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# $50,000 FOR NEW STREET LIGHTS

DAN MORROW

On April 9th Elaine Burden presented a check for $50,000 to the Middleburg Town Council on behalf of the members, friends and supporters of Middleburg's Beautification & Preservation Committee. The funds are earmarked for the purchase of new "dark sky" streetlights, of a design appropriate to the historic architecture of Washington Street, and designed to minimize light pollution.

Burden, one of the founding members of the Committee in 1993, thanked all those who had supported their work over the years, especially those who have made their homes and gardens available for fundraisers in support of all the Committee's projects over the years.

Mayor Davis thanked and recognized the members of the Committee present, including Burden, Bundles Murdock, Punkin' Lee, and Su Webb.

Council unanimously passed a formal Resolution of Appreciation expressing the Town's gratitude to Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc. for their work "to beautify and preserve the community."

**Bluemont Concerts**

Lilly Dunning, Director of Bluemont Concerts, announced what she termed a "positive potential partnership with Salamander Resort" for the upcoming season. Concert Venues had become a problem, she noted, indicating that she expected to have a detailed plan ready for Town Council's consideration in time for its April 23rd work session.

Noting that the Bluemont Concerts had changed venues in Middleburg six times over the past twenty years, Dunning indicated that she believed the new plan "would be positive for all involved and would solve the problem of rotating venues."

**Seven Loaves**

Steve Plescow, President of Seven Loaves, reported the non-profit provider of food for those in need would participate in the 4th Annual Love Your Neighbor, Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive, scheduled for May 2.

Lynette Austin, coordinator of the drive, told Council that in its first year they had collected fifty-five thousand pounds of food; seventy thousand pounds in year two; and ninety thousand pounds last year.

All food collected, she said, goes to food pantries in Loudoun County, restocking their shelves "at a time of year when people were not focusing as much on them."

The annual drive, she noted, was a complete community effort, supported by the schools, local faiths and government organizations.

Plescow reported that Middleburg's United Methodist Church had agreed to serve as a collection point. He is also working, he said, with the Middleburg

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ROUND HILL, VA - Long winding drive past a picturesque pond leads to an exquisite brick & stucco colonial on 10 acres, just north of Middleburg. 12 room residence boasts 4 BR and 5 1/2 baths; a stunning Family Rm w/ vaulted ceilings, full stone wall fireplace; tiled Sun Rm w/wet bar, a luxurious Mstr Bedroom & bath; all in pristine condition!
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LO8609131 $1,175,000

Just minutes from Middleburg in Melmore, this stunning brick colonial home sits on 3.36 beautiful acres complete with pool, gazebo, pond, fruit trees, well manicured, and expansive back deck and patio areas. Bright kitchen with granite counters, formal dining room, peaceful sunroom, and finished walk out basement.
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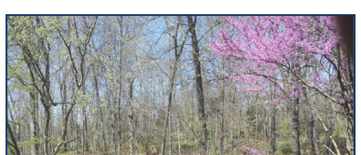
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# News of Note

## Land Rover Great Meadow International Showcases 3-Day Eventing

Lauren R. Giannini

The action is revving up at Great Meadow, home of the Virginia Gold Cup and Twilight Polo, Great Meadow Polo School, Scottish Games and much more.

"We're passionate about bringing you the best in equestrian sporting events," said Rob Banner, President of the Great Meadow Foundation. "We're very excited about Land Rover Great Meadow International's new entry on the international three0day eventing calendar."

Mark the dates: June 19 to 21. That's when the Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team will compete in the final prep event, like a full-fledged dress rehearsal, for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada in July. Added to the excitement is the debut of the $30,000 Land Rover Great Meadow International CIC3*, presented by Adequan.

Without getting too technical, Concours International Combiné (CIC) means slightly fewer obstacles and shorter distances for the cross-country and show jumping courses. Three-star (3*) denotes Advanced level, which often serves as a stepping-stone for horses moving up to the four-star (4*) level known as Concours Complet International (CCI), such as our Kentucky Rolex and England's Badminton and Burghley. Great Meadow International plans to accept a limited number of entries, based on the U.S. Eventing Association's rankings, for the inaugural CIC3*, which pretty much guarantees outstanding competition.

Last summer, world-class eventing returned to Great Meadow when the USA's best event riders and horses contested the "equestrian triathlon" of dressage, cross-country and show jumping in preparation for the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France. The WEG Prep Event proved very popular with total attendance of about 12,000. This year, the Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team is gearing up for the Pan Am Games where victory will qualify our team to go to the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"We don't have an entry total yet for the CIC3*, but we figure more than last year — enough of the very best horse-and-rider combinations so that it's entertaining, but also our intention is to preserve the wonderful footing of this hallowed turf," said Rob Banner, President of the Great Meadow Foundation. "We're very excited to announce that Land Rover Great Meadow



International put in a bid to host an eventing Nations Cup in 2016. We have met all the criteria and we're hoping to be selected for the site."

David O'Connor, Olympic individual gold medalist and the U.S. Eventing Team coach, is also chair of Land Rover Great Meadow International. "Three years ago, the Fédération Equestre International (FEI) started the Nations Cup series," he said. "We don't have a Nations Cup leg for eventing in the U.S. The application has gone in front of the U.S. Equestrian Federation and, if they approve, it will go to the FEI, which has the final say.

For spectators, the Pan Am Prep Trials and CIC3* will provide plenty of entertainment and excitement. However, if you happen to be into horsepower that requires tires and steering wheel, Land Rover Great Meadow International has something special for you during the three-day weekend. Land Rover, the title sponsor, will host a specially designed off-road test drive course. Guests will be able to experience the latest Land Rover and Range Rover models, including the 2015 Land Rover Discovery Sport, a versatile premium compact SUV with a 9-speed automatic transmission, seating for seven passengers and a smaller footprint than this muscle-mobile suggests.

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# News of Note

## Experience the History and Elegance of Virginia Horse Farms

### Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour features four properties not previously open to public

This year's 56th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour features more than a dozen stops in Virginia horse country where some of the area's most beautiful privately owned estates will open their gates to visitors on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Included this year are four exquisite properties, that have never before been open to the public, which will open for the self-guided tours. The line-up of the tour homes will introduce visitors to some of Virginia's most famous equine estates.

The Hunt Country Stable Tour provides the rare chance to visit private estates, famous breeding farms, competition farms and more. From newborn foals, to jumpers and polo ponies, and even horses swimming for exercise, you'll see how equine athletes are bred, trained, fed and cared for.

Stops on this year's tour include Rock Hill Farm, Belle Grey Farm, Fox Chase Farm, the Middleburg Agricultural Research Extension (MARE) Center, Middleburg Training Track, Poplar Grange, Salamander Resort & Spa's Equestrian Center, Trappe Hill Farm and Wind Fields Farm. In addition, these new locations will also be on the tour this year: Foosaner Farm, The Oaks, Gap Run Farm, and Orange Hill.

To get the most out of the tour, start the day early. Many of the farms will host demonstrations throughout the weekend.

On Saturday only, at the Middleburg Training Track, racehorses will be out being exercised at 7 a.m. Another location where horses will be exercising is the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center, owned by Virginia Tech, where they will give a treadmill demonstration on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

New on the tour, The Oaks, owned by John and Julie Coles, is the site of two barns. The larger barn includes stabling for show jumpers and an indoor arena. The Coles' daughter, Sloane, bases her business, Spring Ledge, out of The Oaks.

Spring Ledge focuses on all aspects of Grand Prix show jumping, training young horses, and instructing students. Sloane rose to national prominence during her junior career winning national championships in equitation, hunters and jumpers. Demonstrations will take place throughout both days of the stable tour.

Gap Run Farm, also new this year, features western ridding and the owners of Gap Run have been long-time supporters of the Quarter Horse discipline known as "cutting." Cutting horses are highly-trained competitive athletes and are judged in competitions on their ability to control cows that they first separate and herd. There will be a 10 a.m. roping demonstration on Saturday and Sunday.

Orange Hill dates back to the 1800s as a noted equestrian property and is also new on this year's tour. It has been the host to numerous hunt meets and has produced top quality Virginia-bred horses for over a century. Orange Hill is home to trainer Snowden Clarke, who is in charge of daily operations.

Facilities include paddocks, a second barn, turnout sheds, all-weather outdoor ring and an outside course all located in the region's Orange County Hunt territory. Farm operations also include breeding and showing Cashmere goats, Serama chickens and Call ducks. Demonstrations will take place throughout both days of the stable tour.

Another new addition, Foosaner Farm was designed by renowned architect John Blackburn and features a barn and riding arena situated purposely with a low profile on the farm to preserve its bucolic views.

The emphasis in the stable, besides structural beauty, is on the abundance of healthy ventilation for the horses. The flexible design of the barn is currently configured for six stalls, but can easily be altered to accommodate 10 with an office and viewing level.

The property is pristinely maintained with flowers numbering in the thousands during the summer months.

Proceeds from the Hunt Country Stable Tour support Trinity Church and their many local, national and international charities and non-profit programs.

The tour is self-guided, and tickets can be purchased in advance or on the days of the event at any stop, including Trinity Episcopal Church (9018 John S. Mosby Hwy. Route 50, Upperville, Va. 20184). There is also a Country Fair and market at Trinity, and lunch, catered by Back Street Catering, is available for purchase there. The fair features horse-themed arts and crafts, ice cream, treats for pets and more.

Advance ticket sales are $25/person, a group rate for 10 or more is $20; after May 18th: tickets are $30. For children 12 and under, admission is free. For additional information and to purchase tickets, go tohttp://trinityupperville.org/Hunt-Country-Stable-Tour/, or https://www.facebook.com/huntcountrystabletour or call 540-592-3711. .. Tickets are not required for the Country Fair.

-To get to Trinity Episcopal Church; take I-66 West to Route 50 West (Exit 57B) toward Winchester. Drive approximately 25 miles to Middleburg and continue on to Upperville. Trinity Episcopal Church will be on Route 50 on your right.

## Middleburg Community Farmers Market Opens for 2015 Season

The Town of Middleburg is pleased to announce that the Middleburg Community Farmers Market will open for the season on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. – noon. The Middleburg Community Farmers Market, located behind the Middleburg Community Center (300 W. Washington Street) on Stonewall Avenue, will be open every Saturday through October 31, 2015.

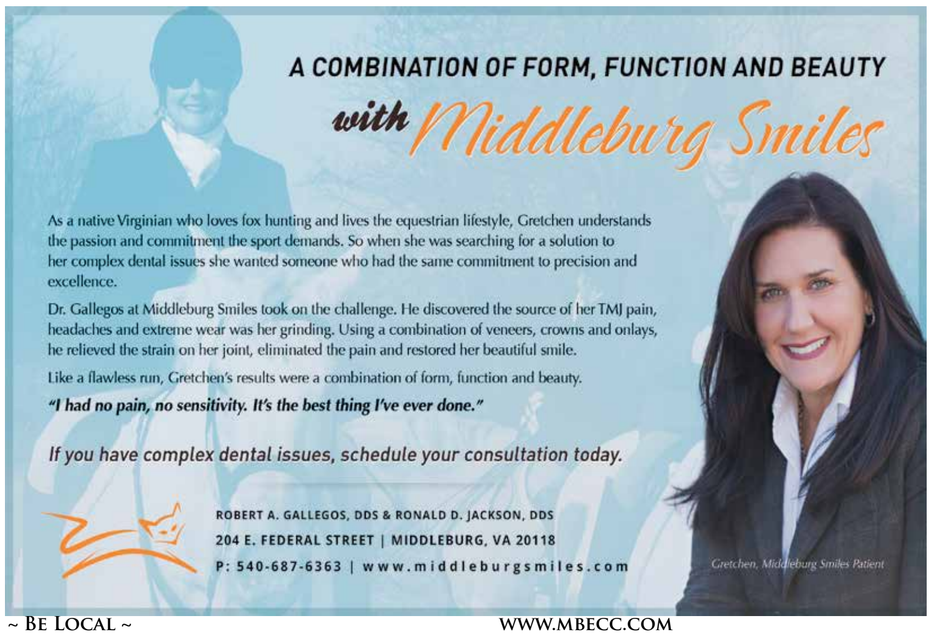
Local vendors will offer many unique products at the Middleburg Community Farmers Market this year. Vendors for the 2015 season include Betty's Chips & Salsa, C. Hess Orchard & Produce, Liberty Hill Farm, Hammer Down BBQ, Over the Grass Farm, Le Gateau de Leveque, Shenandoah Valley Produce and Allium Alley. New vendors include Zanya's Delight and Shepherd's Whey Creamery.

Some of the produce that will be available during the 2015 season includes lettuce, radishes, a variety of greens and herbs, seasonal fruits, tomatoes, peppers, root crops, and onions.

Other local purveyors will offer chicken, free range eggs, grass fed beef and lamb, breads, chips & salsas, French pastries, vegetable plants, barbecue and sides, honey, jams, teas, cakes, goat cheese and other goat products, yarn, seasonal crafts, and much more!

Please check the Middleburg Community Farmers Market Facebook page for specials, updates and additional information. Dogs on a leash are always welcome!

Middleburg is located approximately 50 minutes west of Washington, D.C. Take I-66 to Route 50 west (towards Winchester). Continue on Route 50 for 25 miles into Middleburg. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Middleburg Community Farmers Market, please contact Cindy Pearson at the Town office – 540-687-5152 or cpearson@townofmiddleburg.org.




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## Archwood Green Barns Farmer's Market Opens in The Plains

Archwood Green Barns Farmers Market will open for its 17th season on April 26th and will continue every Sunday from 10-3pm through mid- November. This dog friendly, family meeting place provides picnic tables and plenty of parking. Incredible breakfasts and lunches are cooked on site.

Take advantage of the indoor shopping in two buildings or peruse the tents outside at this absolutely authentic farmer's market.

Archwood Green Barns was designed as a thoroughbred race horse stable, but now the stalls are converted into artist studios and country shops so you can enjoy farm market shopping even on a rainy day. While many farm markets set up in parking lots, this one sits surrounded by nature on actual farmland.

With over 35 vendors to choose from, the farmed goods & artisan crafts range from rustic to exquisite. Pick up gardening tips, recipes, unique ingredients, handmade gifts, gourmet prepared foods and some inspiration when you come.

Veteran market manager, Becky Brothers has pretty much raised her kids here and the family effort glows. You can receive updates on what's new on the Archwood Farms Facebook page.

At the Market, you'll enjoy veggies galore; Fresh Free Range Chickens; Quail Eggs; Grass Fed Beef and Pork; Jams-Jellies; Bolivian Chocolates (60-77% Cocoa!); Fruit – berries, apples, peaches and more; Every kind of tomato and Naturally Fermented Pickles.

You'll also find Artwork – including hand-painted gourds, wreaths/swags, exquisite jewelry made with gemstones and precious metals, handmade baskets, fleece baby accessories, woven or hand knitted scarves, handmade knives & tools; Handmade Herbal Soaps, Lotions, Balms and Herbal Teas; Potted Plants and Breath-taking Orchids; Baked Goods including bread, bagels, muffins; Homemade soups; Gourmet Sauces and seasoning blends (including pesto, salsa, marinara); Alpaca wool products; Wood Crafts and Rustic Furnishings; BBQ and Fire Oven Pizza cooked on site; Fresh Brewed Coffee; Jerky and Sausages; Dog treats; Rabbits and Petting Zoo Events.

Archwood Green Barns Farmers Market is located at the Intersection of Rt. 245 and I-66, 4557 Old Tavern Road, The Plains VA 20198, Telephone 540 253-5289.

## 15 Artists at Dairy Barn Gallery's "Fresh Cream" Show

Fifteen artists from the Piedmont and Shenandoah Valley will bring a diverse, vibrant collection of works to the Dairy Barn Gallery at Sunnybank Farm in Middleburg, opening May 9th and concluding May 24th. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, stonework, and paper maiche' are among the mediums that will be on display and for sale at the show.

This the second group show at the Dairy Barn Gallery organized by Millwood artist Winslow McCagg. Last fall's "Got Art?" show brought together ten artists and an enthusiastic crowd of more than 100 patrons for opening night. "Fresh Cream" will feature 13 new artists to the Gallery, as well as returning artists McCagg and Julie Miles, who are both painters. Megan Caldwell, Susan Carney, Page Carter, Leah Cole, Gale Bowman-Harlow, and Todd Phillips will add their paintings to the mix, from the pastoral to the abstract to the provocative.

Barbara Allen paints intricate and mesmerizing works in oil as well as creating simple and beautiful stoneware pieces. Nationally renowned sculptor Malcolm Harlow, who sculpted the gargoyles on the Washington National Cathedral, among other things, will be bringing some of his latest creations. Sculptor Michael Clay will contribute sculptures of the metal variety. Linocut and woodblock prints will be offered from Kerry and Neil Stavely, who operate Horse and Hare and Tin Top Studio in Winchester. Leigh Henry offers an array of creations, including a paper maiche' dog made from a recycled travel atlas and colorful birds made from recycled Disney books as well as charismatic figures carved out of local limestone. And Kris Viemeister will present his modern and unusual designs, including a metal and glass table.

The artists invite you to join them for an opening reception on May 9 from 4 to 6pm to enjoy the works, light refreshments, and music from Jiamie Rainbrooke Pyles and Jason Ashby. The show will be open daily from noon to 5pm with a closing reception on Sunday, May 24, from 2 to 5pm. Located at 22989 Sam Fred Road east of Middleburg, the Dairy Barn Gallery is located on the beautiful grounds of Sunnybank Farm and is indeed a renovated dairy barn that is ideally suited as gallery space.

For more information, call 540.221.3025 and follow the event on Facebook - Fresh Cream spring pARTy – for frequent updates and previews of the work.



# News of Note

## Middleburg Humane Foundation Looks Forward to Bigger, Better "Campus"

Lauren R. Giannini

Middleburg Humane Foundation "comes of age" with 21 years of service to the animals and people of Fauquier, Loudoun, Culpeper, and Warren Counties. Hands on and dedicated to making a positive difference in the world, they need your continued support as their programs are diverse and serve the needs of the community on many levels.

MHF's programs include Humane Investigations, Humane Education, Lower Cost Spay/Neuter, Emergency Medical Funding, and Compassionate Cat Population Control (TNR — Trap, Neuter & Return — for feral cats). Last year, MHF provided TNR for more 300 cats. They run a Pet Food Bank at their shelter and, every week, supply pet food to Seven Loaves.

Middleburg Humane Foundation relies on a core staff of 12 and more than 50 volunteers. Animal care is the priority, along with education for dogs and people, PR, advertising, fund-raising, rescue and adoption, the grooming salon, and all the various aspects essential to any business. Middleburg Humane Foundation is incorporated and a full-fledged 501(c)3 non-profit with a tried-and-true board of directors.

"We have a terrific staff who wear a multitude of hats every day," said Hilleary Bogley, Founder and Executive Director. "We all pitch in and help wherever it's needed. It's truly a labor of love to work at an animal shelter and MHF is blessed to have such a committed team.

"Our Volunteer Program is the backbone of our organization and more than 50 active volunteers help us in many ways, including socializing recently rescued animals, and driving animals to and from veterinary hospitals and fund-raising events," continued Bogley, who also wears many hats. In addition to being a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT), she's the court-appointed Humane Investigator for the counties of Fauquier (22 years) and Culpeper (8 years).

In 1994, Middleburg Humane Foundation took up residence in a turn-of-the-century farmhouse on 4 acres on Route 55. Thanks to the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers and the generous support of people, MFH can rehabilitate and find quality homes for about 500 animals each year. The "bad" news is that the demand for assistance has quadrupled in the last five years so that MHF is just about bursting at the seams.

"We love our current facility, but we have truly outgrown it," said Bogley. "Our new shelter will be a 23-acre campus with livestock & horse facilities as well as a state of the art Adoption Facility with a Spay/ Neuter Clinic, Grooming Salon & Humane Education Center. We have worked with the county for over three years to obtain all of the proper permits and re-zoning and everything. There's finally a light at the end of the tunnel! We break ground in 2015 with the building of our livestock barns."

Middleburg Humane Foundation reported great success with the first annual "Good Friends For A Good Cause." This series of private estate dinners seated 99 people, who enjoyed the opportunity to support MFH while enjoying a convivial social event, hosted by 10 local benefactors at their gorgeous homes in the heart of horse country.

"These dinners went so well and everybody had a terrific time," said Bogley. "We'll hold this event again next year. We're already planning to expand the dessert gathering to include a silent auction, wine, live music and dancing. We are about to begin our Capital Campaign for the Main Adoption Facility. We hope to have the support of the entire community. We will offer sponsorships of dog suites, cat playrooms, visitation room, Humane Education center, dog training pavilion, benches, trees, bricks and much more."

This is a great way to honor your love for animals and to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one, be they human or animal. Supporting the new facility is key to the success of MHF's goal to increase its foster program so that they can help even more animals.

"Our Equine & Livestock Rescue Program is also very active," said Bogley. "We recently took in a lovely young Thoroughbred gelding who had raced, but then was neglected and came to us malnourished with several large wounds. Special thanks to the Kathryn Clark Foundation for covering expenses so that Noble could go to a lovely foster mom and have the opportunity to heal."

That's just one success story out of many. The new property will allow the staff and volunteers to continue their efforts to rescue, rehab and re-home kittens, cats, puppies, dogs, pigs, rabbits, goats, sheep, cows, ponies, horses, donkeys, mules, and feathered friends from exotic birds to poultry.

Unfortunately, MFH's big 21st Birthday Bash, slated to take place the end of May, has been postponed, but stay tuned for updates about a new date. You can still help by donating — money, supplies and time. Volunteers are warmly welcomed for a variety of tasks and chores. The website has a wish list for the new facility. Look under the tab How To Help and click sponsorships. Under How To Help, there's a Wishlist tab of everyday necessities for the care, feeding and maintenance of the animals sheltered at Middleburg Humane Foundation.

There is also the Middleburg Humane Foundation Thrift Shop, adjacent to Scruffy's Ice Cream. In addition to raising funds for MHF with all sorts of items priced reasonably, Middleburg Humane Foundation is looking for a retail-oriented volunteer to help out at the Thrift Shop.

You can sign up your puppy or adult canine for Basic Canine Behavior and Training Classes with Genevieve Warner. This 10-year MHF veteran offers two Canine Learning Labs that will enrich your dog's life and yours too. If you wish to volunteer and handle one of MHF's rescue dogs, the training is free and you can practice on your dogs at home. MHF's Grooming Salon can handle all of your pet grooming needs, but be sure to book your appointments in advance. Payment for services is by check or cash only, no credit cards.

There are so many ways to get involved and support the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Become part of the team of people who are changing the lives of unwanted, neglected and abused animals for the better.

*For more information, please visit: www.middleburghumane.com or call: 540-364-3272 or email: admin@middleburghumane.org MHF Grooming Salon: 540-364-4766*

## Classic Cars New at Dog Fest

Classic cars will be the new feature at the 5th ANIMAL DOG FEST & BAZAAR Sunday, MAY 17.

Among the cars exhibited by local owners will be a 1984 R5 Turbo Renault, a 1933 Packard Phaeton and two Aston Martins from Allen Richards and Upperville Auto Repairs.

Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) announced today that the 5th Annual Dog Fest & Bazaar fund-raising event will take place this May 17, 2015 at Fox Hall Farm in Delaplane, Virginia.

Dog Fest is a fun filled day of everything animal! Families and their canine companions can have a day out in the country for a wonderful cause. Dog walks, dog costume competitions, face painting and pony rides are just a few of the variety of family activities.

Adults can enjoy classic car exhibits, a bazaar, silent auction and of course, beer, wine and a great BBQ lunch. This year, musical entertainment for the event will feature well-known DC band "Blame it on Jane." In addition to all the fun, the new barn at Fox Hall Farm will showcase local area shelters and animal rescue service organizations with booths, information and adoptable pets.

"We are so excited about this year's event," stated ARF Founder Ursula Landsrath. "Last year, we had over 200 adults, children and pets supporting our efforts to help those who dedicate their lives to animals in need. With the new barn, we hope to expand our efforts to connect people and pets. After all, that is why we started! This year, we hope to double the fun and double our impact to support local animal shelters and animal rescue service organizations. It is all about the animals and people who serve them."

The event will take place on Sunday May 17, 2015, from noon to 4:00pm, rain or shine. Animal photographer Kathy Durand will be on hand to photograph your animals. For information on sponsorships or to support/contribute contact ARF at (540) 364-9124 or arf@arfrescueva.org. Please visit: www.arfrescueva.org.

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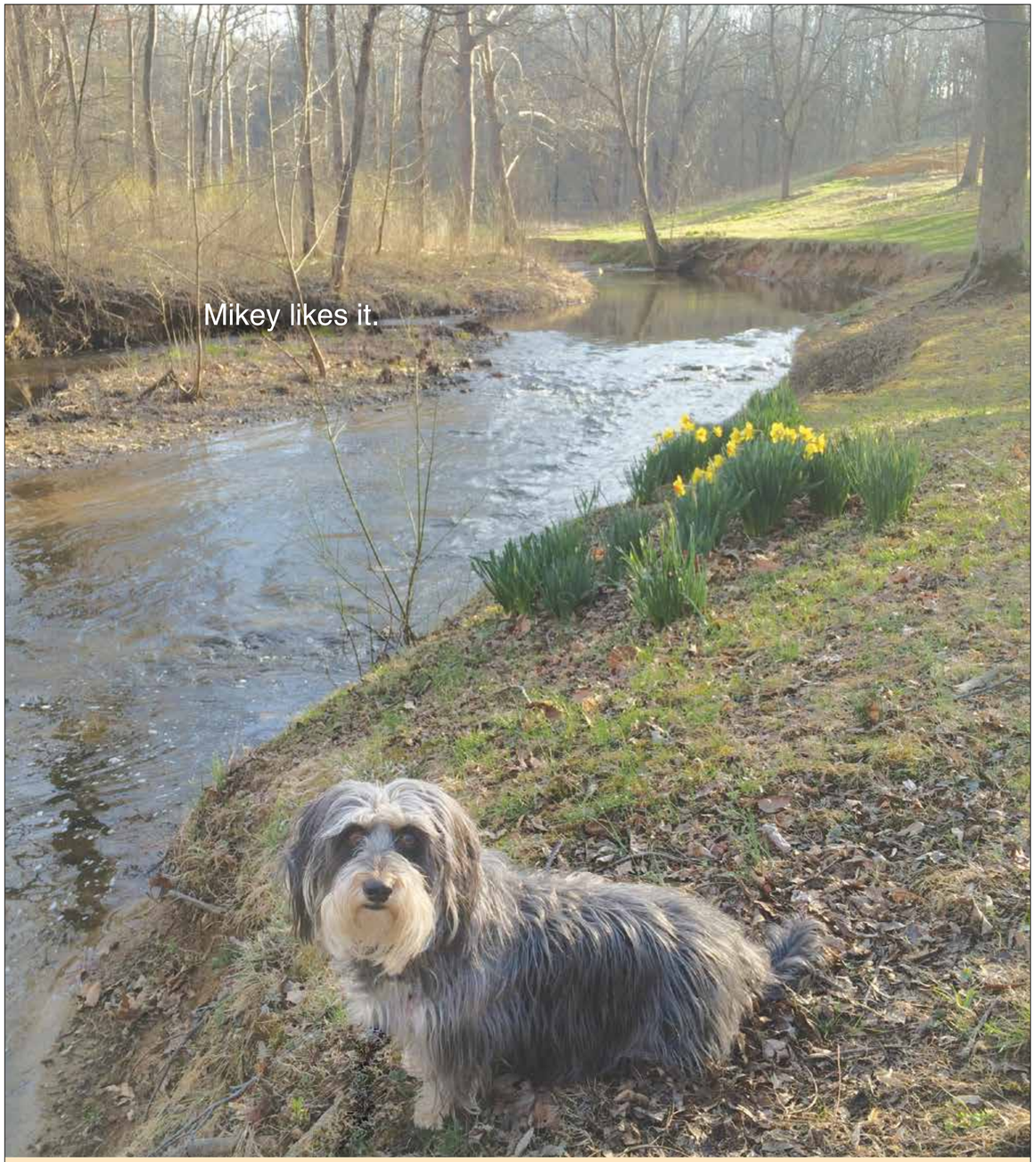
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# News of Note

## MBPA welcomes 100th member at Boxwood Winery mixer

April 15, 2015 By MBPA

The Middleburg Business and Professional Association celebrated the registration of its 100th member for 2015 at the association's monthly Biz Buzz mixer held at Boxwood Estate Winery on April 14.

Participants were able to take a break from the rain and enjoy food by Fairchild Specialty Gifts & Foods, as well as Boxwood's famous wines, including its rosé, which will be released to the public on May 10.

The business association also welcomed a new business to town. The Federal Street Café is expected to open next month, at the former site of the Middleburg Arts Project. The new restaurant is expected to offer breakfast and lunch options when it opens, with the possibility of serving dinner eventually as well.

In response to requests for more networking opportunities, next month's Biz Buzz, to be held May 12 at the Middleburg Community Center, will include MBPA's first speed networking event. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange business cards and share information about their businesses.

MBPA President Punkin Lee also provided an update on the status of chain store J. McLaughlin's new store. Lee noted that attorneys at the Middleburg Town Council's March 12 meeting said the town's options for restricting chain stores are limited due to the Dillon Rule, which limits the power of local governments in the Commonwealth of Virginia. However, the council is still looking at other options to limit franchises in town.

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Middleburg Hunt's Point-to-Point (April 28): The steeplechase race at Glenwood Park includes racing over the timber course, the hurdle course and on the flat. Businesses interested in advertising in the Point-to-Point program should contact Cathy Spicer at 703.728.0545 (cell), 703.327.3935 (home) or cspicer@trisept.com.

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# News of Note

## How to Create An Edible Landscape

Kae Yowell
Extension Master Gardener

Imagine that right outside your front door is an oasis of beautiful landscape edibles available for harvesting to your heart's content.

If you're cooking and you run out of a specific herb, a trip to the grocery store will not be necessary, but simply to your very own landscape or container to harvest fresh herbs.

Edible landscaping is a great way to become more self-sufficient and grow the freshest food possible. It is the artful take on the kitchen garden with edible plants camouflaged into the existing ornamental landscape.

First, you must analyze your landscape, addressing best locations by addressing soil pH and organic matter before planting. It's helpful to get a couple of soil test forms and boxes from your local Extension Office to take a sample of each bed.

It's a good practice to clean up any debris such as concrete pieces or rusty nails from sidewalks or construction which will alter the pH of the soil negatively. It will throw off your soil test results if you leave it there.

It takes a while to get your soil tests back so while waiting for those to return you can be visualizing areas where old tired or diseased plants can be replaced for something more functional, perennial and edible.

Your soil tests will help you take a preventative approach by addressing the root of underlying or potential problems before planting new plants.

Once you have located some new planting beds and the soil results tell you how to amend the soil to cater to your new plants, then you can start implementing your plan.

Think about what you and members of your household like to eat.

Do you like culinary herbs, fruits, or vegetables or all of the above? Some suggestions are to swap out boring invasive barberry bushes with blueberries. Blueberries are easy to care for organically as long as you have the correct soil pH and sun requirements. They produce a wonderful red fall color, and nutritious berries that help lower cholesterol.

Strawberries have interesting foliage and flower before fruiting.

Apples, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears, cherries, apricots and more are fruit trees that do well in Virginia and offer great flowers in the spring with fruit in the fall.

Perennial herbs that do well are thyme, oregano, garlic chives, mint varieties, lavender, tricolor sage, rosemary and more.

Vegetable varieties with ornamental interest are: globe artichokes, bright lights Swiss chard, colorful peppers, red okra, kale varieties, purple cabbage, and red noodle pole beans.

Sunflowers have edible seeds; little gem marigolds, violas, pansies and nasturtiums have edible foliage and flowers.

Consider the design elements when choosing your edibles such as color, contrast, texture, repetition, and focal point, as well as the best edibles that suit your taste.

Seasonal color, budget and winter interest are also important areas to consider. Looking at your existing landscaping, you want to visualize each plant option that best blends in the edibles, accomplishing the goal of enhancing both for function and aesthetics.

After presenting these suggestions on how to get started on your edible landscape, look closely at your landscape and visualize new edible possibilities.

Whether you try all of the edible plants or just a couple, it is only the beginning of a landscape that can help save money on your grocery bill by producing fresh sustenance



located outside of your front door.

There isn't a better experience than picking your very own fresh fruit, culinary herbs, and veggies from your property that happens to be conveniently disguised into your landscape.

By following the basic design elements and pairing appropriate edible plants with ornamentals you can achieve a more sustainable and literally tasteful edible landscape.

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# News of Note

## Mary Jane Cooper Furman
### Middleburg Millwork Vice President



Mary Jane Cooper Furman, 73 of Warrenton, VA passed away on April 7, 2015 at her home.

She was born on September 8, 1941 in Fauquier County, VA a daughter of the late Powhatan Cooper and Ruth Grimes Cooper.

Mrs. Furman was Vice-President of Middleburg Millwork Co., Inc. and attended Belvoir Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband of forty-four years, Ray Furman; her children, Janet Furman Huff, Washington, VA, Paul Michael Furman, Amissville, VA, Annie Marie Furman, Warrenton and Margo J. Peterson, High Point, NC; her mother, Vergie Brown, Warrenton; her siblings, Laura Frances Merdini, Alexandria, VA, Lois Cooper Clater, Catlett, VA, Lawrence Franklin "Buddy" Cooper, Morrisville, VA and Patricia Cooper Bowen, Winchester, VA; her grandchildren, Stephan Kielis, Sarah Kielis, Jacob Kielis, Brittany Peterson, Paul "P. J." Furman and Isaiah Huff; seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family receives friends on Friday from 3-5 & 7-9 PM at Moser Funeral Home, Warrenton, VA. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 AM at Belvoir Assembly of God. Interment will follow at Midland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Belvoir Assembly of God, 4180 Belvoir Rd., Marshall, VA 20115, Fresta Valley Christian School, 6428 Wilson Rd., Marshall, VA 20115 or to American Cancer Society, PO Box 1095, Warrenton, VA 20188.

Online condolences may be made at www.moserfuneralhome.com.

## Fauquier Health's Random Rewards for Healthy Living



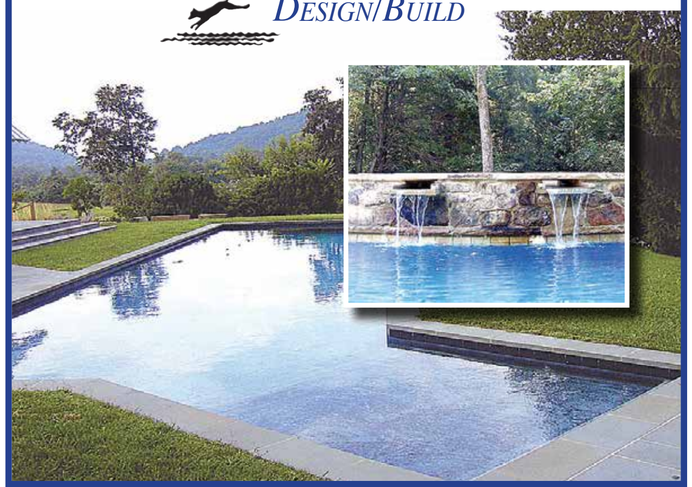
Fauquier Health Foundation announced today that its representatives are out and about in Fauquier, Rappahannock and Northern Culpeper counties looking for people to reward for healthy living. Foundation representatives have a variety of surprises including Fit Bits that they're handing out to people they observe doing something healthy.

"It's a combination of random acts of kindness and a prize patrol," explained Christy Connolly president and CEO of Fauquier Health Foundation. "And it's fun," she added, "anything we can do to encourage people to get out in this beautiful weather and get moving."

The Fauquier Health Foundation recently launched its Make it Happen! grants program and has awarded funding to more than a dozen worthwhile projects throughout the region. From gardening to stationary bicycles, the programs are creative, educational and beneficial to overall health and well being.

When asked if its possible for local residents to know if Fauquier Health Foundation representatives are in their area, Connolly responded, "We'll be posting some clues as well as winners on our Facebook page." To see where Fauquier Health Foundation representatives have been, or for possible clues as to where they'll be next, visit www.facebook.com/fauquierhealthfoundation.


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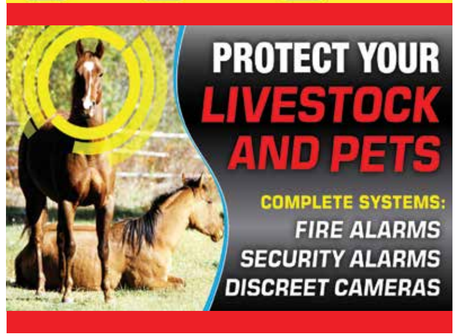

## Fauquier Home & Garden Show Fun Family Event



Do you often think about updating your home with a new deck, roof, or windows? Do you wish there was a way that you could talk to a reputable expert before beginning the process of getting estimates, weighing your options, making a decision, and starting your home improvement process? Demystify these and many other home improvement projects on Saturday, April 25th, when you attend Discovery Publications' 5th Annual Home and Garden Show.

Each year, the list of exciting vendors at this fun, family-friendly event grows. From storage options to heating and air conditioning, from lawn & garden accessories to real estate, from investments and insurance to water treatment systems...there is so much to see and learn. Collect information; talk to the experts; enter to win prizes; get to know local artists and artisans; enjoy live music; sample tasty BBQ, sandwiches, ice cream, snacks, and desserts; and bring your checkbook to take home plants, jewelry, home decor and more.


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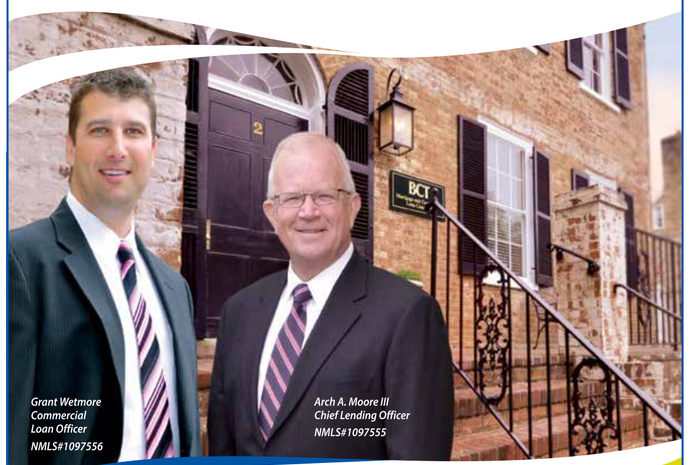



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# News of Note

## MBPA packs the house at Middleburg Arts Project

March 12, 2015

The Middleburg Business and Professional Association welcomed a packed house at its monthly Biz Buzz on March 10, crowding the Middleburg Arts Project, which co-sponsored the event along with SonaBank and Popcorn Monkey.

MBPA Treasurer Mimi Dale Stein reported that the association currently has 96 members on its rolls–up from 76 last month–and more businesses continue to join. Those interested in becoming a member can find out more about membership privileges here.

The meeting also highlighted the charitable aspects of the business association, with Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco presenting MBPA with a plaque commemorating MBPA's role in raising money for his wife Amy, who died last year of breast cancer. Panebianco announced that any remaining funds had been used to fund a scholarship at Unionville Elementary School in Orange, Va., where Amy worked as a nurse. Those interested in making a donation to the cholarship fund should contact Unionville Elementary at 540-661-4540.

Cindy Pearson, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Middleburg, also announced that another Middleburg community member is in need of funds to offset medical costs. Middleburg native and former Council Member David Stewart needs a heart transplant, but he can't even get on the transplant list until he can prove he has secondary insurance to cover the costs not covered by traditional insurance. Those interested in making a donation can do so here or at Middleburg Bank.

Christina Naramore, who serves as MBPA's secretary, also noted that the Middleburg Young Professionals Association held its first Pre-Buzz event at Julien's before the Biz Buzz. The event is expected to be held monthly starting at 4:30 p.m. as a way for young professionals to connect in advance of the Biz Buzz meeting.

Also of note: chain store J. McLaughlin has signed a lease for a store in Middleburg. While MBPA President Punkin Lee noted that the business organization has not officially taken a position on the store's opening, MBPA Board Member Phil Miller encouraged interested members to attend the next Town Council meeting at 6 p.m. on March 12, when the council will be accepting public comments on the issue of chain stores in Middleburg.

The meeting also highlighted several important upcoming community events including:

Middleburg Concert Series (March 22): The inaugural performance of the Middleburg Concert Series will be held at 4 p.m. at Middleburg United Methodist Church. The spring concert will be a journey through chamber music featuring internationally recognized artists including the Vitali

String Quartet, organists Larry Correll and Karen Chase, and pianist Anna Nizhegorodtseva. Additional concerts are planned for the summer, fall and winter. For more information, contact Alan Saucedo at alansa99@yahoo.com or call 540.303.7127.

Shakespeare in the 'Burg (March 27-29): The annual festival features performances by the American Shakespeare Center actors, as well as stagecraft and acting workshops and a One Act Playwriting Competition. Other features include special menus at local restaurants, wine tastings, a movie night with hors d' oeuvres, and more! Visit shakespeareintheburg.com for more details about the event.

Jump Into Spring: MBPA's annual cleanup event encourages businesses to spruce up the town for Spring. With winter weather (hopefully) behind us, it's time to sweep away the signs of winter, plant flowers and spruce up your windows to make the town even more inviting for our spring visitors and shoppers. The cleanup effort will include MBPA's annual window competition, with the winners announced at the May Biz Buzz.

Spring Cleanup (April 11): Keep Loudoun Beautiful and the Middleburg Go Green Committee is hosting a spring cleanup effort on April 11 from 8 am-noon and encouraging those interested in participating to pick up trash and recycling bags at the Middleburg Community Center.

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Open Late (Fourth Fridays in April-September): The Open Late series will take place on the fourth Friday of the months of April-September at the National Sporting Library and Museum, which will keep its galleries open until 8 p.m. and host an open-air concert on its lawn. NSLM is seeking to partner with local businesses for the event. Those interested in learning more or getting involved should contact Alex McKay at amckay@nsl.org. The series will kick off on April 24, with an event hosted by South Street Brewery, Three Fox Vineyards and Middleburg Hunt on the NSLM lawn featuring the Difficult Run Jazz Band.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day (April 25): Middleburg Go Green and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will be holding a prescription drug take back event on April 25 at the Middleburg Community Center. Prescriptions for animals, including horses and cattle, will also be accepted at the event.

Middleburg Hunt's Point-to-Point (April 28): The steeplechase race at Glenwood Park includes racing over the timber course, the hurdle course and on the flat. Businesses interested in advertising in the Point-to-Point program should contact Cathy Spicer at 703.728.0545 (cell), 703.327.3935 (home) or cspicer@trisept.com.

Visit Loudoun's 19th Annual Meeting & Tourism Awards Luncheon (May 4): Visit Loudoun will hold its annual meeting honoring Loudoun's Tourism Industry at Salamander Resort from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Nominees for the awards are due March 12.




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## $50,000 for New Street Lights

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Business & Professional Association and Safeway. Some local businesses had already committed to do special collections.

Councilmember Bundles Murdock noted that, to no one's credit, one in six children is food insecure.

### Water and Sewer

Stuart Will, representing IES, the Town's water and sewer maintenance contractor, reported that all the Town's wells and all its water treatment facilities were in good shape and working well, as was the Town's water distribution system.

Responding to several recent reports of water leaks Will noted that he had found that the pooling water was due to melting snow.

### Safety Grant

Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that VML Insurance had awarded Middleburg a "safety grant" totaling $1,387 to allow purchase of a "hazardous entry gas detector." IES's Stuart Will described "hazardous entries" as those in which there was uncertainty about whether or not the air in a confined space was breathable, and most often involved entering spaces like manholes, not designed for normal human occupation.

### Marshall/Madison Street Intersection

Town Planner Will Moore reported that, with improved weather, the contractor responsible for completing the Marshall/Madison Street Intersection was back at work and that both lanes of the intersection, critical for horse trailer traffic, would be open for the Middleburg Spring Races.

Moore noted that "design issues related to drainage" that had not been anticipated in the original plans have cropped up and that the finish date "may get stretched out beyond the first of May."

### Drug Take-Back Program

Chief of Police A. J. Panebianco announced that the Town's annual "Drug Take Back Program" would take place on April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at a "drive through" set up at the Town Office.

People wishing to drop off expired and unwanted drugs of any kind, he said, could do so. Dropping off such drugs not only makes one's medicine cabinet safer, it helps prevent contamination by keeping them out of land fills and away from critical water supplies.

### Special Event Permits

Chief Panebianco also reported to Council that he had met, as directed, with most if not all of the best known organizers of special events in town, in order to get a jump on addressing traffic, safety and security needs.

The main problem his department now faces, he said, was what to do about events that he and his team had no idea were coming.

Requiring a permit for special events, he observed, would help a lot.

Panebianco noted that he "was not suggesting overburdening organizers" with paperwork, but insisted "some control" requiring policeman hours and the expenditure of public funds was needed.

At least a week's notice, and ideally more, he said, would help tremendously with scheduling his officers and controlling expenses.



Punkin Lee, Mayor Betsy Davis, Elaine Burden and Susan Webb

Council responded by establishing a sub-committee comprising Councilmembers Kathy Jo Shea and Kevin Hazard, Chief Panebianco and a member of the Middleburg Business & Professional Association "to review the previous special event permit draft documents and make a recommendation to the Council on a policy that would fit Middleburg's needs."

Mayor Davis noted that the Board of Supervisors approved the $591,000 requested by the Town to finish the crosswalk project. She suggested the Council thank Janet Clark and the other members of the Board if they saw them. Ms. Davis noted that the Town would send a letter thanking the County.


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# News of Note

## Hero in the Homestretch: The Sea Hero Symposium

### May 30th at National Sporting Library & Museum

Join us Saturday, May 30th for a day of presentations on the art, conservation, transport, installation, and the horse that was the inspiration for the newest sculpture at the National Sporting Library and Museum (NSLM).

The NSLM will host the symposium and reception to celebrate the recent gift of the magnificent bronze sculpture Sea Hero. Through the generous bequest of Paul Mellon, the large-scale bronze of the champion thoroughbred Sea Hero is now an important part of the NSLM art collection.

The 1995 bronze is by British sculptor Tessa Pullan (b. 1953), a student of equestrian artist John Skeaping (1901-1980). The sculpture, which stands over 7 feet high and weighs almost 2 tons, was recently installed in the boxwood garden of the NSLM campus.

Sea Hero is famous for winning the Kentucky Derby in 1993, the first Derby win for owner Paul Mellon, trainer Mack Miller, and jockey Jerry Bailey. Sea Hero is currently the oldest living Derby winner.

Symposium speakers will include:

-Fine art conservator Andrew Baxter shares highlights from his long career of caring for and restoring sculpture in the Mellon collections and the museum world. With before and after photos, he discusses the fascinating techniques of conservation and restoration.

-Sculpture expert and artist Ben Gage illustrates how large-scale artworks are transported and installed. Gage has worked with massive sculptures at major museums throughout the country and shares behind-the-scenes stories and images of some of his favorite projects, including the installation of Sea Hero at the NSLM.

-Author and racing historian Edward Bowen discusses Paul Mellon as a horse breeder and owner. Bowen's expertise as a renowned horseracing historian will give depth to the history of the Mellon and Rokeby Stable racing legacy.

The event will take place at the NSLM campus in historic Middleburg Virginia on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is $130, or $75 for NSLM Members. Registration closes on May 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Educational Programs Manager Erin Livengood at 540-687-6542 x25 or elivengood@nsl.org. Online Registration is now open at www.nslmprograms.org.



## Home Farm Store and Hunter's Head Tavern to Launch Slow Food...Fast!

### Enjoy Hunter's Head favorites as ready meals to go

Hunter's Head Tavern and Home Farm Store announced today that starting on May 1, they will sell Hunter's Head favorites as meals to go—available at both the Home Farm Store (1 E. Washington Street, Middleburg, Va. 20117) and Hunter's Head (9048 John S. Mosby Hwy., Upperville, Va. 20184).

"In response to customer demand, we will now have all of our pub-fare favorites ready to heat and eat at home," explained Sheree McDowell, food and beverage director at Ayrshire Farm who oversees food preparation for Home Farm and Hunter's Head, along with Executive Chef Melissa Chaffins.

Heat and serve meals will be made with Ayrshire Farm locally sourced Certified Organic/Certified Humane meats and will have wholesome, hearty portions with prices starting between $8-$12. "Slow food...fast!" will include favorites such as Bangers and Mash, Wienerschnitzel, Skinny Meatloaf, Chicken-fried Steak, Bubble and Squeak, Liver and Onions, Chicken and Dumplings, The Gobbler, Guinness Beef Stew, Chicken Pot Pie, Veal Stroganoff, Shepherd's Pie and Macaroni and Cheese. Meals will come with instructions for heating.

On May 9, Home Farm Store will hold a tasting of the available ready meals along with its Second Annual Ice Cream Social from noon to 6 p.m. Ice cream and soda fountain drink samples will also be served featuring local Trickling Springs ice cream and organic soda fountain syrups from Nature's Flavors.

*About Home Farm Store is a unique certified organic, certified humane butcher shop and farm market in Middleburg, Va. Home Farm is Ayrshire Farm's butcher shop and grocery store featuring U.S. and Virginia sourced products, from seasonal produce, wine, cider, honey, jam, home-made baked goods and fresh sandwiches to custom cut steaks and chops as well as an assortment of prepared foods and Ayrshire Farm's own raw pet food "Furry Foodie.". The Beef, Pork, Veal, Chicken and Turkey products are all*

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Federal Street Café will serve breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Sunday from 7:30 am to 3 pm. There will also be a special brunch menu featuring dishes like shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes, and fried chicken and waffles available on Saturdays and Sundays.

Chef Zan originally honed his skills in Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina prior to moving to Northern Virginia 12 years ago. His southern roots are not only evident in his food but also in his dedication to his customers and the community.

When asked about his cooking style he said, "I like taking simple, quality, local ingredients and properly preparing them at a reasonable price. If you're looking for a deconstructed cheeseburger, as interesting as that may be, Federal Street Café probably isn't for you. There are so many great farms in and around our area producing such high quality products it would be a shame to mess things up by trying to be overly clever."

Chef Zan is working with local farmers and vendors to secure as much local produce and products as possible. They will be serving products like locally roasted fair trade coffee from the Queen's Beans located in Warrenton, Virginia and Baker's Pork Farm bacon from Mt. Jackson, Virginia just to name a few.

Federal Street's will feature a full breakfast served all day as well as sandwiches made with house made deli meats paired with a side of hand cut fries for lunch.

Chef Zan told us, "We're so excited to become a part of the Middleburg community and can't wait to open our doors." He went on to say, "Bring the whole family, even the dog (on the patio of course). "

To keep up with what's happening at Federal Street Café be sure to follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/FederalStCafe.

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# News of Note

## Manassas Ballet Theatre Presents Giselle

### Fantastic artistic experience at close, convenient location



For the final production of its 2014-15 season, Manassas Ballet Theatre presents *GISELLE*, the classic, romantic ballet that speaks to the power of true love.

*Giselle* tells the tale of a peasant girl who dies of a broken heart after she discovers the one she loves belongs to another. In the end, her love for the heartbreaker saves him from a horrible fate at the hands of the Wilis, ghosts of jilted girls known to dance the untrue to death. with its colorful act one village scene and wistful, romantic act two, Giselle is the oldest ballet in active repertoire, remaining a worldwide favorite since the ballet was first performed in 1841.

MBT will be accompanied by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra. It is rare for a regional ballet company to feature a live orchestra, but the resident ballet company of the Hylton Performing Arts Center puts great emphasis on featuring live music for every performance.

MBT stands strong with an international roster of 25 full-time professional dancers, hailing from Paris, Russia, Italy, San Francisco, Ohio, New York and more. With a world-class ballet company and theater in Manassas, audiences enjoy the ease of travel (and ample free parking!) from points west of DC and the entire surrounding area. It's a fantastic artistic experience at a close and convenient location.

*Shows are May 15-16 at 7:30pm and May 17 at 3:00pm at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Tickets start at $25 and are available at http://www.hyltoncenter.org and (888)945-2468. For information on MBT performances, discounted tickets and on the affiliated Academy, please visit http://www.manassasballet.org or call (703) 257-1811.*

## Land Rover Great Meadow International

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The Pan Am Prep Trial and CIC3* follow a slightly different schedule than last year's WEG Prep Event. "We wanted to spotlight dressage at a time when more people can come," said Banner. "We were surprised to have nearly 1,000 people at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning last year. We think that moving the dressage to Friday evening will encourage more people to attend."

The competition kicks off with the Dressage tests taking place in the main arena from 4 to 8 pm on Friday, June 19. For shopaholics, expect a more robust trade show this time around with 40 to 50 brands promoting everything for a sporting lifestyle with lots of apparel, tack, jewelry, nutraceuticals, and equipment. On Friday, Vendor Village will feature a Sip 'n' Shop, featuring local vineyards, from 5 – 9 p.m. VIP Hospitality is available for Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Saturday, June 20, the action begins at 5 p.m. and features the show jumping phases for the CIC3* and Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team's Pan Am Prep. VIP guests will enjoy another fabulous dinner reception in the tent overlooking the arena. Following the conclusion of show jumping, all guests are invited to party with live entertainment, dancing, and a cash bar in the Polo Pavilion.

Sunday, June 21, is Cross Country with tailgating on Members Hill and Fleming Hill. Gates open at 8 a.m. The opening of the inaugural cross-country course is at 9 a.m., followed by the Cross Country test at 9:30 a.m. The Awards Ceremony takes place at 11:30, followed by a groundbreaking ceremony to launch the construction of the new world-class, all-weather arena with a unique water complex.

If you're a true-blue eventing enthusiast, keep in mind that June 20 & 21 are the dates of the 12th annual Surefire Horse Trials (Beginner Novice to Intermediate), hosted by four-star rider-trainer, Jan Byyny, at her Surefire Farm, just north of Middleburg. Great Meadow International has been careful to manage its schedule in order to eliminate conflicts with Surefire. If you're hooked on eventing, you can enjoy plenty of exciting action between Surefire and Great Meadow. For information about Surefire's horse trials: www.surefireeventing.com or visit Surefire Horse Trials on Facebook.

Tickets to Land Rover Great Meadow International are available now, online. General Admission options include: One Day Car Pass for $40 and Three Day Car Pass for $100, both passes allow a maximum 6 occupants. VIP Hospitality, which offers several options, and Cross Country Tailgating are explained in detail on the website. Last year, the VIP tables were snapped up very quickly, so get a jumpstart and make plans with family, friends and business associates to attend Land Rover Great Meadow International, June 19-21.

For more information about Land Rover Great Meadow International and to purchase tickets: www.greatmeadowinternational.com

## Annual Mosby Ride May 3rd at Waveland

### Fantastic artistic experience at close, convenient location



The Mosby Heritage Area Association, the Atoka-based nonprofit preservation and education organization, is pleased to host their annual "Mosby Ride" May 3rd at Waveland. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. and Waveland is located at 5061 Carter's Run Road, Marshall, VA 20115.

Riders will trailer in their horses to historic Waveland and from there see three antebellum estates by horseback: Waveland, Wheatland, and Clover Hill – all in Fauquier's historic Carter's Run Valley.

The guided trail ride will be a walk-trot and include cavalry experts, interpretations, and historical anecdotes of the tremendous history of that area.

Waveland was the home of the great great nephew of George Washington, John Augustine Washington, III. He is best known as the last Washington descendant to own Mt. Vernon. Waveland is currently undergoing a careful restoration.

The ride will conclude at 12 p.m. at Waveland where non-riders are encouraged to join the group for lunch, a program, and house tour of Waveland.

The program will feature historian and author Maria McKelvey who will speak on John Augustine Washington, III: The Washington who Sold Mt. Vernon. A house tour of Waveland will follow, including the rare yet original indoor bathrooms, the walk-in vault safe built to house President Washington's personal papers, and the thoughtful rebuilding of the back porch overlooking pristine views.

Tickets for Riders: $40 Members/$50 non-Members (includes entire event) and for Non-Riders: $30 (lunch, tour, and program only).

Please telephone 540-687-6681 or visit www.mosbyheritageareа.org for more information. Reservations required for riders. Riders will be asked to sign a waiver and to show a copy of their Coggins at the Ride.

## Gallop Over to the Preakness Party

### Hosted by Loudoun Therapeutic Riding



The Preakness Stakes, second jewel of the infamous Triple Crown, is always one of the highlights of the year, but you don't have to drive all the way to Baltimore and fight the crowds at Pimlico Race Track to take part in the action.

On race day, Saturday, May 16, Loudoun Therapeutic Riding hosts its annual Preakness Party fundraiser, complete with a 10-foot screen for live race viewing, great food, a "best hat" contest, and fun games.

The event will take place at the beautiful Middleburg Community Center in Middleburg, Va., from 4:30 to 9:00 pm. Along with the excitement of the race, there will be food provided by Market Salamander, a silent auction, best hat contest, and "River City Racing," a game of racing using three-foot wooden horses. Guests may also partake of the signature drink of the Preakness, the "Black Eyed Susan," included in the ticket price of $100.

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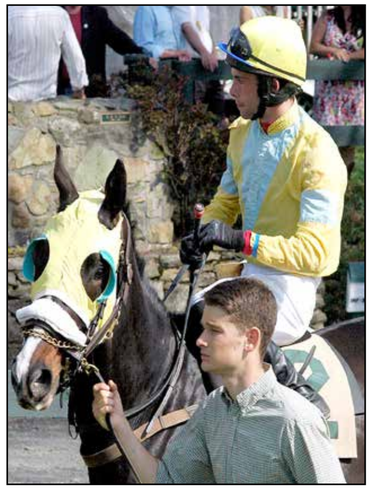
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Race goers at this year's Middleburg Spring races held at Glenwood Park on April 19 were treated with watching Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Eclipse winner Demonstrative lead all the way to win his tuneup race, the Middleburg Bank Training Flat Race for trainer Richard Valentine, Robert Walsh in the irons.

Jonathan Sheppard trained Mandola with Paddy Young aboard fetched the cup for owner Stone Farm in the Glenwood Hurdle.

Jeff Murphy guided Cornhusker to win the Middlebug Hunt Cup for trainer Alicia Murphy and owner Armata Stables.

Grade 1 winner, Jack Fisher trained Mr. Hot Stuff captured by a neck Middleburg Spring's $50,000 Temple Gwathmey (G3) with jockey Paddy Young aboard to chalk up three wins to his resume.

And Bruce Smart's In Todd We Trust, trained by Jimmy Day and ridden by Brendon Brooks, broke his maiden in his fifth career start by a comfortable three lengths.





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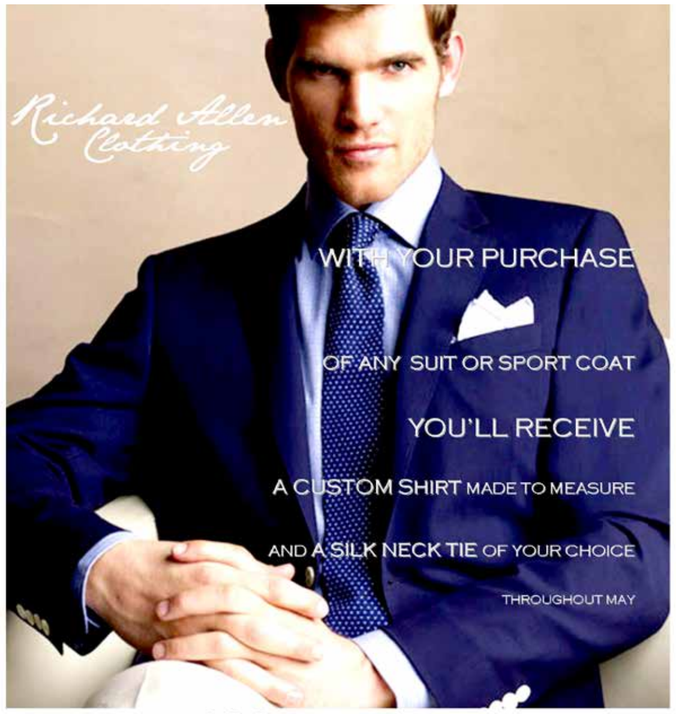









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# Places & Faces

## A Celebration of Janet Hitchen's Life

Hosted by Betsee Parker at her Farmer's Delight Plantation, Photos By Liz Callar ~ www.LizCallar.com

Remembering Janet Hitchen --

Janet's English grandfather was a Cambridge University man and Anglican cleric who quipped that his pastoral responsibilities consisted of "Hatching, Patching and Dispatching". He was also a highly accomplished horseman. Janet's mother, Violet Rose-Price, grew up with her father's love of riding and would continue it herself all her life.

As a student at St. Andrews University in Scotland, "Vi" met and would eventually marry Janet's father, Herbert Goldberg, a young American from New York City who was studying medicine at St. Andrews. After both took their respective degrees, they were together in London where Dr. Goldberg had a residency at the Royal College of Surgeons. Of the many fascinating stories of life in London during the pre-War years that both Dr. and Mrs. Goldberg could recount, one that her mother told and that always made Janet laugh involved the day when the young doctor and his fiancé were strolling through Hyde Park as a famous open-air preacher was exhorting a crowd to follow on the path of righteousness. Standing on a box, the preacher talked about the wages of sin and exclaimed that, on the Day of Judgment, there would be "great wailing and gnashing of teeth" amongst those who had strayed in life. Frightful "wailing and gnashing of teeth". Whereupon an old woman who was standing next to Janet's parents said, "But what if you have no teeth?" To which the preacher replied without missing a beat, "Madam, teeth will be provided".

In Washington after the war, Dr. and Mrs. Goldberg lived in upper northwest as he launched his medical practice on Eye Street, NW. They then moved in the 1950's to Potomac where Janet and her younger sister, Louise, grew up in a lovely setting of 10 acres that her mother named Windy Hill. It could have also been named The Peaceable Kingdom for its paddocks, barn, horses, dogs, parakeets, goldfish pond, terrace, big old trees, bird feeders and large quantities of birdseed every month. Mrs. Goldberg loved Windy Hill and rode almost daily on her dappled grey horse, Blen [Blenheim]. Dr. Goldberg was thoroughly engaged in the hustle and bustle of Washington as one of the city's leading surgeons and was also known for his serious interests in History and Literature. In later years, he would join Mrs. Goldberg on regular trail rides, too.

Janet and her younger sister grew up "in the saddle" and with their mother's unconditional love of animals. Both girls were competing with their ponies at shows while still in grade school. While her sister ultimately took a more cosmopolitan path involving teaching and art, Janet chose to organize her life around all things equestrian and an always interesting menagerie that included various creatures,-- dogs, goats, llamas, pigs large and small, barn cats and the occasional something-or-other. She competed in Hunter Jumper events and was taking ribbons at the Upperville Show by the late 1960's, as well as the International in Washington in those years, long before becoming seriously engaged in dressage. She taught riding and maintained five different horse barns in Maryland over the years, the last one in Boyds with Peter Hitchen, before transitioning to Middleburg and her place off Sam Fred Road. There, and subsequently in Millwood, she gave lavish expression to her other passion of many years, gardening. Flowers and plants of all kinds arranged in more free-flowing and organic English, not French, layouts were a consuming interest. (The only time that this writer ever saw her anger unleashed was when he mistakenly ran a lawn mower over what he thought were weeds in her lawn. But they were fledgling flowers and his mistake was a cardinal offense.) From plantings outside the house to furniture, books and objects of all kinds inside it, she loved a well-feathered nest.

As a photographer, her lifelong kinship with and understanding of horses, dogs, all things equestrian and the myriad ways that people and animals affect each other's lives gave her a way of seeing that eschewed formulaic approaches to picture-making and technique. What she cared about and looked for as a photographer was the spirit of the subject and of the moment,-- the real life in the image instead of a predictable set piece. In her best work one can see the life,-- and why the image of it was captured at that particular split-second.

Janet was one of a kind. Complicated, fiercely independent, occasionally abrupt and willful, but with a most generous heart that was always in the right place with all the things that really matter.

--- Todd S. Phillips
Middleburg, Va.



Fran Magassy, Rose Marie Bogley, and Toni Koerber



Mary B. Schwab, Zoellen Spellman, Pat Carter and "Boo" ( one of Janet's poodles.



Ellen Joyce, Toni Koerber, Fran Magassy and Helen Wiley



Robert Mihlbaugh, Dr. Betsee Parker andPeter Hitchen

***Somewhere They Gather***

*Somewhere they gather, to talk of the past,*
*Of horses and hounds and how they went fast;*
*Of streaking red foxes and twisting greys,*
*Of cool autumn mornings and sharp winter days.*

*Somewhere they gather and all will compare*
*How the cry of a hound makes them feel so rare.*
*How there's not been a choir that sounds so sweet,*
*as twenty odd couple with a fox at his feet.*

*Somewhere they gather sitting their horse,*
*waiting for Reynard to plot them a course.*
*A pilot to guide them, a pack for the task,*
*A straight line to follow is all that the ask.*

*Somewhere they gather, in a place far away,*
*Where scent never varies it's the same every day.*
*It's breast high and holding from daylight to dark,*
*And floats o'er the grass like spring's meadow lark.*

*Somewhere they gather, where the gound's always good,*
*As they gallop and jump cross field and through wood.*
*No holes to look out for, no wire to' ware-*
*They fly 'cross the turf without earthly care.*

*Somewhere they gaallop where there is no time,*
*At the top of their game, at the peak of their prime.*

*Tommy Jones*







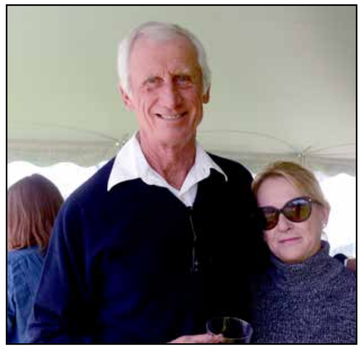
Janet and friends



Fran Magassy, Toni Cotessa,Zoellen Spellman, Mary B. Schwab



Katherine Berger andKate Robbins



Joe Fargis, Jennifer Richards




# Places & Faces

## Shakespeare in the Burg

### The Play's The Thing To Capture The Imagination of An Audience

Photos By Katie Malone, Sara Peerlinck and Dee Dee Hubbard

While those words paraphrase a famous scene in Hamlet, one of the featured plays of Shakespeare in the 'Burg 2015, it just about sums up a very successful weekend of live theatre and more.

Much ado about Middleburg was created March 27-29, as attendance at Shakespeare in the 'Burg 2015 doubled over last year. Lots of visitors and local residents created real excitement throughout the weekend, showcasing the theatre arts in our village that is rapidly becoming an arts destination The weekend began with a showing of West Side Story, sponsored by the Hill School. The next day, guests were treated to a gourmet lunch from The Home Farm Store and Ayrshire Farm, before a performance of the winning play from the 2015 one-act playwriting competition. The audience was warmed up by the music of The Crooked Angels—Jamie and Amy Potter—before actors performed Tattoos, by Tim Cahill.

This play, which drew laughs and tears from the audience, marked a significant step forward for this part of the Shakespeare in the 'Burg weekend, with a fully staged performance from actors Jack Seely, Rami Zein and Laurie Maggiano. David Sturdevant skillfully directed the actors to create a fine performance. Calls for play submissions for 2016 will go out soon.

The American Shakespeare Center brought Hamlet and Much Ado About Nothing to the Middleburg Community Center this year. The staging of these two plays was challenging in the stage space, so actors performed on the floor, "in the round." Every corner of the Community Center was filled by the audience. Next year, the plays will be Henry V by William Shakespeare and The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Plans are underway to extend the stage to provide better viewing from every corner of the Community Center. More information about Shakespeare in the 'Burg 2016 will be coming at the end of the summer.

As visitors from across the region came to Middleburg for Shakespeare in the 'Burg 2016, it took a little army of volunteers to make it all happen. The event committee extends its heartfelt thanks to all those who helped so much, as well as to the Hill School, Three Fox Vineyards and Popcorn Monkey for their support.

Next year will be even bigger, as plans are underway for some surprises.

"A kingdom for a stage, princes to act … And monarchs to behold the swelling scene – Henry V















Event organizers Kirsten Fedewa and Martha-Ann-Alito









# Places & Faces

## Loudoun Hunt Races

Featuring The Esther Everhart Memorial Invitational Side Saddle Race, Oatlands, Leesburg, VA
Photos By Nancy Kleck



This Group picture on the steps of Oatlands Plantation is of 12 of the 13 riders who competed in The Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Invitational Side Saddle Races at the Loudoun Hunt Point-to-Point at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg on Sunday, April 12 -- over jumps and on the flat - one missing in this photo. Top Row L-R: Maggie Johnson (in straw hat), Maureen Britell, Dillyn Ketterman Millnick, Tracey Cover, (unknown man) Middle Row L-R: unknown lady in hat, Robin Somers-Strom. Front Row L-R: Christina Mulqueen,, Cathi Grove, Bernadette Boland, Anne Sittman, Devon Zebrovious, Kelly Borkowski Amy Wodaski Not pictured: Sara O'Halloran



Side Saddle Flat division Winner Anne Sittman on Money-train with Huntsman Andy Bozdan on paint horse in front



Co-Chairwoman Maggie Johnston and Cattywampus.



Erin Walkefield Bozdan Whipper-In Loudoun Fairfax Hunt



Donna Poe and Granddaughter Hayley



Loudoun Fairfax Huntsman Andy Bozdan heading home







Dillyn Ketterman-Millnick Side Saddle Jumpers Exhibition Race





Devon Zebrovious, Winner Side Saddle Jumpers Exhibition Race

Get the Biz Buzz!

The Middleburg Business and Professional Association invites you to our May Mixer

Tuesday, May 12
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Middleburg Community Center
300 West Washington Street

We'll have a 10-minute Biz Buzz to bring you up-to-date

**Bring your business cards for the SPEED NETWORKING exchange**

Non-members will be charged $5.00.



Please RSVP by email to:
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## Concert on the Steps with Gary Smallwood

Middleburg Community Center, Middleburg, VA Photos By Dee Dee Hubbard





Gary Smallwood





Genie Ford, JoAnn Hazard , Punkin Lee, Cindy Pearson and Virginia Jenkins



Olivia Rogers, Katy Tyrell, Jamie Pearson, JoAnn Hazard and Juanita Canard





Bethann & Randy Beeman







Hunt Country Parties



Kim Shelly, Patricia Burns, JoAnn Hazard, Donna Strama and Debbie McLaughlin



Louise Ross and Mary Lee



Tom & Debbie McLaughlin and Carolyn Saffer




### May Events at Middleburg Community Center

**Mark your calenders for upcoming events this May!**

*Farmers Market is Back!*

**May 2nd | Every Saturday 8am-Noon**

**Join us every Saturday morning beginning May 2nd in the gravel lot behind the Middleburg Community Center. Shop Fresh, Shop Local!**



*Concert on the Steps*

**May 8th | Friday 5 - 7:30pm**

**Our Cinco de Mayo themed concert will feature live latin music, Betty's chips and salsa, and more latin flair from Market Salamander & Hunt Country Parties.**



*Middleburg Library Book Sale*

**May 9th | Saturday 10am-2pm**

**Middleburg Library Annual Big Book Sale! The sale will take place in the grassy field behind the Middleburg Community Center. Enjoy balloon creations by Teddy the Clown.**

BIG BOOK SALE
Middleburg Library

*May Biz Buzz*

**May 12th | Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm**

**Middleburg Business and Professional Association and Middleburg Community Center invite you to the May Biz Buzz at MCC:non-members $5**




*Philanthropy Conference*

**May 14th | Thursday 9:30am - 2:30pm**

**The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers is hosting their first ever Loudoun County Philanthropy Conference to introduce the region's philanthropic community to the specific needs in Loudoun, and encourage increased and more effective philanthropic investments in the county.**

washington regional association of grantmakers

*Preakness Party*

**May 16th | Saturday 4:30 - 9pm**

**Loudoun Theraputic Riding's annual fundraiser to include live telecast of the Preakness, gormet food, silent auction, and a best hat contest. Go to www.ltrf.org for tickets.**




*Pool Opening in May!*

**May 24th | Sunday 11am - 6:00pm**

**MCC Pool opens Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Hours 11am - 6pm weekends only until 6/13, open 7 days a week 6/13 - Labor Day.**




*PRCS Events, Classes & Programs:*

**5/3: 10am Fun Family Field Day| 5/5: 6pm Cinco De Mayo Dinner**
**1st Preschool T & Th 9-1030am | Creative Preschool M, W, F 9-12pm**
**Jr. Chef Class: Mondays 3-4pm | Running Club: Tuesdays 3-4pm**
**Contact Jennifer.Sweigart@loudoun.gov for more info. 540-687-8385**

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# Places & Faces

## Middleburg Spring Races

Glenwood Park, Middleburg VA Photos By Liz Callar ~ www.LizCallar.com




Hat Contest



Deborah Mills, Laurie McClary



Robert Bonnie-Sean Clancy



Elizabeth Wiley,Dr. Martin Harrell & Sheila Harrell



Richard Valentine, Jacqueline Ohrstrom,Laird George, (holding horse) Jockey Robbie Walsh & horse, "Demonstrative"

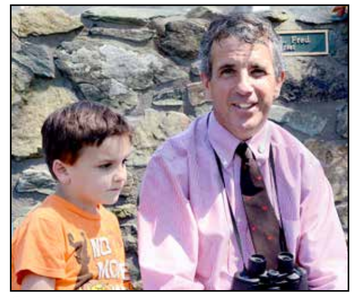




Alicia Murphy, trainer with rider Jeff Murphy



Dr. Vas Devan and Dr. Tony Crowley



Gregg Ryan with son, John



Bundles Murdock, Jane Bishop



Bruce and Edie Smart & Jimmy Day



Maryalice Larkin Matheson Thomas & Fiona Anderson

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# Progeny

## Blythe Condon of Upperville Selected from National Audition to Perform as First Soprano at Carnegie Hall



Local 8th Grade student, Blythe Condon of Upperville, VA, has been selected from a nation-wide audition to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 27.

The Honors Performance Series showcases the most talented individual student performers from across the United States, Canada and select international schools bringing the best together to comprise the Middle School Honors Choir.

Condon, who was both excited and humbled to hear the news, will perform as a first soprano at Carnegie Hall.

Blythe has been taking voice lessons since 2010 with Mrs. Karen Chase of Unison, Virginia and has also performed with Middleburg Players. She looks forward to the challenge of working and rehearsing in advance with renowned Conductor Greg Gilpin, and considers this a huge honor.

## GW Sustainable Landscape Program to Study The Hill School's Native Plant Collection

Graduate students from the George Washington University Sustainable Landscape program plan to study the native plant collection at the Hill School in Middleburg this April.

The Sustainable Landscapes program at GW strives to provide advanced landscape design students and experienced landscape design professionals with a fundamental understanding of best practices in landscape conservation and sustainability, adapted to the small-scale landscape.

The Landscape Design Program includes classes in landscape graphics; design theory; site analysis; site engineering and construction methods; history of garden design; a full year of plant courses with field trips to local public gardens (such as the U.S. National Arboretum, Mt. Cuba and Longwood Gardens), site and planting design classes; and a capstone project in which students design a landscape from start to finish.

Graduate students learn about regional native plants that are essential for sustainable gardening, such as the milkweed family and our native hollies, the design of rain gardens, energy and storm water conservation, green roofs, ecological restoration, green buildings and communities, and edible landscaping.

The program's faculty consists 30 part-time lecturers, all practicing professionals.

"The instructors bring challenges from their practices into the classroom," says Program Director Adele Ashkar. "This keeps our curriculum up to date and, in turn, the instructors find a renewed energy from teaching that feeds them professionally."

The two professors leading the student study at the Hill School are Susan Abraham of Lush Life Landscapes in Waterford, and Betsy Washington who has a private practice in Falls Church. Their professional profiles follow:

*Susan Abraham*

B.F.A California State University, Long Beach, MPS Landscape Design, The George Washington University. Principal, Lush Life Landscapes, Waterford, VA

*Betsy Washington*

B.A., East Carolina University, M.S. Oregon State University, certificate, GW Landscape Design program, independent landscape designer, Falls Church, VA



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*Grades JK-8 | Join us for our upcoming Information Session, Tuesday, May 12th at 9:00am.*





## Middle Schoolers Solve "Murder" and Math & Science Problems at Foxcroft's STEM Competition

### Harmony takes two events and overall title in super-fun girls-only event



Who killed Kay Daver? That was the question Saturday morning when more than 80 girls from 11 middle schools gathered at Foxcroft School for its one-of-a-kind, super-fun, girls-only, science, technology, engineering and math competition, Expedition K2M: The STEM Summit.

But murder was just one of many mysteries as girls used logic, chemistry, biology, math and physics to master six separate challenges created by Foxcroft's math and science faculty and engineers from K2M Inc, a Leesburg, Virginia biotech engineering company.

Participants also solved brainteasers and arithmetic problems to earn chances in drawings for special prizes; figured out who, how and where poor Kay was killed; were hosted by Foxcroft students, and enjoyed donuts, pizza and snacks -- generally having a terrific time.

In the end, Harmony Middle School of Purcellville, Virginia took home the Best Team Trophy, thanks to the outstanding work of the "Bunsen Burner Beauties," who won two individual events and accumulated the most points overall. Powhatan School's "Marvelous Martians" were second overall and Blue Ridge Middle's "Stoichiometry Stars" placed third. The Zephyrs, a team from J Michael Lunsford Middle School, also won two events, while St. Patrick Episcopal's "Cranium" squad and Immanuel Christian's "Fine Cosines" cohort took one each. Three teams correctly solved the murder, and Mercer Middle's "Masters of Light" won the drawing among them to take home gift certificates.

This was the first year that the event had an overarching theme. Entitled "Mystery, Mayhem and Murder on the Mountain," the day began with a short video that told the tale of Kay Daver's murder while trying to climb to the summit of K2 with an odd assortment of companions. The video laid out possible murder weapons, feasible locations and the eight suspects -- who had names like Ally Bye, Bella Donnah and Anne Thrax and looked a lot like Foxcroft teachers.

The girls then became CSI detectives. Working in teams of three and four, they analyzed a liquid mixture (labeled "Stomach Contents") to figure out what the victim had eaten and with whom. They measured the density of different materials to narrow down the murder weapon. The "Slippery Slope" math and logic challenge, solved correctly, identified the crime scene and in the K2M challenge, competitors eliminated suspects by reading X-rays and dermatones to figure out who was physically incapable of making the climb. In "Base Ballast," teams had to get a helium balloon to reach the "summit" in 10 seconds exactly by adjusting its load of cotton balls. Who says math and science aren't fun?

Harmony's team, coached by Wendy Ricci, demonstrated outstanding math and logic skills in solving the "Slippery Slope" and the K2M Inc. challenges. Lunsford's Zephyrs – Masha Plugina, Haley Broga, Robab Newberry and Marissa Bell, coached by Jayne Bowen – triumphed in the Pick Your Poison chemistry event and Surviving K2M Expedition. ,

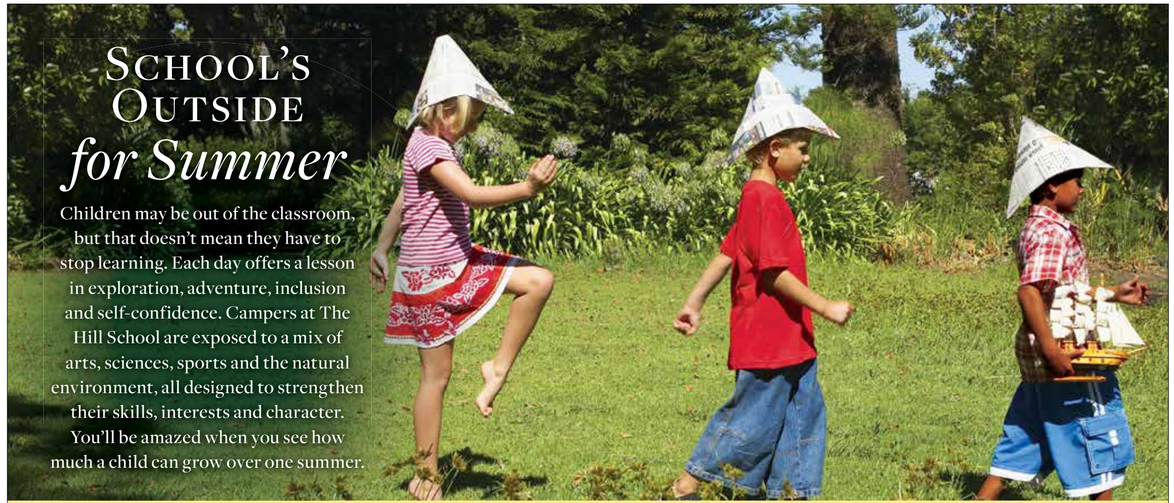
As far as the murder itself was concerned, just three teams solved the mystery correctly: No, the answer was not Col. Mustard in the Ballroom with the rope. It was Liza Lott at Camp #2 with an ice axe. After a drawing among the three, Mercer Middle Schools's Masters of Light (Shreya Sandela, Shreya Vinjanmuri, Samhitha Mada and Sanusha Suresh) took home gift certificates.

A score of girls collected prizes for a combination of brains and luck: they answered brainteasers and math problems to enter raffle drawings for such goodies as a Kindle Fire tablet, Beats headphones. A Vera Bradley bag and gifts cards for iTunes, Starbucks, Panera and the like.

The students also heard from Foxcroft Head of School Cathy McGehee, who emphasized the need for more women to go into STEM careers, and from K2M Director of Product Development Chris Straight who showed a cool video about the company's work in creating products to help doctors fix spinal injuries and malformations.

The competition was originally scheduled for late February, when the high school competition took place, but snow forced Foxcroft to cancel the afternoon middle school portion. Foxcroft's math and science teachers – six of whom are women, with two of those holding doctorates – refused to let the cancellation stand. They are passionate about exciting girls to try these fields that have traditionally been dominated by men. And they do a terrific job with a wonderful variety of science electives, many of which are project based, a state-of-the-art STEM Lab and Engineering workshop and numerous co-curricular programs.

*For more information, please contact the FoxcroftAdmission Office at 540.687.4340.*




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# Progeny

## Nicholas G. Schaefer Achieves Eagle Scout Status at 14

On February 9, Nicholas G. Schaefer an 8th grader at The Hill School in Middleburg achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 982.

As his Eagle project, Nicholas designed and constructed a stone pathway at St. James Episcopal Church, where he serves as an acolyte and lector.

Nicholas has served as the troop Senior Patrol Leader and was inducted into the Boy Scout's National Honor Society - Order of the Arrow in April 2013. At age 14 Nicholas is one of the youngest in his troop to have earned the rank of Eagle.

This summer, Nicholas looks forward to a 12-day high adventure trek at Philmont with his troop and to attending Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, where he has twice received the camp's highest honor – The Right Stuff Award. This award is given to an outstanding trainee who goes above and beyond in leadership, teamwork and technology throughout the week.

Nicholas is also a competitive swimmer and marksman, and an accomplished scholar and actor. He performed the lead in The Hill School Musical Fiddler on the Roof this fall.

In addition to the scouts and leaders at Troop 982, Nicholas also attributes achieving Eagle to the mentoring he found at The Hill School in Headmaster Treavor Lord and teacher Jack Bowers since Kindergarten.

"They were models of the scout creed from the beginning," he said "and are a constant reminder to me that some of the most influential people lead quietly from the rear with no title at all."

Nicholas will attend Loudoun County High School in the fall, where he will be active in the Navy's Junior ROTC program.

Cutline for Picture: Nicholas with Scout Master Dennis Wise




## Anti-Bullying Advocate Returns to Wakefield



Anti-bullying advocate Jim Mayer, known for decades as the famous bass player for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, will visit Wakefield School for a second time this spring.

Mayer will speak to and perform for preschoolers through second graders on April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Lower School Library.

Mayer is an award winning children's musician and performer who is leading the movement to change the impact of child bullying through his IM4U Campaign. The IM4U program is a unique music-based social-emotional learning system for the early childhood years. This program lays a foundation in early years that prepares children to deal with the challenges of the global community.

Mayer's message through the seven principles of the IM4U Learning Program works hand-in-hand with two initiatives that have been introduced to Wakefield's Lower School this academic year. One is the Responsive Classroom Approach, of which a primary premise is that students who feel emotionally safe and cared for, and have the social skills to interact and learn within a classroom community, are more likely to be academically successful.

Moreover, as an extension of the Responsive Classroom approach and our Character Counts program, our Lower School Counselor Jennifer Sipes led a bullying-behavior prevention pilot program in the fifth grade.

All these programs concentrate on creating a classroom environment where differences are recognized, accepted and celebrated, and students' unique strengths, challenges and interests are celebrated. At the same time, each program helps children recognize bullying behavior and what to do when they encounter it. Thus, the emphasis is on prevention.




## Haymarket's Avery Davis Named Archwood Scholarship Recipient



Avery Davis, 13, of Haymarket, has been awarded the Wakefield School Archwood Scholarship, which recognizes engagement inside and outside the classroom, an appreciation for the value of scholarship, a passion for curiosity, and an articulated vision of what engagement, scholarship, and curiosity look like at the Upper School level.

Wakefield's Archwood Scholarship is given to a new student entering ninth grade at Wakefield. The annual award of $11,500 continues for all four years the student is in Upper School.

She is currently an eighth grader at Ronald Reagan Middle School.

Avery said the first thing she noticed about Wakefield was how beautiful the view is from campus, and then she discovered she and her family loved the school.

"My family and I became interested in Wakefield School when we discovered that the school is made up of a small, supportive community that helps every student succeed academically while pursuing their individual interests outside of the classroom," said Avery.

Her favorite subject is social studies and she hopes to pursue a law degree from the University of Virginia.

In her spare time, she enjoys running cross-country, playing the violin and piano, skiing during the winter, and sailing in the Northern Neck during the summer.

She plans on running cross-country and track at Wakefield and hopes to try some new sports as well.

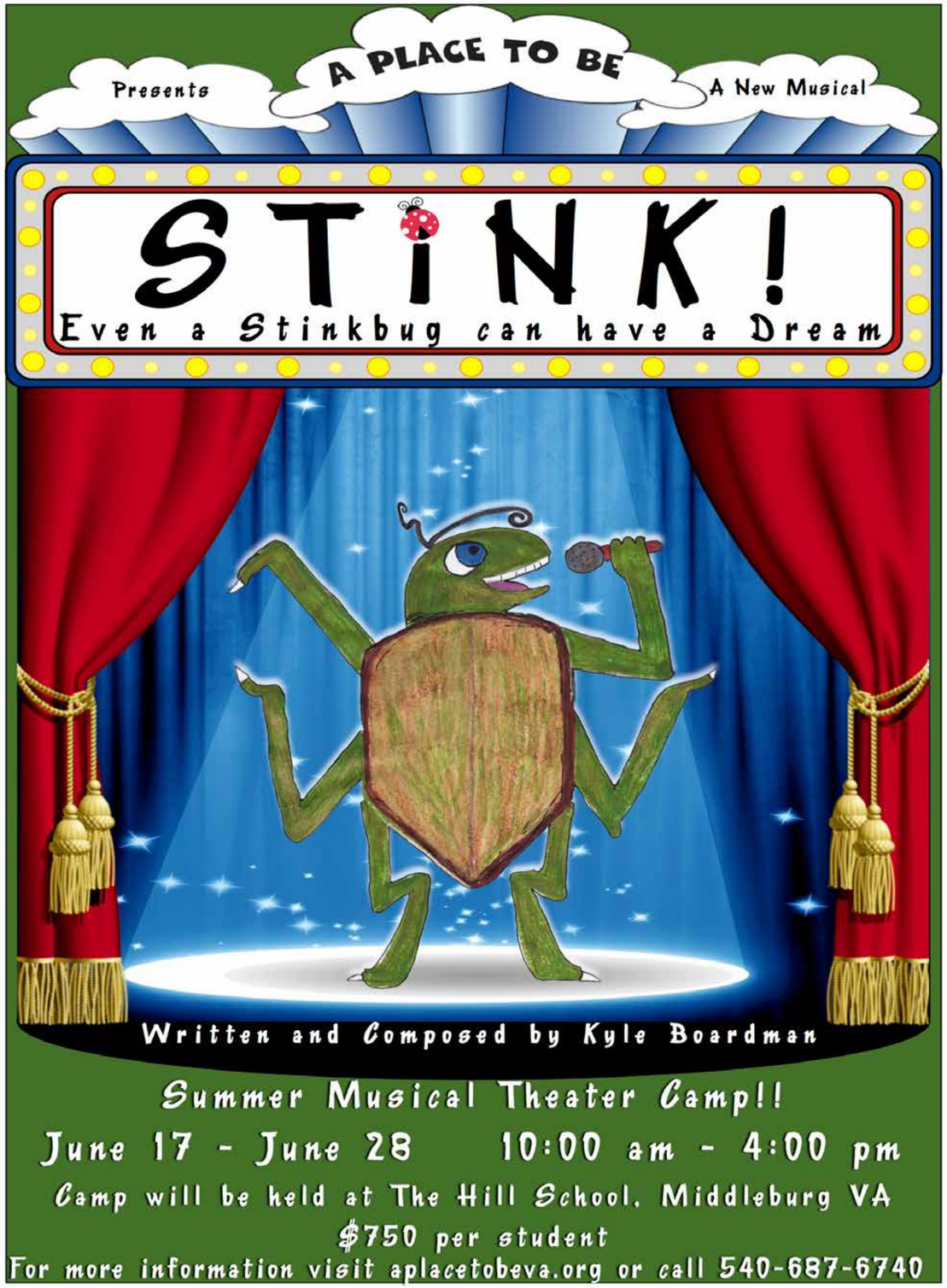
She is the daughter of John and Cathy Davis.

To be selected for the scholarship, applicants had to notify Wakefield of their interest, write an essay between 250-500 words addressing the ways in which he/she demonstrate the values of an Archwood Scholar, and attend a Leadership Banquet with other applicants.

A committee comprised of the Head of School, Director of Admission, and the Head of the Upper School make the final selection. Students are also eligible for need-based financial aid in addition to the Archwood Scholarship.







# Pastimes

## How often should you get a dental checkup?

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos



Patients frequently ask me how often they should come in for a dental checkup. For several decades the stock answer has been, "every 6 months". Back in the 1950's, military exams were revealing teeth in very bad shape. Dental and health organizations felt the need to establish a standard despite the lack of research. Before long Crest was advertising their toothpaste and the recommendation for 6 month dental visits. Although twice a year visits have proved useful the truth is there is no one answer because each patient is unique. Therefore, in order to meet the specific needs of each one of my patients, I evaluate each of my patients to determine the most appropriate dental care schedule for them.

I see patients on several different intervals ranging from one month to one year. Consequently, there is variability in how often I examine patients, take x-rays and perform patient dental cleanings. Why such a variety of cleanings, x-rays and exam intervals? There are four factors that are important in determining the best intervals and they are: history of dental disease, age, medical history and does the patient want to have their teeth cleaned more frequently.

Probably the most important is the patient's history and susceptibility of dental disease. By history of dental disease I mean has the patient had a recent or past history of decay, periodontal (gum) disease, trauma, growths or tumors, erosion, wear, joint pain (TMJ) and/or a history of breaking teeth. By susceptibility, I mean that we check the patient's susceptibility to get cavities with a simple test. The history of dental disease and the susceptibility test are excellent indicators of a patient's future dental health.

The next criteria is the patient's medical history. Patients are at high risk for dental disease if they are a smoker or have diabetes. Persons with disabilities are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to brushing and flossing. Patients with a history of trauma, tumors and growths should be seen more frequently for evaluation. The number and types of medications a patient takes may decrease their flow of saliva. Age is also an important factor. As we age our saliva flow decreases and we tend to be on more medications. Saliva is our body's protective mechanism for the mouth and when saliva decreases the oral environment changes allowing harmful bacteria to flourish. We also tend to become less effective brushers and flossers due to dexterity changes.

After a thorough evaluation of these factors I am able to make a recommendation on the most effective dental schedule of exams, cleanings and x-rays to maintain excellent oral health and detect early signs of disease as well as adjust the schedule according to the changes we all experience over our lifetime. Additionally, I like to ask the patient if they would prefer to come in more frequently. Some people really love the feeling of clean teeth and knowing someone is checking on how things are going.

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## Hopeful

The Plant Lady



Karen Rexrode



It's late April and I'm pleased that the Chinese wisteria (Wisteria sinensis) might flower this year at Oak Hill. Its frozen for 2 years in a row. The gardener can't help but be a little disappointed when these things happen, especially when there's such effort in maintaining wisteria. Gardening is like that. Frost, heavy rains, spring storms, they can foul up our plans. I remember a year when we had frost on May 21st (fortunately it only happened once). These downs come with ups, like the time my Lilium 'Yelloween' reached 92 inches or my brugmansia had over 100 flowers. These are glorious moments in the garden, enough to keep us going.

I truly believe that these unplanned events keep the gardener's mind healthy. Bumps in the road for now, but we were probably already thinking about the next season, or the next year. A gardener would function poorly if they weren't thinking ahead. My zinnia seeds were shipped a month ago, I know exactly where my tomato tie is, and the summer bulbs are in a box together, soon to be planted.

This morning I counted 50 buds on 1 tree peony, will the weight of a spring rain snap some stems? Probably so. The figs have died to the ground again and the hydrangeas took a hit (just like last year). The dogwoods look spectacular, I bought an annual Osteospermum 'Pink Spoon', just to be frivolous, and I have completely eradicated the weed hairy bittercress from my garden.

The spinach is ready and delicious, the spring peepers are still peeping and the peonies are going to be beautiful. The gardener is ever hopeful.
















## Carolyn, the Puggle and the Frug

Girls and Their Dogs



"This is Kobe, I got him first. He was part of my happiness project when I was going through a very difficult divorce and my children were very sad. Since we were on our own, the children and I decided to break all of the rules and get Kobe. Kobe is a puggle. A puggle is a pug/beagle mix. The family had an English mastiff at the time. So we had Kobe and the English mastiff and shortly thereafter I started helping other people find puggles. I literally had people who loved Kobe so much that they asked me to help them find a dog like him. Of course, I was happy to oblige. I made it my mission to find puggles for my friends. It was so much fun. It was the dream job that didn't pay! I made a lot of people happy and there are a lot of Kobe look-a-likes in Summit, New Jersey where I was living at the time. This is where I grew up, got divorced and then moved to the next town over and started a new life with my boys, our English mastiff, Kobe and then of course, our next dog, Russell. Russell is a frug – a French bulldog pug. My family and I love these faces. My son has a French bulldog, we had the English mastiff, and a boxer at one time, as well. So there is definitely a pattern here.

After my boys graduated from college, I decided to leave NJ for good. I thought about living in Mexico, or possibly Nantucket. I decided I wanted to live somewhere beachy - possibly somewhere there might even be a resort where I could teach yoga. (I had become a serious yoga student during my divorce and ended up obtaining my license.) I envisioned life with the dogs, yoga, painting and the beach.

Little did I know that I would end up in Middleburg. My visions of the beach started fading quickly when a friend of mine – whom I had known since 5th grade – suggested that I come down to Virginia since I had family in the area and one of my sons was living locally. I came for a visit and my friend, the dogs and I took a ride to Middleburg. I had been through Middleburg a time or two in the past – once with my ex-husband and another time for Gold Cup. We were driving through town and my friend saw a for rent sign. I called the number and Jock Reuter came right over and showed us the apartment in town where I ended up living. I really fell in love with Middleburg because there were dogs everywhere. I went into the restaurants – the dogs were there. When I brought my dogs in the restaurant the staff would cater to my dogs more than me. I had never seen that before and I knew I was home! I thought this is everything that Nantucket is except that it doesn't have the ocean. This is what I felt. I knew I had to be here. So here I am – with my dogs – painting and teaching yoga!"

## Insidious Drought

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

Drought is a climate-related scenario that has been with us since the dawn of recorded history and obviously before recorded history. The National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska defines it as follows: "Drought is a protracted period of deficient precipitation resulting in extensive damage to crops, resulting in loss of yield."

NMDC goes on to say that drought is an insidious hazard of nature. "In the most general sense, drought originates from a deficiency of precipitation over an extended period of time……resulting in a water shortage for some activity, group, or environmental sector."

For a water guy, "drought" and "water shortage" are not words you want to hear. Implied but not clearly spelled out in the definitions above are the economic impacts of drought. I think economic consideration should be included in the definition.

Let's examine drought further. California presently is experiencing drought conditions. Say you live in California and the normal precipitation averages 15 inches per year. Assume that you have three years in a row where the average precipitation drops to 8 inches. Is this a drought? Yes.

Where does California's water come from? Its primary surface water bodies (streams and lakes) are fed by rainfall and by snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada. A second source of water for parts of California is the Colorado River. The third source is groundwater.

A major decrease in precipitation means that there is significantly less runoff from snowmelt and from rainfall. Less runoff and snowmelt means less water in the reservoirs that provide drinking water supplies to California's 39+ million residents. After a year or two it means less water for the Central Valley of the state, the source of much of the vegetables supplied to supermarkets in the country.

What about other water sources? If California is in a drought, it is likely that some other western states may also be impacted and flows in the Colorado River may be diminished. This means less water for agricultural areas in Southern California as well as major urban areas.

Groundwater may be impacted in two ways. First, diminished precipitation usually means diminished recharge of aquifers from infiltration of rainfall. Second, growers in the Central Valley may rely more on groundwater pumping as their allocated surface water diminishes. This may lead to declining water levels in the aquifers, or water mining. Protracted drought could even lead to dewatering of aquifers.

Droughts are not limited to arid or semi-arid areas. Virginia has an average rainfall of about 40 inches per year. Suppose that Virginia went three years with an average rainfall of 25 inches. Would we have drought conditions? Yes. Would we have water restrictions? Yes. See why the word insidious is apt? Protracted droughts do have enormous economic impacts, not only on the areas impacted but also on other areas of the country (and the world) that depend on products from the impacted areas.

It has been predicted that climate change due to global warming will bring changes in precipitation patterns with more severe storms but it will also bring more serious and protracted periods of drought. Will the U. S. be able to meet these challenges? I have no idea. I guess we'll have to wait and see.







# Pastimes

## The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



As primal a fear a human can experience, creativity for many seems to rank among the top. It's seems much like public speaking. Yet I believe the difference is that most of us would actually love to be more creative and few have a desire for public speaking. Interesting enough, I feel they are connected.

Years ago I started using painting as a team building exercise. I have stood with many very accomplished adults and experienced their apprehension as they simply hold a paint brush, loaded with paint, in front of a fresh canvas. What is it that we fear as adults, that we did not as children? Paint brushes for example, are not sharp or considered dangerous, ah, but the results can be, and there in lies the problem. Like public speaking, we feel we will be judged by our results and this brings fear to an otherwise very freeing activity.

The fifteen years or so of watching adults hold that brush sort of became a personal experiment in understanding who and what we become as adults. Some, with huge personalities, would take the tiniest amount of paint and touch it to the canvas in the most sparingly way. While others, maybe small in stature, might wield the brush like a sword. But overall with most, there was just a great sense of not wanting to screw up!

So what is in us as adults that suppresses our inner child and our creative maturity? Well, I believe we become very confident in our job, our title and position, but also invested. From the time we leave school and embark on a career, we gain confidence slowly through our experience and accomplishments, which is all backed up by our title and/or resume. In so many cases, what we do is who we are, or who we have become, and anything that may tamper with this is shaky ground.

The reason many adults don't like public speaking, is the same reason many don't like dancing. They don't want to look like an idiot, and I'm convinced that creativity instills a similar social and personal intimidation. Yet, somehow you may have noticed a little alcohol becomes a magic elixir to our inner selves in these situations, but that's another story.

That connection mentioned above, between public speaking and creativity, is not only fear of reputation or looking like an idiot in one's own mind. I believe the even deeper connection is rejection. What makes an artist truly an artist, is their ability to put themselves out there. To be seen as creative is to be seen internally through external expression. One doesn't be creative from the outside inward. One becomes creative from the inside out. Creativity is all about taking our internal selves, our thoughts, our inspirations, our experiences, and making something which lives outside ourselves - be it art, a book, a dramatic act or a dance or a song. Out in a world that can not only be seen and certainly judged, but also can provoke the thought, attitudes and opinions of others. We know as artists that this can carry a penalty in those reactions and rejection. We also know we can't stop any of it and it also can bring very positive reactions and personal growth.

In a world where the talking heads deliver mostly devastating news of humanity in 24/7 fashion, through the wall mounted televisions that often are placed where art use to be - artist's offer the age old alternative of self expression, a freedom everyone still possesses, in this country anyway. In service since the 1950's, telecommunication and our fascination with screens of all sizes, is without question a very powerful form of communication. Creativity and art though, have been doing a pretty good job of it for the last several thousand years and frankly will always be a better way of communicating with yourself.

So to the fearful yet funful, instead of screen gazing, get a brush and make a mess. At least it will be your mess and I promise, you'll get better at it. Care not about rejection. Hurtle your way over it and have a little fun in the process. By the way, you can also write, act, dance, sculpt, arrange flowers, sing, become musical, take photographs and so, so much more, and parents, your kids will show you the way!

*Live An Artful Life, Tom*

## Albert's Corner

A monthly column for people who share Their homes with four-legged friends.



Albert P. Clark

Spring is, paws down, the best season of the year. There is one thing about this time of year, however, that is not good at all – allergies! Seasonal allergies are common in canines, and the resulting discomfort is all too real.

Allergic dermatitis is the official name of skin inflammation that occurs when our immune systems react to irritants. Just like people, our allergies can be triggered by exposure to any number of culprits, including ragweed, grasses, pollen, mold, mildew, dust, and insect bites.

For people, seasonal allergies usually produce respiratory reactions. For us, however, it's more likely that we will itch, lose our hair, develop sores, or have ear infections. We can, however, cough, sneeze, have runny noses, or have watery eyes. For those of us with sensitivities, the longer we're exposed to allergens, the more intense and long-lasting our symptoms will become.

If you've ever seen a dog suffer from allergies, you know that it's tough on us. We scratch, lick, chew our skin and paws, and shake our heads. Without treatment, we can develop serious skin problems and infections. That's why it's critical to address our allergies when you first suspect that we have them.

Fortunately, there are some simple steps that can lessen allergic reactions in pets. Weekly baths can greatly reduce our symptoms. Be sure to use a shampoo formulated for sensitive skin. Soaking your dog's paws after outings can also be helpful. If your dog spends a lot of time in one area, make sure to vacuum that area often and regularly wash bedding. You can also change the filters in your house, or upgrade to HEPA filters.

Since the name of the game is keeping inflammation down, diet can also be instrumental. Feed food that is low in carbohydrates. There are many grain-free options on the market today. Fish or coconut oil supplementation can also decrease inflammation.

And, as much as you might enjoy taking in the great outdoors with your dog, limit his or her time outside if exposure to grasses or pollen is problematic. Watch pollen counts each day, and choose days that are "safer" for excursions.

Finally, it's important not to jump to any conclusions too quickly. If your dog's allergies last year-round, it's unlikely that they are seasonal. Vets can run allergy panels to pinpoint what type of allergies your dog has. Some allergies are seasonal, but some are not.

If you determine that your dog's allergies are seasonal, try the steps outlined in this column. If nothing works, you may need to turn to medication. This is especially true if your pet has developed an infection in the ears or any other part of the body. Your vet can guide you through treatment options.

Just remember to carefully consider the impact that medicine will have – especially when it comes to some allergy remedies. Steroids, for instance, are highly effective, but they are strong immunosuppressant drugs that often come with side effects. As with any powerful drug, steroids should be administered with caution after other options have failed.

Above all else, please don't assume that we're scratching incessantly just because that's what dogs do or because we have a behavioral issue. Most of the time, being obsessed with our skin is a loud and clear message that something is wrong. With a little love and attention from our people, we can get back to enjoying life and celebrating the season!

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## Two Years and Counting

### Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell



This spring marks my two year anniversary writing for the Middleburg Eccentric. I thought it would be fun this month to take a stroll down memory lane by reviving excerpts from some of my favorite articles. Thank you all for your support, encouragement, compliments and of course, inspiration.

From April 2013 article on what to wear to the spring races. "…perhaps a finishing school lesson needs to be resurrected, please bend at the knees when picking things up. Full moons should be reserved for werewolves and downward facing dog."

From May 2013 article on always wearing underwear. "…I want to comment on the absolute importance of flesh colored panties. Really, there isn't a reason to buy any other color unless there is a bottle of champagne and bowl of strawberries involved, wink, wink. White panties, or striped or dotted or leopard printed, you sassy girl, can often be seen under your clothes even if you assume the material is opaque. Knowing is half the battle."

From November 2013 article on being thankful. "…I know according to Maya Angelou it is supposed to be "… in the reach of my arms, The span of my hips, The stride of my step, The curl of my lips…" but I am so thankful for Spanx, underwire, thongs, opaque tights and slips. Sometimes a girl just needs a little help to feel phenomenal."

From January 2014 article on personal style. "… Whatever your path is, take a moment to pause and appreciate you and your style. You are as unique as a snowflake and if we all wore the same uniform think what a boring, drab world we would live in. Cheers to being you."

From February 2014 article on traveling light. "…I recommend wearing your gym shoes to travel as they are usually the most comfortable and often get forgotten because of the room they use. I have gotten down to traveling with three pairs of shoes, from seven, and have impressed myself with how I can make outfits work with so few choices, not get blisters and still have treadmill time."

From April 2014 article on tailgating etiquette. "…greeting and thanking your host should be considered mandatory. In this era of email, texting and social media it is simple to extend gratitude for someone's thoughtful inclusion to their party. If you send a personal, handwritten note by postal mail you will forever be in good social graces and surely will be asked to return."

From November 2014 article on what to wear to holiday parties. "…For school parties, I say go all out with the Christmas sweater, flashing ear bobbles, blinking Rudolph nose and antler headband. Your children will only be embarrassed as teenagers when they see photographic evidence of your fashion statement. Right now they will just absorb your spirit and glow with you. Literally with your battery powered sweater."

From February 2015 article on romantic movies and love. "…For what it's worth, sweets shaped like hearts, if given with love are always on the diet. Live in love, Middleburg."

## Why Eat Leafy Greens?

Kay Colgan, Certified Fitness Professional and Health Coach

Where do you find the fountain of youth? Is it in a jar? What supplement or pill can improve cognition or eye sight? If what you ate could help you lose weight and also help to repair and improve your skin, would you eat it?

The best food on the planet might just be at your farmers market. Leafy green vegetables are full of vitamins, minerals and fiber. Not to forget, they are delicious too. You can add them to your smoothie to give your morning an energy boost. Eaten raw, cooked or added to your favorite recipe, they are sure to please. Right now, farmers markets are bursting with locally grown leafy greens. They have a variety that will even impress the most picky eater. While there are many, the following six really do offer a lot of nutrients to enhance your diet. Swiss chard is chock full of vitamins c, e and a. Also helps to lower inflammation and are loaded with minerals manganese and zinc. Arugula which brings a healthy dose of vitamin a, b complex and zinc. Collard greens, not only fill you up but they embellish you with vitamin a, c, e and manganese and fiber. Bok choy helps build muscle and helps to lower blood pressure with its healthy dose of potassium and strengthens the immune system because its packed with vitamin a. We all know kale is a super food as it helps to lower cholesterol as well as detoxifies the body. Also, kale is rich in lutein and zeaxanthin antioxidants, that help improve age related vision problems. Water cress is a delicate green that has been shown to cleanse the blood. A single cup of water cress gives you the RDA of vitamin k which helps to regulate blood clotting and reduce heart disease causing arterial plaque.

Numerous research studies have shown, consuming leafy greens can decrease cognitive decline. As a bonus, kale even helps to repair and renew our skin. Greens also give our immune system a boost so it can help to protect us from disease. Another benefit to eating greens is they are naturally low in calories. A diet based on leafy greens will help with any weight control issues. So it may be possible to have optimal health just by eating leafy greens. Stock up on fresh locally grown greens from your farmers markets and you just might have found the fountain of youth.

*For more information about nutrition and fitness, please contact Kay Colgan at Middleburg Pilates and Personal training, 14 S. Madison street, Middleburg, Virginia or call 540-687-6995.*




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**Axel** is a 1 ½ yr old Rottweiler that was abandoned by his owner. He is a 100# goofball! He is young, strong, & still learning manners but is a smart boy & enjoys his training sessions. He gets along well with other dogs (he & Zara are best friends) but would need a home with no cats. A home with children over 12 please as he is a big boy that is a bit on the clumsy side!



**Ned** is 25 yr old, 15H QH X gelding. He is very sweet & stands for the vet & farrier. He would make a great lawn ornament/companion.



**Hope** is a young 35# English Bulldog that has special needs. Unfortunately she was born with a congenital defect that makes her incontinent. She gets along great with other dogs & could easily live with dog savvy cats. Her love & personality far outweigh her little defect, she just needs someone to open their heart to her!

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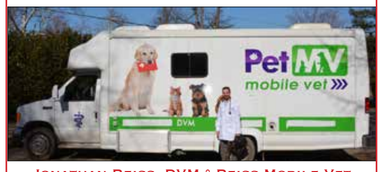
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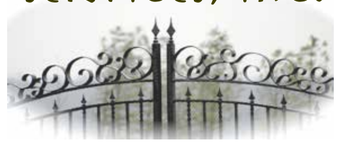

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## Good Cops

Given all the bad news about law enforcement in the news these days, Middleburg, its friends and supporters have good reason to be proud of its own law enforcement officers and Middleburg citizens who protect and serve others as well.

Lt Mike Price, Officers Tim Tharpe, Heather Fadely, Jay Hollins, and Mark Putnam, backed by Administrative Assistant Coleen Bryan, and led by Chief A.J. Panebianco, have arguably become one of the most popular and most effective community police forces in northern Virginia.

Challenged by an ever-increasing schedule of special events of national interest, visits by VIPs from all over the world, and the ongoing changes of an historic community on the cutting edge of a county undergoing massive demographic change, our local force has not only met those challenges, but earned almost universal praise for their work, often above and beyond the call of duty.

Leesburg Police Sgt. Mark Davis, Middleburg Mayor Betsey Davis's husband and a veteran law enforcement officer, was recognized earlier this month for carrying on the tradition in Leesburg.

Davis and his partner, Officer Alex Hilton, were awarded their department's Bronze Medal of Valor for going to the aid of rescue crews handling what at first had appeared to be a relatively routine call about a man who was having "trouble breathing".

Davis and Hinton arrived on the scene to find a 78-year-old man, armed with a handgun and threatening to commit suicide. Together, they brought the situation under control, saving at least one life and possibly others as well.

Hats off and special thanks from us all.

## The David Fund

Once more Middleburg has been called upon to rally around its own in a time of need.

During the public comment session at Middleburg Town Council's March meeting, a long time resident and leader of the Town's business community, Punkin' Lee reported that former Town Council Member, Rev. David Stewart, " . . . was in need of a heart transplant."

According to Lee, Stewart "had put his house on the market and was in need of secondary insurance before he could get on the transplant list. "

The family, she said, needed help.

To that end an account, "The David Fund" has been opened at Middleburg Bank, to accept donations.

A "Go Fund Me" program has also been set up for those who would like to donate.

Please contribute.

Middleburg is all too often seen by those who don't live here as "rich."

It is. Very rich. But in ways that just don't show up on balance sheets.

## Freedom of Religion

### Blue

Daniel Morrow

For centuries people claiming to have special insight into the mind of God have done irreparable harm to their fellow men.

In my lifetime Presbyterian ministers, elders, and devout members of my own congregation, worshipping in a Greek Revival temple of a church, next door to the "Last Capitol of the Confederacy," unashamedly cited scripture to justify racial segregation and the Jim Crow laws designed to enforce it.

When those laws were declared unconstitutional, many whined that their religious freedom was being taken from them, along with their rights to refuse service to anyone and keep black kids out of "their" schools.

We have nothing against black people, they complained, but the Bible is clear. It's all about God and Ham.

My father spent the first two years of his eldest son's life fighting a war and occupying a country whose government, army, bureaucracy, and millions of willing citizens, had systematically murdered 6 million people, the vast majority of them Jews.

We have nothing against Jews, per se, the Churches in Germany with rare exception claimed. But the Bible is clear. They murdered Christ. Their guilt is passed to the latest generation.

My father's mother spent a good part of her life unable to vote. She was a woman. A good woman, and a civic leader, but capable of voting, or becoming President. Nonsense.

We have nothing against women per se, opponents whined, but the Bible is clear. Jesus didn't have any female disciples. Paul made it clear that God believed women should go to church and serve, but keep their mouths shut while doing so.

The recent anti-gay legislation in Indiana and Arkansas follows in the same ugly mean-spirited narrow-minded tradition.

Happily, most Americans . . . and, fortunately, most of the large corporations who depend on those Americans as customers . . . are having none of it.

Americans are free to believe and preach whatever they want, so long as in doing so does no harm to their fellow citizens. . . . and doesn't drive conventions out of state or make things embarrassing for retailers.

Just as the special insights into the mind of God that supported sexism, Jim Crow and the Holocaust and are now almost universally held in contempt, attempts to justify gay bashing under the guise of religious freedom have been overwhelmed by a combination of reason, personal experience, and economic pressure.

Religious freedom as a cover for prejudice: an old, weak argument, intellectually vacant, morally reprehensible, and happily more a part of our regretted pasts than our hopes for a just future.

## Religious Freedom Under Attack … Again

### Red

Jim Morgan

Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man, bake me a cake as fast as you can.

And if you don't, we'll sue you, bankrupt your business, and harass you with violent Twitter and Facebook messages even to include death threats. Why? Because you are intolerant and we won't tolerate intolerance.

Yes, they're back. First in Arizona, now in Indiana, the forces of "tolerance" have once more revealed themselves as the bullies, even latent totalitarians, that they are.

The Indiana law, like other state versions of the federal religious rights law, is condemned as discrimination against homosexuals because a business owner might use his freedom of religion as a reason not to provide service. In some cases, however, such discrimination is acceptable. Businesses may, for example, discriminate against concealed carry permit holders simply by posting a "gun free zone" sign on the door.

Concealed carry is legal in all 50 states but business owners who disapprove may opt out. It's their choice and they need no grounds other than that they don't like the law. Why is this not illegal discrimination but declining to participate in the preparations for a same sex wedding is? That's easy. Because the left likes gun control but doesn't like religious rights.

Interestingly, not one of these cases has been brought against a Muslim baker, several of whom in Dearborn, Michigan have refused to bake wedding cakes for same sex weddings. This, you see, poses a dilemma for progressives. Call a Muslim a homophobe for refusing to bake a same sex wedding cake and you risk being called an Islamophobe. Tricky, isn't it? Rather like the emotional trauma of an environmentalist agonizing over whether or not to stop the endangered animal from eating the endangered plant.

The fact is that freedom of religion has become an obstacle to the political agenda of the far left (of which gay rights is only one part). Though it's the very first right noted in the very first amendment of the Bill of Rights, freedom of religion simply has gotten in the way of the progressive ideal that there should be no focus of personal loyalty between the individual and the government. All of Edmund Burke's "little platoons" - family, church, businesses, civic organizations; natural buffers between us and government - must be either controlled or eliminated. With regard to religion, this attitude was neatly summed up by activist Mitchell Gold, who recently said, "Church leaders must be made to take homosexuality off the sin list." Made by whom? By government, of course; the progressive default setting. But should government really be defining sin? If so, then so much for the separation of church and state and for freedom of religion.

Part of the battle plan is to portray this movement as the equivalent of the black civil rights movement though the two are worlds apart. Black Americans were systematically oppressed in ways that effectively kept them out of the mainstream of American life for decades. Homosexuals have never come remotely close to being in that situation. There have been a few silly laws (hardly ever enforced) making private acts illegal. There has been sporadic violence against gays. And homosexual behavior historically has been viewed by heterosexuals with repugnance. But where is the parallel between the horrendous treatment of blacks and the usually merely disdainful treatment of gays? There is no parallel despite the fevered insistence of the left that disapproving heterosexuals are hateful bigots in the mold of the KKK.

Sadly, the gay rights movement has gone from making reasonable pleas for greater tolerance to making strident and utterly intolerant demands for cultural conformity and government-enforced slap-downs of anyone who has the temerity to disapprove. Nonetheless, sometimes rights conflict with each other. When they do, freedom of religion, the first right recognized in our Constitution, certainly should get precedence over the universal availability of baked goods.

## Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

A bill introduced by Orrin Hatch and Ron Widen to allow the fast tracking of the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) by President Obama without Congressional input or any transparency is to be voted on next week. All negotiations on the TPP have been held in absolute secrecy and kept totally out of the reach of not only the press but the American public at large.

Every trade agreement since NAFTA has been a disaster for American workers and the poor of signing countries. Before NAFTA, the U.S. had a 2 Trillion dollar surplus to a present 11 Trillion debt. The job loss has been enormous and the newest secret TPP makes it even easier for the outsourcing of jobs to low wage countries. That is only one small disastrous part of the TPP.

According to documents released by Wikileaks "The TPP has developed in secret an unaccountable supranational court for multinationals to sue states. This system is a challenge to parliamentary and judicial sovereignty. Similar tribunals have already been shown to chill the adoption of sane environmental protection, public health and public transport policies"

The TPP is the largest economic treaty in history and countries involved, the U.S. New Zealand, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Singapore, Peru, Vietnam and Brunei and Australia are negotiating members of TPP and control 40% of the worlds GDP. In the simplest terms (and nothing is simple about the 39 chapters of the agreement {only 5 are related to actual trade}) corporations from these countries will have the ability to set up tribunals where 3 "tribunal judges" will determine if corporations will be allowed to "sue" nation states for compensation for loss of "expected future profits."

To make matters even worse the "judges" will be from the corporate sector and there is no provision for conflict of interest. Some of these mechanisms have already been put into use. Phillip Morris used one tribunal to sue Australia for mandating plain packaging on cigarettes another use was when Chevron attempted to evade multi-billion-dollar compensation rulings against it from Ecuador for polluting the Amazon.

These tribunals are often held in secret and have no appeal mechanism. They do not take human rights laws into consideration and have few or no means by which affected parties can make representations, according to chapters exposed by Wikileaks.

The TPP negotiations have been going on for over 5 years in as total secrecy as has been possible, but some of the devastating parts of the TPP have been coming out and all should be exposed and presented for public scrutiny.

The question must be asked, if what the negotiators say is true and the TPP will be of great benefit to all Americans; Why the secrecy? If it will be so wonderful why not blast it all over the place.

It is also curious (but not really) that the two biggest opponents of the TPP are Senator Bernie Sanders and Congressman Alan Grayson who just happen to be the only members of their respective houses that have not taken a cent from corporations in their electoral bids and have relied on maximum $200 per contributor. I guess there is a message here.

The rest of congress and President Obama are so in debt to large donors and corporations that they are expected to push the TPP through at any cost to the American workers and to the global environment.

You must call your representative and stop this Fast Track to destruction. Just ask them to declassify the negotiations and make all 39 chapters that have been carefully written over the past 5 years available to all of us before Congress votes on the agreement.


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