police Officer, the "Oath of Honor."

THE KU KLUX KLAN

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

In mid August the Eccentric received a hand-written post-card invitation to cover a Klan rally in Harper's Ferry on September 8.

Politely phrased ("Dear Ladies and Gentlemen") the invitation was issued in the name of the Grand Wizard of "We the People White Knights of the American Golden Circle of the Ku Klux Klan," Glenville, Pennsylvania

A quick check of the web revealed many stories about a small rally held in 2006, but nothing about plans for a 2012 rally. The Post's Courtland Milloy attended the 2006 rally. It was, he said, "his first." He was not amused.

Were it not for the threats this paper has received since its first year of publication one might very well have dismissed the note as a prank.

One should not.

Although the modern Klan is but a shadow of its former self, it has been replaced by a growing number of all-too-adept practitioners of the craft.

Better educated, better trained, and more articulate than their sheet-wearing, cross burning cousins, these 21st century advocates of wholesale discrimination also have at their disposal all the tools of modern technology, social media not least among them.

The Southern Poverty Law Center currently lists more than a thousand hate groups active in the United States.

Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and DC accounted for 90, Pennsylvania for another 34.

Defined as organizations with "beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics," Hate group activities, according to the SPLC, "can include criminal acts, marches, rallies, speeches, meetings, leafleting or publishing."

The number of such groups in the US has been steadily rising for more than a decade. The SPLC's conservative estimates indicate at least a 70% increase not counting web sites and publications that appear to be the work of only one person.

The recession and the election of Barack Obama have coincided with yet another increase, this time disproportionately anti-Muslim and anti-gay.

It is perhaps no surprise that the sesquicentennial of the Civil War has also brought a significant number of neo-Confederates back out into the open, all too often under the cover of well-meaning and legitimate organizations.

Loudoun and Fauquier, sadly, are not immune.

An overtly anti-gay Supervisor occupies one of the seats on the Loudoun County Board. A bigger, better, brighter brand of neo-confederates have emerged (or some would say, re-emerged) in Fauquier.

Those of us who are democrats always find ourselves in a quandary when it comes to such individuals and organizations. We are honor bound to protect their right to free speech and assembly, but equally honor bound to expose them for what they are.

We will do our best to walk that fine line.

IS AMERICA GUN CRAZY?

PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

As a preamble to this column Purple admits to owning several rifles and shotguns with which he has hunted enjoyably for many years. He supports hunting as long as the game laws are obeyed and gun safety practiced. However the frequent misuse of automatic weapons in well-publicized mass murders compels him to speak out against these outrages and those who oppose sensible gun control laws.

The Second Amendment to our Constitution reads as follows:

"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Webster's New International Dictionary, 1934 Edition states:

"In the United States the term 'militia' as used in the Constitution refers to the forces (National Guard) over which the states and the federal government have concurrent jurisdiction."

Purple belonged to such a militia from 1942 to 1953. When his unit was called to active duty during the Korean War he carefully taught his young wife how to operate the family's 1901 Springfield military rifle.

Despite the Second

Amendment's apparent application only to militia, in 2008 the Supreme Court ruled that it entitled ALL citizens to own firearms. The National Rifle Association (NRA), founded in 1871 to improve military marksmanship, has become a well-financed lobbying organization dedicated to protecting, and if possible enhancing these "rights." Various states

have enacted limitations on selling, carrying and use of guns, and some have not. As a result automatic weapons, including military assault rifles such as the AK-47, easily cross state borders and are widely available.

The US has more homicides per capita than any other developed nation: 10 times as many per capita as France or Australia, and 60 times as many as England. Japan has almost no homicides by firearms. Many studies of varying validity have addressed this matter. It seems safe to say there is a correlation between availability of guns and their use in homicides. And there are regional differences. Homicides per capita are more frequent than the national average in the Mountain States (the lingering frontier mentality) and in the states of the old Confederacy. The Northeast and the Lake States fall below the national average.

The movies and television probably have hardened some people to violence, and young males may also get an ego boost when firing a powerful

weapon, even if only at a target.

The automatic weapons used in the recent mass murders are designed for only one purpose – to kill people. Purple believes they should be banned from civilian society. But a friend from eastern Oregon, an avid hunter and an NRA member, told him recently: "I have no problem with outlawing automatic weapons, but the NRA has drawn a line in the sand against doing so. They believe that such a ban would only be the first step towards banning all civilian ownership of guns, which they think Obama is conspiring to do." Guess which political party the NRA favors.

Sadly, our political leaders have restricted themselves to lowering flags to half staff, and mourning over the tragedies. None has dared to propose a corrective solution. Such is the political power of the NRA, and the timidity of our politicians.

America cannot continue to allow this cancer to persist, and hope to hold the respect of nations with whom we share culture, traditions, and the hope for a better and more peaceful world. And if we cannot address this obvious character flaw, what hope is there that we can face up to the greater and more complex matters of the economy and climate disruption?

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

By the time this goes to press much will have happened in the standoff between Julian Assange, Ecuador and Britain but I feel the need to write about the ridiculousness of the goings on and the hypocrisy of the British government.

First, even by the Pentagon's own admission, not a single person has been physically harmed by the revelations of Wiki Leaks or the alleged supplier of some of the leaked information, Bradley Manning. The leaks have proved more of an embarrassment to governments than real harm, but of course in a time of less transparency in this government than nearly any other administration, including the last, one can see why the power of Wiki Leaks and its whistle blowing contributors is threatening to an administration so bent on secrecy.

The Espionage Act fervently promoted by this administration is an act to be feared by all as it has little or no bounds and virtually anyone even

thought to be a "terrorist" can be detained for an unlimited time and denied access to legal counsel and legal rights. The wide spread use of this act by the U.S is the reason for much or perhaps, all, of the Julian Assange debacle.

It is often said when the government is criticized for illegal wire taps "if you are not guilty of anything then you have nothing to worry about" so if the government is not guilty of wrongdoing why would they worry about whistleblowers such as Wikileaks.

Assange has been accused, accused, not convicted or even charged with a sexual offense in Sweden. Two women have charged that although they happened to be in bed with Assange at the time, he apparently was feeling frisky in the middle of the night and initiated some hanky panky while they were asleep and unprotected relations occurred. Does not sound bad enough to me to cause all of the palaver that has gone on, even if others disagree, all he is wanted for is QUESTIONING.

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THE BLACKBURN MURDER

DANIEL MORROW

Sunday Morning
“They fight for each other like dogs”

Early Sunday morning, January 15, 1854, William Brosius and two friends, Sam Conn and David Curry, ran into Christian as he was leaving the bar room “office” of McDowell’s Hotel.

As usual, Christian had his hands in his pockets and was carrying a cane under one arm.

This time, however, instead of his trademark black, silver-headed cane hewas carrying something else, a “hickory cane,” that belonged to George Washington Lurty, one of his law school classmates.

Christian, it seems, had “liberated” Lurty’s stick, in much the same way he’d “borrowed” Bill Winn’s Bowie knife, picking it up after he saw it lying unattended in B.D. Chenowith’s room. Lurty, he insisted, had taken his silver-headed cane.

When Brosius grabbed Lurty’s stick from under his arm and began to wave it around like a saber, Christian, apparently in the best of humor, reached under his coat, pulled his “borrowed” Bowie knife, assumed a defensive position, calling out to Brosius, “If that is what you are for, come ahead!”

Brosius seemed shocked, both by the size of the blade and Christian’s decision to carry such a thing concealed on the streets of Lexington on a Sunday morning.

When Brosius sked him” why he carried such a knife,” Christian said it did not belong

to him, insisted that he was carrying it “for another man” and tried to re-sheath it.

Christian hadn’t had much time to practice putting a very large knife into a sheath that was no longer stuck in the front of his pants, but strapped onto his belt, in the small of his back, under his coat.

After several tries he finally had to ask for help.

Sam Conn obliged

Later, witnesses reported, Christian flashed the knife again as he walked out through the tavern yard on his way to services at the First Presbyterian Church.

One swore he heard him tell “old Mr. Dall, the stage driver, that he intended to use it that night.”

After entering the church Christian immediately climbed the stairs to the balcony. There he found a seat besides his good friend Andy Moore, and directly across from the upstairs gallery reserved for VMI Cadets.

He was looking for Tom Blackburn.

According to Cadet John Sharp the odds of finding him were not in Christian’s favor. Blackburn, he said, “rarely attended inside of a church.” Indeed, some thought he might even be “skeptical” of revealed religion, even though his father was a Presbyterian Ruling Elder.

On this particular Sunday, however, Blackburn showed up, climbed the stairs, and took a seat in the gallery on the other side of the sanctuary.

Why, was anyone’s guess.

Some thought it was because Blackburn had just established a new “walking out” relationship with

the youngest daughter of Reverend George Junkin, Presbyterian Minister, President of Washington College, and father-in-law to Blackburn’s erstwhile nemesis, Major Thomas J. Jackson.

“There is your friend,” Andy Moore whispered, pointing out Blackburn sitting opposite them in the Cadet gallery.

“Yes, I see him.” Christian replied, then smiled, and, according to Moore, said nothing more for the rest of the morning service.

From the Cadet gallery, near Blackburn, John Howard Sharp was watching Christian.

He noted that Christian’s mustache was gone, that Christian was “clean shaven” and that he was “looking daggers” at Blackburn.

Blackburn, by all accounts, didn’t appear to notice Christian at all.

That very morning Blackburn, Sandy Bruce, and several other cadets had walked together to the church from the VMI barracks.

Bruce, perhaps because of his own romantic interest in the object of Charles Christians’ affections, seemed worried.

After muttering aloud to no one in particular that Christian “would challenge him yet,” turned to Blackburn and said, “if he did, “ . . . I reckon I will have to act as your second.”

Blackburn, he said, simply laughed, and told him there was, “no danger of anything of that sort coming to pass.”

As the morning services drew to a close, Christian rushed past his friend Andy Moore and out of the sanctuary.

Once outside he waited for Blackburn, posting himself just out-

side the doors, on one end of the church’s long, columned, front portico.

Moore had just caught up with Christian when Blackburn emerged on the opposite end of the portico.

When he spotted Blackburn, however, he hesitated, and asked Moore, “. . . if he should go and see him then.”

Moore told him “No” in not uncertain terms. It was, he said, “. . . neither the proper time nor place.”

Christian seemed relieved, let the moment pass, and went back to his hotel.

He soon received an unexpected caller, wearing a VMI uniform.

Cadet Edward Langhorne and Cadet Algernon Stith Cousins had spent Sunday afternoon cruising the streets of Lexington, killing time until they could meet two “young ladies” who had agreed to let themselves be escorted to evening church services.

Langhorne, was young, had grown up in Amherst County, was distantly related to Christian, and clearly thought they were friends.

Christian, however, was suspicious of the boy and had told several friends that that he believed Langhorne had conspired with Blackburn to make sure that when they met the first time, Christian was not carrying his trademark silver-headed cane.

Langhorne appeared to have no idea of Christian’s suspicions and innocently asked his friend, Cousins to wait for him while he climbed the stairs to Christian’s room “to brush his hair.”

He knocked. Christian let him in, and as soon as he entered the room if he noticed anything “different.”

“I saw he had cut off his mustache,” Langhorne later testified, and, “I noticed the cane he had was not the same he had the day before.”

Christian then proceeded to grill Langhorne about the preceding day’s “difficulty” with Blackburn.

Langhorne said he “knew all about it” and proceeded to recount the story of Christian’s now infamous “interview” with Blackburn with reasonable, if embarrassing, accuracy.

Having heard Langhorne recount the tale of his backing down in front of Blackburn, Christian asked if Blackburn were coming to church for evening services.

Langhorne said he didn’t know, combed his hair, went back downstairs to the bar and waited with Cousins for the appointed hour to pick up their dates for church.

They were still there when Christian came down just before supper time.

On his way out Christian asked the two to join him.

When they declined, Christian headed for the Compton house, directly across the street from the Presbyterian Church, where some of Judge Brockenbrough’s law students were boarders.

When he reached Compton’s he sought out J. W. Woolfolk. Happily, there were several other law students waiting there.

Then, in a desperate last attempt to recruit support, he recounted, one more time, his version of the his “difficulty” with Blackburn.

Two cadets, he reminded them, were “with” Blackburn when they met at McDowell’s and “several” were “approaching the hotel.”

He had walked into the passageway with Blackburn, he said, without his silver-headed cane . . . and that only because one of the Cadets, obviously planted at McDowell’s for



LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

just that purpose, had “asked him for his stick to look at it” just as Blackburn arrived.

Woolfolk, perhaps trying to help Christian make his case, asked why Christian “did not knock Blackburn down?” then and there.

Christian again said it was only because “he had no friends present” and thought the meeting had been “preconcerted among the Cadets.”

He also repeated the charge that Blackburn was armed, claiming that “when he approached him he had his right hand in his bosom.”

In an effort to debunk the now well-circulated story that he had not only backed down, but had praised Blackburn’s sense of honor, he once more insisted that he had really told Cadet that “he would see him another time.”

His plan, he said, was to ask Blackburn the next time he met him, either to tell him who was defaming him or, failing that, demand a personal apology.

If Blackburn refused both, he told his law school friends, “. . . he would tell him he was no gentleman, or that he had acted rascally . . .”

And if Blackburn struck him, he would follow Andy Moore’s advice and “cane him.”

Christian then asked for help.

According to Woolfolk, “He said he would like for witnesses and several other of his friends to be present so that if he should get into a fight with him, he would have fair play.” Otherwise, Christian said, he feared, the Cadets would “double on him.”

He would have confronted Blackburn that very morning, he claimed, had not Andy Moore prevented it.

In retrospect, he supposed, it was just as well, for “if he had gotten into a fight he would have had the whole Corps of Cadets upon him.”

As Christian talked John Compton, the young son of the owner of the boarding house had been listening.

When he heard Christian say he “would have the whole Corps of Cadets upon him” Compton chimed in.

“The Cadets fight for each other,” he said, and told the story of an ill-fated cow drover who had fallen victim to the “spirit of the Corps.”

Cows belonging to the drover, Compton said had been “frightened” by two VMI Cadets. When the drover cursed them, they immediately fled and called for help. Soon around thirty Cadets showed up, “whipped the driver pretty badly” and “ducked him in the river.”

As Woolfolk later told the tale, young Compton warned them in no uncertain terms that the Cadets fought for one another “like dogs.”



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Great Middleburg home with 5 bedrooms including 2 master suites, 4.5 baths, large eat in kitchen, family room, rec room, office, terraces and deck. Ten acres of beautiful landscaping and privacy. \$990,000.

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TURKEY RIDGE, MIDDLEBURG, VA

A well sized small farm perfect for the equestrian. 17.5 acres of open fenced & cross fenced pastures complete great ride out, 7+ stall barn, chick coop, pool, and 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Home features living room with stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling, country kitchen. \$950,000.

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FOXFIELD LANE, LEESBURG, VA

This elegant French style brick home sits on 10 secluded mostly wooded acres in Foxfield only minutes to Leesburg and the Greenway. 4 BR, 5 BA with gleaming old pine floors. 3 FP, Pella windows and doors with formal & informal spaces perfect for a family. The professionally designed hardscapes and landscaping heightens the natural beauty of this special private spot. A rare offering. \$935,000.

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Mary South Hutchison

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FEDERAL STREET, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Middleburg Office - Unit #3 107A Federal Court second level. One large office, two small offices, reception area, kitchenette, and bath. Total of 927 square feet. High speed internet access available. 3 parking spaces. \$252,000.

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