Middleburg Eccentric™
MIDDLEBURG'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
VOLUME 12 ISSUE 4 · WWW.MBECC.COM · AUGUST 27 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
Printed using recycled fiber

BE LOCAL BUY LOCAL
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND SHOP LOCALLY

How to be a Fashionable Mummy on a Water Slide to Middle Earth
Page 41

Piedmont Driving Club

Page 24



Hello eyeManuel

Page 4

Business Directory: Page 46 · Friends for Life: Page 42

Tales of Route 50

Middleburg Town Council Report

Dan Morrow

Cost Overruns

At August's regular session of the Middleburg Town Council, Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that the latest round of construction bids for the much anticipated and long awaited Washington Streetscape Improvement Project were "high" and not altogether unexpected, given the relatively small size of the job, its timing, and contractors understandable desire to land big jobs whenever possible.

The bidding was further complicated by Middleburg's entering not one, but two agreements with VDOT, allowing aging water lines along the route to be replaced while construction streetscape improvements were being done. Among them: a twenty-one percent discount on an unavoidable water line replacement project, because VDOT was already digging up the street for the crosswalks.

The agreements saved money, Semmes noted, but did "bind the Town to cover whatever the cost would be, including possible over runs." At this point those extra costs total $285,326 for the Town, of which $255,000 was due to the water line project. VDOT will absorb an additional $347,037. The costs to the Town would have been some $40,000 higher, Semmes noted, were it not for a clause in its contracts limiting the Town's share to construction costs plus ten percent.

In response to questions, Semmes agreed that the size of these overruns may indeed "impact the Town's ability to do the other projects it wanted to do."

As of August 13, the Town Administrator was still reporting that staff "still did not know why the costs were higher" and that Middleburg's Utilities Engineer "could not believe the price for the water line."

Wrong Way Turns off Zulla Road

Council member Kathy Jo Shea once more raised the issue of the still unmitigated dangers of left turns into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Zulla Road, just west of Middleburg, with the four-lane stretch of Route 50.

At a recent Middleburg Business & Professional Association meeting, Shea reported, Middleburg Eccentric co-founder and Editor, DeeDee Hubbard, had noted that "on a weekly basis, cars could be seen going the wrong way."

"Existing warning signs were not stopping motorists from doing this," Hubbard noted, and VDOT, despite indicating to Hubbard that they would do so, had not yet painted arrows or other markings on the pavement to help address the problem.

Hubbard asked the MBPA to contact VDOT, and Shea encouraged the Town to do so as well.

Police Chief A.J. Panebianco, noting that the intersection "was not within the Town's jurisdiction, told Council he had

Continued page 22

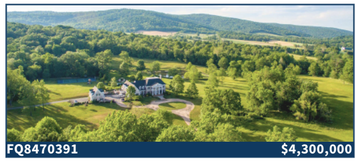
Request in homes by Thursday 8/27/15
POSTAL CUSTOMER
PRST STD
ECRWSS
US POSTAGE PAID
BURKE, VA
PERMIT NO 029

MIDDLEBURG REAL ESTATE
ATOKA PROPERTIES

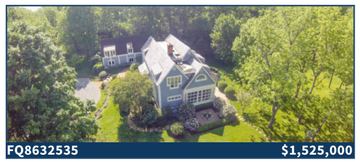
WWW.ATOKAPROPERTIES.COM
WWW.MIDDLEBURGREALESTATE.COM
Middleburg 540-687-6321 | Purcellville 540-338-7770 | Leesburg 703-777-1170


FQ8590439 $6,500,000

7295 OLD CARTERS MILL RD, THE PLAINS, VA - Overlooking 149 acres in Orange County Hunt, Cloverland Farm is a true masterpiece. Highest quality, designed by William Lawrence Bottomley in 1932. Grand foyer, stately rooms, mohogany library, conservatory, chefs kitchen, indoor pool, tennis court, magnificent views!
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


FQ8470391 $4,300,000

10000 MOUNT AIRY RD, UPPERVILLE - Extraordinary brick colonial on 50+ gorgeous acres in prestigious Greystone. Over 9000 sq.ft.of spectacular living space featuring 3 beautifully finished levels. Heated pool, tennis court and brilliant gardens overlook a picturesque pond with fabulous mtn views,in a private & secluded location!
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


FQ8632535 $1,525,000

10005 POSSUM HOLLOW DR, DELAPLANE - Stunning custom colonial on approx. 25 acres in a gorgeous setting. Beautifully decorated and landscaped. High ceilings, sun-filled rooms - wood floors & fabulous windows capture magnificent views from every room. Ideal for horses or a gracious country lifestyle. Located in Piedmont Hunt.
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


LO8666213 $1,349,000

WATERFORD CREEK CIR, HAMILTON - Stunning Brick/Hardiplank 200k upgrades, sought after schools/location, app. 9k sq ft. 4 fin levels, htd pool/ lush landscaping! 2-st fm room.w/ fireplace. St of Art Master Bath/Sh, huge Cal closet w dressing area huge shoe rack! Full Fin. walk-out basement/large rec/game room & potential large wine/media areas. Fin loft w full bath. Super Kit,Sun Rm.
Rocky Westfall 540.219.2633


LO8573523 $1,199,000

MANOR VIEW LN, PURCELLVILLE, VA -Stunning custom home in the heart of Loudoun County's Wine Country next-door to Hillsborough Vineyards. Beautiful sunset views! The grand foyer with hardwood floors opens into the living room and formal dining room. Enjoy the views from the gourmet kitchen!
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


FQ8591068 $1,195,000

12025 LEEDS CHAPEL LN, MARKHAM - Wow! You really must see property to fully appreciate what it has to offer.Open, Rolling & Private 25 acres w/ great views of Cobbler Mtn in wine region. Great 6 stall masonry horse barn w/ tack, feed, wash room & efficiency groom quarters w/ plenty of hay storage. Fenced & cross fenced w/ 4 board. 5 BRs 5 baths 4 fireplaces decks, porches w/ whole house generator.
Rocky Westfall 540.219.2633

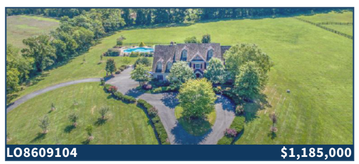
Tradition,
Experience,
Vision...
Join us on the Journey

WE ARE EXPANDING!

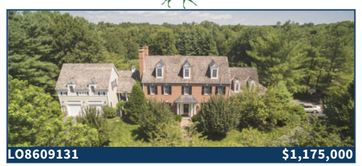
Are you looking to make a change in your career?

Consider joining forces with Middleburg Real Estate and Atoka Properties as we strive to be the home to the best Real Estate Professionals on the East Coast!

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COMPANY OR TO SET UP A CONFIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, CONTACT ALLAN MARTENEY AT 571-442-4312


LO8609104 $1,185,000

35529 DEER POND LN, ROUND HILL, VA - A long winding drive past a picturesque pond leads to exquisite brick & stucco colonial on 10 acres. 12 room residence boasts 4BRs & 5 1/2 baths; a stunning Family Rm w/ vaulted ceilings, full stone wall FP; tiled Sun Rm w/ wet bar. Beautiful heated pool & spa all in pristine condition!
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


LO8609131 $1,175,000

37072 ADAMS GREEN LN, MIDDLEBURG ~Middlebrook, in Melmore estates, 4 BR, 3+BA, 4100 sq.ft. Custom cabnets, wolf range, all new appl. 3 FPs, finshd bsmnt, pantry w/dbl oven, ctrl vac,pine flrs, columns, mldngs, unfnshed 3rd flr, 2 car Carriage hse w/ 2nd flr, 2 car garage, pond, pool, gazeebo, full trex deck, orchrd, pavd drve, prof. lndscpe.
Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835


FQ8717384 $1,150,000

2583 FIVE POINTS RD, MARSHALL, VA - Serenity at exquisite property in OCH. Amenities incl: first-floor master & bath w/sep shower & jacuzzi tub,beautiful HW Floors, saltillo tiles, 5 FPs, 2 offices, high-speed Internet, tankless water heater, 3-bay garage, constant updates by owners, high-end appliances (VIKING, MIELE), 2 paddocks/run-in shed, 9' ceilings. Land use.
Walter Woodson 703-499-4961


FQ8503814 $549,000

3085 RECTORTOWN RD, MARSHALL - Charming cottage in historic Rectortown. 3 bdrm/2.5 bath home works well as a weekend retreat or full-time living. Viking range, soapstone countertops, exquisite HW floors, restful porches on 1st/2nd lvls, wood-burning fireplace, French doors on 1st/2nd lvls. Within 10 mins of Middleburg, Marshall.
Walter Woodson 703-499-4961

Please Consider us for all your Real Estate Needs!!

Middleburg Eccentric
P.O. Box 1768
Middleburg, VA 20118
540-687-3200
fax 866-705-7643
www.mbecc.com
news@mbecc.com

Cover Photo by Valerie Durbon

Editor In Chief
Dee Dee Hubbard ~ editor@mbecc.com

Design & Production Director
Jay Hubbard

Publisher
Dan Morrow

Copyright © 2015 All rights reserved. No part of Middleburg Eccentric may be reproduced without written permission of the Eccentric LLC. Middleburg Eccentric is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or artwork. Middleburg Eccentric reserves the right to accept or reject any and all copy. Middleburg Eccentric is published monthly on the 4th Thursday by Middleburg Eccentric LLC. Circulation to Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun & Prince William Counties.

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of Virginia's policy for achieving equal housing opportunity throughout the Commonwealth. We encourage and support advertising and marketing programs in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status or handicap.

All real estate advertised herein is subject to Virginia's fair housing law which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, handicap or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination."

The newspaper will not knowingly accept advertising for real estate that violates the fair housing law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on equal opportunity basis. For more information or to file a housing complaint call the Virginia Fair Housing office at (804) 367-8530. Toll free call (888) 551-3247. For the hearing impaired call (804) 367-9753. Email: fairhousing@dpor.Virginia.gov Web site: www.fairhousing.vipnet.org

News of Note

The Hylton Performing Arts Center

I am standing center stage, looking out at the 1,100 seat Merchant Hall which towers nearly five stories to its hammered copper ceiling arches, in a perfect fusion of classic and modern architecture. It is a very exciting place to be. The hall's desirable acoustic character is evident and could only lovingly support the artistic prowess of those who take to its stage here each season.

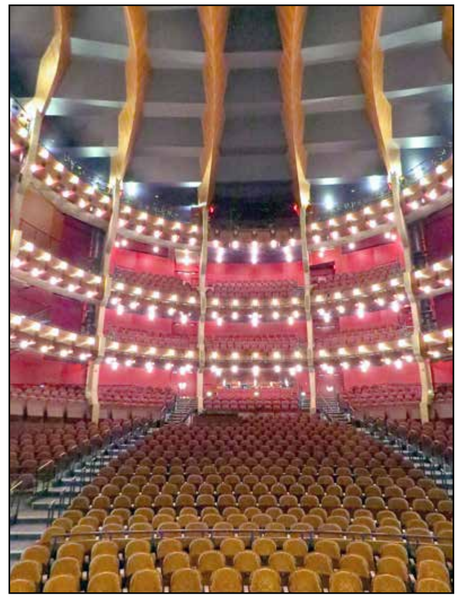
The Hylton Performing Arts Center which opened May of 2010, is only 30 minutes from Middleburg, located on the George Mason University Science and Technology Campus, at 10900 University Boulevard in Manassas. Just off the Prince William Parkway, this state of the art 85,000 square foot venue is one which features an artistic blend of national and international live performance, family entertainment and visual arts via its Merchant Hall, the Gregory Family Theater, the Didlake Grand Foyer and the Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

In this special place, center stage, where stars do what they do, I'm surrounded by the many seats of would be performance enthusiasts. My guide, Jennifer Decker, a Lyric Soprano and George Mason University Graduate-Master of Music in Vocal Performance, has performed in this very spot. Her description of the acoustical enjoyment brings excitement to her eyes. One can only imagine and even from a audience standpoint, I am told that no seat is further than 90 feet from the stage. I can safely say, there just isn't a bad seat in the house.

Adding to the delight, Hylton's upcoming performances could not be more artistically diverse. Music, theater, ballet, celebration, dance, are all part of the great talent set to hit its stage. The Midtown Men, opens the season September 19th, followed by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China, Compañia Flamenca-José Porcel, Bollywood Masalsa Orchestra, the Moscow Festival Ballet, Lee Greenwood, and so much more. There's even the comedy of Frank Ferrante and his show "An Evening with Groucho"

The Hylton Center also features the Hylton Family Series, with shows that young theater goers will love like; Peter Rabbit Tales, Clifford The Big Red Dog, Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy: The Musical and even master ventriloquist Kevin Johnson.

The venue also offers almost unlimited rental possibilities, with its 240 seat Gregory Family Theater alone, being one of complete customization. You can subscribe for prime seats, savings and personal service or become a Friend of Hlyton Performing Arts Center. For more information visit HyltonCenter.org or call 703-993-7700



PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

9 E. WASHINGTON ST.



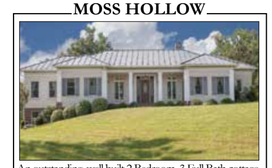
Commercial Middleburg~Old "Coach Stop" building plus a 2nd open parcel behind totaling **21 acres** in the heart of town. Together the property spans from Main St. to Federal St. In two parcels, but being offered as one. Building was fully renovated. Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. Covered loading dock and parking in rear. Second parcel is open and fronts Federal St. Zoned C-2 Town Commercial with many possible uses. Subject to current lease. **$2,250,000**
Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

CHIMNEYS



The Plains: One of Fauquier County's oldest properties on **17.3 acres**. The main house, c1790 is stucco over frame and has heart pine floors, beamed ceilings, 5 Fireplaces, 6 bedrooms 5 full and 2 half baths. It is surrounded by boxwood and perennial gardens with a lovely pool, pool house and stone cabin guest house. An old Virginia Classic and a must see! **$1,545,000**
Rein duPont (540) 454-3355

MOSS HOLLOW



An outstanding, well built 2 Bedroom, 3 Full Bath cottage on over **50 tranquil acres** in Markham, perfectly located minutes from I-66. This lovely home takes advantage of nature and privacy with views of Cobbler and Buck Mountains from the expansive rear porch with the rustling of Thumb Run Creek nearby. One level living with Stucco, Standing Seam Metal Roof and many exceptional details throughout. A must see! **$1,200,000**
Barrington Hall (540) 454-6601

EBENEZER CHURCH LAND



A spectacular **88 acre** parcel at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains on a quiet country lane. Surrounded by beautiful estates & picturesque horse farms, the property is ideally located just north of Middleburg & south of Bluemont. The land is open & rolling with a strong stream.It is presently used for pasture & hay. It is an ideal setting for a gracious country estate & perfect for equestrians. **$895,000**
Mary Ann McGowan (540) 687-5523

*Please see over 100 of our fine estates and exclusive country properties on the world wide web by visiting www.*THOMAS-TALBOT*.com*

RECTORS LANE



Immaculate Colonial on **2.7 acres**. Renovated & enlarged. Gourmet Kitchen w/high-end appls & granite, B-fast Rm, Formal Din Rm & Lv Rm, Family Rm w/fplce, Den, 1st flr Mstr wing w/lux Bath w/steam shwr & walk-in closet. Hardwood Flrs. 3 BRs +2 Full BAs up. Exten. landscaping, large yard, stone walls, porch, rear Trex deck, stone patio w/frpl., 2-car det. garage w/room above. **$649,000**
Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

WYNDHAM



19.58acs . TWO PARCELS! Family Room addition has 2 story stone wall & skylights and spills into an updated kitchen w/ a large island and new appliances. Plaster walls. New upgrades insulated vynl siding & soffits, Heat Pumps, storm windows, solarium w/hot tub. Horse part: Center aisle stable 72X36.Tractor shed, workshop,chicken/dog house & pen. Riding arena. Great pastures. Views. Hack to Warrenton hunt. **$645,000**
Susie Ashcom (540) 729-1478

NATURALIST LOFT HOUSE



Snug country cottage located in quaint town of **The Plains**, sited in a lush native plant garden. Sleek modern eat-in kitchen . Wonderful lighting, large windows with vistas into the woods. 2BD, 2.5 BA with loft on third floor. Lower level is currently an artist studio with wood burning stove and cathodral ceiling. Large terraced, low maintenance garden. Fully fenced. Parcel large enough for a garage with apartment. **$425,000**
Anne V. Marstiller (540) 270-6224

671 REPUBLICAN STREET



Paris~ Newly renovated rambler, everything has been replaced! NEW roof, Pella windows, kitchen appliances, vanities/tub, new HVAC system & fresh paint inside & out! Interior stairs lead to full basement w/fireplace & space for another BR or Rec. Room. Door to outside & windows provide great light in basement. Mountain views, sweeping lawns & Shed! **$421,500**
Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

THOMAS AND TALBOT REAL ESTATE
LAND AND ESTATE AGENTS SINCE 1967
A STAUNCH ADVOCATE OF LAND EASEMENTS

Telephone (540) 687-6500
P.O. Box 500 • 2 South Madison Street
Middleburg • Virginia 20117

Licensed in Virginia. Offer subject to errors, omissions, prior sale, change of price or withdrawal without notice. Information contained herein is deemed reliable but is not so warranted nor is it otherwise guaranteed.

News of Note

Manuel Simpson Introduces "eyeManuel"

Fabulous local designer responds to demand for his services

Design has been Manuel Simpson's passion forever, and he has always known that someday he would be an independent designer.

"I have always seen things a bit differently," he explained… "sometimes more colorful and complex, sometimes leaner, cleaner and more modern. Whether I'm looking at architecture, graphic design, furniture or spaces, I always imagine something more evolved stylistically."

"For me, whether we're repurposing weather beaten pieces or creating a chic mid-century modern salon space, nothing is more important than to compliment and enhance my client's dreams and expectations."

From his alluring windows for Crème de la Crème and Lou Lou's Boutiques to his fabulously fanciful table creations for many Hunt Country foundations, his unparalleled imagination and ability to create extraordinary settings have captivated individuals of all ages and persuasions.

Now, at eyeManuel, his new consulting firm, he will achieve his dream of owning his own consultancy.

When he was promoted to Design Director for Crème de la Crème over ten years ago, he had no idea that owners Tara and Ben Wegdam would give him an opportunity to test his creative and management instincts in the retail arena…or that the experience would lead to a firm of his own.

"I was very excited to help Tara and Ben expand Lou Lou Boutiques," he remembers. We've quickly grown rapidly from two shops to 27 retail outlets and, although the demands were sometimes stunning, I've loved every minute of my work. Honestly, it is these demands that have forced me to create systems and processes that I am confident will be the backbone of eyeManuel's services."

Many Northern Virginians have benefitted from Manuel's instinctive creativity, generosity and kindness, and everyone who has asked him to donate his creativity to projects far and wide applauds his decision to create a company of his own.

"No one understands 'upcycling' better than Manuel," emphasizes Glenda Cudaback, a friend and client. "His ability to find new, creative uses that repurpose existing pieces is unparalleled. But if you cannot live without the glamour, elegance and luxury of Art Deco, Manuel will create a sleek, tactile space for you that thoroughly exceeds your expectations."

"I feel so fortunate and excited about this next challenge in my career," Manuel noted. "I've always loved my job, whether it was wholesaling and exhibiting in New York or working on a portfolio of Junior League shows."

"For years, people have been calling on me for help with projects and I slowly realized that, because the creative aspect of the business was my real love, I might be at a point where I could go out on my own as a cross-category designer."

As the Lou Lou Boutiques grew and managing their success made Manuel's responsibilities more corporate, he knew he would have to lose some of his creative responsibilities.

"It was definitely time for me to review where I wanted to take my career."

"After opening 25 retail shops in a very short time for Ben and Tara, I understood what it takes to build a clientele in today's frantic, fast moving retail market. I gained both the experience and the confidence that are essential for success in retail. When Ben and I spoke about what was next, it was clear, both to him and to me that I was ready to form my own firm."

From Labor Day on, eyeManuel will be open for business….Creative business of all kinds.

"My dream is to have at least three large retail clients on annual retainers and to work closely with clients of all kinds on at 100 projects a year."

Already, eyeManuel is working on creative themes and contexts for holiday parties and designing windows for Northern Virginia retailers.

From the correct Pantone color palette for a gala to high energy schemes that propel home buyers through model homes, eyeManuel is an ideal design partner."

"I want my clients to feel that their spaces and projects are authentic and accurately reflect their sensabilities," Manuel emphasized. "We must be true to ourselves when designing. Only then will we be confident, excited and proud."

Because Manuel has always been gracious and generous, he understands precisely how much he owes Ben and Tara Wegdam.

"They were wonderful to me," he remembers. "It was



their absolute trust in me that made me want to do exceptional work and to meet deadlines, no matter how crushed we were by project inevitabilities."

"Now, because of their trust, I have an opportunity to build a business of my own. I could not be happier or more grateful."

Whether you need creative assistance on interior decoration, furnishings, lighting, architecture or retail, it will definitely be worth your time to discuss your goals with eyeManuel.

Whether you love Charles Eames, Napoleon III or flea market finds extraordinaire, eyeManuel's advice and guidance will be invaluable.

Whether you simply want to accent the space you've chosen for a wedding or fashion a beautiful neutral setting of pale warmth, make an appointment to speak with Manuel today.

His experience and enthusiasm combine spectacularly well to create exceptional spaces, and his wall-to-wall sense of loyalty to his clients will make him a highly trusted ally by the most discriminating and demanding clients.

For an appointment with eyeManuel, please telephone: 540-878-6876 or email: manuel-simpson@gmail.com









Savor the Good Life at Goodstone.

Join us for Lunch, Dinner or Sunday Champagne Brunch at the award-winning Restaurant at Goodstone and enjoy Chef John Leonard's farm-to-table cuisine!

Every Tuesday is "Locals Lunch Day" at The Restaurant at Goodstone!
Mention this ad and receive 20% off your meal!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sept. 7th: "Goodstone Gives Back" Dinner: Dine at The Restaurant at Goodstone on Monday, Sept. 7th during the 5:30-9pm dinner hours and Goodstone will donate 5% of all dinner proceeds to the National Sporting Museum & Library.

GOODSTONE
Inn & Restaurant
36205 Snake Hill Road, Middleburg
540.687.3333 / www.goodstone.com

Middleburg Eccentric
Ad Deadline
Sept. 12th for
Sept. 24th Issue

Middleburg Eccentric
Ad Deadline
Oct. 8th for
Oct. 22nd Issue

Middleburg Eccentric
Ad Deadline
Nov. 5th for
Nov 19th Issue
Media Kit Available
www.mbecc.com
540.687.3200

Keeping The Sofa Warm

Live Oak Charter, A Year Later

Nancy Milburn Kleck



In late May of last year, along with a kennel mate named Perfect, a young, frightened foxhound puppy named Charter ran away from his Florida-based Live Oak Hounds kennel handlers two days before the Virginia Foxhound Show at Morven Park. Perfect was caught a couple weeks later, but Charter continued his dangerous journey south to Middleburg, settling in the shady trees on Skyland Farm a month later. After hundreds of sightings and postings throughout the summer by a vigilant, caring group on social media, a month of daily feedings, trail camera watching, waiting for a hog trap from Texas to arrive, the elusive hound was finally caught on September 17, 118 days on the lam.

Emaciated, suffering from multiple tick diseases, and missing half his tongue and a handful of teeth, the biggest challenge for the veterinarians at Blue Ridge Veterinary Hospital was reconstructing Charter's broken lower jaw, injuries likely sustained from the kick of a horse during a night of wandering the neighborhood. It was a horrific injury to endure for the two weeks before he was caught, but the hound's will to eat and survive supported his owners' desire to see Charter healthy and happy again, if at all possible.

After much consideration, it was decided that Charter would not be returned to the pack. Once well enough, he would be adopted by the hospital's veterinary tech Tyler Robic. According to the staff, Charter bonded with Tyler from the first day he was admitted. A match made in doggy heaven on earth as they say.

Now a first year pre-veterinary student at St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine in Barbados, West Indies, Tyler sent me an update. The story of Charter's misadventure appeared in the September/October issue last year. Here is his letter.

Dear Miss Kleck,

Sorry that I never got back to you this summer, but I had so much to do and the time seemed to just fly by. I'm actually down in Grenada currently, an official St. George's Veterinary student!

I can tell you that Charter is in good hands with my parents currently. They give me updates on a daily basis and send me pictures. Mom said that he has taken to laying by my car and watching down the driveway for me to come home. My mother has also left my bedroom door open and Charter still goes up at night and sleeps in my bed. Anyhow I'm getting ahead of myself I'll give you some history about how the past year went.

Charter had the last of his dental work done by Dr. Wendy Behm. This included many extractions during a first dental, an abscess repair, then a final dental with more extractions. Charter is eating dry Kirkland salmon and sweet potato dog food.

Our routine is to put his two cups of food outside and allow him 5 minutes to eat before the other dogs are let out to clean up what he spilled. He can eat Milk bones, loves empty peanut butter containers and bone marrow. The week before I left for school Charter actually managed to catch and kill a groundhog, a testament to how well his jaw healed.

Charter has grown on my family and my family on him since he came home. He enjoys lots of scratches in the morning while all the grownups are having coffee and sitting in the kitchen. He often goes from person to person getting loved on.

My father works from home and Charter has taken to laying upon the sofa in dad's office during the day. He also loves to lay and watch television with my younger brothers. Outside Charter enjoys wandering the yard sniffing out scents, rolling in the grass, trampling the garden, and standing in the pool. He gets plenty of exercise on his own running and wrestling with my boxer Mo.

Charter has learned the first part of the game fetch, to go get the jolly ball or Frisbee but as of yet he runs past me on his return and then wants to play tag. He has become better with stressful situations and has grown to become more accepting of strangers.

The house constantly is having work done on it so electricians, plumbers, painters are dropping by in strange cars carrying oddly shaped objects. He is standoffish for the first day, getting within 15 feet and then howling and running away. We always know when someone has arrived at the house because the howling does not stop for at least a couple of minutes.

I spent a lot of time this past year with Charter. We ran together, 8 mile loops couldn't wear him out, and we hiked together. He always ran to the Prius when I started walking towards the blacktop and my drivers side door has sustained lots of scratching because of his excitement.

He has also been known to jump into my car if any of the windows are down. I took him to Maryland Heights, the Blue Ridge Center, Great Falls National Park, and the Appalachian trail. Charter got hikes at least 3 days a week when I was home and 2 runs a week.

During my last month before school I took Charter on a hike everyday and a run every other. I know that my mother will be taking him on hikes at least once a week while I am away and my uncle will continue to play in the yard with Charter.

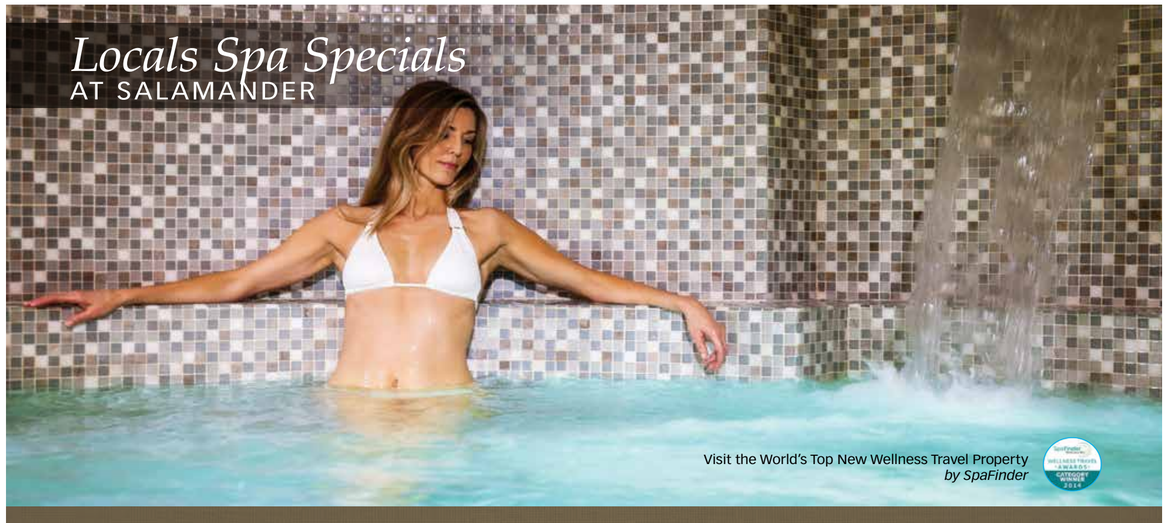
He has a very happy life and though we will miss each other while I am away at school he will have a better quality of life back in Virginia. Life down here would be stressful, cramped, and I would not have the time to devote to him that he deserves.

Back home he has many people to love on him, other dogs to interact and play with, and the safety of the familiar. I have the ability to transfer to Virginia Tech after my first semester so fingers crossed because then I would be able to visit him on a more regular basis.

That's all the updates that I have about Charter and myself. (Attached are a dozen photos of Charter and his new life.)

-Tyler Robic

Addendum: According to Daphne Wood of Live Oak Hounds, in hind sight, Charter is a genetically "shy" hound, as is one of his brothers from the same litter. Although that sibling is now hunting well in the pack, he would not come out of the kennel for the show.



Salamander RESORT & SPA MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

BOOK ALL OVER COLOR or HIGHLIGHTS and RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY
cut & style
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT:
540.326.4055 | SalamanderResort.com

20% Locals Weekday Spa Discount
Salamander Spa invites locals to experience a unique health and wellness journey tailored to your specific well-being needs in our award-winning spa.
Visit us Monday through Thursday and receive 20% off all Spa and Salon Services.

*Must provide zip code verification in either Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke, Fairfax, Rappahannock or Prince William County. Not valid weekends or public holidays.

News of Note

MOST LIKELY TO CONTINUE

Future of education documentary fuels desire for more conversation



Any doubt that folks are concerned – and excited – about the future of education was erased recently when nearly 200 people from near and far gathered at the Middleburg Community Center for Foxcroft School's presentation of the new documentary Most Likely to Succeed and the stimulating conversation that followed.

Faculty and administrators from at least a dozen independent schools, three public school systems and several colleges were on hand, along with many parents and townspeople. They came from such places as Reston and Winchester, Warrenton and Ashburn, and represented schools as far away as Mercersburg, PA, Frederick, MD, and Washington, DC.

"I was thrilled to see the turnout and interest from the community," said Foxcroft Head of School Cathy McGehee, "and to bring our faculty together with other teachers, parents and community leaders to share ideas about how we can genuinely engage our students in learning that is relevant and prepares them for their futures."

"This event was incredible because it got people together, got the conversation going," said Craig Mueller, a Middleburg Community Charter School Board member and former school administrator. "Most people know that the education system is not working as well as we would like and there is a real thirst for something different, something that works. I hope tonight was the launch of an ongoing initiative."

The film, which was a 2015 Sundance Film Festival selection, observes that our current educational model was created at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution and no longer meets students' needs in the fast-moving 21st century. Focusing in large part on High Tech High School in San Diego, CA, it presents a very different project-based, cross-disciplinary, student-centered approach.

Following the screening, a panel of six educators from five area schools -- Foxcroft, Hill, Highland, Wakefield and the Middleburg Community Charter School -- kicked off a stimulating discussion, facilitated by Foxcroft's new Director of Marketing and Strategic Initiatives Shelly Betz. While the emphasis on "soft skills," inquiry-based and hands-on learning was widely supported, the challenges of preparing students for college and meeting state- and federally – mandated standards, as well as parents' fear about their children's readiness for the working world, were voiced.

"There was nothing really new to many of us in this room," said panelist Cathy Campbell, the Dean of Students and an English teacher at Highland School, "but most of us have to use a hybrid of the traditional approach and the type of learning experience shown in the film because many colleges still do things the traditional way."

"It's not an either/or thing," agreed Hunt Lyman, Ph.D., Academic Dean of The Hill School and another of the six panelists. "I thought the film was a little too black and white."

What it is -- and how it could or should change classrooms and schools -- was the heart of the comments, questions and ideas that filled the group discussion and spilled over into individual conversations following the program.

"I want to thank Cathy and Foxcroft for bringing the film to Middleburg and organizing the evening," said Lyman. "It's so invigorating to talk about education and the many difficult challenges and the extremely exciting ideas around the subject."

Barry Stern, a former U.S. deputy assistant secretary of education who is a senior adviser to the Haberman Educational Foundation, was glad he made the trip from Round Hill.

"I was very impressed with the crowd and the engagement of so many people from different walks of life – teachers, parents, townspeople, administrators," he said "What a terrific thing to provide an outstanding film and a forum for people to get together and think about what could be."

"The movie generated a lot of great ideas and conversation," said McGehee. "I am grateful to our panelists for their willingness to share their thoughts and to the Middleburg Community Center for making the screening possible."

"Several schools expressed a desire to continue the conversation and to look for more ways we can share professional development opportunities for our faculties," she added. "I hope this is the first of more events."

In addition to Campbell, Lyman and Mueller, Dr. Maria Evans, Science Department Chair at Foxcroft, and Alex Northrup , who heads the History Department and Technology Integration there, and Dr. Dorothy Fontaine, an educational consultant and former Wakefield teacher, also participated on the panel. A number of individuals from the audience shared reactions and ideas.

"Wired Up Home Theater" provided sound and Deltone Moore of Popcorn Monkey donated snacks. Popcorn at the movies was apparently one age-old tradition that no one objected to.





20769 Blue Ridge Mountain Rd, Paris, VA 20130 ~ $1,070,500

Exquisite custom built home on 20 plus acres in the mountains of Paris, Virginia. Enjoy the wild life from the comforts of a fantastic screened porch with fireplace. The gourmet kitchen offers high end appliances and a custom baking area with marble slab. The master bedroom is a bed and breakfast lover's dream with private covered porch and spa bathroom. The home offers hardwood floors, radiant floors, post and beam family room , whole house generator and many other upgrades. Call for private showing.

17 Loudoun St, SE
Leesburg VA 20175

Stacy Mallonee, Realtor
email:stacymallonee@c21redwood.com
www.livinginnovanow.com ~ wwww.c21redwood.com

office 703-790-1850
cell 703-336-2660

The Place for "A Place To Be" is Middleburg… And they need your help!

Tom Neel

A Place To Be in Middleburg needs your help. The 501c3 nonprofit, whose staff has tirelessly dedicated themselves to helping people face, navigate, and overcome life's challenges using the therapeutic arts, has been a devoted and important member of both the town and our community.

Directed by Tom Sweitzer and Executive Director Kim Tapper, A Place To Be now sees some 200 families per week, while creating outreach programs such as their Same Sky Project, viewed by 15,000 students and community members, plus summer camps, social groups, recitals and original therapeutic performances. This doesn't just take a highly qualified staff, it takes a village. One like Middleburg!

Working from their space at 15 South Madison Street, kindly gifted by Ben and K.C. Graham, A Place To Be set out to do what many non-profits have a very hard time doing - first survive, then thrive. The unfortunate need for A Place To Be's services of working with people coping with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, brain trauma, emotional and self-esteem issues, and people living with chronic illness such as Lyme disease and Cancer, is overwhelming. So much so, that A Place To Be's clients come from all over Northern Virginia, many driving nearly an hour for their specialized care.

So, how can you help? This growing demand requires a new space, a bigger place to be! This specialized type of space has almost proven to be the organization's toughest challenge yet, but the toughest challenge was actually keeping their place to be - here, in Middleburg. The good news is that a space has been located and now their greatest hurtle, so much in need of your support, is outfitting the space for their client's special needs. While the entire build out is expected to cost nearly $100,000, they are asking for your help, especially in raising the first $25,000.

A community fundraising program has been set up with INDIEGOGO, as suggested by Journeyman Saddlers owner and Middleburg Business & Professional Association President Punkin Lee. Those who wish to contribute any amount can simply visit www.aplacetobeva.org to find the Indiegogo link or contact A Place To Be directly at 540-687-6740

It's good for us to consider that this is a giving organization. One who has not only served its clients well, it has provided wonderfully enjoyed shows and become a destination by bringing countless new faces to town who drop off family members for sessions, then visit main street. Thus, becoming part of what makes our world go round. Hopefully we can help A Place To Be continue to have its place to be - HERE!

Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers Receive $15,000 Grant

The Ada and Albert Wibel Foundation recently gave the Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers $15,000 to support three programs: Assisted Transportation, Supportive Services and Money Management. This is a second grant for the organization from The Wibel Foundation.

The Foundation, created on her death by Mary Wibel in memory of her parents, Ada and Albert, and managed by BB&T Wealth in Fairfax, Virginia, has a history of supporting caregiving non-profits like LVC.

LVC supports elderly and disabled Loudoun residents who are 18 years of age or older and are frail, elderly, disabled or suffering from chronic illness such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, ALS, Parkinson's and other debilitating diseases.

The LVC transportation services allow clients who no longer drive and are physically unable to ride a bus, to get to their doctors' offices and clinic visits with services from vetted, insured, reliable and trustworthy volunteers. The supportive services also ensure that care receivers are able to get their groceries, prescriptions, dentures and much more. All services are provided at no charge to the care receivers.

With the help of additional donors, LVC is able to help over 200 individuals each year.

Recently, LVC's Chore Corps team that provides home repairs free of charge to the elderly and disabled, worked with the Area Agency on Aging to help a blind widow get a new air conditioner in her Sterling, Virginia home. LVC volunteers also provided her with transportation to and from doctor appointments, but, perhaps most importantly, offered a friendly hand to this woman who had recently lost her best friend and her husband and is still learning to live on her own in her own home. With LVC's support, she will be able to do so for many years to come.

LVC, a 501{c) (3) organization that is celebrating twenty years of helping Loudoun County with an anniversary gala planned for October 20th is searching for volunteers who wish to make a difference in their community.

For more information, please visit www.lvcaregivers.org or telephone 703 779 8617.

Middleburg Lions Club

Presents

Freddie the Fox Available for booking

P. O. Box 1938
Middleburg, VA 20118
(540) 522-9684
Paul Eden
Follow Freddie on Facebook!



540.347.0765 appletoncampbell.com 703.754.3301



Best of Warrenton 2014
The Piedmont Best Virginian of the Piedmont
Honesty • Integrity • Experience Since 1976

APPLETON CAMPBELL
PLUMBING • HEATING
AIR CONDITIONING • ELECTRICAL

Guaranteed
✓ Service
✓ Up-Front Prices
✓ Satisfaction

News of Note

Why a fitness and nutrition studio can throw a barbeque… with dessert

It might seem unusual for a fitness studio to celebrate its anniversary by hosting a barbeque, but the more you learn about Middleburg Bodyworks owner Kristin Quinn, the more it seems like a perfect fit.

"I wanted to do something fun and relaxing to celebrate our clients' hard work this year," Quinn said.

"Let's face it, when you've worked like they have, you can enjoy a little barbeque and a glass of wine. Success isn't about endless sacrifice; it's about staying healthy, enjoying life, and making great memories."

Strictly speaking, Middleburg Bodyworks opened its doors more than a year ago, but this Summer's celebration marked a milestone – its move to 103 W. Federal Street.

The new location offered more space and allowed Middleburg Bodyworks to start offering small group training classes in addition to individual training, nutritional guidance, and dietary therapy.

"Classes are the best way to keep things affordable for everyone without sacrificing personal attention or safety, "Quinn said. "And they're fun. We create amazing energy in these classes. People work together, support each other, joke around. They feel motivated and connected and they grow."

Quinn, who has eight years of experience as a trainer and nutritionist and holds many certifications from nationally recognized organizations, is no stranger to the industry. She said the best lesson she ever learned – one that guides her practice today – is that her business isn't about her.

"By today's standards," Quinn said, "I should be out there posting pictures of myself, telling everyone what workout I did, how many calories I burned, what I wore, what I ate, and how they can be just like me... but I'm not going there.

"I don't want people to come to me because of how I look or what I can do. I want people to come to me because I respect what it takes to prioritize yourself and take a step. Because I know what it means to hand over your energy, trust, time, money...and your hope.

"I really think the hardest words people ever have to say in life are 'help me'. I never fail to be moved when someone comes to me in that way. That is an awesome responsibility and an amazing gift. Sure, I want to work in a place where people appreciate me, but not for how I look or how strong I am or who they think I am. I want them to appreciate me for helping them see the best in themselves."

And her clients have done just that.

"Kristin has had a profound influence on me," relayed client Wendy Heuer. "I'm able to do things that I never thought I could do again. Things I haven't done since college."

Referring to a different type of strength that she has gained from training, Megan Hubbard said "Every time I leave Kristin's class I feel happier, better, and a little bit more confident about being me."

As a fitness trainer and nutritionist, Quinn often straddles the line between drill sergeant and life coach.

"Sure our workouts are hard," Quinn said. "But as my dad always told me, you can do hard things. My clients are so much stronger than they think they are, and it's such a rush to witness the moment when they finally realize that."

As Clythie Clarken attested, "Kristin is an amazing trainer and the classes are small, welcoming and fun, and you will get an insane work out….I'm talking a workout so intense, it knocked my ponytails out!"

One of the most rewarding aspects of her work, Quinn says, is providing dietary therapy.

"Most of our battles with weight management stem so much less from what we're eating than from what's eating us," she explained. "When you get to the bottom of that, you can really change. That's where the magic happens."

And it's clear from talking to clients that magic is happening at Middleburg Bodyworks. But don't look for the magician to steal the show. Quinn remains firm that she is just happy to be a part of it all.

"I'm not doing anything but helping them along the path that they set out on, and I feel very privileged to do so. That's why I work so hard to stay current on the science, design powerful classes, and give them everything I can in every single session. No excuses, no exceptions.

"But most importantly, I share with my clients my most authentic self… flaws, jiggles, and all. Someone who makes mistakes and gets tired and unmotivated just like anyone else. A woman, a wife, a mom, and a friend. Someone doing their best to be their best. And someone who believes in balance, making memories, and having fun."

And that is why a fitness and nutrition studio can throw a barbeque… with dessert.

Salamander Hotels & Resorts Appoints Ken Nason as Vice President of Revenue Optimization



Salamander Hotels & Resorts, the luxury hotel management company founded by Sheila C. Johnson, has appointed Ken Nason as its new Vice President of Revenue Optimization.

Nason joins Salamander in this newly created role from Remington Hotels where he served as vice president of sales and marketing for six hotels in the company's Independent & Luxury Division.

He will manage Salamander's corporate strategic revenue strategy, e-commerce and distribution initiatives for the company's growing portfolio, which includes the highly acclaimed Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, VA, and three renowned golf resorts in Florida: Innisbrook in Tampa Bay, Reunion in Orlando and Hammock Beach in Palm Coast. A fourth Florida resort, The Henderson in Destin, is scheduled to open in summer 2016. There are also several new hotel and resort projects in the pipeline which will be announced this year.

"Ken is a seasoned hospitality executive and is an expert in driving revenue growth," said Eric Gavin, chief sales and marketing officer of Salamander Hotels & Resorts. "He fits greatly with our entrepreneurial philosophy, and his strategies will perfectly complement our company's culture of optimizing revenues while maximizing profitability for our properties' owners and stakeholders."

Nason has also previously served as director of sales and marketing for Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa in Hilton Head, SC, and as director of sales for the Bal Harbour Resort in Miami and the Don Cesar Hotel in St. Petersburg, FL.

Nason has spent over two decades working in the hospitality industry, including nearly a decade at Starwood Hotels & Resorts. Originally from Rehoboth, MA, and a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, he is relocating to Northern Virginia with his wife Jodi and two daughters: Anna and Zoe.

Be Inspired!



LiveAnArtfulLifeMagazine.com

It's Free - Subscribe Today!

Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. / Christie's International Real Estate

LONG & FOSTER®

Middleburg Office
8 North Madison Street
Middleburg, VA 20117
540.687.8530
www.MiddleburgSales.com



Delaplane - "Crosswinds Farm" stunning 72 ac. equestrian property located in Piedmont hunt country. Incredible views and ride out, PJ Williams 7 stall barn, office, tack room, 1/2 bath and lots more. 5 large paddocks w/ run-in's. 100x200 ring w/excellent footing. Great apartment w/den; heart pine floors, top appliances, screened porch. Several potential home sites. FQ8475464

$1,500,000 Marci A. Welsh (703)906-5802



Middleburg - A REGAL ESTATE nestled on 5+ ac. of privacy. The 9800+ SQ Ft residence comes complete with: Curved Staircase, Dual Staircase, 2-story Great Room, Formal Living Room, Sunroom, Library, Butler's Pantry, Gourmet Kitchen, Breakfast/Morning Room, Au Pair/In-Law Suite, Mud Room, Slate Patio, 4-car Garage, Stone Fence. IMMACULATE! LO8556781

$1,399,900 Mary Wisker (703)577-6015



Aldie - 100 acres on historic James Monroe Highway, only minutes from Leesburg. Glorious Acres of rolling countryside with extensive frontage on Goose Creek for your home site and recreational activities. This property is being sold as one property and cannot be subdivided so you are guaranteed the ultimate privacy. Re-habbed cabin on property. LO8608252

$1,190,000 Linda Culbert (703)431-1724



Middleburg - Welcome to beautiful "Foxhaven". An exquisitely appointed home on 4.34 ac. w/ abundant amenities. Work from attached private office with waiting room & outside entrance. Carriage house can be home for 3 more cars & 2nd floor storage. Pool with spa and spillway. LO8630245

.

$799,000 Linda Culbert (703)431-1724



Middleburg - Enjoy outdoor entertaining in this beautiful renovated spacious 5BR home in the village of Middleburg! 3 patios with extensive hard scape and landscape. Master BR/BA on main, Large Family RM open to yard, 2 FPs and hardwood floors throughout. Quiet in town neighborhood. Home Warranty included! LO8551101

$699,000 Danny Clarke (703)200-3708



Leesburg - Secluded Rustic Contemporary on 10.71 acres with Goose Creek frontage an ideal retreat. Three separated bedroom suites, first fl. master, great room/ stone fireplace. Wrap-around deck, large screened porch, new garage. Gathering place for friends & family to canoe, kayak & hike. Surrounded by open space and 25 min. to Dulles airport. LO8612556

$699,000 Joyce Gates (540)771-7544



Marshall - Near Orlean . Bring the horses! Charming home with acreage, 3 stall barn, run-in and storage barns, 4 paddocks with water. Bright & spacious house w/ great views! Walk-out LL can be finished for an office or apartment. One blk. to the village of Orlean and tied to trail system of 2,500 acres. MLS# FQ8592367

$410,000 Joyce Gates (540)771-7544



Berryville - Unique+Spectacular Estate/Villa/Manor/ Farm FOR RENT. Nestled amid Blue Ridge Mts. Historical ties to Civil War: Washington, Custer, Mosby! Orig home (circa 1750)+new stone/stucco addition=10,000 sf! 5BR/4.5BA/3FP, orig stone wine cellar. Balconies+Decks overlook private pool+scenic pond. Commercial 2nd KIT. 4-stall barn, stables, paddock. Loft over garage. Tenant only responsible for 12 of 308 acres. MLS #CL8656219.

$5,000 mo. Nancy Willson (703)899-7143



Marshall - Beautiful office suites for lease in immaculate renovated historic home on East Main St. One or two rooms combined plus use of conference room and kitchen. DSL Internet and utilities are included. Comcast Cable is available. $475 - $525 per room. $900 -$1000 for 2 rooms. Very convenient to I-66 . FQ8632662.

Joyce Gates (540)771-7544

Follow us on:

Worldwide Connections

Luxury Portfolio International · Luxury Real Estate · Leading Real Estate Companies of the World

News of Note

Richard Engberg Retires as AWRA Technical Director



Richard Engberg, water columnist for the Middleburg Eccentric, recently retired as Technical Director of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) .

Engberg joined AWRA in 1999, following his retirement from the Department of the Interior (DOI). This was the same year that AWRA relocated to Middleburg.

As Technical Director, he was very active in U. S. water policy, organizing and co-chairing four AWRA National Water Policy Dialogues. He also was responsible for working with volunteers to organize the programs for AWRA's annual water resources conferences and two specialty conferences each year.

He was copy editor for the AWRA magazine, Water Resources IMPACT, and edited issues of IMPACT on a biannual basis. He advised the Executive Vice President on water resources technical issues and represented AWRA at technical meetings in Washington, DC and elsewhere.

At DOI, as a member of the Senior Executive Service, he was manager of the National Irrigation Water Quality Program (NIWQP) for more than nine years. Representatives from four federal agencies were assigned to NIWQP to evaluate the environmental impacts of DOI irrigation projects in 17 western states on fish and wildlife.

Under Engberg's leadership, more than 200 reports, journal articles and book chapters were produced on western irrigation projects. A recognized expert on the element selenium, he co-edited the book, *Environmental Chemistry of Selenium*.

Prior to his work at DOI, he spent 26 years with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS). His last position with USGS was District Chief, Iowa District in Iowa City, IA. He was responsible for all USGS activities in Iowa.

During his government career, he published more than 50 reports and journal articles. Engberg was the recipient of several awards including the Distinguished Service Award, DOI's highest award.

At AWRA, he has received the President's Award for Service, and the Henry Caulfield Medal for excellence in U. S. water policy. He was recently selected for the Icko Iben Award for excellence in water resources communication.

Richard presently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation, North Bethesda, MD. He has been a member of the Middleburg Wellhead Protection Committee, and the Loudoun County Water Resources Advisory Board.

A Nebraska native, Richard holds degrees in chemistry and geology from the University of Nebraska (UNL) and presently is a member of the UNL Geoscience Department Alumni Advisory Board. In 2007, he was elected to the Beatrice, Nebraska, High School Hall of Fame.



Second Annual Dinner for Seven Loaves

Seven Loaves is thrilled to announce the second annual dinner at Julien's in Middleburg to benefit Seven Loaves. Jean Michele and Francois are excited to host the event which last year was filled to maximum capacity. They were generous enough to come to us to do something to honor Jean Michele's Mother Micheline who passed away in October the year prior. This has now become an annual event and is a feature event for Seven Loaves that brings in wonderful friends and family of Middleburg to raise money for those in need. The event will be held September 30 at 6:00 and reservations can be made by calling Julien's at 540-687-3123. The cost is $100 per person for a five course meal. Seven Loaves is fortunate to have business partners in the community like Julien's who are there to support our mission of providing quality food to those who are in need.

William Sellers to Head Journey Through Hallowed Ground

Brings deep experience in education & development

At the conclusion of a nationwide search, William Sellers, an attorney and non-profit executive, has been named President and CEO of The Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

"Bill will be an important addition to the JTHG leadership team," noted Cate Magennis Wyatt, founder of The Journey Through Hallowed Ground. "He is a wonderful individual with deep experience in education, not-for-profits," the former president and CEO continued.

"I was struck by how quickly Bill understood and embraced our mission," said JTHG Interim President Stuart Hanley.

Journey Trustees Chairman David F. Williams said in a statement announcing the selection. "The Journey's board and team of professionals looks forward to working closely with Bill as he assumes the role of president and leads the organization into its second decade."

After graduating from Wentworth, he entered Harvard University, where he earned a degree in history. At Harvard, he lettered twice in football, was a member of the 1987 Ivy League championship team, and was voted by his teammates as the winner of the Henry N. Lamar Award as the "senior member of the Harvard Football squad who, through his dedication to the program and concern for his fellow man, has made a unique contribution to Harvard football."

"Bill brings to the Journey a passion for history and education, a strong history of leadership and innovative thinking, and a tremendous wealth of experience in myriad fields," Journey Trustees Chairman Williams said in a statement announcing the selection. "The Journey's board and team of professionals looks forward to working closely with Bill as he assumes the role of president performed so effectively by Cate Wyatt for the past ten years."

William Wentworth Sellers (born January 12, 1968) was the fourteenth President of Wentworth Military Academy and College in Lexington, Missouri, serving from 2008 to 2013. He is the fourth generation of his family to head the school, following his great-grandfather Sandford Sellers, who led Wentworth from its founding in 1880 until 1923, his great-uncle Sandford Sellers, Jr. (1923–1933), his grandfather James M. Sellers (1933–1960), and his father James M. Sellers, Jr. (1973–1990). He is also a direct descendant of Academy founder Stephen G. Wentworth.

Sellers grew up on the campus of Wentworth Military Academy. He attended Lexington public schools before entering Wentworth in 1982. At Wentworth, he finished first academically in his class all four years, captained the football, basketball and track teams, edited the school yearbook and newspaper, played saxophone in the band, and was company commander of Headquarters Company.

After graduating from Wentworth, he entered Harvard University, where he earned a degree in history. At Harvard, he lettered twice in football, was a member of the 1987 Ivy League championship team, and was voted by his teammates as the winner of the Henry N. Lamar Award as the "senior member of the Harvard Football squad who, through his dedication to the program and concern for his fellow man, has made a unique contribution to Harvard football."

He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law, where he was named to The Order of Barristers and was a member of the Missouri Environmental Law & Policy Review. Following graduation, he served as a clerk for the Western District of the Missouri Court of Appeals for a year, then entered private practice in Kansas City, Missouri, focusing primarily on class actions and complex litigation.

Prior to his appointment as President, he had served on Wentworth's Alumni Council, Board of Visitors, and on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. When Sellers took over as President in December 2008, enrollment was at 155 cadets, its lowest point since the 1930s. Sellers oversaw four consecutive years of enrollment growth, ultimately increasing on campus enrollment by over 50% to 238 cadets by 2013—its highest level in two decades. He built the commuter college enrollment to its highest level in Wentworth's history, with 334 full-time students. Including part-time students, the college enrolled about 1,000 students a year. He also placed a major emphasis on growing the international student population, increasing the number of foreign students from 9 in 2008 to over 60 international students from 14 countries by 2013.

Sellers led the school through two accreditation visits by the Higher Learning Commission, a comprehensive visit in 2009 and a focused visit in 2012, and added a Homeland Security Associate's degree to the college offerings. He served as president of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States in 2011-12, and was the first Wentworth president ever to serve on the Presidential Advisory Committee to Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the State Historical Society of Missouri, is a past president of the Harvard Club of Kansas City, and served on the Board of Directors of the Harvard Alumni Association. He is a member of the Missouri Bar Association. He has managed a number of political campaigns, including the 1992 re-election campaign of Congressman Ike Skelton, formerly Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The Loudoun County Class of 1980

announces their 35th Reunion to take place Saturday September 19, 2015 from 7pm to 11:30pm at The Bungalow Lake House in Sterling, VA. The cost is $30 per person.

For more information contact Chip Stine at 540-687-3634 or eyez1@verizon.net



News of Note

Looking to Unison Heritage Day and Halloween



On Halloween, Unison, one of Loudoun County's best preserved historic villages, will hold its rollicking annual Unison Heritage Day and Halloween party in the new Unison Community Center and on the Village Green.

The Oct. 31st village festival, from 1 to 5 p.m., will feature wonderful food and barbecue from Middleburg's well known Barbara Paige Caterers, beer and imported wines, fresh-shucked oysters and clams, dozens of homemade pies and desserts by Unison's historic United Methodist Church. All-afternoon Blue Ridge Mountain music will be performed by the Cobbler Mountain Grass Band.

The lively fair will also feature a visit by the children-friendly hounds of the Piedmont Hunt, the nation's oldest fox-hunting club, a Halloween costume contest for children 12 and under, and live and silent auctions. More than 150 donated items will be auctioned, from art, antiques, restaurant dining and services donated by Loudoun and Fauquier stores, restaurants and residents, including trout-fishing trips and American and foreign vacation adventures. The silent auction is from 1-4:30 p.m.; the live auction begins about 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the nonprofit Unison Preservation Society, proceeds from the annual festival will go toward community programs and improvements to the historic Unison Store, including a new back porch and an easy access entrance. The store was donated to UPS as a community center two years ago, by Middleburg-area philanthropist Dr. Betsee Parker. The 1870s store and Village Green this year have been hosts to art and yoga classes, a history lecture series, outdoor concerts, community gatherings and private dinners and wedding parties. A celebration was held this summer, with local and state officials, to honor the new Battle of Unison sign installed in front of the store. President Lincoln himself planned the 1862 battle, which he hoped might hasten the end of the Civil War. He removed Union Gen. George McClellan from command immediately after the Unison battle for failing to execute the plans.



The Quaker village, one of Loudoun County's oldest and most peaceful historic villages, founded in the 1730s, is at the northern end of Foxcroft Road (Rte. 626), a State Scenic Road. It also is at the center of three overlapping historic districts. The Unison Village Historic District was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2002/2003 and the 8,000-acre Unison Battlefield Historic District, with help from three federal grants, was placed on state and national historic registers in 2011. The village also is at the center of Loudoun County's Beaverdam Creek Historic Roadways District, created in 2002, the only historic district of its kind in the nation. Most of its scenic rural roads are the original 18th and 19th Century dirt roads. A drive to the quiet village (quiet except on Unison Heritage Day), where horses and Black Angus cattle still outnumber residents, is a drive into Loudoun's historic past.

For information and advance tickets please see the nonprofit Unison Preservation Society website at www.unisonva.org.

Thos. Hays & Son Jewelers
Celebrating 43 years ~ 1972 - 2015



Urn
$1375





Plates
$35 ea.

19 South Madison Street • Middleburg • Virginia • 540.687.6997
www.ThosHaysJewelers.com

Middleburg Eccentric
Ad Deadline
Sept. 12th for
Sept. 24th Issue

Middleburg Eccentric
Ad Deadline
Oct. 8th for
Oct. 22nd Issue

Trot On Over to Trotters Perk Bistro





Eclectic and funky, Trotters Perk Bistro is a mix of sparkle, sleek modern, sentimental, cozy and inviting – complete with piano for the musically inclined and patio seating for those with well behaved pooches.

"What's behind the logo?" I asked Chef Ti. "The love of Gypsy vanner horses, vintage percolators, animal rescue, and good food!"

"Small bites" is the theme of her menu. Mainly Italian with a bit of French, German and Austrian mixed in, many of the items are culinary delights from her childhood. Locally sourced, her kitchen will be certified organic.

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, made to order breakfast will include egg sandwiches, Belgian waffles, pastries; lunch will include soups, sandwiches, salads, and quiche. For dinner, a variety of appetizers, fish tacos, lasagna, bratwurst, meatball sliders will be offered. A selection of home made organic gelato and ice creams, Italian pastries, cakes and cookies await to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth and enjoyed with organic coffees and espressos.

Supporting animal and human organizations are causes close to Ti's heart, and twice a month, a percentage of the day's receipts will be donated to a chosen cause.

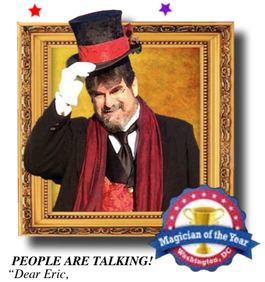
Trotters Perk Bistro is a fun place to bring the kids, a date, or your grandmother. And there's a photo booth to squish the whole group in for candids after you've finished your ice cream.

Located at 16 East Washington Street, the Bistro is open 7 days a week, (540) 687-3606.

The Rail Stop

A Three Course Dinner
and An Evening of Magic
featuring Eric Henning
DC Magician of the year 2015

$65 per person
Limited seating
Reserve now!
$5 off with a canned goods
for the food bank



PEOPLE ARE TALKING!
"Dear Eric,
I wanted to thank you for helping to make the Halloween celebration at the White House such a success. The President and I had a wonderful time, and this year's event was spectacular."
- Mrs. Michelle Obama, Washington, DC



Serving our artisan pizzas for lunch !

Monday, September 28th
at 7:30 pm

Phone:(540) 253-5644
6478 Main St, The Plains, VA 20198



"Eric performed for me at The National Theatre in Washington, DC. He is a pro and audience pleaser in every respect, and he is supportive of his fellow performers. Class Act. Bravo, Eric!"
- Dr. Donn Murphy, President (ret.)
The National Theatre, Washington, DC

"In addition to your incredible performance abilities, we appreciate your cooperation and sincere desire to create an unforgettable experience for our guests. You certainly met and exceeded our expectations, which is the mark of a true professional."
- 54th Presidential Inaugural Committee

"How'd he DO that!?"
- The Washington Post

www.erichenningmagic.com

CHERRY BLOSSOM

9TH Annual Cherry Blossom Walks, Fun Runs and Pooch Prances for Breast Cancer

SPONSORS NEEDED!



Join us!

Sunday October 11th

In-person registration opens: 11:30 AM
Walks/Runs/Prances start: 1:00 PM

GRAND SPONSOR:
ASHBURN & MIDDLEBURG

Middleburg Bank
Neighbors You Can Bank On.™

Start Locations

Sanders Corner School
43100 Ashburn Farm Pkwy
Ashburn, VA

Foxcroft School
22407 Foxhound Lane
Middleburg, VA
"Nanette's Walk"

Register online at: CherryBlossomBreastCancerFoundation.org

Join The Ashburn Sponsors!

ASHBURN FOUNDER'S CIRCLE
Loudoun Times-Mirror
PARVA PLASTIC SURGERY
Aesthetic & Reconstructive Surgery

ASHBURN PINK BLOSSOM
HOMES · FOR LEADERS REAL ESTATE, LLC.

Join The Middleburg Sponsors!

MIDDLEBURG FOUNDER'S CIRCLE
Loudoun Times-Mirror
Middleburg Eccentric

BOTH LOCATIONS
CORTI DESIGNWORKS

MIDDLEBURG PINK BLOSSOM
Sandi and James Atkins

ORGANIZED BY
CHERRY BLOSSOM BREAST CANCER foundation

100% of our grant monies are directed locally to help in the fight against breast cancer!

Donations & Foundation Information: CherryBlossomBreastCancerFoundation.org
facebook.com/cbbreastcancerfoundation

News of Note

Middleburg Real Estate Welcomes Tracy LeBlanc



Tracy LeBlanc, who recently joined Middleburg Real Estate/Atoka Properties, is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area. Tracy and her family who have been in Northern Virginia for nearly 20 years call Purcellville home.

"We adore Western Loudoun County and feel lucky to living in such a beautiful and historic place."

A former journalism teacher, Tracy believes in giving her clients hands-on guidance throughout the process of buying or selling a home.

"I love my job. I get to work with all kinds of interesting people and help them through what is often a daunting, scary process. As an Air Force family member, I also have insight into the needs of military families and those relocating to the area."

Tracy has several years of experience in marketing and advertising and continues her creative endeavors as a freelance writer.

A passionate advocate for animals, Tracy works as a volunteer to help homeless animals find their "forever homes."

Middleburg Real Estate Welcomes Kimberly Ent



Kimberly, her husband and two sons reside in the beautiful town of Purcellville, Virginia. Prior to moving to

Purcellville, she and her family lived in many overseas countries to include Africa, Central America,

Caribbean, and Southeast Asia. She is a native of western Pennsylvania.

Kimberly is very excited for the opportunity to help clients find their next home in Loudoun County. She believes it is essential to pay close attention to her clients needs. She is very compassionate,

Hardworking and willing to go the extra mile. With her extensive travel, she understands how someone is feeling when he or she is transitioning to this beautiful area of Loudoun County.

Kimberly's previous experience includes exceptional customer service in the United States government and commercial office management. In her free time Kimberly enjoys spending time with her family and traveling."

Aldie Harvest Festival & Duck Race

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Village of Aldie ~ on Rt 50, 1 mile West of Gilbert's Corner
Free Admission ~ Parking only $5



Antiques, Craft & Jewelry Vendors
Country Cookin' & Bake Sales
Free Children's Activities
Living Historians & Artisan Demos
Historic Aldie Mill Tour
Music
Duck Race at 4 pm
A Lucky Duck could win $100,000!

Winner of Visit Loudoun's 2010 & 2013 Event of the Year

Aldie Heritage Association
Visit the Village

Sponsored by
Aldie Heritage Association
www.aldieheritage.com
www.villageofaldie.com/harvestfest.htm



In case of an emergency exit... Inova is here for you, just as you have been for us.

All our emergency service locations provide 24/7 emergency care, board-certified emergency physicians, FREE transport from the newly-renovated Leesburg ER to Inova Loudoun Hospital and seamless transfer of major traumas to Inova Fairfax Hospital's Level I Trauma Center.

Inova Emergency Room - Leesburg
224A Cornwall Street NW, 1st Floor
Leesburg, VA 20176

Inova Loudoun Hospital
Adult and Children's Emergency Rooms
44045 Riverside Parkway
Leesburg, VA 20176

Inova HealthPlex - Ashburn Emergency Room
Coming Late 2015!

Inova Concussion Clinic offers the area's clinical experts in concussion baseline testing, post-injury evaluation, treatment/rehabilitation, and more.

Inova Concussion Clinic
44035 Riverside Parkway, Suite 500
Leesburg, VA 20176

For more information, visit inova.org/loudoun

INOVA®
Join the future of health.

News of Note

The National Sporting Library & Museum Highlights the Spectacular Sporting Scenes and Calamitous Crashes of Illustrator Paul Brown



This fall the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) will present an exhibition of works by American illustrator Paul Desmond Brown (1893-1958). Paul Brown from the Permanent Collection, opening August 29th, will feature highlights of Brown's original equestrian artwork from the NSLM collections and focus on steeplechasing images from the 1930s. The exhibition will be on view in the Museum until January 17, 2016.

Paul Brown, a highly prolific and popular illustrator of the early 20th century, published works in hundreds of books and periodicals, including Time Magazine, Collier's, Country Life, and Polo. He gained recognition as a commercial artist with many of his illustrations used on Brooks Brothers of New York's advertising materials. Brown was considered an expert sporting artist for his depictions of horse racing, foxhunting, and polo scenes. The NSLM collection includes over 100 books illustrated or written by Brown, over 200 examples of his original drawings, sketches, and watercolors, and multiple pieces of ephemera and archival materials.

Original pencil drawings from Brown's most popular books Spills and Thrills (1933), Ups and Downs (1936), and Good Luck and Bad (1940) will be on display for the first time. As the book titles imply, these drawings are full of spectacular scenes and terrifying crashes from equestrian events. While some are finished pencil and ink illustrations, many are quick, light sketches showing his unique talent for capturing motion in a single frame. Most of the works are inscribed with the artist's personal notes and handwritten commentary.

The exhibition will highlight Brown's steeplechasing images which are a fitting compliment to NSLM's September release of the Llangollen Race Meeting Sketchbook. In this previously unpublished sketchbook, Brown documents the 1931 Piedmont Fox Hounds steeplechase event at Llangollen Farm in Upperville, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. John Hay (Jock) Whitney, owners of Llangollen Farm at the time, were presented with the commemorative sketchbook which consists of fifteen images illustrating scenes of the Llangollen race. The one-of-a-kind, large format folio of drawings was donated to NSLM by Helen K. Groves in 2008.

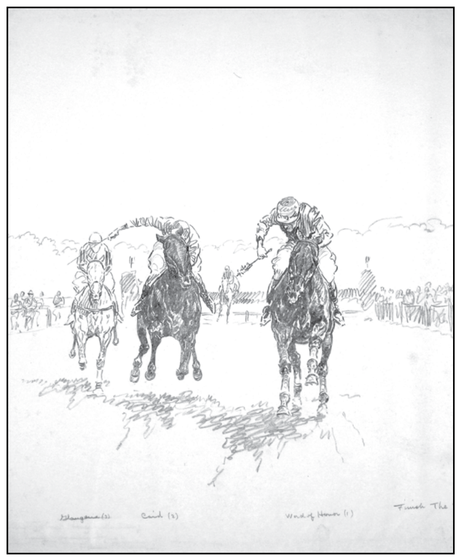
This special printing of the Llangollen Race Meeting Sketchbook includes an essay by Dorothy Ours, John H. Daniels Fellow and author of the award-winning book Battleship: A Daring Heiress, a Teenage Jockey, and America's Horse (2013). Ours' essay interprets Brown's importance as a sporting artist of the 20th century, the excitement of American steeplechase racing in the 1930s, and the Whitneys' development of a revolutionary style of race course. The Llangollen Race Meeting Sketchbook will be available for purchase from NSLM at www.NationalSporting.org starting September 12th.

Museum admission: Adults $10, Seniors (65 and older) $8, Youth (13–18) $8, Youth (12 & under) Free.

Library admission is free to the public. Museum admission is free on Wednesdays and the last Sunday of each month. Museum admission is free to NSLM members.

Hours: Wednesdays, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.





Life and Leadership



Cate Wyatt • A Lifetime of Service

Join us October 9th
When We Celebrate
the Stewardship of
J. Hamilton Lambert
and
Cate Magennis Wyatt
the 2015 Loudoun Laureates

To Make Reservations for the
River Creek Club Gala
www.loudounlaurels.org



J. Lambert • A Lifetime of Service

The Loudoun Laurels
www.loudounlaurels.org

Get the Biz Buzz!



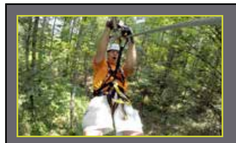
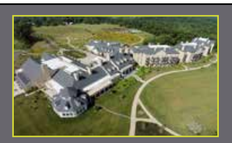
The Middleburg Business and Professional Association invites you to our September Mixer

Tuesday, September 8
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Union Bank
101 West Washington Street

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

Non-members will be charged $5.00.


Middleburg Online has been creating visually stimulating content 1993. We bring a multitude of media together to create video and photography marketing tools that gets you noticed, including the latest available aerial and cinematic motion videography and photography.

Middleburg Online - Video Production
Video.middleburg.com
540.687.8040

Thos. Hays & Son Jewelers
Celebrating 43 years ~ 1972 - 2015



19 South Madison Street • Middleburg • Virginia
540.687.6997
www.ThosHaysJewelers.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 2:00 P.M.

VIRGINIA DOWNS RACING AT

Great Meadow

Presented by the Virginia Equine Alliance



- General admission: **$30.00 per car** bring a blanket and a picnic, or purchase food on site.
- Gates open at **Noon**.
- First race is at **2:00 p.m.**
- **Six** flat races with **pari-mutuel wagering.**

Virginia Equine Alliance

FauquierSPCA

Proceeds to Benefit Fauquier SPCA

For reserved railside tailgate spaces, or more information contact:

Mary Tarr, Fauquier SPCA at 540.788.9000 x202

FOR TICKETS go to www.FauquierSPCA.com

News of Note

Leadership Transition Underway at JTHG Partnership

Cate Magennis Wyatt, the Founding President of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, has stepped down from day to day operations as of July 31, 2015 and has assumed the title of Founding President Emeritus. She will be assisting in the transition with interim President and CEO, Stuart Haney.

"I could not feel more grateful to The Journey Board of Trustees for their tremendous efforts over the past six months, to bring this transition to fruition," said Magennis Wyatt. "The Journey has been my passion for the past ten years and it was time to pass the baton to fresh leadership."

Magennis Wyatt incorporated the nonprofit Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership in 2005, and created the vision that led to its future success. For the past ten years she has led The Journey and its talented team of professionals with her strength, wisdom, creativity, energy and, above all, her profound commitment to the organization's mission and the values it seeks to promote. Under her leadership, The Journey has been designated by Congress as the 38th National Heritage Area; has been named by the Secretary of Interior as the 99th National Scenic Byway in the country; has launched the Living Legacy Tree Planting program to honor the Civil War fallen; has published seminal work with National Geographic Society; has developed award-winning programs in the areas of education and heritage tourism; has become a thought leader in preservation and in the promotion of American history; and has formed enduring partnerships with over 350 municipal government entities, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic foundations, business associations, and corporations, including Warner Brothers, History Channel, Esri, and Ancestry.com among many others.

"Thanks to Cate's leadership and vision, The Journey has become a model public-private initiative that honors our past, supports our economy and social vitality, and civically engages future leaders in our shared heritage," said Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Board of Trustees Co-Vice Chair. "The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership is indebted to Cate and the board for creating a seamless transition. Cate, who originally made a five-year commitment to The Journey, was persuaded by the board to continue her work for an additional five years and lead the organization to its 10th Anniversary, which we celebrated this year. We have been blessed to have her amazing talents to bring into being and develop a leading organization with an amazing record of innovation and success, and are proud to claim Cate as our Founding President Emeritus," she said.

An event to highlight and honor Magennis Wyatt's leadership and accomplishments is currently being planned in the coming weeks. As the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership celebrates its tenth anniversary, organizational leaders invite all partners to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments achieved together and look forward to working with everyone in the years to come to continue to advance the values that are cherished.

"It has been my great privilege to serve as Chair of the Journey Board for the past several years with Cate as our President. She is an extraordinary leader who not only has achieved great things in her own right, but makes everyone around her better. The Journey would not remotely be where it is today without Cate at the helm. We are deeply sorry to see her step down as President, but we are so grateful for the opportunity to continue to work closely with her in her new role as Founding President Emeritus," said Board of Trustees Chairman David F. Williams.

Magennis Wyatt and the board began the process of selecting her permanent successor back in April, engaging the search firm of Bryan & Jordan Consulting LLC. The search process is ongoing. Haney will serve as the interim president and chief executive officer until a permanent one is named. Haney, a resident of Loudoun County for over 25 years, is an attorney who has served in various executive capacities. In addition to serving as Co-Vice Chair of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, he is a founding board member of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "Having served on the board as its Co-Vice Chair, I am delighted and look forward to extending my service in this way," he said. "I want to thank Cate for her tireless work over the last decade creating an award-winning organization that all of us along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground are proud of. Cate is one of the most gifted and talented executives I've come across. I look forward to working with her as we transition to The Journey's future."



MIDDLEBURG CONCERT SERIES

LATIN AMERICAN CHAMBER MUSIC

Featuring
Jose Alfonso Valadez Alanis
Renowned Accordionist

CONCERT SPONSOR: GLORIA ARMFIELD WASHINGTON FINE PROPERTIES
AND OTHER GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Sunday, September 13th at 4 PM
Middleburg United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington and Pendleton Streets
*Free will offering * Refreshments by Federal Street Café*

For information contact:
Leah@rstarmail.com or Alansa99@yahoo.com
Phone: (540) 303-7127

(800) 200-8663
TOLL FREE

SILENTPARTNER
SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.

silentpss.com

FREE SECURTY MONITORING FOR 1 FULL YEAR



A $300+ VALUE

*For First-Time Customers

News of Note

Historic Village Prepares for 46th Annual Bluemont Fair



The sleepy Blue Ridge village of Bluemont in western-most Loudoun County, Virginia, is bustling with activity as it prepares for the 46th ANNUAL

BLUEMONT FAIR, September 19 & 20, 2015 from 10AM to 5PM both days, rain or shine. Admission is still only $5/adults, under 10 free, with free parking available. One-way traffic and crosswalks will be enforced in the village to ensure pedestrian safety. As always, the beautifully renovated Schoolhouse, grounds, and the entire village, will be alive with music, crafts, activities, and food.

Bluemont's distinctive logo reflecting this year's theme: "Farm Tools and Musical Instruments" was created by former Bluemonter, Jen Brady. Her winning design is created in a charming child-like style and graces the poster, T-shirt, and other fair memorabilia.

Always mindful of the natural beauty of the area and the need to provide good stewardship, Bluemont continues a "Green" approach to the Fair.

Whenever possible recycled materials are used and easily identifiable receptacles encourage recycling of bottles and cans. Reusable shopping bags with an abbreviated rendering of 2011's popular Birds of Bluemont logo will be available for sale at a nominal price at various sites throughout the fair to encourage fairgoers to reduce use of plastic bags.

Fair weekend begins with the 37th Bluemont Road Race, beginning at 8AM. Terrain on the course is rolling at times, with a total ascent of 222 feet over mostly gravel and paved roads, beginning and ending at Great County Farms. Registration is $25 until Midnight, 8/30/15, $30 until midnight 9/13/15 and $35 on race day (exact change or check, please!) The awards ceremony will immediately follow and each participant will receive a Bluemont Race t-shirt with this year's distinctive logo. More information and application can be found at www.bluemontfair.org

The 24th Annual Pickle-Making/Pie-Baking Contest will take place on Saturday, September 19 at the E.E. Lake Store. Entries, labeled with the creator's name and "contestant's" title out of sight, should be delivered to the E.E. Lake Store by 11AM. Judging will take place at noon with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for two categories of pie (fruit/other) and pickles (cucumber/other). First place winners in each category will receive a commemorative pickle or pie plate. All winners will receive ribbons and bragging rights. Afterwards slices of the pie "contestants" will be available for purchase at a nominal fee. More information can be found at www.bluemontfair.org Step next door into E.E. Lake Store for some delicious fresh baked goods and canned delights.

The Wine Tasting Venue and the Beer Garden, combined last year, was such a success we're doing it again!! Enjoy your favorite libation in a relaxed setting with music, gourmet treats, and stunning views of the Blue Ridge. Entrance to the Wine and Beer Garden is free with admission to the fair, however you must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages. Souvenir beer and wine glasses will be sold for $5, with $1 for tastings and $5 for filled glasses. This is a great venue in which to relax mid-day or before heading home--by means of a designated driver, of course! You will also be able to purchase sealed products for home consumption.

The Snickersville Academy, a log cabin built in 1825 which was the first schoolhouse and house of worship in the village, will once again be open for free tours both days. The Hatcher family generously gave it to Friends of Bluemont in 2010 and the group has completely restored it.

Both days of the fair feature food, crafts, music and lots of activities for all ages throughout the historic village. On the Old Schoolhouse grounds will be scores of juried crafters displaying their wares. Many crafters offer demonstrations, including papermaker, Joe Cunningham, as well as wood carvers, basket weavers, potters, word turners, quilters, and broom makers. Additionally, Ron Light of Lighthouse Woodworking has a new line featuring a re-creation of the first poster Bluemont Fair design depicting our beloved village up to the gap. The design will be available on trivets, hanging wall plaques and benches. The wide array of crafts and original art available for purchase include photography, hand-made brooms, baskets, spinning and weaving, birdhouses, wood carving, ceramics and pottery, jewelry, dolls, fiber arts, soaps and lotions, and much more. Artisans present include 2014-1st Place Juried Crafts winner, Pappy's Wooden Dreams: "Handcrafted Toys for Big Imaginations".

Plentiful food vendors will offer a variety of foods and treats, from down-home to international. This year the Bluemont Fair is pleased to host three new local

Food vendors including Cajun cooking from the Jambalaya Brothers, The Sprouted Spoon offering paleo-friendly options, and Tailgater Toby serving gourmet hot dogs and BBQ, along with our returning vendors that serve everything from apple dumplings to Tzatziki. Antiques and other collectible treasures will be displayed by a variety of vendors at the Antique Flea Market. Be sure to stop by and see the alpacas, llamas, and sheep and consider purchasing articles made from their prized wool. Members of the local weavers guild will also be present to demonstrate their craft and provide hands-on opportunities. Ever-popular Organ Grinder,

Terry Bender and his mechanical friends, will perform musical selections on his large German street organ. Local beekeepers will once again bring their working honey-bee colony-a fair favorite-with many varieties of honey and bee-related items for sale.

Bluemont's railroad history is celebrated with an extensive model railroad display in the Shed behind the Community Center. The models come complete with replicas of Bluemont's historic buildings. A special hands-on set will also be available for "engineers" of all ages to operate. Be sure to stop by and tour the genuine red Caboose ensconced on actual tracks behind the old schoolhouse. Once again the renovated Mill at the end of Railroad St., near the site of the long-gone Bluemont Train Station, will be open and offer an exhibit of railroad memorabilia. Also in attendance will be Rosemary, of Hair Cuts by Rosemary, to provide new coiffures to fairgoers.

At the E.E. Lake Store homemade jams, jellies and baked goods are available for purchase, along with Bluemont memorabilia. Be sure to also visit the Art Show and Sale and Children's Art Exhibit in the Community Center. All young artists are invited to submit works for display at the Children's Art Exhibit.

Music and entertainment this year include new events: a square dance, Chorus of the Old Dominion serenading folks walking through the fair, and youth performers. We've got country, folk, blues, jazz, bluegrass, gospel, singer-songwriters, and rock n' roll, plus two dance troupes on three stages. Archeologist Dave Clark will also be on hand to share his display of found-objects and bones which evoke the area's rich past.

The Bluemont General Store at the northern end of the village is a 150+ year old country store that was established prior to the Civil War and has operated almost continually thereafter, will offer the modern convenience of an ATM machine, in addition to food (including hormone-free milk in glass bottles, fresh eggs from the store-owned farm, local grass-fed organic beef, ice-cream, and sandwiches), souvenirs, and more music.

One of the most charming aspects of the weekend is the extraordinary Children's Fair, Bluemont's gift to its youngest visitors. Face painting, clowns, farm animals and lots of hands-on activities are offered for kids of all ages, most free of charge. Pony rides are available nearby for a small additional fee, as is the popular Rock-Climbing Wall, and pedal cars for very young drivers.



The 150+ year old Old Stone Church across from the Old Schoolhouse will house two very popular events. In the Sanctuary, an extensive Quilt exhibit, provided by the Waterford Quilters Guild, features antique quilts made in the 1880's to new quilts made this year. Come see the contrast and harmony between the two in the beautiful church setting of wooden pews and stained glass windows. Meanwhile downstairs in the church basement the traditional slide shows of Bluemont's past: "When the Trains Came to Bluemont" and "Bluemont: 1864" will be presented at 12:30, 1 and 1:30pm both days. The first show describes Bluemont's heyday during the early 1900s when it was the last stop on the W&OD Railroad, now known mostly as the name of the bike trail which sits on its track bed. The second show describes an actual Civil War skirmish that occurred right in the center of the village!

The Bluemont Fair is sponsored by the Bluemont Citizens Association. Proceeds go toward paying for the village's street lights, providing scholarships for local students, improvements to the village's historic buildings such as the E.E. Lake Store and the Snickersville Academy, and community beautification. In addition, the BCA donates to local service organizations and provides display opportunities at the fair for local non-profit organizations, including The Friends of Bluemont, Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Boulder Crest Retreat for Wounded Warriors, and the Snickersville Turnpike Association. Absolutely No Pets (except service animals) admitted. Bluemont is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge on Snickersville Turnpike (Rt. 734) about one hour west of the District of Columbia, 17 miles west of Leesburg and east of Winchester via Route 7. For more information, call: 540-554-2376 (voice mail), write: Bluemont Fair, P.O.Box 217, Bluemont, VA 20135, or visit www.bluemontfair.org











News of Note

Tales of Route 50

Middleburg Town Council Report - Continued from page 1

already contacted the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department to request "permission to set up a Town police vehicle" enforce the law and protect motorists at the intersection.

His request, he said, was denied.

VDOT was also part of the problem, Panebianco noted, suggesting that "something drastic needed to happen."

The danger to motorists turning left one lane too early, Council member Shea noted, was motorists headed east, downhill, inevitably sped up at this location in order to pass slower cars before they reached end of the four-lane highway.

Chief Panebianco suggested that, at the very least, there was " for the installation of a flashing light on a sign on Zulla Road with the message "divided highway ahead".

Council member Trowbridge Littleton summed up Council's reaction to the problem, stating that "this was the number one priority out of all of the items that have been discussed during the meeting."

The Town will continue to reach out to county and state authorities, Council indicated, until something is done.

Drones over Middleburg

In response to concerns about drone photography Police Chief A.J. Panebianco announced that, henceforth, his department would post signs at Town-sponsored public events in Middleburg reminding attendees that at any public events "participants could be photographed."

Council member Kathy Jo Shea, had raised the issue after noting drone photographs of Town-sponsored and other events appearing on the web.

Shea, noting that she had "taught self-defense and participated in battered women's programs for years " told Council " some people did not need to have their pictures put on the Internet."

Salamander Noise

Council member Erik Scheps reported that he and his wife had recently called the Police Department to report what he believed to be "excessive noise" from music being played on property belonging to the Salamander Resort. "When he could hear the words from the lyrics in his house," he said, "the noise level was too loud."

Scheps called for the establishment of a "baseline" for such noise and the use of the town's portable decibel meter to enforce it.

Police Chief Panebianco noted that the town's current regulations would require an officer to enter the home of anyone who lodged a formal complaint and take noise measurements four feet away from the wall nearest the offending noise "with the doors and windows closed."

The current lower bounds, he said, were fifty-five decibels after 10:00 PM and sixty-five decibels during the day.

A loud TV set will produce a fifty-five decibel noise, Panebianco noted. A sixty-five decibel noise was roughly "the equivalent of a loud conversation."

In the Chief's opinion, the noise from the Salamander property "was probably not a violation" noting that "Salamander tended to be very hospitable and would make an effort to address a complaint if they knew there was a problem." Council member Scheps agreed that "the noise was probably in line with the [current] ordinance" but urged Council to consider lowering the decibel limits.

Police Ethics

Chief Panebianco, a member of the Executive Board of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, also serves as Chair of that organization's Professional Image and Ethics Committee.

At the August 13 Town Council meeting Panebianco "expressed hope that in a short time, he would make an announcement on a project he has been working on with the Commonwealth Attorney."

"Middleburg," he said, "was deeply involved in it" and in his opinion, "it would be ground breaking."

Panebianco is often consulted by other departments across the state, both for his expertise in "community policing" and the recruitment and training of personnel.

One of his first acts after being hired as Middleburg's Chief was to introduce a departmental "Oath of Honor," above sworn to by Middleburg Police Officers in front of Town Council, the public they serve, and their families as they receive their badges.

Possible Grant for Asbury Church

On August 13 Tom Sweitzer, co-founder of A Place to Be, announce that his organization had been invited by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to apply for a grant that could well provide significant funding for the restoration of Asbury Church, now owned by the Town of Middleburg, and once stabilized and restored, a candidate for a wide variety of uses by the Town and non-profit community.

Applications for the NEA grant Sweitzer told Council, "must include a non-profit, whose income was over $500,000, who has been around for more than three years and who must partner with the Town to renovate the space."

A Place to Be would, could apply for a grant of some $200,000-300,000, with his clients doing the work, even though it would remain a Town space. Sweitzer also said "he had people who would start a website and take care of the building."

According to Town Administrator Semmes the grant " would not cover construction costs" but would "cover the design and planning costs to turn the building into a multi-purpose, cultural facility." Once such plans were in place, she noted, further fundraising would be MUCH easier.

A Place to Be has been widely recognized for its work, "Helping people face, navigate, and overcome life's challenges using the therapeutic arts" serving, among other individuals suffering from Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy; the emotional challenges of coping with bullying or self-esteem issues; and people living with chronic illness such as Lyme disease and cancer."

Town Administrator Semmes noted that a formal resolution of Council support for Town Staff to work on the NEA grant application would needed, and "suggested this be done during the September meeting."

Council member Mark Snyder expressed not only his own support, but noted that, from his perspective town staff could count on unanimous Council support.

Council member Katy Jo Shea agreed, but noted she "wanted to make sure the building did not become "A Place To Be" in town but rather was used for the arts. She suggested the Middleburg Arts Council and Piedmont Community Music be included in the discussions.

Sweitzer agreed that "it would be easy to share this space with fifteen people who cared about the arts," noting that A Place To Be could serve as the host and provide cleaning services.

Town Administrator Semmes then "cautioned Council about putting the cart before the horse."

Middleburg, she said, had not formally "decided whether the Town would keep the building" and had "not voted to do anything [with Asbury Church] beyond fixing it up.

Council member Shea agreed, but noted that even if the Town did not keep the building, "it would be easier for someone to take it over if there was a valuable use for it."



I WONDER...

People often seek a ***second opinion*** before major surgery.
Why treat complex dental problems any different?

There are many ways to approach dental conditions and there are a wide array of options available today. If you feel your case might be complicated, or you still have questions about your choices, you can trust Dr. Gallegos to give you his honest clinical opinion.

Dr. Gallegos has advanced clinical training, years of experience and the ability to explain and help you easily understand your options.

Consider a **Second Opinion Appointment** for:

- THOROUGH DIAGNOSIS
- SKILL AND EXPERTISE
- TREATMENT OPTIONS
- TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE

Middleburg Smiles

Call us to arrange your Second Opinion Appointment.
204 E FEDERAL STREET | MIDDLEBURG, VA 20118
ROBERT A. GALLEGOS, DDS & RONALD D. JACKSON, DDS P: 540-687-6363 | www.MiddleburgSmiles.com



CREATURES OF THE NIGHT SOIRÉE AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

BEAUTIFUL BRONZE SCULPTURE
Sculpture by world-renown artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri - American 20th Century.
Titled *Airborne*, signed and numbered #317 in limited edition 475.
28" high on a 29" by 12" base.
Estimated value: $35,500

ELIZABETH LOCKE
Stunning 19k gold earrings with 15 x 15 Lapis and four 2.5mm round faceted blue sapphires.
Exquisite, and ready to be worn home by the lucky winner.
Retail Value: $4,450

•

JAMAICAN DREAM TRIP
Contact your friends today and bid on this Jamaican dream trip. You will not likely forget your Six Night Stay in a Private Luxury Villa at the Round Hill Hotel & Villa Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica.
Be sure to check the restricted times for use to be sure your schedule can support this wonderfully elegant Caribbean trip.
Check your calendars for April 16 - August 31, 2016, or October 10 - November 15, 2015 or 2016
Restaurants and amenities are winner's responsibility.
Value: $5,000

•

EXQUISITE EQUINE OR OTHER ANIMAL PORTRAIT
One Photo Session with one animal. Each image is unique, a combination of photograph and painting.
This session includes three 8" x 10" prints and one canvas print 16" x 20".
Also includes a flash drive with the photos. Samples must be seen to be appreciated! This is when photography rises to the level of fine art.
Estimated Value: $1,200

•

ONE PAIR OF MARK MILLER OIL STUDIES ON PANEL
Equisite pair of landscapes.
Estimated Value TBD

HICKEY FREEMAN



Trunk Show
September 26th & 27th
Make Your Appointment Today

CUSTOM
TAILORED

Join Us For Our First Ever
Hickey Freeman Custom Clothing Event.
Exclusive Offerings.
Saturday 9/26 10-6 | Sunday 9/27 12-5







HIGHCLIFFE
MODERN TAILORS OF TRADITION

112 West Washington Street, Middleburg, VA 540-687-5633 www.highcliffeclothiers.com

Places & Faces

Piedmont Driving Club

A Carriage Drive to The National Sporting Library & Museum, Middleburg, VA.
led by Carl Cox driving a four-in-hand in honor of Maggie Bryant
Photos By Valerie Durbon, www.valeriedurbonphotography.com











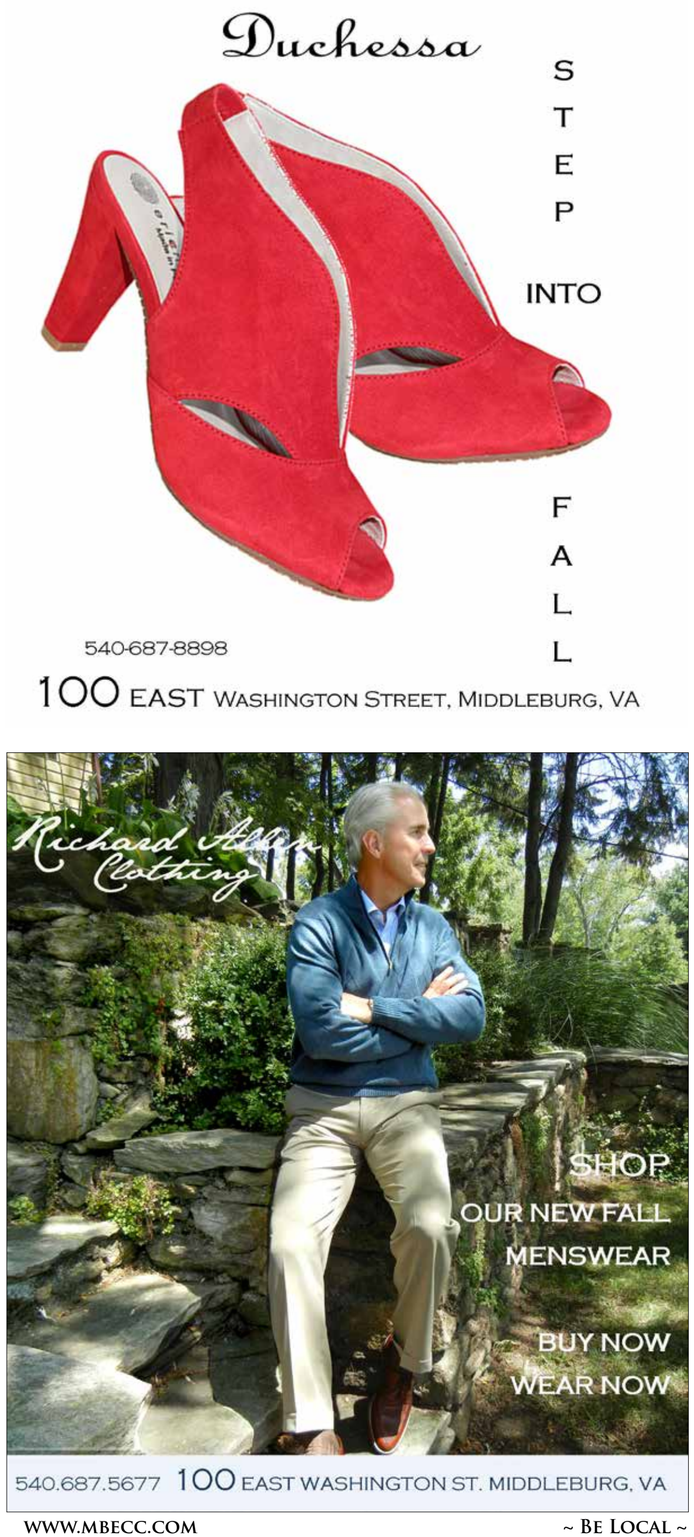














A PLACE TO BE - Where Music Meets Therapy

Our doors opened October 2010 with approximately 25 clients who would show up for Music Therapy and Counseling. Now, five years later, A Place To Be provides services for over 200 families each week. We are based in Middleburg, Virginia and have satellite hubs at Paxton Campus in Leesburg, INOVA Loudoun Hospital, with contracts in Loudoun and Fairfax County.

To date, our signature touring production, *The Same Sky Project*, has been viewed by over 15,000 students and community members and is expected to total over 25,000 this coming year! Our highly qualified professional staff has expanded to 6 full-time and 9 part-time employees who make A Place To Be and our successful Individual Sessions, Social Groups, Recitals, and Summer Camps run smoothly every day. Our Board of Directors work endlessly to support our staff and create infrastructure for a sustaining, vibrant and inspiring business.

We keep all of our services affordable and offer financial aid for those that need support. We are presently becoming the leading center for Performance-Based Music Therapy in the county and beyond. This fall we will be the Keynote performance at the National American Music Therapy Association. *High Notes*, a documentary about A Place To Be and its work with Forrest Allen along with other clients, is slated to arrive in theaters in 2016.

All in all, it's been a busy and deeply rewarding 5 years thanks to the welcoming arms of the community and the amazing donors and volunteers that help A Place To Be to be a place where people feel safe, inspired and able to be loved!

WWW.APLACETOBEVA.ORG

Places & Faces

Middleburg Community Center Cardboard Regatta

Middleburg, VA Photos By Middleburg Community Center

It was a wonderful event and the boats were very creative in their design and decorations. The families really enjoyed it and the spectators were enthusiastic. The overall winner of the 1st Annual Cardboard Regatta was Sea Serpent. Now that people know what and how to build a cardboard boat, we anticipate a bigger event for next year!



Best Looking Boat was awarded to Sea Serpents.



Brice O'Keeffe, Toni Cooley, Julie Banner, and Eric Gavin



Best Team Spirit was awarded to Little River Farms Bobcats.





The Titanic Award was given to Zsa Zsa Bassinger







Join us for Sunset Jumper Show
on Friday Night September 11th ~ 6:00 PM



$500 Sunset Jumper Classic
7:00 PM

$5000 Benny O'Meara
Sunset Mini Prix
8:30 PM



Purchase Tickets and Reserve Space for Tailgating!
540-687-5255 ~ www.foxchasefarm.net

Thank You to Our Show Sponsors!

Salamander Hotels & Resorts · Middleburg Bank · Middleburg Eccentric

Progeny

Middleburg Academy Welcomes New Faculty

Jennifer Grubb / Director of Learning Services and Counseling

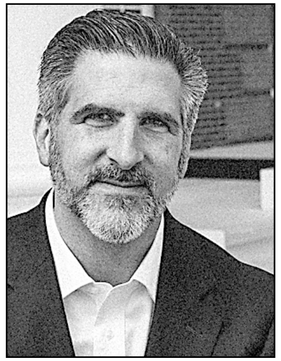


Jennifer Grubb majored in both Psychology and Sociology at the University of Notre Dame and holds a Masters degree in Mental Health Counseling from Monmouth University. She played soccer for the Washington Freedom, where she became known as "Ironwoman" after having played every minute of every game during the league's duration. Following her career as a professional soccer player, Jennifer spent three years at Flint Hill School as a learning specialist, advisor, and coach. In 2006, Jennifer moved to New Jersey, and while there, she held various positions which include: academic support, counseling, teaching, advising, and coaching at the Peddie School; coaching soccer at Seton Hall University; teaching Psychology as an adjunct professor at Brookdale Community College; and counseling and consulting in private practice.

After nearly ten years away from Virginia, Jennifer Grubb is looking forward to her return. In her spare time, she enjoys the sun, animals, kids, reading, sports, music, and travelling - in no particular order! She looks forward to adventures ranging from hiking in the Shenandoah to swimming with stingrays in Antigua.

As she begins her career at Middleburg Academy, she is looking forward to meeting the students and faculty, becoming integrated into the community, and meeting new challenges. As the Director of Learning Services and Counseling, she is excited to encourage growth in individuals and small groups, and she looks forward to supporting students in developing their unique strengths. We are especially excited that Jennifer will be the advisor to our 8th grade pilot program.

David Sturdevant / Drama Teacher



David Sturdevant is a professionally trained actor, director and acting teacher. As an actor, he has performed and directed locally with numerous theatres, including Loudoun Centre Theatre, the Pickwick Players, and Not Just Shakespeare. He performed in Louisville, KY with the Creation Theatre Group and in Washington DC at the Source Theatre Festival, appearing at the Kennedy Center. He has taught acting to students ranging from middle school to the university level. David is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Loudoun Center Theatre and was formerly the Chairman of the Board of the Not Just Shakespeare Theatre Company in Leesburg, VA.

David is a graduate of the College of William & Mary and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Louisville, KY. He has studied Shakespearean performance in Cambridge, England and is a graduate of the Classical Acting Workshop at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, DC. Most recently, he studied Shakespeare's Language at Everyman Theatre with Gary Logan (author of The Eloquent Shakespeare). He is trained in the Linklater voice system and in the Leqoc movement technique. The foundation of his approach is the Stanisklavski System, including modern variants such as the Practical Aesthetics approach. He is a proponent of theatre games and the use of improvisation techniques to stimulate creativity and discovery when working on a role. In his development of actors, he strives for clarity, truth and dynamism.

David's love of all things Shakespeare has become a family affair - he met his wife at a workshop at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, DC and has been involved in two local Shakespeare productions with his wife and children. Sometimes he wonders if he should have drawn the line at playing opposite his wife as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.

Art Pekun / Assistant Director of Advancement



Art Pekun was born in Eastern Europe a year before the Berlin wall came down. He has called Virginia his home for the past 17 years, but on occasion still travels halfway around the world to visit his birthplace. Art studied Russian history at James Madison University; double majoring in History and Media Arts.

Art landed a full time job at Rosetta Stone as a senior in high school. In the past 8 years, he has worked in I.T., designed software, photographed, and produced videos for this company. His work can be seen in over 30 language products. In 2014, his voice was used in the Russian iPhone app for the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Art has also traveled a good part of the globe, taking a year off work to do this. He has been as far as Cape Town and Helsinki; climbed rooftops in St. Petersburg, Kiev, and Rome; volunteered in orphanages and offered freelance photography services. He loves to ski, snowboard, and ice skate in the winter. He tends to hide from the heat in the summer, but still loves to hike and swim.

At Middleburg Academy Art will take on marketing, redesigning the website, posting on social media, and writing press releases (including this one). He will also document day-to-day activities and cover sporting events. He looks forward to advising the photo/video club and telling stories of his travels.

Janet Dewey / English Teacher



Reading has always been Janet's passion, and it naturally followed that she became an English major in college. After graduating from Furman University and working briefly in the banking industry, she returned to graduate school, earning a PhD from the University of South Carolina. Janet wrote her dissertation on six Victorian novels, focusing on gender issues in "sensation fiction" - a form of mystery novel popular in the 1860s.

After teaching English and Women Studies at the college level, Janet decided to relocate closer to family on the East Coast and try a new educational arena. Since then she's taught 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade English at The Potomac School, coached JV and varsity cross-country, and chaired the English Department. She's also led school tours for Great Country Farms and coordinated weddings for Bluemont Vineyard.

Here at Middleburg academy, Janet will be teaching 10th and 11th grade English. She says that working with high school students is "never predictable, always exciting and immensely rewarding."

Dayton Slye / Admissions Officer



Dayton Slye is the newest addition to Middleburg Academy's Admissions Team. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, where she worked in the admissions house during her four years as a student. Dayton was born and raised in the Boston area, where she was fortunate enough to grow up near her entire family, including 22 cousins!

Dayton has traveled to the UK, Copenhagen, Scotland, Ireland, India, and studied abroad in France during her junior year of high school. However her favorite place to visit is Lake Sunapee, NH, where her grandparents used to live. Dayton loves to watch movies, see her friends, and listen to all types of music. Her favorite concert is the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Tennessee, where she worked for a family friend during the festival, and had the opportunity to meet many of her favorite musicians. She is also an avid Boston sports fan, and won third in her family fantasy football league this year (Go Pats!).

Dayton is excited to put her admissions experience and psychology degree to work in her new job. She is very happy to be working with such an excellent team at Middleburg, and looks forward to meeting all the students, prospective students, and their families.

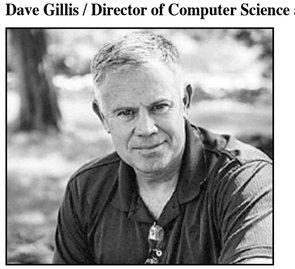
Matt LaMotte / History Teacher



A native of Maryland's Eastern Shore, Matt grew up in Baltimore and attended St. Paul's School for Boys. He then attended Washington & Lee University, where he majored in History and played Lacrosse. Matt continues to follow his passion for lacrosse by coaching and playing on a high level. He is also an avid bird hunter and fly fisherman. Matt is very proud of his two sons, Matt Jr., a media producer for Interscope/Universal Records, and Peter, a Navy veteran who served tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Matt has taught at college preparatory schools in New Hampshire, Ohio, and Virginia. Here at Middleburg Academy, Matt will teach a variety of History and Social Studies courses - Western Civilization, US History, AP US Government & Politics, and International Relations - as well as being an advisor to the new Model UN Club.

Dave Gillis / Director of Computer Science and Technology



Dave Gillis is a firm believer that learning is about taking risks and discovering things. He has been an educator for 13 years: at public and private high schools, and community colleges. Dave has taught Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP-Calculus, Statistics; Science, Physics, AP-Physics, Mechanics; as well as Engineering and Computer Science. Before that he was an Engineer for 20 years at places like IBM, Thomson & Thomson, and Derwent.

A father of four and a grandfather of five, Dave is an avid outdoor person. He loves coaching soccer, cross country, and lacrosse. He also loves to mountain bike, ski, hike, and do all things outdoors. In 2008 he climbed Denali in Alaska with his oldest son who was 19 at the time.

At Middleburg Academy, Dave will be teaching Engineering and Computer Science. This week he is tinkering with AutoDesk Inventor and a 3D printer. Dave believes his role as an educator is to create a safe and supportive environment that encourages and facilitates curiosity..

Two Waterford Girls Graduate at Foxcroft's 101st Commencement



Victoria Lee Weber



Alaina Rashid

Victoria Lee Weber and Alaina Rashid of Waterford, Va., received their high school diplomas Friday, May 29th at Foxcroft School's 101st commencement.

Weber, who earned several honors for scholarship, and Rashid were among a group of 33 students presented diplomas by Head of School Catherine S. McGehee, presiding over her first graduation, and Anne Michele Lyons Kuhns, Vice Chair of the Foxcroft Board of Trustees, and a 1987 graduate. Award-winning photographer and 1959 Foxcroft alumna Diana Walker, who covered the White House for Time Magazine during the Reagan, GHW Bush and Clinton administrations, was the featured speaker. Stephanie Knapp or Middleburg gave the invocation and Gabriela Panettiere of Miami was the Senior Class speaker.

The class, which hails from seven states and four countries, is an impressive group, having received 128 acceptances and more than $1 million in merit scholarships from 85 colleges and universities, including Carnegie Mellon, Emory, Michigan, New York University, Rhode Island School of Design, UCLA, and Virginia

Weber, who will attend Boston College in the fall, was one of just six students in the class elected to the Cum Laude Society, a secondary school honor society modeled on the collegiate Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the L. Richard Steinbach History Prize at the Awards Assembly on Thursday, May 28th as well as the School's highest athletic honor, the Teresa E. Shook Award.

Chosen by vote of the Athletic Department coaches, the Shook Award goes to "the girl who has shown skill in performing a sport and has made an outstanding contribution to the spirit of good sportsmanship." Weber, whose spirit sparked teammates, fans and coaches alike, was an All-State and All-Delaney Athletic Conference defender for Foxcroft's state champion lacrosse team. She also started for the varsity volleyball team, captained both lacrosse and volleyball, and served as Assistant Cheerleader for the Hound intermural team.

She is the daughter of Deborah and Peter Weber of Waterford.

Rashid was a member of several organizations at Foxcroft, including the Arabic Club, Spanish Club, French Club and International Club. She is the daughter of Anita and Sean Rashid of Waterford and plans to attend Marymount University in the fall.

Coach David Noyes Brings Experience and Enthusiasm to Wakefield's Soccer Program

Wakefield School in The Plains, Virginia is pleased to announce that Dave Noyes will be head coach of the boy's soccer program.

Dave is currently the Technical Director of Culpeper's Soccer Club.

His passion for soccer has allowed him to play, coach and manage all levels of soccer clubs in the Virginia, DC and Maryland areas. In 2014, Noyes was the head coach for the Men's and Women's soccer programs at Lord Fairfax Community College. Prior to LFCC, Dave was the general manager of the professional soccer club Real Maryland FX and was the assistant coach/GK Coach with the Carolina Railhawks, both teams are members of the United Soccer Leagues (USL).

Wakefield's Athletic Director, Paul Sipes said, "We are thrilled to have a coach with the professional credentials of Coach Noyes joining our staff. More importantly, we are happy to have a man who understands the value of a liberal arts education and whose philosophy is a perfect compliment to the educational goals of Wakefield School."

Noyes is originally from Bridgewater, Mass. During his collegiate years, Dave attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, known as the "soccer power house school."

He transferred to Stonehill College in Easton, Ma where he captained the team, that was all-conference and N.E.I.S.L. All Star.

Post graduation, Dave played professionally with the United Soccer Leagues' Rhode Island Stingrays and the Northern Virginia Royals. Noyes has also coached at Bates College, Lewiston, ME; Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI; Super Y-League; RI State ODP; Region I ODP; and W.T. Woodson H.S. which won the Boys AAA Northern Virginia Regional Championship and an appearance in the Virginia Boys AAA Final Four State Championship.

German Beer and Food

Featuring Live Music, Games and Entertainment!

You're Invited!

BEER FOOD MUSIC FRIENDS

Middleburg Oktoberfest

Raise a glass to our communities!

Proceeds benefit the needy of Middleburg and the surrounding areas.



Middleburg American Legion Hall
located in town on the Plains Road (VA 626)
about one hundred yards from Washington Street

On SATURDAY October 17th
6PM to 10PM

$40 Tickets
or $30 Advanced Ticket Price

For More Info
Visit www.middleburgoktoberfest.com
or Call 540-522-9684

Presented by the Middleburg Lions Club

A PLACE TO BE Presents

Over 15 thousand students have witnessed The Same Sky Project. See what everyone is talking about!

The Same Sky Project

Young people with physical, emotional, developmental, social, and life challenges take the stage in this poignant, inspiring original musical!



The Same Sky Project reminds us, no matter who we are or what our challenges, we all live under the SAME SKY!

Saturday October 3 - 7:30pm

The Hill School
130 South Madison St.
Middleburg, VA

Tickets $10 at the Door

For More Information,
Visit: www.aplacetobeva.org
or Call: (540) 687-6740

A Place To Be is made possible in part by grants from: The Chichester duPont Foundation, The VA Commission for the Arts/NEA, Loudoun County FY 2015 non-profit organizations grant funds. APTB is a 501 (c)3 non profit organization

Lungeline

A great way to bid fond adieu to Karen Stives



Phillip Dutton and Fernhill Cubalawn (Libby Law Photography)

On July 14, the 3-Day Eventing community lost one of its stars when Karen Stives passed away at her home in Dover, Massachusetts after a long battle with cancer. She will be remembered for her love for horses, dedication, equestrian achievements and for her generous legacy, which has already harvested positive results in international eventing.

Stives competed internationally for 20 years and will be remembered as one of the USA's most decorated equestrians, earning such accolades as the U.S. Combined Training Association (now U.S. Eventing Association) Rider of the Year in 1981, 1987, 1988 as well as Leading Lady Rider in 1981.

In 1984, riding as anchor for the U.S. 3-Day team on Ben Arthur at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Stives became the first of two women to earn individual Olympic 3-Day Eventing medals when she won the silver (Ginny Holgate Leng Elliott (GBR) took the bronze). In fact, Stives missed besting Mark Todd (NZL) for individual gold by one rail in a stellar performance that contributed greatly to the U.S. winning team gold. That same year, she was honored as the Mercedes-Benz Horsewoman of the year and presented the prestigious Wofford Cup.

Even before Stives retired in 1990 from an active career of national and international competitions, spanning 20-some years, she started to give back to the sport and discipline that she loved with a passion. She remained extremely involved with the USET Foundation for two decades, serving as a Trustee from 1989 to 2002 and as a member of the National Advisory Committee from 2003 to her passing. She became an FEI Judge and, for many years, served as chair of the USET 3-Day Selection Committee.

In July 25, 2014 at Salamander Resort, the USET Foundation held a reception, attended by about 150 people, to pay tribute to Gold Medal Club members celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20 and 25 years and to honor Stives, a 20-year member, for her donation of one-million dollars, which established the Karen E. Stives Endowment Fund for High Performance Eventing. Her generous gift would support an annual grant for a High Performance Activity, intended to have a direct impact on the United States' ability to win medals at CCIO competitions.

After the Gold Medal Club was introduced and honored, the attention turned to Stives. Jim Wolf, who spent more than 20 years with USEF from Director of Eventing to Director of Sports Programs, introduced her. "No one rider has given as much back to the sport as Karen Stives and as a rider donor I think she's really setting a tone," he said. "Selector, donor, rider, volunteer, judge – she has done all those things for the love of the sport, for the people and the horses."

When Stives addressed the assembly, she spoke softy with great passion about learning to connect with an independent personality that does not speak our language, how it requires patience, listening, understanding and compromise. She gave special thanks to Ben Arthur who taught her the most.

"My wish is to assist our riders to compete at the very highest level and to encourage them, as Jim also said, to give back to the sport in any way that they are able," said Stives. "If everyone gave something back — I don't mean necessarily money, whatever your thing is — so that every sport creates an multitude of learning opportunities."

Less than one year later, Stives' wish and her generous endowment fund came to a most appropriate fulfillment on the very day of her passing. Phillip Dutton (West Grove, Pa.) and Lauren Kieffer (Middleburg, Va.), the two riders who had received the 2015 Karen E. Stives grants, led the Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team to the team bronze medal at the Aachen CICO3* — a huge, prestigious and hotly contested international event that attracts the world's best.

Dutton and Fernhill Cubalawn, Kieffer and Veronica, Colleen Rutledge (Frederick, Md.) and Covert Rights, and Lynn Symansky (Middleburg) and Donner put forth solid efforts as a team to record a final score of 192.90, thus earning the bronze medal. As if in greater tribute to Stives, Dutton and Kieffer also finished best of the Americans, respectively in 12th on 46.4 and 15th on 52.0.

Symansky and Donner received the Land Rover USEF Competition Grant. Rutledge was a late addition when the U.S. team received a fourth invitation, which meant that the Americans would have the advantage of a drop score. Rutledge and Covert Rights landed in Germany with the help of a Jacqueline B. Mars Competition Grant through the USET Foundation.

Germany took home the gold medal on 120.5, with New Zealand claiming the silver with a score of 126.80. Great Britain had originally finished in third, but the Ground Jury requested a review of the cross-country video footage of Holly Woodhead (GBR) and DHI Lupison at fence 20B. When the pair was eliminated for missing a flag at the fence, the U.S. team moved from fourth to third.

It was a great way to bid fond adieu to Stives and celebrate her life and legacy.

Please contact the USET Foundation if you are interested in contributing to the Karen E. Stives Endowment Fund for Eventing.

Alexa Wiseman Double-Clear to Win in Vermont

Lauren Giannini

On Saturday, August 8, at the Vermont Summer Festival in East Dorset, VT, Alexa Lowe-Wiseman of Upperville, VA and Ami Du Hoissoit boasted the day's only double-clear performance to win the $50,000 Vermont Summer Celebration Grand Prix. Twenty entries contested the final grand prix, but only three double-clears advanced. In the jump-off, Lowe-Wiseman and Ami Du Hoissoit were the only combination to jump a second double-clear round to harvest the win.

An amateur jumper rider based at Windsor Farm in Upperville, Lowe-Wiseman imported Ami two years ago and only stepped the now 9-year-old Belgian-bred gelding up to grand prix in June at the Upperville Jumper Classic where he went clear in the first round with 1 time fault.

In the Vermont grand prix, Lowe-Wiseman had two horses entered; Gringo, with whom she jumped sixth in the order of go, and Ami in the 17th slot. "I overrode my first one a little and had two rails down, " she said. "I knew there weren't going to be a lot clear after that, but I also knew I had to keep my head for Ami."

First to jump off was Melissa Orlick-Zbierksi (FL) riding Bonzay, who clocked a fast 45:50, but had a rail to finish second. Elizabeth Mahoney (NY) and Mimosa, incurred four faults on a time of 51:94 for third. Fourth place went to Manuel Torres (Leesburg) and Anabella, owned by Santa Catalina Farm (Waterford, VA), who scored the fastest 4-fault first-round on 78.48.

In the jump-off, "I was so lucky to go last," said Lowe-Wiseman. "Ami wants to jump the jumps clean, so normally if I stay out of his way that's what happens. I still went for it. The horse has everything, and I hope to be able to jump some big tracks with him in the future."



Alexa Lowe-Wiseman and Ami Du Houssoit on their way to victory in the $50,000 Vermont Summer Celebration Grand Prix on August 8, at the Vermont Summer Festival in East Dorset, VT. Photo by David Mullinix Photography

A Day At The (Flat) Races



Virginia Downs Racing, presented by the Virginia Equine Alliance, debuts with a 6-race card with pari-mutuel wagering on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Great Meadow in The Plains. Purses for the Thoroughbred flat races total $200,000 and preference will be shown to entries that are Virginia-bred, Virginia-sired and Virginia-owned. The event offers an exciting outing in a spectacular country setting within an easy commute of the DC-VA-MD metropolitan area. Gather up your family, friends, and co-workers, pack a picnic and enjoy the races running on Great Meadow's renowned Gold Cup course from Member's Hill. General admission in advance (www.fauquierspca.com) or at the gate: $30/carload. Call for availability of reserved tailgate parking: 540-788-9000 ext 202. Proceeds benefit the Fauquier SPCA. Gates open at 12 noon; first race at 2 p.m.

In Search of the Best Field Hunter in North America

Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship Doubles Awards for 2015

Organizers of the Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship have announced dates for the 2015 competition:

Middleburg Hunt – Monday, October 5, 2015
Old Dominion Hounds – Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Warrenton Hunt – Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Piedmont Fox Hounds – Thursday, October 8, 2015

Hunter Championship Finals will be held on Saturday morning, October 10, 2015 at Glenwood Park. $5000 in purse money will be awarded – $2500 to the hunt represented by the winning horse ridden by its owner, and $2500 to the hunt represented by the winning horse ridden by someone other than its owner. Trophies are also awarded to the Reserve Champion, as well as Best Turned Out, Most Suitable Pair and for the highest level of Sportsmanship.

Founded in 1989, this event brings together fox hunting enthusiasts from all across the U.S. and Canada to participate in the week long trial. Mounted judges ride alongside the numbered contestants as they hunt with four area Fox Hunts. At the end of each day's hunting, the judges announce the horse and rider combinations selected to compete in the finals held Saturday at Glenwood Park. The finals are held prior to the start of the first race.

The Saturday morning finals of the Field Hunter Championship give racing spectators an unique opportunity to watch high-level field hunter and rider combinations dressed in proper hunting attire in a performance test. Competitors participate in a mock hunt, and finalists are then asked individually to negotiate a handy hunter course in the center of the race course, for the championship title. They might be asked to dismount and re-mount from a log, unlatch a gate and close it from horseback, or trot over a fallen tree. The judges ask the riders to show each horse's different hunting skills, and after these individual tasks are completed, the championship is decided.

The Field Hunter Championship competition offers: 4 days of hunting privileges to the same horse and rider combination; eligibility for awards given out throughout the week; and General Admission tickets to the Virginia Fall Races and complimentary listing in the race program. Events each evening include private receptions, a screening of Goodnight Ladies: a Portrait of Nancy Penn Smith Hannum, with director Christianna Hannum at the National Sporting Library and Museum, and a Friday night Calcutta sponsored by INOVA Hospital.

The event is judged according to the manners, style and suitability of foxhunting mounts. Awards are also offered for Best Turned Out each day. Judges have been drawn from foxhunts in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

Participation is open to foxhunters of all ages; however, entry is limited to the first 60 registrants. The entry fee is $250 per horse. Entries close September 26, 2015. Entry forms are available at www.VAFallRaces.com.



Lungeline

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Harper

John Connolly - Courtesy of the National Sporting Library and Museum

Fletcher Harper, MFH (1874-1963) was Master of the Orange County Hunt for 33 seasons, from 1920 to 1953. In 1900, the Hunt was originally organized in and named for Orange County, New York, but was relocated to Fauquier County, Virginia, in 1903. A set of Orange County Hunting Diaries from 1936 to 1969 are held in the NSLM archives

Mr. Harper was married to Harriet Wadsworth (1881-1975), whose father was the Master and founder of the famous Genesee Valley Hunt in New York. Mrs. Harper rode sidesaddle on the off side, due to an injury.

Together, the Harpers worked tirelessly to open the land around The Plains, Virginia to foxhunting. Fletcher became renowned as a thorough and attentive Master, carefully repairing all damage to property from hunts and keeping in close contact with the farming community. Mr. Harper is generally credited with putting Orange County on the map as a premiere American hunt.

"For the past seven years Mr. Harper has carried on the traditions of the Hunt in the most able manner, his tact and great charm working wonders with those landowners who were sometimes difficult to deal with. Mr. Harper found that the greatest evil with which he had to contend was wire, and this difficulty he has successfully combated by paneling the country in some places and putting in 'chicken coops' in others, until he now has as rideable a territory as could be wished for."

From Hunting in the United States and Canada, by A. Henry Higginson and Julian Ingersoll Chamberlain, 1928.

Along with George L. Ohrstrom, Sr., Alexander Mackay-Smith, and Lester Karow, Harper founded the National Sporting Library in 1954 as a public resource on equestrian and field sports. Mr. Harper served as President of NSL from its founding in 1956 until his death in 1963.

In 1972, Mrs. Harper donated a painting of Mr. Harper to the NSL. This painting is a study for a finished portrait completed in 1931.

After his retirement as Master, Harper assisted Orange County in its hound breeding program until his death in 1963. He and Harriet are buried at the Georgetown Cemetery, Church of Our Savior, Broad Run, Virginia.



Ellen Gertrude Emmett Rand (American, 1875-1941) Study for Portrait of Fletcher Harper (1874-1963), c. 1931, oil on canvas, 45 x 34 ½ inches. National Sporting Library & Museum, gift of Mrs. Fletcher Harper, 1972.

The artist, Ellen Emmett Rand, was an accomplished portrait painter who studied at The Art Students League of New York with William Merritt Chase and Kenyon Cox. She is known for her portraits of artists, writers, socialites and politicians, including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

THE VIRGINIA FALL RACES

CELEBRATING 61 YEARS OF RACING

NEW DATE!.. *Saturday, October 10, 2015* ..NEW DATE!

Gates Open 9:00 a.m. • *Post Time 1:00 p.m.*

The Theodora A. Randolph
FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
Saturday, October 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

GLENWOOD PARK, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Reserved Parking & Boxes Available • *General Admission $50/car*

(540) 687-9797

For the Benefit of Inova Loudoun Hospital Foundation and Glenwood Park Trust

WWW.VAFALLRACES.COM · VIRGINIAFALLRACES@GMAIL.COM

6th Annual Fluted Hoot Music Festival
& MHF's 21st Birthday Bash
Saturday, October 10th 6 p.m.
Middleburg Community Center
Middleburg, Virginia







Craig Fuller
Craig Fuller of Pure Prairie League & Little Feat will play an acoustic set with his very talented son Patrick Fuller.

New Orleans Suspects
The band comprises some of the best, most highly respected players in New Orleans. Original songs & hits in funky New Orleans style.

Gary Smallwood
A local favorite! Gary will open the evening with an acoustic set of guitar and vocals.

Owls Nest Festivities

$100 Ticket includes an intimate evening of dinner, dessert, spirits, & live music with Craig, Patrick, Gary, & New Orleans Suspects
Live Owls Exhibit - Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Open Bar
Artist Signings Silent Auction Cocktails with the Critters & more...

To benefit Middleburg Humane Foundation



A farm shelter specializing in the rescue & rehabilitation of abused, neglected, and "at risk" animals, both large & small.

Limited Tickets: www.middleburghumane.org
540) 364 - 3272 admin@middleburghumane.org

Pastimes

Oenothera glazioviana

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode



I can't remember a year that I have enjoyed my garden so much. Summer is my favorite season and I will be very sad when it's gone. One special plant has made this year entertaining, at least in the evenings as the sun sets. A pass along plant, or one that is often shared from friend to friend, mother to daughter, Oenothera glazioviana or the red-sepal evening primrose has been flowering for a month and will do so for at least another month. My grandmother grew it, my mother grew it and each of us set lawn chairs around to watch as the flowers unfold. The timing of the flowers is just as the sun sets and I have watched them open around 8:30 only to have to rush outside to watch as they open prior to 8 pm as we approach September. The act of the flowers opening happens in minutes, often seconds. Accept no phone calls, don't leave the chair to weed, just chill and wait.

The word Oenothera comes from the Greek word oinos or "wine" and thera, "to hunt", which translates to wine hunting, a most appropriate name for this particular cultivar. The origins of the name are based on a plant mix-up, apparently another genus resembled oenothera and its roots smelled like wine.

There are about 145 species of oenothera, common names include sundrops, suncups and, evening primrose, not to be confused with primrose or primula, of which they share no relationship. Many are natives of north and south America and many hybridize among themselves, as is the case with this variety. Most are perennial, albeit short lived, Oenothera glazioviana is a biennial, growing for a year, flowering the second and then dying as it drops seed to begin the cycle again.

In summer, the yellow petals are tightly whorled, held by sepals that are often red, hence its common name, the red-sepaled evening primrose. As the pressure of the petals (in their bud stage) builds, the sepals pop back and the flowers open. There is a special cultivar, found by a Tina James, in a Maryland garden. There may even be 2 Tina James cultivars , one with larger flowers and one that opens faster, which is hard to believe (Oenothera glazioviana 'Tina James Miracle').

Pollinated by moths, lured by the luminescent color and lemon fragrance. By morning the flowers begin to fade to a pale orange as they close up tight and fall to the ground the second day. Seed pods form along the stem and the plant takes on a weedy look by summer's end. As a pass along plant, it's best to share seed, commercial sources are far and few between. My advice? Find a yard with a circle of lawn chairs sitting at the edge of a garden and you will have your source.



Haley and Dizzy

Girls and there Dogs





Farm & Equine Insurance Specialists

Since 1921

- High Value Dwellings
- Multi-state Exposures
- Valuable Articles
- Equine Mortality
- Major Medical
- Liability
- Farms



Tara Trout
ttrout@ahtins.com
(703) 737-2244
www.ahtins.com

AHT INSURANCE

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



The word theme has real artistic meaning. Subject matter, ambience, setting, idea, thoughts, even a recurring melody, all are descriptive words for themes. But they are all much further enhanced by a visualization. Creating a theme is simply best done visually, be it mentally or physically.

So I ask, does your home have a theme? When guests or more importantly you, enter your home, does a theme come to mind or is your home simply the stuff of your life? Think now, your theme might be family, it may speak of worldly travels, maybe it speaks thematically of where you live, as in a hunt theme.

Given this thought though, think of those things in your home which prop up or support your theme. Your furniture, your color choices, even your house type. Ah, you might be now thinking style. Well, style certainly can take on a theme and a theme can certainly be presented with style, but for me, a theme is more to the point.

You can have an African theme, done in a casual style. You could certainly have a hunt country theme done in a high society style. But no matter the style or the theme, nothing in your home, NOTHING, will make the point faster, more powerfully or more personally than your choice of art, and guess what? It is usually the last thought of even the best interior designers.

So why? Why does function, as in a chair, sofa, table and so forth, within overall interior design, come before easily the most powerful theme driver? I wish I had the answer, other than it's so personal a choice it is often simply avoided. It requires personal taste. It requires a personal emotion.

Art ladies and gentleman, has been coveted by modern civilization for centuries and a home without it looks empty of not only theme, but belief in a passion. Art gives everything else continuity, it not only stitches the fabric, it puts the suit right on your back. There's a good reason every major city in the world is defined by its art museums and collections and you visit them, you do not visit the sofa museum. What sofa museum? Exactly!

Strong words? Yes, I suppose, but lets visualize some fun examples. The room is done, beautifully furnished and seemingly complete in its Virginia Piedmont theme. There, over the fireplace and beautiful wood mantle, is a very large painting of an animated gold fish, amid a bright blue background. The frame is metal, bright metal. Guests arrive, they enter the room … what do you think is the first thing they will see? I'm guessing you are correct. The fish. Okay, stay with me now. Same room, nothing has changed but what we are hanging over the mantle, where we now place a big mirror. And…what do your guests see? If they see anything they will only see the ceiling. Mirrors are a non creative or thematic choice, a tradition from days when light was poor and the mirrors doubled candlelight. Okay, same room, here we go again, they enter the room and there, majestically hung over the mantle is a wonderful painting of a battleship, or a beautiful nude women, how about a nice Harley Davidson, or, or better yet, a big flat screen TV!

I hope I have made my point, that it does matter and so, take our Virginia Piedmont themed room and place a spirited hunt scene, or a tranquil setting sun over mountains of deep blue, maybe a stately oak tree in a pasture of horses, a peaceful brook or a dirt road with a man or women with their beloved dog taking a autumn walk. When your guests come in that room, no, better yet, when you come in that room, after a long day out or even a vacation away … which of my examples will feel most like home to you? Visualize it and make it your theme.

Balance



Kay Colgan
BS, Certified Pilates and Fitness Professional

Every day is an opportunity to improve our balance. Research has shown that simply being consistent with a few balance activities, amazing gains are made with balance. A balance body requires flexibility, strength and perspective. In other words, we need the ability for our brain to process information from our ears, eyes, skin, muscles and joints.

If you want to have a healthy active life style and remain living independently, then improving and maintaining balance is paramount. Being body aware is probably the best kept secret of balance. Where are you in your space? Balance is really done on the subconscious level. As we age, we tend to think about balance more often. In our youth, we really did not think of it as our body for the most part just handled it.

What is the parameters of your balance safety zone? In other words, think of a bubble that surrounds you. This is your balance safety zone. As a child, our balance safety zone is quite substantial. But as we age the bubble shrinks, especially if you don't work on improving and maintaining balance. For instance, poor balance is represented by keeping your movements close to your body. Good balance indicates that you can move with a wide range of movement. Reaching high on a shelf is not a problem with someone that has good balance. But to an individual with poor balance reaching high on a shelf can seem like an impossible task.

To start improving your balance, take a few minutes to analyze where you are. Do you walk with your head down looking at your feet or do you walk with your head up looking ahead? Are your limbs close to you when you walk or do you use bigger movements when you walk? To reap the benefits of balance consistency is the key. Like anything the more you do it the better you get at it.

Here are a few exercises to get you on your way to improvements in balance. Stand on one foot, hold for 10 seconds and then switch feet. Stand with a chair behind you, hinge at the hips and sit down slowly, then put your weight in the heels and balls of your feet, hinge at the hips and stand up, do 10 times. When doing this exercise keep your arms in front of you. Get use to using the large muscles in your legs and glutes to take you to a standing position. Finally, stand with your feet staggered and slowly look over your right shoulder and then the left. Do this 5 times and then stagger your feet the other way. After you get proficient at these exercises, then add time, when doing the standing leg balance work up to 60 seconds on each leg. As you do the stand to sit exercise work up to 20 repetitions. Then try doing the staggered feet drill with closed eyes as you move your head slowly from side to side.

There are a host of other exercises to improve your balance. Start with these and work consistently to improve your balance. No doubt results will be impressive in a few weeks and you will be amazed. Balance can and does improve with consistent work at any age. Please remember all of our bodies respond no matter what our age. Age should never be a deterrent to exercising and improving your quality of life.

For more information about health and wellness, please contact Kay Colgan at Middleburg Pilates and Personal training at 14 S. Madison Street, Middleburg, Virginia, or call 540-687-6995.



Pastimes

Albert's Corner

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



Albert P. Clark

Warning: this article contains information that may be sensitive to some readers. It involves m-u-r-d-e-r. That's right, I'm talking about calculated, aggressive, go-for-the-jugular killing. There's no way to sugarcoat this one, folks. Avert your eyes if you can't stand the thought of stuffing strewn everywhere.

As a dog, I can tell you that there is no greater joy than completely eviscerating a plush toy. There's a method that nearly all of us follow to complete the task. We squeak, shake, squeak, shake, de-stuff, and conquer. It is utterly satisfying, and we make no distinction between expensive toys and cheap ones, except that some of the expensive ones take longer to die.

Here's what's interesting. The way we play with toys directly mirrors our survival instincts. We are drawn to squeaking because it mimics the noises our prey would make upon capture. Shaking is what we would do to quickly kill our dinner in the wild. And de-stuffing is how we would partake of our meal. In other words, we're hard-wired to tear Hannah the Hedgehog to pieces.

While it might be frustrating to spend money on something that we immediately annihilate, interacting with toys is important to our quality of life. It helps to combat boredom and adds enjoyment to our days. Squeaky toys are particularly appealing because they enable us to go back to our wild roots.

Not all plush toys, however, are created equal. When you're choosing a toy for us, it's important to keep a few critical things in mind. First, the toy should be made specifically for dogs. That means there should be no hard pieces, like plastic eyes, noses, etc. Avoid toys filled with polystyrene beads. Remove any easily swallowed parts – small "clothing", ribbons, tags, etc. And remember that you should always supervise us while we're playing with toys, keeping a close eye on anything that could pose a choking hazard. This means taking the squeaker away from us when we finally get to it. You also need to buy toys that are large enough that we can't swallow them whole.

Currently, a company called Fluff & Tuff makes my favorite plush line. These toys are more durable than most and come in sizes to fit any breed. There are also great options for stuff-less toys. West Paw is an American-made brand that has some very solid designs with absolutely no stuffing. We still get to shake and squeak, but there's no disaster area afterwards.

Of course, it's not uncommon for us to get a little tired of our playthings, especially after we've interacted with them a lot. One tried and true trick is to rotate our toys, putting them away periodically so that you can reintroduce them at a later date. Often, we react the way we would if we got a brand new toy. You can also wash most toys to make them a bit nicer for us and for you.

There are some dogs who are extremely gentle with some or all of their soft toys. Those of us who are inclined to retrieve often carry them rather than destroy them. If you happen to live with a dog like that, you're pretty lucky. For the rest of you, please try not to get too frustrated with us when we do what comes naturally and love our toys to death. It's just a sign that you've made us very, very happy!

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a Middleburg-founded company for dogs, cats, and their people. (wyliewagg.com).

The Salton Sea: Live or Let Die

Waterworld : Second of a Three-Part Series

Richard A. Engberg

The Salton Sea in Southern California is an important fishery and a migratory bird stopover. It also receives runoff from irrigated fields that contains pesticides, fertilizer and potentially toxic naturally occurring substances. Because it is located in a desert that is characterized by hot summer temperatures and little rainfall, the agricultural runoff together with the limited rainfall does not equal evaporation from its surface so it is shrinking and becoming more saline.

Last month I wrote about how the Sea was formed, and because it is shrinking and because it receives agricultural runoff, about concerns for fish and wildlife. Another concern not discussed in last months article is that when the Sea shrinks, a sea bed of very fine material that dries rapidly is exposed. Strong winds can lift this potentially environmentally hazardous dust and distribute it over a large area including some of Southern California

In 1995, I was invited to speak at a "Saving the Salton Sea "meeting in Palm Springs, California. At that time, I was Manager of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) National Irrigation Water Quality Program (NIWQP). Because the purpose of NIWQP was to investigate the impacts on fish and birds of runoff from DOI irrigation projects, agricultural runoff to the Sea was a concern for NIWQP.

The meeting consisted of experts from around the U. S. and concerned citizens from the Imperial and Coachella Valleys. I presented the results of a NIQWP study in the greater Salton Sea area including potential threats to migratory birds. Among the attendees was Duncan Hunter, the Congressman from that district. I participated in a panel discussion with him on the efficacy of solutions presented for saving the Sea.

One solution presented was construction of a canal to bring ocean water from the Sea of Cortez to the Salton Sea. Delivery of water by this 100 mile long canal would halt not only the shrinking of the sea but also stabilize its salinity closer to that of ocean water. There were two problems with this idea. First, it would require consent and cooperation of the Mexican government to construct the canal across approximately 50 miles of Mexico between the Sea of Cortez and the U.S./ Mexican border. The second problem was cost. An estimate of $2 billion was proposed. Many attendees felt this estimate was far too low.

A second solution was to build dikes across the Salton Sea. The plan was to create an area in the Sea where the fish population could thrive and that migratory birds could use. It would involve bringing fresh water to this area from somewhere else, presumably the Colorado River, to stabilize the salinity and water level. The rest of the Sea would be allowed to continue to receive agricultural runoff and to become more saline and continue to shrink. This proposal also was expensive and had its advocates and detractors. A principal concern was the exposed sea bed and the dust from it.

The bottom line was that no action was taken on either proposal at the meeting or in the near future.

Fast forward to 2015. The Sea is still shrinking and becoming more saline. In the final article of this series I will discuss the most recent concerns and proposals for saving the Sea. The scenarios are fascinating.

How to be a Fashionable Mummy on a Water Slide to Middle Earth

Brandy Greenwell

We have recently watched the stock market take a joy ride to middle earth. I compare it to one of those water slides we all have experienced where you stand like a mummy, your footing disappears and in a flash stinging water shoots you straight down. At the end of the ride you get out of the water, shake off and try to figure out how to get what's meant to cover you out of the crack. With Autumn pending and fun fall fashions turning up everywhere, here are some tips on what to splurge on and where to save. Bathing suit: optional.

I always recommend having a great pair of jeans in your wardrobe. Most of the time for ladies they are not inexpensive but worth the splurge for a great fit. I find that value jeans tend to stretch and bag and never have the same fit twice. No one wants to walk around with droopy drawers when they fit perfectly two hours ago. Men have a much easier go at it, just run to Highcliffe Clothiers and get a pair of original Levi's, break them in and rarely wash them. They will fit like a glove when you strut around like the Boss on the cover of the Born in the USA album. They won't break the bank but will turn heads for sure.

What fashionable girl doesn't like a little bling? Unless looking for a special piece that will be in your collection for years, I say save. Trendy costume jewelry is an easy addition to make for variety, style and saving. Lou Lou has built an accessory empire on just that and on a daily basis you can get your fix.

I have to admit that I am a shoe junkie and I tend to gravitate toward upscale labels, Stuart Weitzman being my main squeeze. The "Nudist" shoe, in my opinion, is the perfect shoe and comes in many colors and heel heights. It goes with everything, has classic lines and is comfortable which is always a plus. If the original is not in your budget, you can easily find off label shoes inspired by the Nudist, however they may lack the comfort factor despite their design similarity. Splurge if you can, but if not, keep some BandAids in your purse just in case.

A wrap dress is a girl's best friend, sorry diamonds. A patterned variety in heavy jersey material never goes out of fashion, flatters everyone and packs like a dream for business trips or romantic get aways. I stress the importance of having quality material as it keeps your frock from sticking to the wrong spots. The beauty is you can find them at a variety of price ranges. Score!

Edwardian blazers seem to be all over the fashion pages, but I say stick with the classics. If you choose to go on trend, keep your purchase at a value price point as I dare say you won't be sporting it next year. Man



or woman, I recommend splurging on a good fitting, high quality blazer. There are a number of local places where you can find one, but I really like the current collection "at the feed store". Check them out at Tri-County, throw one on with a scarf or tie and you are all set.

Cosmetic Dentistry Update: Teeth Whitening

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos

Everyone loves a bright white smile and there are several ways to achieve this. Some people are satisfied with the appearance of their teeth after brushing and regular visits to the dentist to remove surface stains. However, there is a difference in results achieved between teeth cleaning and teeth whitening. Teeth whitening is a common and popular process used to lighten teeth. It is sometimes referred to as bleaching.

Natural tooth structure will whiten very nicely with specially formulated peroxide based whitening products, but restorations (i.e. fillings, crowns and veneers) will not whiten. If you have restorations or if you are not sure, ask your dentist before you start whitening. There are several ways to whiten your teeth, it is important to check with your dentist to see which method is best for you. Here are the things you need to know about the different whitening methods.

Whitening Toothpastes and Rinses

These products are highly promoted today but most will cause damage to your teeth due to the abrasive material added to the toothpaste. They will remove stain but they also remove enamel from the teeth. I would advise against these products as they will cause irreversible damage. As for whitening rinses, they contain peroxide. The concentration of peroxide in these rinses and the contact time with your teeth is insufficient to whiten teeth, save your money and use it for something that works.

Over the Counter Whitening

There are several "over the counter" whitening products available in stores and on the internet, like whitening strips. These products have a low concentration of whitening gel and usually do not contain desensitizers or fluoride. They are marginally effective for low levels of stain and for people whose teeth are not sensitive before or during whitening. Internet products have no controls and some may be harmful or not work at all, I would advise avoiding internet whitening products.

Dental Office Dispensed Whitening

These are the most often used and predictably the most successful products available. They contain fluoride and desensitizers to help eliminate the most common side effect of whitening, tooth sensitivity. There are varying strengths of whitening gel available and varying contact times. Some trays can be worn for as little as 30 minutes a day others should be worn for a few hours. There are generally two types of dental office dispensed whitening, disposable trays and custom trays. Disposable trays that are one size fit all which are preloaded with gel. These are very effective but have less control for people with gum sensitivity problems. Custom trays are the standard for whitening. These trays are custom made and fit to your teeth so there is less gum sensitivity due to whitening gel getting on the gums and the trays are reusable for future touch up whitening.

In-Office Whitening

In the office whitening is a process where very high concentration whitening gel is applied to the teeth after the gums are protected with a rubber dam or gel. This is supervised by the dental team during the process. In-office can be a one time or multiple visit process depending on the darkness of the teeth and the desired outcome. In-office whitening is best when preceded by and followed by at home dental office dispensed whitening. This process of home and in-office whitening will accomplish the highest level of whitening. Whitening is not accelerated by heat, lights and/or lasers. There have been several independent studies showing there is no advantage to heat, light and/or laser whitening.



Dr. Robert A. Gallegos is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, he is on the faculty of Spear Education, a member the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and the American Dental Association. Dr. Gallegos practices dentistry in Middleburg, VA. www.MiddleburgSmiles.com.

























Friends for Life

Middleburg Humane Foundation
A Friend to All Animals



Zara is a 2 year old tripod (lost a hind leg due to a knee injury). She loves to play & is house-broken. Requires a home with a secure fenced yard as she needs to be able to get adequate exercise.



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



Laverne is a 10 year old, healthy & sound, 14.2h gaited Arabian cross mare. She was rescued from a starvation case and is now ready to find her forever home. Laverne is sassy with other horses/top dog in the field! We have not yet tried her under saddle.



Lola is a 1 year old Beagle. She is a beautiful girl that is typical of her breed, she loves to chase a scent. She will need a secure fenced in yard where she can run & play safely otherwise her nose could get her into trouble. Lola gets along with other dogs.

Kittens! We have 26 adorable, healthy kittens that are available or will soon be available for adoption. Ask about our 2 for 1 Buddy Program-Help keep Friends together!



Cheyenne is an 9 year old 14.2 H chestnut QH X mare. Cheyenne has been through a 30 day training program & has good ground manners but should not be ridden. She would make a terrific babysitter/companion horse.





Gertrude is a sweet girl that was found wandering with a collar & leash attached. No one came claimed her so she's now available for adoption. She has limited hearing, therefore a home without small children that could startle her would be best. She doesn't mind other dogs with her activity level. We think she's about 10 years old but is in great shape for a senior! She loves to snuggle & hang out with us in our office.

Middleburg Humane Foundation
admin@middleburghumane.org
(540) 364-3272
middleburghumane.com

Middleburg Humane Foundation's
5th Annual Dog Days of Summer: Bark in the Park

Go for A Walk



& Raise Money for My Friends

Saturday, July 18, 2015 10am - 2pm (Rain or Shine)
Sky Meadows State Park Delaplane, VA

~Sponsored Dog Walk ~Raffle ~Prizes
~Free Canine Behavior Class ~Music by
John & Judy Kovac (harpist & washtub base)

For more information & for sponsorship sheets:
www.middleburghumane.org

Unique full-service mobile veterinary hospital is convenient for people with busy lives, multiple pets or have mobility limitations.

Services include:
- Routine exams & vaccines
- Digital x-rays
- Full in-house lab suite
- Surgical procedures
- Hospice and end-of-life care
- Dental needs under anesthesia
- Emergencies and hospitalization
- And more...



Jonathan Reiss, DVM ° Reiss Mobile Vet
540-454-5400

The Best Handyman Service in Virginia

Terry Jones
Marshall, VA
703-282-0240
540-364-7642

Fine homes and stables for horse people, by horse people since 1904.



New homes, stables, renovations, estate management, construction management, and all types of repairs.

Reiki
Acupuncture
Animal Chiropractic
Pet Physical Therapy
Chinese Veterinary Medicine
Herbal and Nutrition Therapy
Western Herbs and More
House Calls

PAWS for Holistic Pet Care

Dr. Rebecca L. G. Verna, MS, DVM
8381 W. Main Street, Marshall, VA 20115
703-395-0795 • www.DrVerna.com

LOVE animals, LOVE a bargain!

Middleburg Humane Thrift Shop
6 W. Washington St., Middleburg, VA
(Next to Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor)
Open 7 days a week, 12-5

DONATIONS NEEDED
Clothing ❁ Household ❁ Books

HAPPY HOUNDS LODGE
Come join our pack of furry friends for a camping adventure
HAPPYHOUNDSLODGE.COM
Serving Northern Virginia/Maryland/DC
Shuttle Services Available
Share our country home chasing squirrels and sleeping by the fireplace
(703)297-4732 / (703)393-5480



Sick Care
Injury Care
Routine Exams
Vaccinations
Lab Services
Full Pharmacy

House Paws
In-Home Veterinary Care
We Bring The Vet to the Pet
Anything BUT surgery or x-rays done in your home.
703-264-7879
www.housepaws.com

AURORA SERVICES, INC.



Great things are done when men and mountains meet.... William Blake

Providing the Following Services:

- Professional Gate Consultation & Design Service
- Automatic Gate Operating System Design
- Installation, Service & Repair
- Emergency Attendance
- Proficiency with All Major Equipment Manufacturers

(540) 937-2400, (888) 5 Aurora
www.auroraservicesinc.com

Aurora Services is proudly invested in installations, service and repair For more than fifteen years in the metropolitan Washington DC area.

Class A Electrical Contractor – VA & MD

Nancy Milburn Kleck
Equine and Pet Portraits - Fox and Foxhound Sketches - Drawings



Purcellville, Virginia (859) 707-0805
EquineSportingArt.com Email: nancykleck@aol.com



My paintings can be seen at The Shaggy Ram in Middleburg

---

24 HOUR SAME DAY SERVICE

CLIMATIC
HEATING & COOLING, INC.

Serving Middleburg For Over 15 years

$15.00 OFF ANY SERVICE CALL
NEW CUSTOMERS ONLY

540-687-4676 ♦ www.climaticva.com ♦ 800-560-8609



GEORGE WHITE FENCING AND SUPPLY
Custom Built Fences: Board, Rail, Wire, Vinyl, Picket, Deer Fence Painting and Repair

5 East Federal Street
P.O. Box 243
Middleburg, VA 20118
whitefencing@verizon.net

Office 540-687-5803
Fax 540-687-3574
Licensed & Insured
www.georgewhitefencing.com

Marshall Veterinary Clinic
Providing Outstanding Veterinary Care to Fauquier County and Surrounding Communities for Over 25 years

Complete Wellness, Diagnostic and Surgical Care



Dr. Joy Cole,
Dr. Katrina Kollgaard
& Dr. Becky Verna

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 7-7 • Wed, Fri 7-5 • Sat 7-1
4216 Frost Street • Marshall Virginia 20115 • (540)364-1409
www.marshallvetclinic.com

Twilight JUMPERS 2015



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FRIDAY NIGHT?

MAY 29. JUNE 26 . JULY 31 . AUGUST 28
RAIN DATES ARE THE SUNDAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Gates open at 6:30
$30/carload

Featuring
7PM - $500 Child/Adult Classic
8:30PM - $5,000 Mini Prix

Tailgating, VIP Boxes, Bonfire Pit,
DJ & Dancing until late!

at GREAT MEADOW
5089 OLD TAVERN ROAD • THE PLAINS, VA 20198
EquestrianFoundation.org • 540-454-6675 • Find us on Facebook!
Presented by the High Performance Equestrian Foundation, a 501c(3) organization

PHOTO AND DESIGN © CALLIE BROADDUS

Editors Desk

Welcome Back to School !

It's that special time of year again.

Newcomers nervous.

Old hands a year older and wiser.

New friends to be made.

Old friendships to be rekindled.
New classes.

New teams.

All the scoreboards still unmarked.

Computers still with that new car smell.

Pencils still new-sharp and un-chewed.

Pens full.

Paper blank.

Young people celebrating.

Parents celebrating more.

A time when those who gladly learn and gladly teach meet those who gladly learn but still aren't all that keen about being taught.

From now until December 31 Middleburg at its best celebrates the REAL new year as both a community and an extended family.

From our local schools to gas stations, from supermarkets to coffee shops; non-profit and professional, from restaurants to Town Hall, to our police officers on the beat, most of us already know and support each other, and look forward to getting to know, and getting behind those who will become part of our community for the first time.

It's Back to School

Welcome!

Enjoy!

Come see us !

Blood Libel: The Ongoing Assault on Planned Parenthood

Blue

Dan Morrow

On July 14 representatives of the so-called "Center for Medical Progress," a group described by NBC as " an anti-abortion group" that for three years had "posed as a company procuring tissue for medical research," released heavily edited videotape of a lunch with Planned Parenthood executives, ostensibly to discuss "participation in tissue donation programs that support lifesaving scientific research."

Anti-abortion activists, their anti-birth-control allies, and the political forces that pander to both immediately seized on the tapes as clear and incontrovertible "evidence" that Planned Parenthood was "dismembering babies" and "selling the parts."

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth.

In the eyes of its enemies any and all of Planned Parenthood's activities are, quite often literally, anathema.

Doctors and nurses who provide abortions, in their eyes, are murderers.

The women who chose to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, women whose lives are in danger or who are victims of rape or incest, are branded as complicit in the crime.

Providing information about artificial means of birth control is tantamount to blasphemy . . . despite the documented fact that the more people know about and have access to contraception, the fewer abortions are needed and performed.

It matters not that the vast majority of Americans, and more important, the vast majority of American women support both abortion and birth control. The good people of Planned Parenthood, in the eyes of their single-minded opponents, are murderers, ghouls and profiteers.

Where have we heard this sort of thing before?

To label a person, an organization, an institution or an entire people "baby killers" is the oldest form of "blood libel," a particularly vicious, incendiary mean-spirited lying (to call it by its proper name) with a long, dishonorable and deadly history.

From the medieval cult of St. Simon of Trent to Henry Ford and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion ; from the Holocaust to today's anti-semitism on the air and on line, the blood libel lives.

It has been used as a propaganda ploy in every war ever fought in which innocent people were killed.

It has been applied to all our enemies and even to our own soldiers.

The most perfect analogy to the attack on Planned Parenthood, however, dates to May 1934.

That month's special "ritual murder" edition of Nazi war criminal " Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer, elaborated in detail the 12th century myth that Jews kidnapped and murdered Christian children and used their blood in religious rituals.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. And nothing sounds more like the false charges being leveled against Planned Parenthood.

But the label "baby killer" is a powerful tool and for those desperate to make a point, almost irresistible, despite the reality that people have committed real murders, all too often on a massive scale, (the basis of such lies).

Indeed, one or another form of such "blood libel" has motived killers and worse in every century since the 12th, including our own.

For those who believe abortion, any abortion, for any reason, is tantamount murder, rational and even biblical argument in support of Planned Parenthood is pointless.

For those of us who think differently, Planned Parenthood has a long and distinguished history, serving for many Americans as their ONLY source of information about avoiding pregnancy, and for those in desperate need, the ONLY source of safe, legal, pregnancy termination.

By law it uses no federal money for abortions.

By choice its work is supported by millions.

As the New England Journal of Medicine put it: "The inquiries revealed no law broken by Planned Parenthood . . .every person in this country has benefitted from research using fetal tissue . . .This attack represents a betrayal of the people whose lives could be save by the research and a violation of that most fundamental duty of medicine . . . . "

A Lot of People Want Liver

Red

Jim Morgan

So says Dr. Deborah Nucatola, head of Planned Parenthood's Medical Services division, in the first of several damning videos that expose the moral sewer that is Margaret Sanger's legacy. Even pro-abortion feminist icon Hillary Clinton called what she saw in the videos "disturbing."

The videos, seven as of this writing, aren't about abortion per se. Produced by the Center for Medical Progress (http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/) in a two-and-a-half year-long undercover operation (perfectly legal despite breathless accusations to the contrary) they are about Planned Parenthood's very profitable trade in human body parts.

The casual nature of the way in which this trade is conducted is horrifying. As is Nucatola's light-hearted banter as she discusses (during lunch) "crushing above" and "crushing below" the specific organs to be "harvested" so as not to damage the valuable parts. And watching the technicians use tweezers to sort through piles of bloody and tiny but unmistakably human body parts ("It was a boy." "This is a leg.") is only for people with stronger stomachs than mine. I nearly threw up.

The most recent video features an account of what a reasonable person would call infanticide. Holly O'Donnell, briefly a "procurement technician" for Stem Express, a former Planned Parenthood partner, describes how a co-worker called her over to see "something kind of cool." Pointing to a highly developed aborted fetus lying in a laboratory pan, the co-worker "just taps the heart, and it starts beating," after which O'Donnell was instructed to cut through the baby's face and extract the brain.

"Something kind of cool?" Maybe for Josef Mengele. O'Donnell soon resigned.

Planned Parenthood also seems occasionally to bump up against the law. Federal law requires abortion providers to show that "no alternation of the timing, method, or procedures used to terminate the pregnancy was made solely for the purposes of obtaining the tissue." In one discussion, however, Dr. Mary Gatter says this "may not be a big problem" and that she will check with "Ian," an abortionist at her California facility about altering the procedure "in order to increase the odds that he's going to get an intact specimen."

The organization also claims that it only receives "nominal fees" to recoup the cost of administrative expenses. But the videos show its executives openly discussing "specimen" prices and fee schedules, saying they'll check with other Planned Parenthood outlets about the going rates to make sure they don't get "lowballed." It also claims that all the fetal tissue is "donated" by the women getting the abortions but, again, the recorded conversations indicate that this is misleading at best.

Abortion supporters make three questionable claims related to this controversy.

Abortions are only 3% of PP's services: But they generate 50% of the revenue and "service" is defined to include even simple referrals, thus drastically skewing the numbers.

Fetal tissue is essential for life-saving research: But advances in medical science and technology have rendered that largely untrue.

Defunding PP would drastically reduce the availability of women's health care: But even completely shutting down all 665 Planned Parenthood facilities would have no effect on the 13,540 federally-funded women's health clinics that do not perform abortions.

In fact, Planned Parenthood is completely unnecessary in terms of real issues of women's health. Contrary to claims, it generally does not even perform mammograms but just refers those patients elsewhere.

Pro-abortion folks want CMP, not Planned Parenthood, investigated. But that's a deflection. The fact is that Planned Parenthood got caught (dare I say it?) red-handed and they don't like that. Their response is an attempt to discredit the accusers; anything to distract from this loathsome and barbaric trafficking in human body parts. But the cat is out of the bag thanks to the CMP videos. Both federal and state investigations of Planned Parenthood have begun. If justice prevails, Sanger's slaughterhouses will cease receiving $500-million-a-year subsidies from taxpayers. And that, at least, is a start.

Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

I have written about election reform in this country in the past but that subject hopefully will be front and center in the coming week or two if Lawrence Lessig, the Harvard Law professor announces his bid for the Democratic nomination of 2016.

Lessig's main point is that Congress has been unduly corrupted by big money and that we no longer have a representative democracy because so many representatives are controlled by so few and that instead of doing what they were elected to do elected officials cave to those who have contributed heavily to their campaigns.

Lessig is about to launch an unprecedented campaign for the presidency on a platform that is designed to win the election with the sole purpose of straightening out the money mess that has robbed of us of our democracy and then resign.

This poses an interesting question of the importance of the Vice President.

Most of the time candidates pick their running mates strategically to help get the primary candidate elected and then have little or no interest in having them succeed them. Lessig on the other hand would have the electorate involved in the process and make sure that the Vice President would be of the quality to succeed and even serve in a better and more rounded capacity than Lessig himself.

Whether or not it is feasible or even remotely possible for Lessig to accomplish a feat as daunting and as progressive as this remains to be seen, but election reform must take place for us to survive as a democracy.

My choice, Senator Sanders, is addressing the money problem but according to Lessig he is not making it the primary focus of his platform, a failing according to Lessig.

I may be either naive or just wrong but I feel that money will not play as big a role in the 2016 presidential election as it has in the more recent past. I think the Sanders approach is the correct one. He refuses to take from large corporations or large donors and is raising enough money to run a good campaign from small sources. His use of social media is the force behind his huge crowds and his message is getting across to the voters.

What can enormous amounts of money do? Buy massive TV ads that most people get sick of them and tape shows so that they can fast forward through the ads. It can, of course, buy influence but that is being exposed so has less effect; it can hire staff which is important but Bernie's crowds and local organizers are all volunteer and are passionate about getting him elected so that is truly "people power."

It will be an interesting election, especially if Lessig and Biden join the race. The debates should be fascinating.

The other side is equally fascinating with the Trump phenomenon: my personal opinion is that the crowds he is drawing are simply of people who are celebrity groupies and want to be there when another outrageous idea pops out of his blow dried head.

He is an embarrassment to his party and to this country.

The notion that someone whose companies have gone bankrupt several times and when questioned about the morality of leaving creditors on the limb is that "that's business and they should accept it" does not sound like someone who should be president of the U.S.

SAT-MAN COMMUNICATIONS
SAT-MAN Communications
Practices excellence in service and guarantee 100% satisfaction
Authorized Installer for:
SATELLITE • TV INSTALLATION
DirecTV & HD Antenna's
Cell phone repeaters
SATELLITE • INTERNET
Exede & Hughesnet
Wi-Fi Internet
WE ALSO OFFER:
Set-up and Configuration of Home Networks, Voice & Data cabling, Home Theatre Installations, Custom Surround Sound Systems (5.1 – 7.2)
CONTACT US BY PHONE 540-905-2454
~ Be Local ~

Dulles To The District
Exceptional Commuter Bus Service from Dulles South (Stone Ridge) and Dulles North (Sterling and Ashburn) to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Washington, DC
LoudounCounty LC transit
www.loudoun.gov/bus
1-877-GO-LCBUS
WWW.MBECC.COM

Deerchase LLC
Historic Restoration • Class A Building Contractor
Richard Williams
www.deerchasellc.com
703 • 431 • 4868

At Shade Tree Farm we LOVE trees!
From 6 feet to over 45 feet in height, our trees are healthy, high-quality, Virginia-grown trees.
And with one of the largest fleet of tree spades in the Mid-Atlantic Region, we install them, too!
Shade Tree Farm
703.370.TREE (8733)
shadetreefarm.com
Transforming landscapes since 1981!

FEDERAL ST. CAFE
NOW OPEN!
Tuesday - Sunday 7 am to 3 pm
Featuring our Breakfast Buffet
Saturday and Sunday
7 am to Noon
(540)326-4604
WWW.MBECC.COM

"Trotters Perk Bistro"
Certified Organic Commercial Cucina ...
Starting on Sept. 8
7am to 6pm
Serving Small Breakfast Delights
Organic Granola, Crusted French Toast, Organic Peppers and Duck Eggs, all dai Organic Belgian Waffles, The Lucia Organic Breakfast Sandwich
Sept. 15
9:30AM to 10:45AM
Free 12oz Organic Latte, Cappuccino, Frappe
Closed Mondai Onli
16 E. Washington Street
Middleburg, VA 20117
540.687.3606
~ Be Local ~

18th Annual Conference on the
Art of Command in the Civil War

JULY 2, 1863
GETTYSBURG: THE SECOND DAY
Presented by the Mosby Heritage Area Assn.

October 2-4 in Middleburg, Va.
Middleburg Community Center, 300 W. Washington Street

Friday
Registration, Reception, Book Browsing

Stuart Dempsey: The New Guys: The Army of the Potomac's June Reinforcements

Allen Guelzo: Meade's Council of War, July 2, 1863

Saturday
Speakers, Lunch, Panel Discussion, Book Signing, Banquet

Jim Hessler: Sickles and Meade and the Great Controversy

Jeff Wert: An Army of Lions - the Union Army at Gettysburg

Robert K. Krick: Lee and Longstreet on July 2nd, 1863

Eric Wittenberg: Early's Assault on East Cemetery Hill

Christina Moon: If History is Written Truthfully - Freeman McGilvery at the Battle of Gettysburg

John Archer: Holding the Other Flank: Culp's Hill and the 137th New York

Sunday
All-day bus tour to Gettysburg

Registration Information:
8425 includes full program with meals.
8200 Friday & Saturday lectures, reception, lunch
For information: Program Director Childs Burden 540-687-4195
or MHAA 540-687-6681 • info@mosbyheritagearea.org

www.mosbyheritagearea.org

INTRODUCING!
Year-round comfort and energy savings

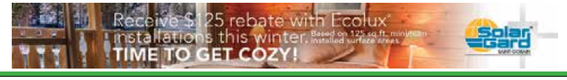


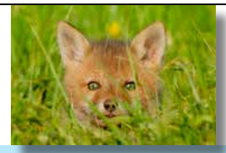
SolarGard® Ecolux™ Low-e Window Film

High performance Low E window film is a cost effective alternative to window replacement. It has exceptional clarity and is not visible once applied.

- RETAINS 41% MORE HEAT IN WINTER
- REJECTS 52% OF TOTAL SOLAR ENERGY IN SUMMER
- REJECTS 99.9% OF UV RAYS
- LIFETIME WARRANTY

AC ENERGY SOLUTIONS
Sustainable Energy Solutions
540-253-5402
www.acglasstinting.com





Hunt Country Guide

Leather Repair

Journeymen
Custom Chaps!
Tack Repair!
Boot Repair!
Shoe Repair!
2 West Federal St., Middleburg • VA
540.687.5888 • 800.962.4405

Organic Foods

Ayrshire Farm
www.AyrshireFarm.com
Slow Food... FAST!
For Busy Families
Lunch-box Ready
Healthy Snacks
Tasty & Fresh
Organic, Local, Certified Humane
Home Farm Store
1E. Washington St., Middleburg, VA 20117
540.687.8882 www.HomeFarmStore.com

Wine Tasting

Aldie Peddler
Got Wine? As featured in Southern Living, Wally, the charming & chatty wine proprietor is always tasting at the Aldie Peddler"
703-327-6743
Rt. 50 ~ Historic Aldie, VA

Real Estate

THOMAS & TALBOT
REAL ESTATE
THOMAS-TALBOT.com
(540) 687-6500

Security

SILENTPARTNER
SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC
"We love this community and will do everything we can to help protect it."
~ Sam Rogers, Owner
PROTECTION FROM FIRE AND UNWANTED INTRUDERS SINCE 1991
FIRE ALARMS BURGLAR ALARMS EMERGENCY SYSTEMS
800.200.8663
www.silentpss.com

Home Health Care

Allegiance Home Care
(703) 539-6029
www.AllegianceVA.com
Daily & Overnight Care, Physician House Calls



Based in Aldie, VA
"Keeping you Happy & Healthy at Home is our Pledge"

Plumbing

J. R. SNIDER, Ltd.
Professional Plumbing Services
Why Would You Call Anyone Else?



Our customers know they can depend on our Preferred Service!
Please give us a call. You will be glad you did!
540-687-5232 • jrsnider.com
www.facebook.com/jrsniderltd
Celebrating 32 Years in Loudoun

PlumbTech, LLC
Plumbing Service &
New Installations
Licensed & Insured
Matt McKay
540-687-5114
540-868-2330
Servicing
Loudoun, Fauquier &
Surrounding Areas!

Arborists

EMBREY'S
TREE SERVICE
We'll go Out on a Limb to Please!
Tree Removal
Brush Clearing
Timming
Pruning
Stump Grinding
Cabling
Tree &Shrub Care
Lot Clearing
Storm Damage
Free Estimates
Fully Insured & Licensed
Residential & Commercial
540.687.6796

Shade Trees

Growing & Installing BIG Trees
Shade Tree Farm
703.370.TREE (8733)
www.shadetreefarm.com

for advertising information call 540.687.3200



Old Goose Creek Farm
Middleburg, Virginia
$6,295,000

Immaculate equestrian property in turnkey condition • Exceptional location • Stone home expanded to approx. 7,000 sf. • Includes 4 main level suites • Lovely gardens, pool, garage apartment & pond • Blackburn designed 6 stall stable • 70x210 indoor arena • Observation deck • Tack room • 2 wash stalls & office • Addtl 4 stall barn • Entire property is fenced and cross fenced on 26 acres & 8 paddocks

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Oakfield
Upperville, Virginia
$4,495,000

Stone manor house in spectacular setting • 86.81 acres • Highly protected area in prime Piedmont Hunt • Gourmet kitchen • Wonderful detail throughout • 5 BR • 5 BA • 3 half BA • 3 fireplaces, classic pine paneled library • Tenant house • Stable • Riding ring • Heated saltwater pool • Pergola • Full house generator

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Flint Hill Farm
Delaplane, Virginia
$3,150,000

Family compound includes 8,800 sf main house built in 1789 • 3 BR guest house • 2 BR carriage house • Repurposed airplane hanger now a complete home gym • Exquisite total renovation includes exposed beams, solid mahogany doors & windows, imported antique fireplaces & spectacular floors of re-claimed choice hardwoods • Stately limestone foyer • Stunning kitchen • Excellent Views

Ann MacMahon (540) 687-5588



Faraway Farm
Middleburg Area
$2,975,000

Solid stone home with copper roof on 70 acres • Original portions dating from the 1700's • First floor bedroom & 3 additional suites • Original floors • 8 fireplaces • Formal living room • Gourmet kitchen • 2 ponds • Mountain views • Stone walls • Mature gardens • Pool • Log cabin • Piedmont Hunt

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930
Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905
Ann MacMahon (540) 687-5588



Providence Farm
Bluemont, Virginia
$2,650,000

42 acre equestrian property in Piedmont Hunt • Lovely 5,000 sf home with 1st floor master suite • Horse facilities include indoor (150' x 75') and outdoor (200' x 100') arenas • 10 stall stable with large apartment • 8 more stalls in shed row • 6 paddocks • Cross country course & 9,800 sf heated Morton Building

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



The Haven
The Plains, Virginia
$2,295,000

Fabulous equestrian property • High efficiency low maintenance home with state of the art geothermal and solar systems • Stone fireplaces, pool, cabana • Great kitchen and bathrooms • Huge front porch overlooking pond • 7 stall stable with apartment • Euro felt arena • 4 paddocks and prime ride out location

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Buck Run Farm
Hume, Virginia
$1,925,000

Stone & stucco cottage overlooking 2 ponds & amazing mountain views • 72 acres with minimal maintenance & maximum quality throughout shows in every detail • 4 BR • 2 1/2 BA • 3 fireplaces • Copper roof • Antique floors & beams • Charming library & multiple french doors open to massive stone terrace

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Ragley
Upperville, Virginia
$1,600,000

13.54 acres surrounded by large estates • Prime protected location • Updated brick home • Notable room sizes • 5 bedrooms • 5 full baths and two 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces • In-ground pool • Stone walls • Beautiful gardens • Well built home

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Echo Hill
The Plains, Virginia
$1,500,000

Stone English country home in top location between Middleburg & The Plains on 13 acres • Large boxwoods & classically planted gardens • 4 BR home with new kitchen & main level master suite • Hardwood floors, built-in book cases, fireplaces & bright open family room • Bluestone terrace overlooks new pool & entertaining area • Separate guest cottage/pool house & garage • Whole-house generator

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Foxhall
Round Hill, Virginia
$1,200,000

Historic property in protected area • First offering since 1951 • 3 log structures circa 1690, 1720, and 1940 connected to create charming home • 4 BR, 3 BA, 3 FP & beautiful floors • Huge boxwoods • Needs updating • 33.89 acres mostly open • Creek • Solid barn • Original structure Quaker meeting house

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Chipmunk
Upperville, Virginia
$965,000

Prime location • Piedmont Hunt • 10 acres • 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 fireplace stucco residence built in 1984 • Open floor plan • Treed setting with mature landscaping • Center courtyard off living area • Separate studio with half bath can serve as guest room or studio • Large 3 bay garage • 2 stalls for horses & 5 paddocks • Great views

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Stonewood
Middleburg, Virginia
$795,000

Charming stucco, log & frame home on 6.38 acres • 3-4 bedrooms • 3 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces (one in the kitchen with antique brick floor) • Beautiful reclaimed pine flooring • Bright & sunny family room opens to bluestone terrace • Master bedroom opens to private balcony • 2 car garage • 4 stall barn with tack room • More land available

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Upperville Church
Upperville, Virginia
$699,000

Live & work in the Old Upperville Baptist Church (circa 1825) & meeting hall • Church provides many options with Village Commercial zoning • Bring your creativity • Stunning renovation provides 2 buildings & many uses • Ample parking • Excellent views of the countryside from the large back yard • Church also for Lease

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Cliffside
Round Hill, Virginia
$498,000

7 acres and a bright unique home • Overlooking Butcher's Branch of Beaverdam Creek • Large deck off kitchen and family room • Great for entertaining and grilling • 2/3 bedrooms and large basement • Nice value and well priced home in a great setting • Large windows bring the outdoors in • Cute playhouse or potting shed

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Unison Road Cottage
Unison, Virginia
$450,000

3 bedroom stone home on quiet gravel road between Middleburg & Purcellville • Nice hardwood floors • Stone fireplaces • Generous room sizes • Large dining room and family room • Screened in porch • Large yard • Lovely trees and plantings

Helen MacMahon (540) 454-1930



Bluebird Lane
Boyce, Virginia
$435,000

Peaceful Shenandoah Retreat • Well maintained & full of light • 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 22+ protected acres • Lovely architectural details, exposed beams & pine floors • Beautiful stone fireplaces • Fully finished basement

Alix Coolidge (703) 625-1724

info@sheridanmacmahon.com
www.sheridanmacmahon.com

SHERIDAN~MACMAHON, LTD. Realtors

110 East Washington Street • P.O. Box 1380
Middleburg, Virginia 20118
(540) 687-5588

WASHINGTON FINE PROPERTIES

WFP.COM
WFPMIDDLEBURG.COM

WASHINGTON, DC	202.944.5000
GEORGETOWN	202.333.3320
LOGAN/DOWNTOWN	202.930.6868
BETHESDA/CHEVY CHASE	301.222.0050
POTOMAC	301.983.6400
NORTHERN VIRGINIA	703.317.7000
MIDDLEBURG, VA	540.687.6395
LITTLE WASHINGTON, VA	540.675.1488



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

OAK SPRING FARM, UPPERVILLE, VIRGINIA

Paul and Bunny Mellon's renowned 2000 acre estate. Private airstrip, stables, multiple residences, and extraordinary gardens. $70,000,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215
Thomas B. Anderson 202-243-1657



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

MILAN AT OAK SPRING FARM, UPPERVILLE, VA

Breathtaking 576 acre parcel part of Paul and Bunny Mellon's farm. Rolling pasture with pond &mountain views. 2 charming cottages, barns, sheds. Several stunning house sites. $12,950,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

BRICK HOUSE AT OAK SPRING FARM, UPPERVILLE

Original residence of Paul Mellon adapted to showcase his art collection. Spectacular 282 acre parcel with mountain views, rolling pasture, pond, gardens, apartment, garages & workshops. $7,250,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

RALLYWOOD, MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Architectural masterpiece: 54 acre equestrian estate. Private A+ location. Magnificent stable, indoor & outdoor arenas, house, apartments, river. Orange Co Hunt. More land available. 1 hour to DC. $4,500,000

Cindy Polk 703-966-9480



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

BOXLEY FARMS, BLUEMONT, VIRGINIA

Authentic Georgian Revival Estate - Mountain & water views, antique pine floors, Italian marble counters/flrs, chef's kitchen, wine cellar, owners wing, 3-stall barn/apt, English & secret gardens. Extraordinary! $2,950,000

Jim Lemon 703-203-9766



INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

HASTENING FARM, MIDDLEBURG AREA, VA

Beautiful renovated 1700s stone & brick Manor. Wide plank flrs, period carved mantles & hardware. Guest cottage, carriage house, stable & workshops. English gardens, pond, mtn & pastoral views. 42AC. $2,295,000

Cindy Polk 703-966-9480



CRENSHAW & OLD CARTER'S MILL LAND

Rare opportunity to own 54 acre parcel part of the iconic Mellon property. Prime location surrounded by large farms. Scenic level land with mountain views and stone walls. $1,890,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215



POSSUM HOLLOW, DELAPLANE, VIRGINIA

Lovely brick 5BR on 25 mainly wooded acres. Stunning cherry floors, superb views to the southeast, professionally landscaped. $1,195,000

Carole Miller 540-729-7896
Kevin Keane 540-687-2221



HEADLANDS, MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

NEW PRICE! 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. Totally renovated. New kitchen & baths. Private & scenic. Minutes from Middleburg. 2 Ponds. 17 acres. Indoor pool. Spacious one level living. $1,050,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215



PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA

Private country property with bright 4BR, 3FB cape tucked on 10+ fenced acres with newer 4 stall center aisle barn and exceptional ride out. Creek boarders. Minutes to town. 1 hr to DC. Rare find! $985,000

Cindy Polk 703-966-9480



CREIGHTON FARMS, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

LAND - Lovely 6+ ac parcel, open with tree buffer & pastoral views. Premiere golf community in the heart of VA countryside. Enjoy, golf, tennis, swimming! $875,000

Cindy Polk 703-966-9480
David O'Flaherty 540-687-0383



BLUEMONT, VIRGINIA

Unbelievable setting & location features 5BR, 4FBA, guest cottage with 1BR/1BA, Private retiled pool, fenced in garden. Beautiful hardwoods inside, 3 fireplaces, S/S appliances. $749,000

Jim Lemon 703-203-9766

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND OFFICES

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
LEADING REAL ESTATE COMPANIES of THE WORLD
LUXURY REAL ESTATE REGENTS
FINE PROPERTIES INTERNATIONAL
LUXURY REAL ESTATE
REALTOR®