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SNOW!

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

At press time on January 26, 2016, much of Middleburg was still digging out from under three feet or more of snow, higher in drifts, and almost six feet high in some plow berms.

Schools were still closed, but traffic was beginning to move.

The Town Manager, still digging toward the entrance to a cul-de-sac at home in Purcellville remained, as she had throughout the storm, in constant touch with Town Staff by lap top and cell phone.

The Police Department was just beginning to end a three- or four-day camp out at their new headquarters on West Federal Street.

Thanks to what Police Chief A.J. Panebianco described as "preparedness, hard work, and the extraordinary good sense and spirit" of the Middleburg community, the Town appears to have come through the storm with colors flying.

Flooding caused by a water main break and a residential fire outside the town limits appear to have been the only major incidents made more difficult to handle by the storm.

At press time no major automobile accidents, personal injuries, or deaths linked to the storm had been reported.

Standing Watch

According to Police Chief Panebianco, he, Lt. Mike Prince, Marvin Simms and his maintenance team, and the town's contractor for water and sewer services were in place and well prepared by the time the well-tracked mega-storm began to hit Middleburg, late Friday, January 22.

The Police Department essentially camped out and patrolled from their new headquarters for the duration. Though the department owns three four-wheel-drive vehicles, most if not all patrolling was done on foot as the snow grew deeper.

Indeed, by around three a.m. on Saturday, snow plows could not keep up with the snowfall and blowing snow. At one point Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk called to report a heavy duty snow plow had gotten stuck.

"People were terrific about staying off the streets," Panebianco reported. "It's always tempting to test one's driving skills in the snow," he noted, "especially if one has, as so many of our friends and neighbors do, four-wheel drive vehicles."

"But this time there was none of that," the Chief said. "People realized that going out in a major storm like this, not only put themselves in danger, but everyone who would have to come to their aid. Everyone was just great."

The Chief credited the community's trust and extensive use of the department's web site during the crisis for helping a lot. By storm's end well over 10,000 hits had been recorded for the site's DOT safety guidelines alone.

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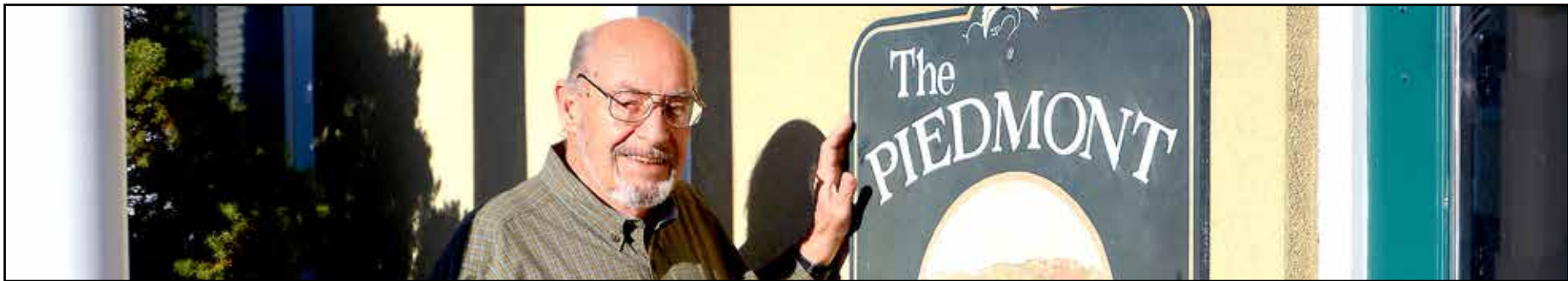
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NEWS OF NOTE

VINCE PERRICONE

ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT



LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Vince Perricone opened Middleburg Printing in 1986 and started the New Year by announcing his retirement, but quietly, person to person. He's one of those community-minded people, the ones always ready to pitch in, giving generously of their time, effort and energy out of the goodness of their hearts. He's also a businessman and selling his life's work wasn't easy, but it was time and he knew it. Middleburg Printing will continue under new ownership, but Vince intends to stay very busy.

"I have lots to do — hang out more with Panda, my dog, I love to garden, I'm looking forward to spending time at Middleburg Humane Foundation's new facility in Marshall, and Tom Sweitzer at A Place To Be has been asking me to get over there — their Holiday Recital on the first Friday in December is one of my favorite events of the year," said Vince. "I'm hoping to spend time with my children and grandchildren scatter from Virginia to West Virginia to North Carolina. I'm looking forward to doing many things that I've been wanting to do, but I didn't have the time."

About that first item on his retirement agenda: Vince is a dog-person, the way many in the Middleburg-Piedmont area are horse-people. For 10 years, his CEO (Canine Executive Officer) was Monk, a Labrador Retriever, who went to work every day with Vince at Middleburg Printing.

Vince had saddlebags made for Monk, and he carried the mail to and from the post office on their daily walks. "He knew where every biscuit in the world was: Post Office, Middleburg Bank, ABC store, and we'd do his grand tour — I didn't take Monk, he took me," said Vince.

Towards the end of his time, Monk was getting heavy and Vince set a limit — one biscuit per stop. He was a very smart CEO. "We were at the bank, Monk got his biscuit, and I was doing my transaction," Vince recalled. "I turned and saw he'd walked to the next window and stood up with his paws on the counter to get another biscuit."

After Monk passed, Panda and Charlie joined Vince, but

they were stay-at-home dogs. Panda has been an only dog for about a year although it's possible Vince will encounter a CEO specializing in retirement when he starts spending time at Middleburg Humane.

Harking back to the 1990s, Middleburg Printing made the transition into High Tech with relative ease. Computers were evolving so quickly that they became obsolete six months after manufacture. Publishing software was beginning to design everything under the printing sun and communicated with state-of-the-art inkjet printers.

Vince, who embraced the digital age, because the bottom line meant better service for his customers, said, "It was a piece of cake. You just had to learn how to understand and use the new technology. It was so much easier and faster and less expensive."

Jim Herbert considers Vince a team partner, not just a service provider. Among the hats he wears professionally and personally, Jim is the event organizer for Christmas In Middleburg, the first Saturday in December.

"Vince would be a fantastic partner every single time trying to get the products done on time within a manageable budget and always delivered a quality product," said Jim. "There were times when I pushed the envelope of what could be humanly and physically possible, and Vince still would take a rush job and deliver it on time. The various causes and community projects I'm involved in, Vince would embrace them with equal passion, as if they were his own — he's just a great guy."

A Place To Be, established in 2011, is where music meets therapy, thanks to Tom Sweitzer, whose resume includes 17 years as Head of the Theatre Department at The Hill School. "We would love Vince to be a part of the APTB family," he said. "Vince has been printing for us for years. He could volunteer and spend time with the amazing people we have in our center. He offers wisdom, patience and love."

Chris Johnson has been in charge of the annual auction for the Hill School for more than 20 years. She had nothing but

praise for Vince and Middleburg Printing for handling everything, including design, for the Auction as well as handling all of The Hill School's printing needs.

"This is our community printer and the personalized service you receive could never be found anywhere else," said Chris. "Vince is wonderfully personable, has a great sense of humor, and I have enjoyed working with him on the Auction. When he first told me he was going to retire, I panicked. I couldn't imagine doing the Hill School Auction printing without him, but being Vince, he reassured me that when it came time to print the catalog, he would return to help. And that is Vince. He epitomizes customer service. He is loyal to

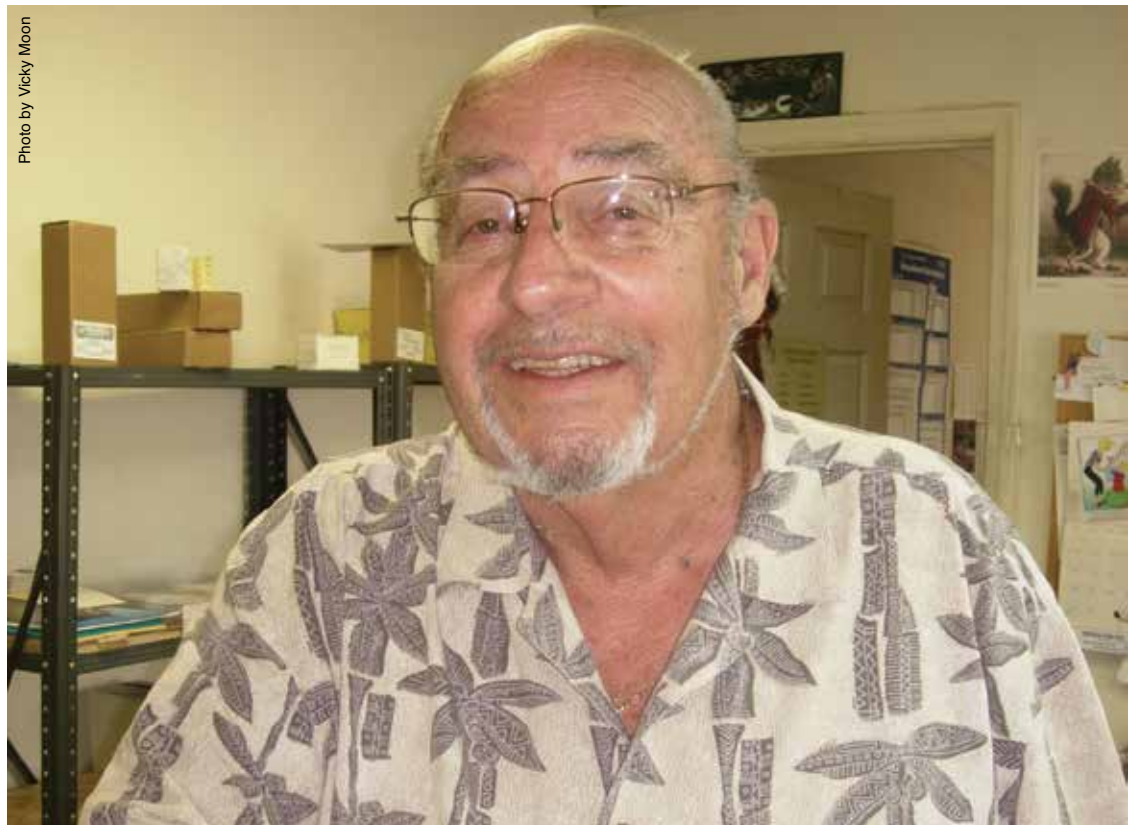
his customers, and in return we are loyal to him. I can't tell you how many times I called Vince at the last minute, asking if he can print something. He always came through. We have had many laughs and the product he has produced for the Auction is first class. He will be sorely missed."

What's so nice about Vince is that he's still looking after his customers. "It was important to me to find a buyer who would uphold my tradition, someone to continue the operation just like I did," said Vince. "Albert Patterson is full of energy and so excited to be part of the town. He's from Winchester and he came here with his whole family for Christmas in Middleburg. Francis and Ron will stay on —

that was important to me. Hill School made me promise to come back in here and help with the Auction stuff. Customers don't speak the same language as the printers, so over the years I learned to interpret for them."

The final words belong to Punkin Lee, owner of Journeymen Saddlery, who has known Vince and used his Middleburg Printing services ever since he set up shop the next block over on Federal Street.

"You could count on great service, quality products, and Vince was always there to help," said Punkin. "He's pleasant and he does a great job with your product. Vince is always an asset to the community and to the business people. The new owner has big shoes to fill."



let the relaxation begin!

Wish Vince a joyous retirement! And stop in to meet the new owner, Albert Patterson. Same great service, same location, same hours.

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NEWS OF NOTE

FAST FOOD GARNERS THE 2015 FOXCROFT ROAD TRASH TALKIN' TRASH ~ 2015 FOXCROFT ROAD PIG PEN AWARDS

WILLIAM H. MCCORMICK VMD

2015 was the thirteenth consecutive year of volunteer action to control trash on the Foxcroft Road. The author conducts this survey as a single observer. However, there are others who also pick up trash on the Foxcroft Road, such as the Middleburg Hunt and the Foxcroft students themselves. Therefore, if anything, the numbers here noted are understated. With the total of 1277 individual pieces of trash, 2015 achieved the highest production in the thirteen years since this survey was started.

To aid those first time readers and as a reminder to past readers of this column, the course of trash collection is a 4.6 mile route of dirt and hard road that includes portions of the Polecat Hill Rd. (Rt. 696), the Foxcroft Rd. (Rt. 626), the Snake Hill Rd. (Rt. 744), and the Millville Rd. (Rt. 743).

In the past year, 1277 individual pieces of trash, an average of 3.5 per day, were retrieved from the Foxcroft Road. Most of the trash was recycled. The perennial nicotine champion, Marlboro, accounted for 72% of the tobacco total. All the other tobacco products were in single digits at best.

This year a new category, Edible Food-Like Substances or Food-

Like Edibles for short has been added. Included are various grocery stores such as Safeway, Food Lion and Walmart, as well as ice cream, potato chips, candy, and various and sundry food products. The usual suspects would be products such as Hostess Twinkies and Slim Jims. This year two processed foods must share first place, Frito-Lay and Dentyne, both with 16 contributions 1.3% of all road trash apiece. Parenthetically it should be noted that Sutter's Mill, our most popular brand of wine, also had 16 bottles on the road.

In the New Age-Soft Drink category, there was close competition between, the duopoly, Coca Cola and Pepsico (45 vs. 40 in absolute numbers or 32% vs. 29% of the soft drink group). Coke has led Pepsico in four of the last five years. Green Mountain coffee, a newcomer in the New Age market had 19 cups on the road, 25% of the New Age Group, with Red Bull (10) and Arizona (7) being the nearest competitors.

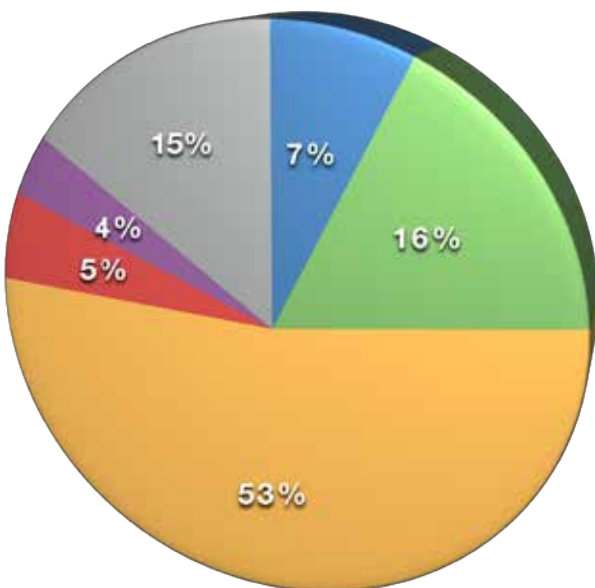
The Fast Food group as a whole sustained robust growth whilst going from 127 (14% of all trash) in 2014, to 239 or 19% of all road trash today. McDonald's supplied 93 pieces of trash (39% of the Fast Food group). McDonald's is a leader despite its current strategy of discontinuing more than 800 outlets nationwide. It is too bad that McDonald's does not start by eliminating the

franchises in Purcellville, Marshall and Leesburg. Wendy's (32 or 13% of fast food) and 7-11 (30 or 12.5%) were the proud runners up.

In the Beer, Wine, and Alcohol category AB InBev currently is responsible for 111 (80% of all beer containers) of Foxcroft Road beer cans and bottles. SABMiller controls only 7% of the beer market. AB InBev accounted for a full 9% of all road trash. Before the sale of Anheuser-Busch to AB InBev the Busch family of beers accounted for totals greater than 200 on at least six out of thirteen years.

The following readily recognizable corporate entities are ranked in order of gross trash production on these public roads:

1. AB InBev (111, 9% of total road trash)
2. McDonald's (93, 7%)
3. Marlboro (47, 4%)
4. Coca-Cola (45, 3.5%)
5. Pepsico (40, 3%)
6. Wendy's (32, 2.5%)
7. 7-Eleven (30, 2.3%)
8. Dr. Pepper (23, 1.8%)
9. Green Mountain (19, 1.4%)
10. Gatorade (18, 1.4%)



● Tobacco ● Fast Food ● Beverage
● Generic Cups ● Plastic Bags ● Misc

This year's Foxcroft Road Pig Pen group grand prize is awarded to the junk food troika of McDonald's, Wendy's and 7-11. Together with Chic-Fil-A, Subway, Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen etc. accounted for 239 individual pieces of trash or 19% of all trash. This total was achieved in the absence of any fast food establishments in Middleburg itself. The runner up AB InBev had only a modest contribution of 111 (9%). The duopoly of Coca-Cola and Pepsico (85) trailed AB InBev. The title of "King of the Road," is awarded to the junk food category in 2015.

In 2015 we derived inspiration from the international best selling author, Marie Kondo. Her book, The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up, sits atop the Washington Post's best seller list for January 2016. Ms. Kondo's criteria for differentiating trash from possessions worthy

of one's respect is by asking one's self if said object "brings joy into one's life?" Surely road trash does not bring joy for the vast majority of those who populate Middleburg and surroundings. As has been demonstrated by Ms. Kondo, not only does picking up trash make one feel good but the site of the clean up tends to stay tidied up in the future. A further question would be why would one not pick up road trash? The obvious answer is that trash removal is too much effort, dangerous, time consuming, or just not that important. In actuality it is not that difficult for each individual resident to keep his or her road frontage clear of trash. In Middleburg there is added importance in that glass bottles can cause serious, even life threatening wounds to the horses. Ultimately the roads are part of our world, the only world that we have.

Summary of Repetitive Trash

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Tobacco	92	63	73	70	92	96	97	37	65	685
Fast Food	146	103	163	270	144	127	198	127	239	1517
Beverage	727	472	663	729	567	534	421	436	470	5019
Generic Cups	88	40	49	61	35	50	42	60	68	493
Plastic Bags	21	25	29	31	60	63	64	51	344	
Misc	126	162	89	103	185	194	122	146	270	1397
Total	1179	861	1062	1262	1054	1061	943	870	1163	

Fast Food

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
McDonald's	62	51	75	128	61	30	54	50	93
Chick-Fil-A	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	4	13
7-Eleven	32	23	15	36	34	34	25	26	30
Taco Bell	1	1	5	13	10	6	17	8	9
Starbucks	11	2	7	7	6	3	9	5	22
Sheetz	4	4	3	4	2	5	11	1	5
Wendy's	2	5	25	27	5	3	30	14	32
Burger King	5	2	2	10	3	1	2	5	2
Dunkin Donuts	1	5	3	3	2	3	1	7	
KFC	6	0	3	2	3	2	2	1	3
Popeyes				30	2	2	1	0	9
Subway						8	14	3	8
Others	23	13	23	10	15	17	18	18	6

Beer / Wine / Booze

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Budweiser	68	36	36	42	51	60	14	17	23
Bud Lite	52	40	40	28	37	58	34	23	34
Busch	24	17	14	18	8	3	4	6	18
Natural Ice	29	6	4	4	5	10	3	1	2
Natural Dry	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Natural Light	14	2	9	12	1	3	4	10	4
Michelob	12	10	5	11	6	6	3	1	4
Other In Bev	10	20	0	4	6	8	8	1	1
Corona/Medelo	10	17	20	52	40	22	17	32	25
Pabst Blue Ribbon	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Steel Reserve	1	2	1	2	5	1	0	3	2

Tobacco

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Marlboro	47	43	32	33	54	52	41	20	47
Parliament	2	5	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Camel	6	3	0	5	11	16	29	3	3
Red Man	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Newport	15	4	8	11	12	14	9	3	3
Merit	0	4	15	7	0	0	0	0	0
Benson & Hedges	0	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	8	12

Soft Drinks

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Pepsico	90	70	80	123	76	50	52	36	40
Coca Cola	98	81	76	73	102	53	58	49	44
7UP/Dr. Pepper	10	10	11	13	13	17	14	13	23
Select (Safeway)	6	6	2	12	9	0	1	7	3
Arizona	1	3	4	18	7	6	10	4	7
Red Bull	20	19	40	16	14	15	19	17	10
Other	73	51	46	57	75	68	59	44	60

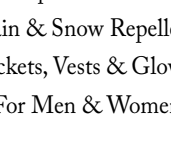
Water

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Deer Park	26	11	19	26	26	21	18	19	16
Aquafina(Pepsico)	11	5	6	8	8	5	3	0	3
Dannan	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Desani(Coca Cola)	17	6	10	7	5	3	2	4	2
Kirkland	7	4	5	9	4	3	8	4	8
Nestle's	9	2	8	5	4	11	8	3	9
Refreche	7	1	11	14	8	3	5	3	7
My Essentials						10	3	1	0
Others	14	10	12	17	21	21	15	26	41

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BACK FROM THE FRONT LINES OF THE POACHING WARS



IAPF founder DAMIEN MANDER along with MATT SHEEDY and the high powered rifle with suppressor the IAPF took off two captured poachers in Mozambique. The two rhino horns you see have an estimated street value of \$750,000.

MATT SHEEDY

We are losing the battle to save the African rhino. Down from a wild population of 70,000 in 1970, their numbers had stabilized at around 25,000. But a recent onslaught of poaching threatens to wipe them out in the next 15 years. 1,217 were killed in South Africa alone last year which is up

from just 13 poached in 2007. Other high target animals such as elephant, lion and pangolin are suffering the same fate. The skyrocketing price of rhino horn, ivory and other illegal wildlife parts is to blame. A single rhino horn can have a street value of over \$750,000. Unfortunately, most African governments and private reserves are still employing small numbers of

undertrained, badly equipped and poorly coordinated anti-poaching units to combat this new epidemic of well armed and highly organized poaching syndicates. The International Anti-Poaching Foundation (IAPF) was created in response to this crisis. That was the message Damien Mander, the founder of the IAPF, delivered in his two Middleburg presentations

last September. Thanks to the efforts of Maggie Bryant, Jason Paterniti, Nicole Watson, Sandi Young and Peter Pegg, I was able to meet Damien and learn about the IAPF. Damien arrived in Africa in 2009 as a former Special Forces sniper who had recently completed his twelfth tour in Iraq. After witnessing the carnage of the poaching crisis first hand, he decided his specialized skills and experience could make a difference. He sold off his home and all of his assets in order to found the IAPF.

In just six years, the IAPF has gained significant traction with operations in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique and plans to start a new project in Botswana. Damien has also appeared on 60 Minutes, given a TED Talk, attracted Jane Goodall to his Board of Advisors and been recognized for his work by Prince Harry.

As someone who has been actively involved in wildlife conservation for over 30 years, I was still a little skeptical about some of Damien's claims. After all, millions of dollars are given every year to conservation charities and government agencies to protect the rhino and other high target wildlife. Since Jason Paterniti was organizing a trip to bring in equipment, I decided to volunteer and find out for myself.

I began my trip at Stanley and Livingstone Private Game Preserve in Zimbabwe where the IAPF has been providing anti-poaching services since 2010.

My first revelation was that running an anti-poaching unit in Africa, especially Zimbabwe, is incredibly hard. The World Bank Group rates Zimbabwe 155 out of 189 countries in ease of doing business. And a white guy running a paramilitary operation is viewed with suspicion so nothing is easy. The IAPF has been working for five years just to get permission to replace bolt action rifles with semiautomatic weapons. Corruption is pervasive and getting foreign work permits is extremely problematic.

Throw in all the problems attendant to running any small business, plus finding reliable employees who are willing to risk their lives while enduring 110 degree daytime temperatures, intermittent electricity, day and night patrols, living out of a tent, weeks away from family and you get the picture.

Given all the adversity, I asked Damien if he would have undertaken his projects in Zimbabwe if he had it to do over again. He replied "yes, because the key to wildlife conservation is taking on the most difficult projects that nobody else wants to do."

Despite the challenges, the Stanley and Livingstone Preserve is a conservation success story. In a country that is experiencing wholesale loss of its wildlife, their rhino population has increased 130% under the IAPF's protection. In fact, the Preserve has not lost any animals to poaching in five years.

As Damien stresses, if you protect the ultra high target species like rhino, you protect everything.

After a week in Zimbabwe, I moved on to Ground Zero in the Rhino Poaching Wars which is the Greater Lebombo Conservancy (GLC) in Mozambique. The GLC is a 960 square mile strip of land that buffers 40% of the world's rhino population in South Africa's Kruger National Park from the majority of the world's rhino poachers in Mozambique. It is the most critical and neglected piece of land in the world for rhino conservation and it is where the IAPF has focused its efforts.

The brutality of this war became clear when the rangers took me to the carcasses of a recently poached mother and baby rhino. The mother was shot while she slept from approximately 30 yards away. As is sometimes the case, she was not killed by the shot but only immobilized. The poachers then cut off most of her face to get the two horns and left her to die. They then killed the baby for a one inch horn. The IAPF rangers found the mother still thrashing around approximately 18 hours later and put her out of her agony. I had done nighttime an-

ti-poaching patrols in Zimbabwe but it was different in Mozambique. AK-47s replaced bolt action rifles. Three and four man teams replaced two man teams. A deadly seriousness permeated everything we did as shootouts have become increasingly common. Both rangers and poachers know they are playing for keeps.

The IAPF rangers captured two, heavily armed poachers during my brief stay. Tragically, they were caught on their return run to Mozambique after poaching a rhino in Kruger. I can't give any details because of pending prosecutions, but I am happy to report that none of the rangers were injured or killed in the capture.

When on patrol, I couldn't help but think that these rangers risk their lives every day for \$3,400 a year. Some of the senior officers could be making 10x more money working in private militaries and all of them could be making much better money working for the poaching syndicates. Yet this is what they choose to do.

They are true heroes. It quickly became obvious, that the IAPF is a lean and action oriented organization. Its budget in the GLC

last year was only several hundred thousand dollars and yet, working in conjunction with local land owners, the IAPF had a real impact. Rhinos had been declared extinct in Mozambique but approximately 28 migrated into the GLC from Kruger over the past six months and 22 survived. Before the IAPF arrived, none of those rhinos would have survived a week. Equally important, the IAPF has not lost an elephant or lion to poaching under its security umbrella.

I frankly expected the IAPF to operate like a bunch of cowboys but it is remarkably strategic in its approach. One of its initiatives is developing international standards for ranger training, career advancement and best practices that can be rolled out across the continent. Further, the IAPF is a leader in the development and deployment of force multipliers such as drones, planes, canine teams, predictive computer models and high tech surveillance tools. They also train and coordinate anti-poaching teams for governments and private land owners, develop conservation plans and work with partners to create conservation incentives for local communities.



A CRITICALLY ENDANGERED BLACK RHINO AND CALF ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN ZIMBABWE DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE IAPF.

Damien was right about the poaching situation. High target wildlife is being pushed toward extinction and most government and private security forces cannot handle the onslaught. Further, the con-

servation charities are generally not prepared to run paramilitary operations. We desperately need more well trained and well equipped boots on the ground to protect what we have left.

I can only imagine what the IAPF could accomplish with additional resources. If you would like to learn more or, hopefully, contribute, please go to www.iapf.org

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NEWS OF NOTE

MARK RADER BRINGS 21ST CENTURY CEO COMMITMENT TO STONESPRINGS HOSPITAL CENTER COMMUNITY



we've completed our hiring process, and we'll generate more than \$2 million in tax revenues annually which will support Loudoun County."

A Radford University and Duke University graduate, Mark is delighted to return to Virginia and has already stabled his family's horses in the Middleburg area, and it is clear that the delightfully charming executive is sincerely pleased to be in Loudoun County.

"This is one of the nation's fastest growing and most vibrant regions," he continued, "and, it is definitely one of the most beautiful regions in the country. My wife, Amy, and my daughter, Helen, are as thrilled as I am to be here."

His previous position as CEO of HCA's Northwest Medical Center in Margate, Florida, continued his 20-year career with HCA where he served as the Chief Executive Officer for University Hospital in Broward County Florida; at Palmyra Medical Center in Georgia; at Pulaski Community Hospital in Virginia and many leadership positions throughout HCA.

Successful 21st Century healthcare depends on collaboration with every key constituency

according to Mark.

"My job is to listen carefully to our doctors, clinicians and support staff, as well as to our community leaders, our citizens and parents. We want our decisions and our services to reflect their evolving needs and ideas."

He also understands that providing high quality healthcare in the future will depend greatly on maintaining a balance between performing impeccably in the short and being prepared for the many possible future scenarios that are on the horizon.

"Our business will experience many transformations in the future. We are committed to strike a graceful balance between current and future realities to protect and care for our community."

Intending to create career-enhancing work in a well-balanced work/life environment for his employees, it is clear that Mark is determined to provide opportunities to grow and thrive for each of them. He is well aware of the attractiveness of the rapidly growing and diverse service area, and has already heard from many new employees how excited they are to live in the area.

"Several key employees

are traveling hours every day to get to work in anticipation of the time when they and their families will be able to move to the area. Our hospital is designed to grow and be flexible enough to respond quickly to our community's needs... those needs, of course, include the needs of our professionals and staff."

Mark already has commitments from 300 new hires whom he describes as "only the very best."

"We search for individuals with compassion and excellent attitudes. The quality of our care rests on both these instincts as much as it does on training, talent and experience."

He admits that being located in Loudoun County is a great hiring asset especially in such a competitive employment market.

"People love it here as much as I and my family do."

Seamlessly integrating new technologies into StoneSprings services will be a hallmark at the new hospital. Nursing has been equipped with iPhones to make certain communication between services and individuals remains current and responsive, and the daVinci robot has already had its successful debut, by Dr. Bernard

Cross.

Pediatric Care and Emergency Services will be second to none according to the CEO. And, in addition to their full service, 24-7 Emergency Services, StoneSprings will offer Cardiology and Vascular Care, Extensive Diagnostic Imaging, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Maternal and Child Health and Charity Care with financial discount programs.

"Parents rightly demand the best possible medical care from compassionate experts whether it is their newborn, their infant, or their teenager who requires assistance. We intend to provide truly exceptional services for children."

The beautiful new 124-bed building on Route 50 is the result of very careful and thoughtful planning. Designed to achieve better departmental relationships, clearly delineated zones for expansion and improved patient, staff and material flows, it is open, welcoming and family friendly.

Scott McQueen, senior health principal at GS&P, a Nashville architectural firm, led the design team to create efficient circulation patterns that make finding one's way easy and intuitive in the new facility. For individuals who have spent too much time being confused and lost in today's hospitals, they will be as grateful to the GS&P team as is CEO Mark Rader.

"They did a great job for us," Mark underscores. "You always know where you are in the building and it is very easy to navigate and we're so glad they used many of the natural materials that reflect the history and tradition of this area"

Located along a corridor that transitions from the Colonial developments of Eastern Loudoun County to the horse country farms, Civil War trails and historic sites of Western Loudoun, StoneSprings Hospital Center brings much needed services and stewardship to the rapidly evolving area.

Very soon, the StoneSprings Volunteer Organization will be organized, and Mark looks forward to welcoming community volunteers to what he intends to be a mutually beneficial initiative.

"I believe we will enjoy an exceptional group of Volunteers at StoneSprings. The commitment of four hours a week, or 100 hours each six months, is manageable for most volunteers and will be an incredible and highly valued commitment for us."

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BULL RUN "ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION" BIG GAME BANQUET

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

On March 5, the Bull Run Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its 25th annual Big Game Dinner at the Middleburg Community Center. The event features dinner catered by Tutti Perricone, as well as silent and live auctions to benefit ongoing projects supported by the RMEF. The annual dinner is more than a fund-raiser. It's also a celebration of the return of elk to Virginia.

Elk had been extinct east of the Mississippi River since 1855. On the heels of its success in the effort to restore elk in Wisconsin in 1995, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation worked cooperatively with the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources and the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission to re-establish elk in Kentucky. That project began in 1997 and proved extremely successful with herd at 10,000-plus elk.

RMEF's project to restore elk in southwestern Virginia began in 2012 and has been very successful, thanks to the passion and efforts of volunteers like Leon Boyd of the South-west Virginia Coalfields Chapter.

Boyd has been documenting the flourishing elk herds year-round with photos and videos. The elk obviously like their new habitat, which was groomed and seeded by Boyd, his son Brandon Boyd, and other RMEF volunteers from the local Coalfields chapter.

Since RMEF's inception in 1984, the 501(c)(3) organization has grown to nearly 220,000 members in 500 chapters in the U.S. There are eight chapters in Virginia with more than 2,500 members. Composed of hunters and conservationists, RMEF has worked consistently to fulfill its mission of ensuring the future of elk and all wildlife, their habitats, and the American heritage of hunting.

To date, RMEF has protected or enhanced 6.6 million acres and opened more than 769,000 acres for hunting and other public outdoor activities. By the end of 2015, RMEF and its partners completed 57 conservation and Hunting Heritage Outreach projects in the Commonwealth. The projects, valued at more than \$1.3-million, enhanced 715 acres of habitat.

Best of all, the overall elk population has grown to about one million. In Virginia, the original 71 elk released have flour-



ished, and the herd is estimated to number 130 or more, with an estimated 50 calves due when birthing season begins in May.

If you're into conservation, if you believe that hunting supports conservation, please consider joining RMEF and get involved nationally, as well as locally with the Bull Run Chapter. Supporting membership is only \$35 per year.

Please note: you must be a member to attend the Bull Run Big Game Dinner on March 5 at the Middleburg Community Center. It's very easy, because the RMEF membership fee is part of the online dinner ticket reservation: \$135/per couple, \$85/individual, and free dinner for youth members under 18 (\$20/year). Tickets are available online

— <http://www.rmeff.org/Virginia/>

BullRun.aspx — and don't delay. Tickets sell out fast, because the Bull Run RMEF Big Game Dinner offers the best ever food (everyone loves Tutti's cooking!), great benefit auctions, and very fun-filled evening.

For more information about the Bull Run Big Game Dinner, please call Rich Vigue: 703-217-4988.

www.RMEF.org

HOWARD ALLEN ORAL HISTORY



On January 10, 2016, the family and friends of Middleburg's legendary photographer Howard Allen, attended ceremonies at Leesburg's Thomas Balch Library officially adding his oral history to the library's permanent research collection on the history of Loudoun County.

In a video presented by Patty Rogers-Renner, Balch Board Member Sarah Huntington, and Drew Babb, Allen outlined in delightful detail his long career in photography, with special emphasis on his close personal and professional relationship with the family of President John F. Kennedy.

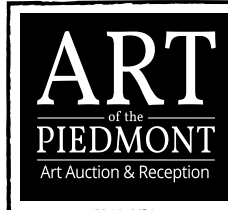
The document may be currently viewed at the Balch as part of the library's growing oral history collection. It will soon be accessible online.

The Allen presentation took place at the library's 21st

annual Board Meeting. Eighteen Directors were unanimously elected: Brock Bierman, Donna Bohanon, Jeffrey Bolyard, Perry Epes, Francis Fera, Richard Gillespie, Sarah Huntington, Lee Lawrence, Lewis Leigh, Jr, James Lucier, Sharon Parker, William Ray, Patty Rogers-Renner, Ronald Rust, Dorothy Shetterly, Susan Webber, and Suzi Worsham.

The Thomas Balch Memorial Library is the region's premier history and genealogy library. It is owned and operated by the Town of Leesburg. Collections focus on Loudoun County, regional and Virginia history, genealogy, military history with special emphasis on the American Civil War, and ethnic history. It is designated as an Underground Railroad research site.

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NEWS OF NOTE

MARCY HARRIS RE-INVIGORATES STITCH, MIDDLEBURG'S FABULOUS NEEDLEPOINT SHOP

Diana Vreeland would love Stitch, Marcy Harris' spectacular Middleburg needlepoint shop. Not only because Vreeland loved needlepoint pillows, but because, since Marcy took over and re-invigorated the shop, designs for needlepoint pillows are only a fraction of the fabulous pieces Marcy finds to fascinate her clients.

Vreeland, the intrepid fashion magazine editor who revolutionized style in America, loved needlepoint and spent happy hours stitching with her mother in their Park Avenue apartment and in their country houses. When friends and colleagues realized how much she loved it, gifts of needlepoint pillows began to arrive in a great profusion that continued until Vreeland's death.

Marcy Harris, like Vreeland, also learned to love needlepoint by stitching with her mother and grandmother as a young girl.

"Samplers, knitting, sewing and needlepoint were all important pastimes in our home," she remembered. "And, when I went to work after I graduated from UVA, I always took a needlepoint canvas with me on busi-

ness trips because it helped me think and relax on the plane."

An English major who took advantage of UVA's 10-hour computer minor, Marcy was an ideal candidate for the Arthur Andersen recruiters when they arrived on campus. She joined the firm immediately after graduation to become a project manager and retired as a partner after eleven years to raise her children.

"I learned a lot at Arthur Andersen about organization, time management and business -- those skills have served me all my life. I loved working but when our third child was born, I felt it was time to focus on family."

In 1999, Marcy and her husband, Jimmy, bought a home in Middleburg and moved out of the city, to raise their three children in a simpler place. Recently, Jimmy retired after a 35-year career at Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting).

Today, daughter Charlotte who is a barn manager in Upperville, spends her Mondays off as the stock clerk at Stitch; daughter Meredith, a KPMG accountant, is a contract stitcher for Marcy and son Alex, who is an actor in LA, has not yet landed a role at the pretty shop.

But more and more customers are finding their way to Stitch.

"When Stitch opened, under the management of its first owner, I visited the shop often. On every trip I'd ever taken, I'd find time to search for a needlepoint shop, and I was excited to have one in The Village. When I learned the shop was for sale, I couldn't help myself... I had so many ideas about adding to and enhancing our local needlepoint shop and experience...and, of course, once we purchased the shop, I began to plan."

Recently freshened up, the welcoming shop closely resembles an art gallery with its flat black walls and colorful offerings.

"I want to carry a wide variety of pieces," Marcy says as she points out the stunning small handbags designed with Napoleon Bees by Whimsy & Grace, a Southern Oregon needlepoint design firm.

Stitchery is considered one of the earliest human accomplishments, in fact, in China, where silk production was considered a gift from the Gods, methods of stitching were therefore sacred secrets.

People, mainly women,



have been cross-stitching since the 5th Century BC. Once a sign of obedience and docility, needlepoint and all kinds of stitching have more recently evolved to become a popular modern pastime.

Marcy is well aware of the industry worry and wonder about how such a niche business, serving an ancient craft, can survive in this age of internet and digital entertainment. But so far, her experience running the shop has certainly proven otherwise. People are looking for a creative outlet that is portable, "multitaskable", relaxing and produces lovely works and gifts.

"I was just at the 2016 meeting of the National Needle Arts Association in San Diego and the range of what is trending for us is very exciting," she explained. "The designs, the way they are interpreted on canvas, the multitude of beautiful, tactile fibers now available...my customers will love all of them."

But what Marcy really hopes to create is a real community of stitchers, who love to work on their projects together.

"Stitching in groups," she says smiling, "is a wonderful way to stay in touch with one's neighbors and to learn from each other. The first workshop Stitch offered with a professional teacher is over-subscribed and our drop-in group on Wednesday evenings is attracting a dozen or more stitchers, men and women, already. We even have the twenty-somethings enjoying a little stitching camaraderie."

As Middleburg grows as a destination for sophisticated travelers, there is little question that Stitch will enjoy a growing and enthusiastic customer base. In the three months since Marcy has owned the shop, she has served customers from as far away as Washington State and Sydney, Australia. They have enjoyed a spectacular selection of canvases and fibers, and what she doesn't stock she knows where to find. If your idea is not readily available, as was the case of one customer who wanted a memento of her trip to Patagonia, Marcy

is delighted to help design custom orders, contract your work with talented painters and stitchers, and complete the pieces for those who do not have time to do the stitching themselves.

Recently, one of Marcy's customers arrived on the very busy 'Christmas in Middleburg' Saturday with her sister-in-law and a friend and two beautifully wrapped presents. Even though the shop was intensely busy, and Marcy had no advance warning, she realized immediately that her customer wished to give an extraordinary gift and needed her help to make the presentation complete.

After opening the presents to reveal two stunning needlepoint canvases, it became clear that a major part of the present was to be the fiber to stitch the canvases and the handwork required to complete them. The recipient chose colors, Marcy contracted with a local stitcher, and the project was underway.

"It's a wonderful project," Marcy explained. "When complete, these pieces will be incredible works of art. I'm honored to be involved in creating these beautiful gifts, and I know that my customer and her sister-in-law will enjoy these presents for their lifetimes. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed helping make all this happen."

Next up for Stitch -- a February Happy Hearts Workshop and a trip to the Woodlawn Needle Arts Show in March.

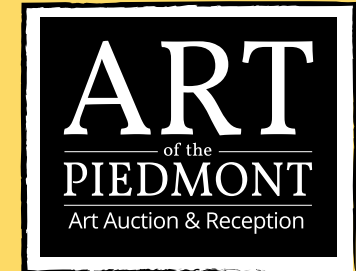
Morning stitch group begins on February 2nd, meeting every Tuesday 10-12. (Marcy welcomes stitchers at her table any time she's open.)

The Whimsy & Grace trunk show continues through February 19th. Spring trunk shows will include Winnetka Stitchery in March, featuring their Christmas star designs, and The Meredith Collection (formerly Elizabeth Turner Collection) in April.

To keep up with all that's happening at Stitch, follow us on Facebook -- Stitch Middleburg, our website, www.stitchmiddleburg.com, or call us at (540) 687-5990.

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UPPERVILLE HORSE SHOW RECEIVES FEI FOUR-STAR DESIGNATION

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RECOGNIZES QUALITY OF COMPETITION AT AMERICA'S OLDEST HORSE SHOW

The Fédération Equestre Internationale, also known as the FEI or International Federation for Equestrian Sports, has recognized the Upperville Colt & Horse Show (also known as the Upperville Horse Show) as a high-quality international show by awarding a Concours de Saut International four-star designation to three of the show's classes.

Concours de Saut International, or CSI, is a ranking system for equestrian show jump-

ing. All CSI events are approved by the FEI. The CSI is broken down into a starring system, where more competitive events with more prize money have a higher number of stars. Starring goes from one to five.

Upperville Horse Show's \$35,000 Speed Class; \$40,000 Welcome Stakes presented by Jim Thompson of Washington Fine Properties, Middleburg, Va. and Wiseman & Associates Wealth Management; and the \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic, have all been designat-

ed CSI Four Star by the FEI for 2016.

"We are delighted to receive this international recognition for a horse show that has grown considerably over the past six years and has quickly become a world-class show," stated Mike Smith, chairman of the Upperville Horse Show board of directors. Organizers have spent millions of dollars over the past few years building new rings with high-quality footing, regrading and renovating older rings and improving all of the on-

site amenities including the addition of a beautiful ringside club for spectators. "This show has come a long way since it began in 1853," Smith added. What began as a one-day show has grown into a week-long tradition with more than 1,500 horse and rider combinations.

The 163rd annual Upperville Colt & Horse Show takes place June 6-12, 2016 under the oak trees where it all began in Upperville, Va., approximately 50 miles west of Washington, D.C. The venue

is spectacular with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Virginia's signature stone walls and meadows.

The week culminates on Sunday, June 12 with the \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic CSI Four Star that draws top riders from around the nation. For more information, call 540-687-5740 or 540-592-3858. For complete schedules and entry information, visit the web site at www.upperville.com.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE 'BURG 2016: HENRY, EARNEST, ALGERNON AND THE LAST OF FALSTAFF

The first weekend of April can be unpredictable—it can be lovely or snowy, bright or dull—but one thing is certain: Shakespeare comes to Middleburg.

This year's Shakespeare in the 'Burg festival features something unexpected—a play not by William Shakespeare. The Importance of Being Earnest is Oscar Wilde's masterpiece, a heady



play about the famous Battle of Agincourt, but it also happens to include one of the sweetest and funniest romantic scenes Shakespeare ever wrote. It was written in 1599, nearly two centuries after the battle it depicts.

If you come to see Henry V, you can make your own determination as to whether this is a pro-war or anti-war play—critics have argued both ways over the centuries. What is not open to debate is that it is one of Shakespeare's most vivid and moving plays. The performance is at 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 2, at the Middleburg Community Center.

One thing Oscar Wilde and William Shakespeare have in common is that both had to start somewhere. They both picked up a pen (or quill) and put the first word down on paper (or parchment). To support aspiring playwrights of our own century, Shakespeare in the 'Burg also features a one-act playwriting competition. More than 250 submissions from all over the world arrived in our Middleburg mailbox, with every playwright hoping his or her play would be the chosen one. Volunteer judges read the submissions and made hard choices. The winning play from the competition will be performed on Sunday, April 3, at noon, following a champagne brunch, at the Community Center. It will be a great way to close out the weekend.



blend of humor (in nearly every line) mixed with a touch of poignancy here and there to keep it real. It is sometimes subtitled "A Trivial Comedy for Serious People," and it features truly memorable characters, not the least of which is Lady Bracknell who, like a certain Dowager Duchess from Downton, gets all the best lines.

Earnest was first performed in 1895 and has lost none of its luster in the century or so since. Every line is a jewel, yet at its heart, Earnest is a satire sharp

enough to cut social pretenses into tiny shreds. If you want to laugh until your face hurts, even as you are trying to recognize in these characters aspects of people you know, then don't miss The Importance of Being Earnest (April 2, 2:00 pm., Middleburg Community Center).

Then we go from the sublimely satirical to one of Shakespeare's most complex characters in The Life of King Henry V. It includes the famous soliloquy with its thrilling "we band of brothers" speech. Yes, it is a

For more information, go to www.shakespeareintheburg.com to buy tickets and learn more about Shakespeare in the 'Burg.

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MIDDLEBURG PLAYER CELEBRATES THE PAST AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

GEORGE ROWAND

The playbills are somewhat faded now, but the memories are not. The Middleburg Players are celebrating the past and the future with an open house on Valentine's Day this year.

The beginning was humble, but not without some promise. There was a specific reason that the organization came into being. Courtney Kohler, the first president of the Middleburg Players remembers it well.

"Bill Costin called and asked if he and Jean could come over, so they did," she recalled. "When they got here, he said, 'I used to do directing in New York, and you know, I'd like to get something started here.' This was in 1968, and I said, 'Well, Bill, you know, there's nothing to do here for teenagers.' We had no tennis club, we had nothing, and if they didn't ride in the summer, there really was nothing for them to do. I said that I thought that it would be great if we could do something to get teenagers involved. So that's how we started. I said, 'We need to have a club.'"

Kohler was the mother of teenaged Rick, so she knew the situation in the area pretty well. There were too many teenagers with too much time on their hands, and no real outlet for their energies when they weren't in school. The Middleburg Players set out to rectify that with volunteers who were willing to contribute their time. Of course, there was no Internet nor social media in those days, so the organizers had to spread the word the old fashioned way ... by mail.

"We must have sent out 600 postcards to Middleburg, Delaplane, Warrenton and everywhere in between that said, 'If you're interested, come to a meeting at the Middleburg Community Center,'" Kohler said. "We had the meeting on one evening, and we didn't know who was going to show up. We didn't know how it was going to end up."

It ended up quite nicely, actually. There were plenty of potential actors, and the Players decided that the first show would be "Bell Are Ringing," a play that originally opened on Broadway in 1956 that revolves around the life of an operator at an answering service in New York City whose boyfriend wants to use it as a bookie service. Considering the horsey reputation of the area, the selection seems spot-on in retrospect. The Middleburg rendition opened in July, 1969 to full audiences, standing ovations and excellent reviews in the local papers, including one from an anonymous writer who called himself, "A reluctant theatergoer," but who goes on to write that the show was so good that if that standard continued in future productions, the Fauquier Times-Democrat might have to hire a

theater critic. One couldn't have asked for a better start, and while adults had the feature roles, one review mentioned that "the ages of the players ranged from 8-year-old Sandy Bryant to the teenage singers and dancers, and up to the 'over-30's' who made up the rest of the cast of forty."

Anyone who has ever acted before knows that a production can take weeks of rehearsals, which suited the Players objective of giving teenagers something to do. The first play required two months.

That initial success drew more and more interest in the Players and the plays. Over time, one might see the local undertaker in a show with a CIA agent, or the rector of the local church singing with a woman who had Broadway experience. It became a great way for new people in the region to meet and get to know local residents.

"I moved to Middleburg as a single girl in 1982, and I became involved in the Players," stated Rita Rowand, who later became president of the organization. "It was a real introduction to the community, and I got to be friends with a lot of people."

Theater lessons were learned as well. Fred Kohler had the male lead in "Bells Are Ringing." He had scant acting experience before that show.

"Bill Costin did a nice job of directing," he said. "He taught me a lot. I had done very little acting, and he worked with me.



THE DINNER PARTY, BY NEIL SIMON: (DIRECTED BY RITA ROWAND). IN THE PICTURE FROM L TO R ARE: (STANDING: STEVE BLAKESLEY, (CURRENT PLAYERS BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER), CHUCK HASSETT, LORI DALY, CHRIS MCCLARY AND ALYN BEAUCHAMP; SEATED LAURIE MAGGIANO.

He always told me, and it's true ... when you're on stage, and someone else is doing their lines, you're not supposed to move. You just stay absolutely still. If you start moving, you distract the audience, and they won't pay attention to the other character."

The Players have changed, and the mission has evolved. Now there are more attractions in the area, but there still is an appeal to getting young people ... and others ... on stage in front of their friends and neighbors.

"My daughter Corinne and I got involved in the Players in 2004," said Jeff Kleinman. "We did every summer production for the next ten years—either onstage or backstage. Without question the warm, terrific personalities of the Players helped nurture my daughter's confidence, and made the summer something to really look forward to."

The Players will celebrate their legacy with an Open House at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church parish house on February

14, starting at 2 pm.

"It will be a great chance celebrate and reminisce with the Middleburg Players," said Elizabeth Rice, the current president of the Players. "We hope to be welcoming former players while looking for future talent and new potential players who will be willing to participate in our future shows."

The Parish House is located at 105 South Washington Street in Middleburg. There is no fee for the open house.

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NEWS OF NOTE

LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA: PATRICKSWELL PROTECTED BY EASEMENT

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

The last portion of Patrickswell, situated picturesquely on Atoka Road in Rectortown, has been placed in easement with the Land Trust of Virginia, protecting 297 acres, which includes 285 of important farmland soils, 7.6 acres of recognized wetlands, and 77 acres of forest.

This easement takes on even more significance due to its location: the property is adjacent to four others already held in easement by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. All five are part of the Cromwell's Run Rural Historic District, listed in 2008 on the National Register of Historic Places.

"This is an exciting and important easement," said Leslie VanSant, Executive Director of the Land Trust of Virginia. "The beauty of this property is not lost on people who drive or ride bicycles past. Locals ride their horses through this farm, and Orange County hunts through there — by permission, of course — and holds meets there every season."

Located in the northwestern corner of Orange County Hunt's "country," the easement includes an allowance for foxhunting and sport. In the creation of the easement, LTV spent time

documenting every aspect of the property with photographs and mapping — buildings, water, fields, forests, wetlands, etc — in order to build their baseline report. The report serves as a critical reference tool for LTV's annual stewardship visits to the property.

"Our job at Land Trust of Virginia is to continue making sure that the terms of the easement are honored forever," said VanSant. "Every year, once a year, we visit and we check everything to make sure that it matches the terms of the easement. The photos are a valuable resource and we continue to take photos to show how the land changes over time."

For many years, Patrickswell provided local horsemen with a reliable source of several kinds of quality hay in both square and round bales, but ceased its huge hay operation after the demise of owner Thomas Carroll in September 2008. Farming continued under the next owner with rotating crops of corn and soybeans. The new owners, who closed on the property of their dreams in early December, intend to continue farming. Plans include returning part of the property to hay production, and they have agreed to preserve structures with historic significance.



Land Trust of Virginia, a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded

in 1992 to receive voluntary donations of conservation easements, was one of the first land trusts to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. In August 2014, LTV was awarded renewal of accreditation, a notable achievement enhanced by being one of the first two in Virginia to achieve this milestone. While more than 1,700 member land trusts are affiliated with the Land Trust Alliance, 280 have been accredited, only 43 have achieved re-accreditation.

LTV currently holds easements on 144 Virginia properties that conserve nearly 15,000 acres in Fauquier, Loudoun, Clarke, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Madison, Greene, King George, Stafford, and Hanover Counties, and in the City of Fredericksburg.

"Last year, two important scientific research studies were released that substantiated how proximity to open space, even just driving through it, improves your health," said VanDant. "Another easement LTV recorded in 2015 is a community green space, 2.78 acres next to an apartment building in a high density urban neighborhood in Fredericksburg. That green place is now permanently protected with an easement that people can reach out and touch every day."

With the recent epic blizzard, that urban easement probably hosted kids of all ages, making snow angels and snowmen and holding snowball fights. Come spring and summer, they'll be out there, enjoying fresh air after a day at school or work.

Best of all, no matter how big or small the piece of land might be, being put into easement protects it in perpetuity, regardless of who ends up owning it. Changes and modifications can be made to how the land is used, but easements never give back the right to develop.

Landowners can choose to ease part or all of their property. Benefits include the protection and improvement of water quality — wells and springs, streams, ponds and rivers; protection of flora and fauna, and preservation of working landscapes and natural areas. The landowner is often entitled to substantial tax benefits, resulting from the donation of a conservation easement. If you think you would like to donate an easement, LTV has the personnel to help you decide the terms that are in your and your land's best interests. It's always a good idea to consult with your own tax and legal advisors about the financial and estate benefits of a conservation easement, and to hire a qualified conservation easement appraiser.

"Conservation easements benefit everybody," said VanSant. "They preserve culture, history, wildlife habitats, agriculture, and clean water. We worked on the Patrickswell easement from September to December 2015. The new owners love this land. They spoke about how they loved driving past it and that they were thrilled to buy it when the stars aligned. We were equally thrilled to accept the easement on their land."

STONESPRINGS HOPISTAL CENTER RECEIVES AWARD



StoneSprings Hospital Center was presented with the New Business Award by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

This award was given in recognition of the tremendous economic impact StoneSprings Hospital Center has brought to the Dulles South community. In addition to investing \$186.5 million in construction, StoneSprings Hospital Center has provided 500 new jobs and will generate \$2.1 million in local tax revenues to fund

community services.

"We are honored to be given this award and grateful to be recognized," said Mark Rader, CEO.

The journey to build StoneSprings Hospital Center began 16 years ago, in response to the rapidly growing population of the region. From the ground up, the hospital is designed to deliver advanced, patient-centered healthcare. Every aspect of high-quality care that patients and their families expect is enhanced, from the latest

treatments and technologies to all-private rooms designed to facilitate superior patient care, open visitation and room service dining for patients and guests. A full-range of hospital services includes 24/7 emergency care, medical, surgical, labor and delivery, pediatric and intensive care services, minimally invasive robotic surgery, a cutting-edge cardiac catheterization lab, and state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging and interventional equipment.

MIDDLEBURG'S 5TH ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND SALE

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Join the town of Middleburg on February 12, 13 and 14 for the 5th annual Winter Weekend Sale. During the Winter Weekend Sale, visitors will be able to hunt for some wonderful gifts for themselves and others while experiencing the small town charm of Middleburg. The sale, sponsored by the Town of Middleburg and the Middleburg Business & Professional Association, will be held Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

and Sunday as posted by shops.

Many of the unique shops in the village will have discounts on everything from shoes to children's clothes to fall and winter fashions, as well as specials in some of the local restaurants. Just look for the red balloons outside participating stores. Arrive early to get the best bargains—or better yet, stay over at one of the inns in town (Red Fox Inn, 540-687-6301, www.redfox.com, Goodstone Inn, 540-687-3333, www.

goodstone.com, and Salamander Resort & Spa, 800-651-0721, www.salamanderresort.com) and make a weekend of it!

When you need a little respite from all of the bargain hunting, visit the National Sporting Library & Museum on The Plains Road or stop in one of Middleburg's fine restaurants scattered along Washington Street, Federal Street and Pendleton Street. You can pick from the likes of The French Hound (a charming bistro),

Cuppa Giddy Up (coffee and tea), The Red Fox Inn (contemporary American food), Julien's (well-priced French café), Middleburg Common Grounds (coffee, tea and sandwiches), Red Horse Tavern, Market Salamander (gourmet market and café), Middleburg Deli (sandwiches), Popcorn Monkey (20 flavors of popcorn), Teddy's Pizza (pizza and subs), Home Farm (sandwiches, prepared foods, and grocery items), Federal Street Café (breakfast,

burgers and sandwiches), Upper Crust Bakery (baked goods and sandwiches), Gold Cup Wine Bar, the restaurant at Goodstone Inn, and Harrimans Virginia Piedmont Grill.

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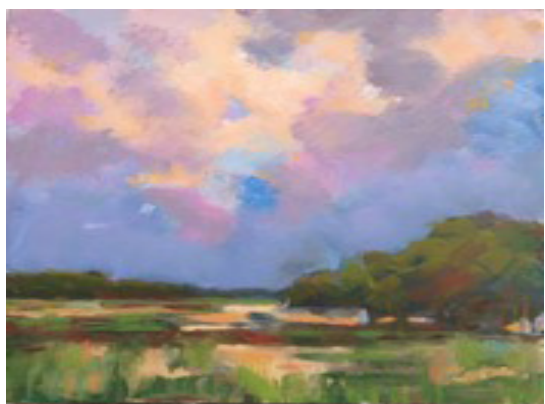
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NEWS OF NOTE

BRAMBLETON CHRISTMAS TREE SELLER GIVES \$5,100 FOR THE LOCAL BREAST CANCER FIGHT

Suzanne and Mark Eaton, in their third year selling trees at the Brambleton Town Center and donating the profits to Loudoun's Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, presented its Vice Chair, Stephanie Knapp, a \$5,100 check on January 7.

"We selected Cherry Blossom three years ago as our beneficiary because my sister, Holly, was helped in her fight against breast cancer by one of their grants to Inova Loudoun Hospital," Suzanne said. "This small Middleburg-based foundation was crucial to Holly's treatment and has helped hundreds of other local women," she added. The total donated by the Eatons since the beginning

of tree sales three years ago is more than \$12,000.

Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation was created in 2007 in memory of Cheryl Clayton Atkins, known by her family as "Cherry Blossom," to raise money for the local fight against breast cancer.

An all-volunteer organization operating from their homes, the foundation has granted more than \$700,000 to organizations such as Inova Loudoun Hospital, Loudoun Breast Health Network, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, and Leesburg's Healthworks to allow them to purchase new equipment, provide mammograms, subsidize surgeries, and provide other breast procedures.



CHERRY BLOSSOM VICE CHAIR, STEPHANIE KNAPP, SUZANNE EATON, HOLLY GROVES, AND BRAMBLETON'S KIM ADAMS

JONATHAN LIENHARD BECOMES PARTNER AT WALKER JONES



Jonathan P. Lienhard, an AV-rated attorney, is a partner at Walker Jones located in Warrenton and Washington, Virginia. He has been with the firm since 2011 and has more than 15 years of legal experience. His practice areas include Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Law, and Business Law.

Lienhard was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1997 and Certified for Military Courts Martial; admitted District of Columbia Bar in 2001; admitted Eastern District of Virginia and U.S.

Bankruptcy Court, U.S. District Court for District of Columbia in 2002; Maryland Bar, Western District of Virginia, U.S. District Court for Maryland, and U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit in 2005.

A member of the Fauquier County Bar Association, Lienhard is a former Navy JAG Corps Officer. He graduated from Notre Dame Law School and received his B.A. from Notre Dame.

He can be reached at 540.347.9223 or jlienhard@walkerjoneslaw.com.

CHARLES L. PLANTE HONORED BY MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

The Middleburg Library Advisory Board, the all-volunteer Friends group that supports the Middleburg Library, agreed at its January Board meeting to rename its book scholarship program in honor of former board member Charles L. Plante, who died December 21.

Known to his family and

friends as Charlie, Mr. Plante was a long-time active supporter of the Middleburg Library and a member of the Advisory Board. A former chief of staff for two U.S. Senators, Mr. Plante earned a Ph.D. from Georgetown University and served as Philippines regional director for the Peace Corps. As a lobbyist for the Kidney Foun-

dation, the American Society of Transplantation and the United Network for Organ Sharing, Mr. Plante was the driving force behind congressional passage of legislation that authorized Medicare coverage for dialysis treatments for kidney disease patients.

"Charlie was a true humanitarian," said former Ad-

visory Board President Denis Cotter. "He was a relentless warrior for the less fortunate. I was pleased to suggest that we name our scholarship program, which he strongly supported, in his honor and equally pleased that the Advisory Board approved it unanimously."

The Middleburg Library Advisory Board provides schol-

arships to deserving high school seniors going on to further their educations. In 2016, the newly renamed Charles L. Plante Book Scholarship Program will grant four \$1,000 book scholarship awards.

RICHARD HERNDON HOLMES

Richard H. Holmes was born on January 28, 1932, to the late Thomas Holmes Sr. and the late Beatrice Biggs-Holmes in Bluemont, Virginia. He also had nicknames: Nick, Homey, and Slick Rick.

Richard was baptized at an early age under the leadership of Rev. Fairfax of The First Baptist Church of

Bluemont, Virginia.

Richard was educated in the Loudoun County school system. He worked a total of 54 years with the Middleburg Bank and most of the time he thought he was the president of the bank if you listened to him. He love the bank so much that after retirement he came back there for another several years. The Middleburg Ban

was his second family. There is plaque at the bank in honor of his memory. Richard also loved to work in the flower garden.

Richard married the late Audrey V. Smith-Holmes in January 1954 and out of this union tow sons were born: John C. Holmes and Eugene H. Holmes Sr. He was preceded in death by his wife, his

parents, four sisters and four brothers.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory his loving sons: John C. (Catherine) Holmes and Eugene H. (Loretta) Holmes, Sr.; two sisters Dorothy (Garner) Peterson, Glen Arden, MD, Mary (Charles) Jones, Upper Marlboro, MD; and one brother Rodney (Nazerea) Holmes, Oxon Hill,

MD; two grandsons: Eugene H (Stacy) Holmes, Jr. and Jonathan S. Holmes; three great-grandchildren: De'avion, Aaliyah, Dorin; and a host of relatives and friends.

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NEWS OF NOTE

BILLY GRANT



Remembered by almost 100 of his Drivers Education students on Facebook as a patient, kind and generous gentleman, Billy Grant, who died recently, taught generations of Middleburg teenagers the rules of the road.

"He taught myself, my brother and countless others one of the most important lessons in our young lives and as he taught he practiced kindness, love, generosity, patience and equality," remembered one of his former Drivers Ed students.

"Billie also worked at Notre Dame Academy keeping

us warm, cool, well plumbed and smiling," remembered another. Seeing and greeting him daily was a bright spot in all of our boarding school lives. No one greeted you quite like Billie," remembered another.

He was well known for personally taking his students to the DMV for their test after their first attempt with their mother had resulted in failure.

"Billie gave me confidence and the belief in myself I needed to pass with flying colors."

His students agreed that "the world has lost a loving family friend," and that Billie will be

missed more than he could have possibly known. "He had the patience of a saint," said another who "took out" a fence when asked to back out of a driveway in Leesburg. "Billie calmly told me not to worry about it, got out, fixed the fence, and asked me to carry on..."

Billie gave great parallel parking instructions and many of his former students still credit him with their parallel parking skills. His upbeat attitude and jokes created a friendly supportive environment for every one of his students and they will never forget how grateful they are to

Billie.

"He must have known everything about us," posted another when describing how well he drove the school bus in the mornings...listening to a the conversation of groups of prepubescent girls may have been a real education for Billie!"

There were clearly times when Billie's driving lessons were a little tense because some student drivers were a little heavy on the accelerator, but in the memories of his students, he could do no wrong and will be sorely missed.

ROBERT D. SMITH

Robert D. Smith, "Bob, Robby, and Smitty" of Cedar Grove Farm, Berryville, Virginia passed away suddenly on December 19th 2015.

Bob was born on June 10, 1953 in Niagara Falls New York to Vera (Waller) Smith and Robert F. Smith. He graduated from Somersworth High School and Plymouth State College, both in New Hampshire, where he played lacrosse and was a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity.

Bob founded Smith-Garrity

Ltd., an importer of Equestrian products owned by L'Apogée Saddlery France.

An Eagle Scout and a devoted sports fan, the NFL Cardinals and Boston Bruins were his favorite teams.

He traveled internationally for business and had colleagues and beloved friends all over the world. He loved walking his Labradors around his koi pond, quarterbacking his flag football team, celebrating the game with a cold beer, talking history, exploring battle sites around the world

and laughing with his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years Frances Catherine Garrity (Kitty), his son Glenham Douglas Smith, both of Berryville, his father Robert F. Smith and partner Beverly (Billie) Cote of Somersworth, his sister Laura Tewksbury and her husband Bob and children Griffin, Jenna and Ruby of Concord NH, his aunts Marie Waller of Milford CT and Lois DiCrecchio of Cape Elizabeth ME, many relatives in England, his beloved dogs Steiff

and Nell, Ginger, the barn cats and the resident pony Elkie.

He was predeceased by his mother, Vera Smith, his uncle Joseph Douglas Waller and his dogs Guinness, India and Devon.

Celebrations of his life will be planned in Virginia and New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an educational fund for Glenham Douglas Smith, PO Box 364, Berryville VA 22611. Email condolences may be sent to smith-garrity@aol.com



PETER JAY CHITTICK



LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET.) PETER J. CHITTICK (Age 82) passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 7, 2016 in Fredericksburg, VA. He was born in Washington, District of Columbia on August 23, 1933, and spent his boyhood in McLean, Virginia and later Clinton Corners, New York. Peter's enthusiasm and talent for paper-delivery, hunting, muskrat trapping, and navigating the woods would serve him well throughout a lifetime of adventure and service. In 1950, he "exaggerated his age" in order to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. He was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1953, where he

attended U.S. Army Jump School and Ranger School, the latter seeming a particularly suitable fit. He received his Bachelor's of Science, Military Engineering and his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1957. He and his family moved to Blacksburg, Virginia in 1978, where he attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1980 after 23 years of service to the United States that included two tours in Vietnam and tours of duty in Germany, Guatemala, and Panama. He rejoined the workforce in 1982 at EDS, SAIC and BDM, this time from a new home base in Middleburg, Virginia, where

he continued to serve his country as a civilian. After failing to retire yet again, he returned to his local-delivery roots in service to the family-owned Middleburg Floral Gallery. He finally moved once more to Fredericksburg, VA in 2015. Peter was a Mason, a member of the Lion's Club, the American Legion, a longtime supporter of the Ronald McDonald House, and made weekly deliveries for Seven Loaves Food Bank in Middleburg. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former Geraldine Hunt of Poughkeepsie, New York, and their four children; Shaun Chittick of Chesapeake, VA, Loreen Chittick Hitch of Glen Allen, VA, Jeri Lee Thomas of Reston, VA,

Linda Beck of South Orange, NJ; and by 7 "damn smart" grandchildren, and two brothers, Richard T. "Ted" and David Allen Chittick. Family and friends attended a memorial service on Friday, January 15 f at Royston Funeral Home, 106 East Washington Street, Middleburg, Virginia and a reception and Celebration of Life, immediately followed at Emmanuel Episcopal Reception Hall. An inturnment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held in 2016. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Peter's name to the Ronald McDonald House at donate.rmhc.org/.

ELIZABETH WARDEN BOTELER

Of Middleburg, Virginia, affectionately known as Betty, passed away on January 16, 2015 of congestive heart failure. Elizabeth Vandergrift Warden was born July 1, 1923, in Washington, D.C. to Elizabeth Withers Vandergrift and Robert Bruce Warden. The eldest of three sisters, Betty attended National Cathedral School for Girls.

During World War II, Betty worked at Washington's NBC Network station WRC, and married fellow Washingtonian George Gittings

Boteler October 9, 1948. The couple moved to Middleburg, Virginia in 1958 where they resided for the next 56 years.

As owner of Middleburg's beloved Grey Goose Book Store, which she opened in 1963, Betty hosted book signings for writers such as Jane McIlvaine McClary, author of "The Will To Win," and "A Portion for Foxes", and Erica Wallach, author of "Light at Midnight".

Betty's local business acumen led to a lifelong interest in area real estate. She began her brokerage career with

Eugene O'Connor Real Estate, eventually opening her own firm, Boteler Associates Real Estate in the 1980. Betty was a past president of the Loudoun County Board of Realtors, and in 2001 at the age of 78, was top sales person at Armfield, Miller and Ripley Real Estate.

Betty was an avid gardener, winning numerous awards for her iris. In later years, Betty and George traveled at every opportunity to England, Scotland, France, Spain, Austria and Italy. She was a past member of the Middleburg Tennis Club and

Middleburg Garden Club.

In addition to her beloved husband of sixty-six years, Betty is survived by her sister, Martha Page Warden of Williamsburg; son George Gordon Boteler (Sara-lee) of Alexandria; daughters Katharine Boteler-Holl of Middleburg and Cynthia Nelson Boteler of Warm Springs; three grandsons, Charles Baltimore Calvert, Robert Nelson Calvert and Robert Gerhard Holl; granddaughter, Christine Katrin Holl; and four great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was prede-

ceased by her daughter Elizabeth Bruce Calvert and sister, Patricia Otey Warden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association or Blue Ridge Hospice of Winchester, Virginia. A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg, Virginia.

Funeral arrangement by Royston Funeral Home, Middleburg, Virginia

NEWS OF NOTE

SNOW!
 MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



With such a positive response from motorists, the department could focus on people on foot taking care of their animals, shoveling or snow blowing, watching over their businesses, or just out to take a look at the storm. Middleburg's officers were tasked to watch for people in distress, and make sure no one found themselves out in the storm in trouble and unable to summon help. The best and sometimes the only way to do that job was for officers to walk their beats in the snow. Not an hour passed without one of-

Stewart Will of Imboden Services hunkered down at the Water Treatment Plant and stood watch over those critical facilities for the duration. Marvin Simms and his crews, by all accounts "were everywhere." Bobby Kirk and his Bobcat were "invaluable to the force" the Chief reported. Kirk cleared paths to make sure the Police Department's 4x4's could reach the streets. Indeed, many of the narrow paths cleared early on Middleburg's back streets were done under the worst of conditions by Kirk and his machine. In an emergency those paths would have been priceless. Jesus Sandoval and his team, who among other things help address the Town's landscaping needs, put their shovels to another use during the storm. "Life savers," the Chief termed them. Especially gratifying were the large numbers of residents who, without being asked, volunteered support. Erica Cuddy showed up at Police Headquarters with what the Chief described as a weekend's supply of food: pot roast, meat balls, pasta marinara. Mayor Davis made her traditional pot of snow-emergency chili, but this time, much to the Chief's chagrin, the snow was so deep it was impossible to get in or out of her house. Eventually there were more offers of food than the Chief and his officers could possibly accept.

Panebianco and Town Manager Martha Semmes had nothing but praise for the grace, good sense and generosity of the citizens of Middleburg. Semmes noted that before, during and after the storm the Town Managers of Leesburg, Lovettsville, Purcellville, Round Hill and Middleburg telephoned to offer each other support and assistance if and when it was needed. Panebianco described his officers and town staff as "the best team I have ever served with in a long, long, long, career in law enforcement."
 January 14 Town Council Meeting
 Before the storm, at the regular monthly meeting of the Middleburg Town Council on January 14, representatives of the National Sporting Library & Museum and the Cherry Blossom Cancer Foundation spoke to council, reviewing their work for the year and expressing appreciation for the support provided their organizations by both Council and the citizens of Middleburg. Boy Scouts Ben Keith and Grant Strickland, sons of Leesburg Veterinary Hospital's Mike Strick-



CHERRY BLOSSOM BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION LEADERS STEPHANIE KNAPP, BECKY HOECKER, AND KIM O'DONNELL THANKED THE TOWN COUNCIL ON JAN. 14 FOR ITS \$2000 DONATION TO HELP LOCAL WOMEN. MAYOR BETSY DAVIS AND VICE-MAYOR DARLENE KIRK ARE ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT.

land, supplemented the press coverage of the meeting. All three are working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badges, and one is well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. The Town's new Treasurer, Ashley Bott, made her first official appearance at a regular meeting of Council. After enjoying the warmest of welcomes by Town Council and her new colleagues on the Town Staff, she arrived to find her new office had been diagnosed as suffering from a bad case of mold and mildew. She will make her first official report as Town Treasurer at Council's February meeting. Town Administrator Martha Semmes expressed her special thanks to Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk and Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson for their help during the period in which the town was without a Treasurer, and for their work in screening and interviewing candidates for the job. Just in time to greet the latest snow storm, Imboden Environmental Services, the contracted manager of the Town's water and sewer treatment facilities, reported that they had "winterized" the building housing the Town's #2 facility and "verified proper operation of the heater." All other facilities were reported as operating without problems. Police Chief Panebianco reported that officer Tim Tharpe, injured while directing traffic during this year's Christmas in Middleburg celebrations, had been cleared for light duty and, with luck, would be returning to full service soon. He also noted that Middleburg's training of its officers for the use of body cameras had been cited in a Neal Augustein feature story on WTOP-TV. All officers on the Middleburg Force are scheduled to be using the technology in February. Town Council has at last passed a resolution adopting guidelines governing guided tours for hire within the town limits of Middleburg. Among other things, "tour businesses" will henceforth be required to carry a \$1 million liability insurance policy, be licensed by the town, operate only within the Historic District, and notify the Police Department of the route of any impending tour. Vice Mayor Kirk has long expressed her concern about one element not covered by the resolution: the accuracy of information provided by the guides. National Park Service tour guides, she noted, must meet rigorous knowledge requirements in places like Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg. Ironically, the issue of tours for hire in Middleburg was first raised just before Halloween by an organization that wanted to lead tours of places in the village that are "haunted."

CATHERINE HULBERT

Catherine Hulbert Harts died peacefully at home in Middleburg, Virginia on January 16, 2016 with her beloved cat, Coco, by her side. She was born and brought up at "Stonehedge" in Middleburg. Her love of ponies, horses and foxhunting started at the early age of one and continued until her death. As a child, she hunted with The Middleburg Hunt and later with The Orange County Hounds, where she was Field Secretary from 1990-2004. She chronicled the early years of her life in her recent book, The Way It Was, which she published at age 94. Richard Viets, US Ambassador to both Tanzania and Jordan, who helped the family ready the manuscript for publication described it as "... an enchanting histoire of a wonderful childhood lived during a wonderful period ... and a huge contribution to the education and enlightenment of our community." A long time friend and public servant of the Town



of Middleburg, Mrs. Harts is survived by her daughter, Middleburg Town Council Member Catherine C. Murdock. Graveside services were held Friday, January 22nd at 4pm at the Sharon Cemetery in Middleburg with a reception following at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House. Donations in Mrs. Harts' memory may be made to Middleburg Community Center, P.O.Box 265, Middleburg, VA 20118.

WILLIAM ROBINSON



William Carl-Johan Courtney Robinson was born on April 16, 1998 in Leesburg, Virginia, coming into the world in a rush. He just barely made it to the hospital and that was the way he lived his life. He was loving and fearless and often times reckless but he lived in the moment and he was always authentically himself. William left us on January 14, 2016. He attended Wakefield School in The Plains through eighth grade and then Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville, Virginia where he was a junior. William leaves behind a large and close family: devoted parents, Ann-Charlotte and Martin and loving brother, Nicholas of Upperville; Cherished grandparents, Ann-Mari Horkan of Upperville, Tessa Robinson of Cheltenham, UK, Monty and Maggie Robinson

of Shrewsbury, UK, and Ylva Lindgren of Washington, Virginia; Devoted aunts and uncles, Ann-Caroline Boram of Reston, VA; Ellie and David Simons of Stroud, UK; Carl and Vanessa Lindgren of Upperville, Tony Horkan and Maria Ottonello of Upperville, Lizzy Horkan of Annapolis, MD, Annie Horkan of Vero Beach, FL, Kathryn and Steve Wills on the road, Claes Nordin of Washington, VA; and a host of cousins, Erica Lindgren and her intended of Allan Hoff of Sterling, VA, Alison Campbell of San Antonio, TX, Emily Moody of Boulder, CO, Anthony Horkan of Arlington, VA, and Brittany Horkan Denver, CO, Joshua and Megan Ryan and little Indigo of Upperville, VA, James Ryan of Miami Beach, FL, and last but certainly not least Bobby Nordin of Washington, VA. William loved doing - from working backstage in theater to climbing rooftops to going to rallies in support of causes in which he believed. Perhaps what he loved most was meeting people and being with his huge circle of friends any chance he could get. Services will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday January 30, 2016 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville followed by a graveside interment and reception following in Cox Hall. This service has been rescheduled due to weather. The family requests that guests wear something colorful whether a tie or a hat or a flower as color was part of William's signature. In lieu of flowers, they ask for a random act of kindness in his honor.

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MARSHALL, VA ~ PHOTOS MOUNTAINVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Mountainside Montessori School hosted its first Fall Festival at its new location, 4206 Belvoir Road in Marshall. It was a beautiful day with outdoor activities, homemade food, and fun music provided by the Dubious Brothers. The school celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony during which numerous thank yous were given to Mountainside's supporters and this year's staff was introduced. The ceremony culminated with students from each class holding the ends of the purple and green ribbon while the Head of School made the official cut.



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SPIRITS AS HIGH AS THE SNOWDRIFTS AT FOXCROFT

MIDDLEBURG, VA ~ PHOTOS FOXCROFT SCHOOL

What's even better than a snowday? A snowday shared with 80 of your closest friends and classmates, of course! That's exactly what Foxcroft students who stayed on campus enjoyed this weekend. And it's fair to say that the three feet of snow didn't put a damper on their fun. In fact, it seemed the girls' spirits were as high as the drifts -- which were massive!

Murder-mystery games, baking and Wii marathons in the dorms, plus dodgeball, ping-pong, music-making jam sessions and hot chocolate galore in the Athletic/Student Center gave the girls plenty of options for fun things to do through the hours of seemingly endless snowfall. When the snow finally stopped falling and the sun came out Sunday, scores of girls hit the "slopes" to enjoy some terrific sledding, and then warmed up while roasting s'mores around an outdoor firepit.

Foxcroft's maintenance crew worked tirelessly to keep the main walkways around campus clear. The Dining Hall staff not only kept everyone fed, but created some fun with make-your-own eggs, a coffee bar and rootbeer floats, among other special treats.

Still, three feet is a lot of snow and travel beyond and to the campus is still a challenge. With this in mind, Monday classes have been canceled for Monday, Head of School Cathy McGehee informed students and parents Sunday evening.



PROGENY

GALLEGOS SELECTED NUMBER ONE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ PIANIST IN VIRGINIA

Edward (Ted) Gallegos, son of Dr. Bob and Beth Gallegos, was selected the number one high school jazz pianist in Virginia by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association for 2015. Ted auditioned on the required audition piece, "Take the A Train" by Duke Ellington and provided his own improvisation, in addition to sight reading. Auditions were held statewide. Selected musicians performed as the All Virginia Jazz Ensemble for the Virginia Music Educators' Association annual conference held in Norfolk, Virginia in November. Ted attended Hill School, Middleburg Elementary School and is now a senior at Loudoun Valley High School.

Ted began piano lessons at the age of seven and quickly discovered that music had a profound affect on him. He studied classical music exclusively for five years, primarily with John Gardecki, international piano competitor from Middleburg, until a Vince Guaraldi tune, "Linus and Lucy" enticed him to try jazz. He began his jazz studies at

the age of twelve with the head of Jazz Studies at Shenandoah University, Dr. Bob Larson. It was the jazz piano solo - improvisation - that he says "is a phenomenon that turned my head upside down".

His music education is supplemented through his involvement in the Loudoun Valley High School Jazz Ensemble as a pianist and drummer under the direction of Mr. Rick Reaves. Outside of school Ted plays solo piano gigs, plays in jazz, funk and rock bands as a keyboardist, drummer, guitarist and bassist, and also provides music for non-profits and charitable events.

This past summer he spent five weeks at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Combining jazz elements with modern sounds is his passion and Ted has begun to write experimental music which can be heard on Sound Cloud. Ted says that the music of Herbie Hancock is a favorite of his and has left a firm impression on his style.

Ted is currently auditioning for music schools and hopes to study jazz and music production.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



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- Feb 17th Inova Loudoun Hospital Community Health Series
- Feb 19th Middleburg Montessori Art of the Piedmont
- Feb 25th Loudoun County PR&CS Chili Dinner
- March 5th Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Big Game Banquet
- March 10th MCC Senior Luncheon
- March 12th Loudoun Symphony Orchestra Concert
- April 1st - 3rd Shakespeare in the 'Burg
- April 8th "Just Crate It" MCC Bi-Annual Art Auction
- April 9th Loudoun Symphony Orchestra 25th Fundraising Gala
- April 15th MCC Concert On The Steps
- April 22nd Middleburg Spring Races Event
- May 18th Inova Loudoun Hospital Community Health Series
- May 20th MCC Concert On The Steps
- May 21st Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Preakness Party
- May 29th MCC Pool opens for the season full-time
- June 17th Doc Saffer Series Dinner & A Dive-In Movie
- July 4th Independence Day Celebration Parade & Fireworks
- July 15th Doc Saffer Series Dinner & A Dive-In Movie
- Aug 2nd Middleburg Police Department National Night Out
- Aug 14th Loudoun County PR&CS Cardboard Regatta
- Aug 19th Doc Saffer Series Dinner & A Dive-In Movie
- Sep 16th MCC Concert On The Steps
- Sep 21st Inova Loudoun Hospital Community Health Series
- Oct 7th - 9th MHAA Art of Command in the Civil War
- Oct 15th Loudoun County PR&CS Fall Fox Faire
- Oct 15th Middleburg Humane Foundation Hooted Flute Festival
- Oct 17th - 23rd Middleburg Film Festival Box Office
- Oct 28th MCC Concert On The Steps
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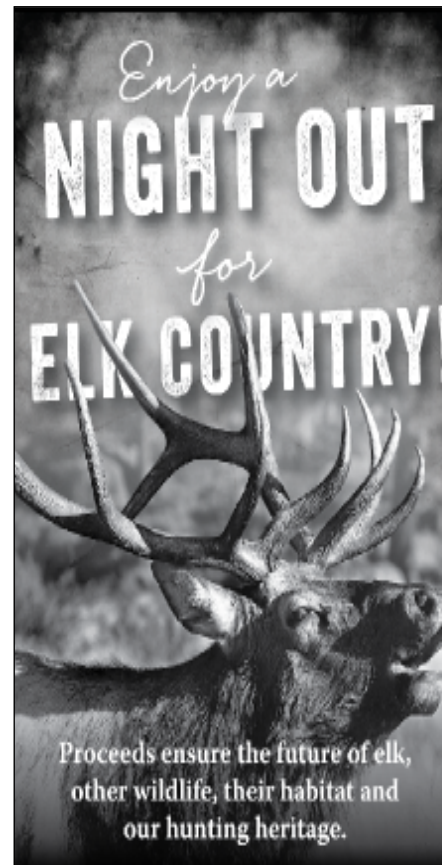
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FOXCROFT SCHOOL'S 'THINK PINK' TOURNAMENT PRODUCES CHAMPIONS, FUNDS AND FUN!

ST. JAMES, JOHN PAUL THE GREAT AND LOUDOUN COUNTRY DAY TAKE TITLES AS FOXCROFT RAISES FUNDS FOR CHERRY BLOSSOM BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

St. James School, John Paul the Great High and Loudoun Country Day School all swept their opponents Saturday to claim division titles at Foxcroft School's seventh annual Think Pink Basketball Tournament to benefit the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation.

It was a fun day for hoops fans as 11 teams played 15 games – three at a time! -- over six hours in Foxcroft's spacious Athletic/Student Center. The round-robin format featured shortened halves and a running clock. Admission was free but proceeds from the sale of t-shirts and food concessions, as well as donations by spectators and friends, raised hundreds of dollars to help local breast cancer patients and programs. And the balls kept bouncing

A balanced offense and tough defense led St. James (Hagerstown, MD), to its

first championship at the varsity level. Both the Saints and Middleburg Academy were 2-0 when they faced off in the afternoon. The two teams played evenly into the second half when the Saints broke for a third comfortable victory, 35-25.

"We wore them down in the second half with our pressure defense," said St. James Varsity Coach Nate Naylor. "It was a real team effort."

Freshman Christa Bartlett scored 11 points, senior Leanne Ludwick had 7 and Morgan Moseley, an 8th-grader, added 6 against Middleburg. St. James had easily dispatched Randolph-Macon, 35-21, and Foxcroft, 32-17, earlier. Bartlett led the team with 22 points on the day and Moseley had 21.

Middleburg, which had just six players, edged Foxcroft 21-18, and beat RMA, 30-20, to earn its chance at the title.

Host Foxcroft, battling back from a three-week break for exams and winter break, eked out a 33-28 overtime win over RMA in its final game. RMA hit a free throw with 7 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the score at 26-26, but senior Kat Forrest scored four points and sophomore Mia Moseley added three in the extra session to pull out the victory.

Forrest and Moseley, who hit a series of clutch free throws down the stretch, each had 10 points in the game. For the tournament, they led the team in rebounding and scoring with 19, respectively. Senior Moseley also had 11 rebounds while senior Alex Grace added 18.

Newcomer John Paul the Great Catholic High School (Dumfries, VA) outscored opponents 64-20 in 29-3 and 35-14 victories over Foxcroft and St. James, respectively, to grab the Junior Varsity champion-

ship. St. James placed second after Foxcroft freshman Loren Sepulveda's three-pointer glanced off the rim with time running out to give St. James a nail-biting, 10-8 win.

In the middle school competition, Loudoun Country Day vanquished Quantico Middle School (2-1 on the day), Randolph-Macon Academy (1-2), and the home-school squad Front Royal Flames (0-3) to collect one of the cool trophies Foxcroft engineering students had designed and made on the School's t3-D printer. Fredericksburg Academy, St. James School (Maryland) defeated Foxcroft in JV action.

The tournament was organized and run largely by student members of Foxcroft's Athletic Association, with assistance from Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff. Most of the referees volunteered their time, as did numerous Foxcroft students and faculty members,

who served as scorekeepers, timekeepers and runners as well as concessionaires and hosts.

"Thanks to Miss Woodruff, (athletic rainer) Ruth Ann Allen, the Athletic Association and all of the volunteers today for hosting a great tournament for a great cause!" Foxcroft Coach Patrick Finn said. "On behalf of the coaches and players, we appreciate all of your efforts!"

Foxcroft School has raised more than \$50,000 for the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation over the past decade through this tournament, the Cherry Blossom Walk, Run and Pooch Prance (which Foxcroft hosts on campus) and other fundraising efforts. Two Foxcroft students – senior Jesse Herman and junior Mary Park Durham – as well as Head of School Catherine S. McGehee, sit on the CBBCF Board.



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KAREN REXRODE

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For the gardener, they can be beneficial, eating bugs, mice, slugs, and other small rodents (like voles). Of late they’ve been touted as a great tick annihilator, killing them by just cleaning themselves or feeding on them in the wild. With their incredible immune system, they don’t get Lyme disease, in fact they are immune to the venom of rattlesnakes (and other poisonous snakes). Only one in eight hundred will be affected by the rabies virus if bitten by a rabid animal.

Their life span is short, two to four years and the female will have two litters per year. The males travel from winter to summer, looking for

a mate. Those hit by cars this time of year are mostly males.

As the only marsupial in North America, the gestation period for the young is only two weeks. The tiny babies are born and travel to the mother’s pouch (not all make it), where they will live for two to three months. A female will become very burdened by her young, often hanging as a weight in the pouch beneath her, she can support up to thirteen babies. As she travels for food, it can be slow going, a bad time as many are hit by cars on nights in late spring and early summer.

At the height of spring at the plant farm (many years ago) a mother possum was hit on Route 50 and her young had traveled to our greenhouses. Fortunately a wildlife rehabilitator was there shopping, and they were gathered and boxed to go home with her. We ended up with nine babies.

There is actually a Opossum Society of America where you can find answers to lots of questions and misconceptions. I learned that they don’t eat chickens and they’re one of the harder animals to raise because of dietary needs. Call a wildlife rehabilitator if you find babies. And the “playing dead” trick may last up to four hours, watch for twitching ears when they’re coming out of it.



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TIM BURCH

Whether or not you’re considering a remodel, there comes a time that each of us needs to perform maintenance and repairs on our home. As a professional remodeler, I get calls regularly requesting referrals for home trades – roofers, plumbers, electricians, painters, etc. While I love to make referrals when I can, unfortunately, many of the subcontractors that we work with are specifically set up to serve the construction industry and excel under the supervision of our full-time project managers. They often work from written plans and specifications, expect certain site conditions and don’t have the service infrastructure required to successfully work directly for homeowners.

So instead, what I do offer homeowners looking to hire service people for small projects in their own homes, are tips for increasing their chances for a successful outcome. The first step is identifying a consumer-focused trade company that has a reputation for success. Ask your neighbors, friends and colleagues who they have used to perform similar work and what their experiences were. Or see who is advertising in your local paper, magazine or school directory, then check review sites, like Houzz, Angie’s List, Yelp and Google, to see what you can learn. Do your homework!

Once you’ve identified who to call, start your “interview.” Retail companies should have a strong customer-focused front office, offer complimentary in-house consultations, provide a detailed written estimate and payment schedule, and offer references for similar work performed recently. You can learn a great deal from your first call and meeting. The level of respon-

siveness and professionalism of the “sales experience” is a good indication of the quality of the work of the firm’s field personnel.

Before meeting with a representative, write down a detailed scope of work. You don’t need to know all the steps involved, but your ability to provide clear direction to the estimator will help to avoid surprises later and give an excellent basis for comparison if you are trying to decide between firms. Then, don’t be surprised if the salesperson comes back with several options. Ask for as much detail as possible, and what the pros and cons of each approach might be so you can make an educated decision. In general, when it comes to home repairs and maintenance, you don’t want to cut corners, but do be careful to evaluate the extra “bells & whistles” to make sure they are things from

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The bottom line is, when it comes to hiring a professional to do work in your home, my best advice is to do your homework. The more knowledgeable you are about the firm you select and what you’re getting BEFORE you



start the project, the more successful you SHOULD be in the long run.

Do you have a remodeling or design question for me that you’d like to see answered in the next issue? Email me at AskBOWA@bowa.com.

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TOM NEEL

We artists have a way of playing off emotion. We get inspired by things that make us feel good or bad, or that make us think, and depending on our creative voice or creative expression, we deliver visual, audible, tactual and hopefully visceral works of art. It is what we do.

A form or piece of art has many parts to it, but emotion for me is the key to it actually becoming art. There must be more to it than simply placing paint perfectly, or a song sung in key, or just reading a script. The creation of art must come from within and extend through your hands, or your voice, or through your movement. It is the connection of your mind and soul that gives art its power.

Some artists create

from pure pain, trying to find answers to questions about the darkness in their life. Others create from a joy of life and enthusiasm. While still others create from a deep emotional passion such as love, even a love of texture, color or contrasts.

On a personal level, I think to myself that I have painted through amazing happiness and yet, that happiness is but a layer in the many layers of the day to day, month to month, year to year bombardment of things hitting me. Some bouncing off, some penetrating. I’m a fairly positive person, but my father passed away when I was just 24. Has it ever shown in my art? I honestly I don’t know. Heck, my mother, a creative spirit in her own right, has been gone for more than 15 years and I also think back that I have painted through

multiple recessions, wars and natural disasters, along with the loss of good friends and wonderful pets. Does it show? Again, I don’t have an answer.

On the other hand, my life has been filled with blessings and frankly even writing this column each month is one of them, but there are so many more. The fact that choices throughout my life have allowed me a life of expressing myself is an amazing gift and it is my hope that every artist, and even those who support the arts, feel this way.

Art too, can be a very powerful therapeutic tool. But I think one must be careful of how this tool is used. Self therapy is very different than that which is done by a trained therapist and I’m by no means saying self therapy if a bad thing, you just have to be mindful if you’re making progress,

healing and bringing yourself out of darkness. Art is often filled with solitude and if you are trying to create your way out of a deep loss or sense of darkness and despair, a spiraling effect could trap you. It’s likely best to collaborate with a fellow artist, a group or a guiding light.

Art is emotion though. It is story telling. If you are invigorated by your art, yell “Charge!” and have a great time! If though you are pondering, second guessing, or just not feeling good about it, take time to look within by looking directly at your art. Have you become monochromatic, are you starving yourself by limiting the amount of paint you use? Are you painting small instead of big or visa versa? Are your compositions repetitive. Is your contrast harsh echoing a similar reality? Are you feeling or



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BRANDY GREENWELL

What did everyone do when a blizzard of epic proportion blew through Middleburg last week?

It seems the absolute first thing everyone did was go to straight to social media to report that it was snowing, as if people didn't have windows or tongues to realize that themselves. Similar updates, along with their political preferences and governmental critiques, continued via status, photo or hashtag for the next several days. Of course, the only way that I knew this was from my own idle lurking on Facebook.

Many people were well prepared ahead of time with

full bathtubs, food to last a week, enough alcohol for a long term buzz, batteries, firewood, and provisions for their animals, and elderly relatives. Then panic set in upon first flake. I calmly prepared with all of the above until Friday morning when I filled every extra trough and vessel with a lid I could find with water just in case we lost power. I had enough water sloshing around to fill a Great Lake, but I am now convinced that it was that effort that prevented the power going out. My husband wishes I had spent a little more thought on Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, because it was quite bare other than undesirable snacks for my metabolically blessed husband. It is still January, so I have not yet given up on the

New Year's diet plan. Celery, anyone?

Saturday, most just watched the snow plunge from the sky while curling up with a good book, binge watching their favorite Netflix series, cooking, playing, or other indoor activity. Others braved the blizzard trying to "get a head start" on the inevitable snow clearing only to be discouraged at the rapid rate of accumulation. I don't know about you, but I heard an "F-bomb" or two bouncing off the Blue Ridge. Sometimes it is just better to enjoy a peaceful day admiring Mother Nature's work than trying to outwit her.

Sunday the glorious sun shone and warmed us all as we shoveled, cleared and started to put our out-

door worlds back together. It was a hard day for most, but a beautiful one. I am so impressed at the generosity and kindness reported of strangers who selflessly helped their neighbors. What a fantastic reminder of how very special the Middleburg community is. Thank you, neighbors.

Monday, as I write this, the cabin fever is setting in for most. Make the best of it for the next couple of days until it is safe to go out. Spend quality time with your families, get a jump start on your spring cleaning (you know you've been putting off cleaning in between the keys of your keyboard), organize your taxes, do jumping jacks, phone a friend you haven't spoken to in a while but whatever you do, enjoy it. Before you know

it, it will be summer and we will be wishing for a snow day.

Don't worry, soon schools will open and work will resume, the snow will melt, your impulse Prime order will arrive, and we will all figure out what you were doing during the blizzard of 2016 if new Middleburgers greet the world in October.



WEST END WINE BAR & PUB

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

It happens when two people wearing riding clothes see each other, same with two bicyclists meeting on the road. An automatic camaraderie is formed once acknowledged. As with any comrade you find out more in shorter period of time after cutting through the fluff, never more so than with Chefs.

Cooks talk to Cooks always have, but with a bit more vigor and veracity since meetings are very sporadic and rare.

Walking into the orderly, structured kitchen at the new West End Wine Pub and Bar in Purcellville, Chef Justin Garrison and I quickly grocked over our favorite knives (he prefers Japanese steel where I like my old German blades), the hardship of winter produce and we both share the excitement of seeing an entire ham salted and aging in his cooler.

First thing I notice after the kitchens cleanliness is several boxes of fresh vegetables lined

up after a delivery, each marked with the name of the local farm each its from alone with the harvest date. Chef Justin has cultivated these relationships with his local farmers over the past 6 years.

I grab his new menu and we start to dig into how he formulates his food. One can quickly access that Chef Justin, professionally experienced and relatively self-trained, is adamant about putting out a product that is based on exceptional native ingredients.

Take the Smoked Brisket Sloppy Joe, and relatively common in high school lunches and of "Manwitch" fame but West End's Sloppy Joe takes over 2 days for the ingredients to be prepared. The meat is prepared with a 48-hour dry rub, then braised and smoked for eight hours.

Or his Burger. Which he simply titles "The Burger" but uses beef dry aged for 24 days before its ground give you most likely, the freshest, highest quality hamburger around.

The new menu won't dis-

appointment. The drunken Mus-sels that are soured with sake and bathed in Miso Butter and lemon grass broth accompanied with the house bread all baked on premises. Also the Southern Croque Monsieur, which has Chef's own pimento cheese, fried green tomatoes and house made prosciutto is something that will soon become a local favorite.

Chef seems to beam when talking about his Charcuterie platter and his cheese board; all made using local meats and cheeses. That was first for me to see. During my visit, he took delivery of a whole hog from Spring House Farm where he'll utilize the entire animal. I observed the curing of two legs that will be their house prosciutto in 11 more months. Patience is a Chefs' best attribute at times.

The menu will change seasonally as it should and from talking to Chef Justin, the excitement for the upcoming spring harvest is easily seen in his face.

The West End Wine Bar is not a reiteration of an old tired



building. Humble in its décor, the downstairs is now a relaxed gastro-pub with multiple micro brews on tap while the upstairs is a conformable "Date Night" ambience with a wine list put together by Ellie Bufkin, the full time Sommelier who has painstakingly put together selections to match any pocket book or wine snobs palette. But the great thing is all the food; wines and beers are available on both levels. The focus is they want you to be comfortable where you sit

and they want to feed you well. Not a bad paradigm.

After our conversation was reduce sharing kitchen war stories (Showing the scars on our hands and sharing of recipes etc.) You walk away with the understanding that Chef Justin Garrison is concern with each and every element that goes into his food, on to the plate and to the customer.

We don't see that often enough around here.

COSMETIC DENTISTRY UPDATE: ESTHETIC BONDED FILLINGS

DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

One are the days of restoring teeth with unattractive metal fillings. New technology and training coupled with dental artistry have replaced unsightly fillings with natural tooth-colored fillings. Cosmetic bonded fillings are tooth-colored resin (durable plastic) materials used to fill in gaps, fill cavities and change the color, shape and/or length of teeth. Bonded resin is a very sturdy material that forms a strong bond to tooth structure. Bonding usually lasts several years and usually requires a single office visit.

When teeth have small chips or decay, bonded composite resins may be the material of choice because they are less expensive and a more conservative approach than other restorative options. Today's tooth colored resin material is very strong, color stable and reinforces the tooth's strength. Amalgam (silver) fillings leak around the edges, do not look good and often lead to

cracked teeth. Silver fillings do not bond to tooth structure well and over time often get decay underneath.

Bonding can be used to close spaces between teeth. When there are gaps between teeth, bonded resin can fill the space and provide an esthetic outcome sometimes avoiding more expensive restorative options like veneers or crowns.

Bonding can be used to change the color of a tooth by layering brighter layers of resin over the tooth to match the other teeth. This is usually done with a slight amount of removal of dark section of tooth followed by layering of lighter resin.

Resin may also be used to lengthen teeth and correct misshaped teeth. When teeth are worn short, chipped or misshaped, resin is often a good choice to restore the teeth. Resin is also less expensive than crowns or veneers and can usually be done in one visit.

With advanced bonding techniques, training and materials coupled with expertise, one



can restore worn and broken teeth as well as make an esthetic difference.

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FIXING FATE

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TERRY SHARRER

People are born to die, and it can't be otherwise, because extinction is the price of mass-immortality. But what can be otherwise is that people might die healthy, solely as a result of their chromosomes eroding over ten decades more or less.

We become fated at conception for some things, and acquire risks over a life time. A CDC scientists estimated that genetics contributed 30% to our premature death; social factors, 15%; environment, 5%, health care, 10%; and behavior, 40%. That last figure suggests we make our own fate; the first doesn't involve choice.

For four-year old Ashanti DeSilva, the first patient in an authorized gene therapy experiment, fate threatened. Because of a mutation in the DNA sequence of chromosome 20, her body was unable to make a "housekeeping" enzyme, adenosine deaminase, which caused her immune cells to die. She suffered from Severe Combined Immune Deficiency, aka "the Bubble Boy Disease."

She was constantly sick and repeatedly misdiagnosed until a sample of her blood arrived at the NIH laboratory of Dr. Michael Blaese. The protocol for her treatment called for a recombinant virus, containing the adenosine deaminase gene and two others, to "infect" her white blood cells

that had been removed from the body. After those cells multiplied, they were infused into her blood stream on September 14, 1990.

This child, who could have died almost any time before then, has enjoyed normal health since, graduated from college, and is married. Three years after this beginning, an adult man with a massive brain tumor underwent the first gene therapy trial for cancer. In his case, a recombinant virus, with the thymidine kinase gene from Herpes simplex was introduced into the vascular bed where his tumor had been before surgery. Any remaining malignant cells that took up the virus, in effect, developed cold sores, which then allowed the anti-herpes

drug ganciclovir to knock out any remaining cancer.

Progress with gene therapy has been slower than its proponents have wished mainly because of uncertainties over the viral delivery method. Consequently, researchers worked to find other means for altering genes, and currently, gene therapists are buzzing about a promising technique called "CRISPR" an acronym for an even stranger sounding "clustered regularly interspaced palindromic repeats."

Actually, this refers to a phenomenon of bacterial immunity, where a natural process "edits" genes of invading pathogens. In 2012, researchers began to foresee how this might be applied to

editing human genetic defects by either deleting mutations or inserting restorative sequences. A conceivable first attempt might rely on direct injection of the CRISPR molecules and an associated RNA enzyme into the natural stem cells of blood formation in bone marrow, or in the so-called "induced pluripotent stem cells" from skin or other tissue. Small molecule drugs or nanoparticles also could be delivery vehicles.

CRISPR technology is still evolving—a dramatic example of medical innovation accelerating at an accelerating rate—as is human gene therapy. Conceivably, fate itself may be edited.

SELF-TALK AND HEALTH

KAY COLGAN
KAY COLGAN, CERTIFIED FITNESS AND PILATES PROFESSIONAL, HEALTH COACH

Have you ever heard the saying; what we resist, persists? In other words, if we constantly tell ourselves we do not have enough time to exercise or eat healthy, but we really want to get fit, what persists is that we never change. Our minds are so powerful, if we see ourselves exercising, choosing healthy meals then real change begins to happen.

We all are captive by our thoughts. Constantly telling ourselves that we are fat, or we really hate our thighs will only sabotage our fitness goals. Focusing on the negative will only breed more negative thoughts. To really experience lasting change

our thought patterns, have to make a shift. Instead of seeing all that is wrong with our bodies and our faces, start seeing what is right. We all have areas that need more work than others, but by focusing on the positive, a shift happens that will improve all areas of the body. For example, as we age if the focus is on every wrinkle on our face, then we see ourselves as old. This thought pattern will lead to I am old so why bother eating right or exercising. See how destructive this is. Being older is not the problem, our thought patterns of what it means to be old is. Many older individuals are leading very productive healthy fit lives. Somehow we get confused by what it means to age. We get stuck in the youth phenomenon. Which last for a small

part of our lives. I believe a lot of this is brought on by the advertisements. Young people are shown in ads to be fit and enjoying life. Older people are shown buying knee braces and arthritis medicine. However, just a shift of thought to what is possible instead of what is impossible opens up so many doors. Instead of saying I can't, say I am going to check it out, because anything is possible.

How we talk to ourselves is critical in making lasting changes in our health. By focusing on what we can do, instead of what we can't do will allow forward movement. In my practice I have seen so many overcome negative self-talk and be able to achieve their health goals. After all, it is so important to give yourself a pat on the back. The



beginning of everyday should begin with positive thoughts and every day should end with positive thoughts. Science has shown that we can achieve almost anything if our thought patterns are positive.

Make this new year the year you embrace your thoughts by aligning them with positive goals you would like to achieve. It does not matter how old you are. Ag-

ing is a part of life. However, negative self-talk does not have to be a part of your life. You are amazing and capable of many things. Let's do it together. For more information about health and fitness, please contact Kay Colgan at Middleburg Pilates and Personal Training, 14 S. Madison Street, Middleburg, Va. Or call 540-687-6995.

ALBERT'S CORNER

A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

ALBERT P. CLARK

This is one of those times when hindsight is 20/20, meaning that I wish I had written about this month's topic a few months ago. I am, as they say, late to the party. The blizzard will soon be behind us, and with any luck, we'll avoid additional major winter weather events. That said, I'm hoping my advice will still be helpful in future snow and ice situations.

When it is particularly cold, wet, snowy, or icy outside, I'm willing to bet that 100% of my readers protect their feet. In deep snow, I'm guessing the majority of you reach for heavy-duty boots. And yet, I often hear people talking about footwear and paw protection for dogs as

though it's a bit whimsical or silly. Let me assure you, protecting our paws is anything but foolish! In fact, it's vital for our well-being in extreme conditions.

Fortunately, there are many products that can help us fight the paw perils of winter. I'll start with using the right kind of ice melt on steps and walkways. Unfortunately, many de-icing products contain strong chemicals that pose two serious threats to our health. One concern is that our pads can suffer chemical burns from ice melts. The other issue is that we can ingest that toxic ice melt when we lick our paws. The solution is to use melting agents that are designated as safe for pets. These products are widely available now, and you should make them your go-to

for de-icing surfaces around your home.

Keep in mind, however, that some people may walk their dogs in areas that have been treated with dangerous substances. It is all too common for shopping centers or housing communities not to use pet-safe products. If that's your situation, just remember to have a warm, damp washcloth at the ready when you come in from walking your dog. Wipe his or her paws thoroughly before settling back into the house.

Even better, however, are the many paw protection products on the market today. One of my favorites is Musher's Secret, which is a balm that our people can put on our pads before we go out. The wax protects us from getting chemical burns while

also preventing painful ice balls from forming between our pads. There are other wax balms that compete with Musher's Secret, and any of them will do the trick. Just be sure that the one you choose is safe for pets. And remember to still wipe your dog's paws after walking to remove any chemicals that might still be on the waxy surface.

I'm also a fan of boots or socks, regardless of how funny they might look. The trick is getting footwear to stay on our paws. This can be a challenge with heavy boots. PAWZ makes waterproof, glove-like rubber booties that do a great job of staying put. There are also dog socks that, while not waterproof, can still provide a barrier between our paws and the elements.

The main goal is to re-

member that our paws are important to our overall well-being. You should be as concerned about our feet as you are about your own. By the way, that's true in the heat as well as the cold. Hot pavement can be very dangerous for us! And the right footwear or paw balm can do wonders in extremely high temperatures too.

As you can tell, this is a topic that I feel particularly passionate about! (Don't judge until you've walked a mile in my booties.)

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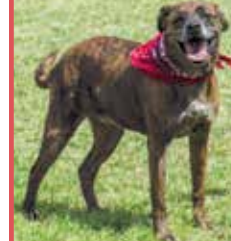
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Gwen is a 26#, 8 yr. old Papillon X who is very loving, enjoys cuddle time & having her tummy scratched. She looks forward to going for walks & likes to smell & explore everything. When meeting new people Gwen is a little shy, so she is looking for a home with someone patient & gentle who will give her time to settle in. She is very intelligent, loves treats, & knows how to use a doggy door.



Sparky is 8 yrs old & quite the sweet gentleman. He is housetrained, crate trained, & very spry! He gets along with dogs having his same energy level & ignores cats. His family had him since he was 8 weeks old but he lost his home due to his mom's failing health. He would like a family of his own again.



Inca & Arnold are seeking a home together! Arnold is a 3 yr old Chinese Crested dog. Inca is a 2 yr old Inca Orchid. These two are best of friends. They both like to be held on laps & we always see them napping right next to each other.



Dutchess is a special mare who was rescued in foal with 2 other mares. She had a beautiful baby who has found his forever home & Dutchy is still waiting for hers. She is a gorgeous mover & beautiful as well. She is very timid & requires an experienced equestrian, but has a ton of potential with the right partner.



Oliver is a friendly cat who loves attention. He is about 4.5 years old & is seeking either an indoor or indoor-outdoor home where he will get lots of love! He gets along with other cats & enjoys lounging around observing everything.



Cheyenne is a 9 yr old quarter horse. She's had some training & handles well on the ground. She is looking for a home with someone patient, calm, & gentle because sometimes things are just too scary for her. Cheyenne would likely be happier as a companion horse than a riding horse for this reason. She gets along well with other horses & ponies.



Laverne is a 9 yr. old sassy Arabian mare. She's been handled on the ground but has not been trained for riding yet. Laverne's a very smart girl & would love having a job to keep her busy. She wants to be involved in whatever you are doing. She'll follow you around the field all day. Laverne is somewhat bossy with other horses. She's looking for a home where she can blossom & her intelligence & personality will be appreciated.



Callie is a loving 7 year old cat who is looking for a special home. She has cerebral hyperplasia, which means that she moves clumsily. However, it does not affect her quality of life. She gets around well & loves snuggles! Darling Callie is seeking a quiet indoor home where she will be petted & loved. She does well with other cats.



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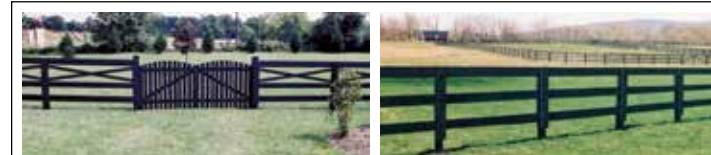
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“Many people are good at talking about what they are doing, but in fact do little. Others do a lot but don’t talk about it; they are the ones who make a community live.”

-- Jean Vanier, 1989

In Middleburg most us know more than our fair share of good people who, day in and day out, do a lot but don’t talk about it.

Indeed, most of us know more than our fair share of people who would be embarrassed if we talked about what

they had done for us at all.

Those things, they insist, are not really worth talking about: acts of human kindness, generosity, hard work for little or no pay; simply “doing their jobs,” helping strangers in need; serving as volunteers; showing up without being asked; up to and including acts of genuine courage and painful self sacrifice.

One of the joys of publishing a community newspaper is, from time to time, to be able to give credit where credit is due, even at the risk of em-

barrassing some of those we most admire.

There are many good reasons for doing so, not least among them the hope that admirable behavior deserves both recognition and emulation.

Another is a sense of obligation; a need to at least recognize a debt even if one is unable to repay it.

Events like our recent three-foot snow highlight the grace and spirit of those who make our community live.

Neighbors help neighbors.

People we expect to serve do so in ways that are above and beyond the call.

They are not deterred by long hours, hard work, and potentially dangerous conditions.

They never fail to be where they are needed, when they were needed, and inevitably in the best of spirits.

In this month’s story about the great snow we named some of those people.

Every single one of those

we talked to insisted that real heroes of the hour were other people, and most certainly not them.

And there were dozens, perhaps hundreds of our friends and neighbors, who truly remain unsung.

How lucky we are to know such people and to be part of the community that they make . . . live.

Thanks to them all, from us all.

WHO KNEW?
BLUE

DAN MORROW

In what is probably the most interesting and, from a GOP perspective, one of the most damaging campaigns since young Barry Goldwater hedged on civil rights and heaped praise on the John Birch Society in 1964, anyone who now says they KNOW what will happen in November, 2016, is either out of their mind or on someone’s bloviator payroll.

Readers are thus hereby warned that here at “Red vs Blue” we’re paid double for columns on national politics, and nothing for our usual sharp insights. Were it not all spread across the county on our roads after the recent non-political storm, we would thus recommend ingesting the following with the usual grain of salt.

The Democrats

Poor Martin O’Malley.

He, like most of the world of special political insights for sale or rent, never guessed that an avowed democratic socialist would not only make himself heard, but threaten to take both Iowa and New Hampshire. And even without Bernie in the race, O’Malley never, ever, had

a prayer against Hillary Clinton.

Poor Hillary.

She thought that she’d only have to face down the usual litany of right wing propaganda directed at progressives in general and uppity women in particular, enhanced by rants about Benghazi, emails, Bill, and pant-suits.

She never guessed that an avowed democratic socialist would not only make himself heard, but threaten to take both Iowa and New Hampshire.

And that leaves . . . Bernie.

He KNEW that an avowed democratic socialist could not only make himself heard, but threaten to take both Iowa and New Hampshire. And that’s where he stands.

Its sad for Democrats in general, and liberals in particular, to see Hillary and Bernie taking pot shots at each other, especially when none of them is “true” in any meaningful sense of the term.

Sanders is “soft” on gun control? He “threatens” Obamacare? Nonsense. Hillary is a warmonger, leaves her troops on the beach, and is a tool of Wall Street to boot? Nonsense.

The GOP will attack Hillary with the same tools and techniques they used “swift boat”

Kerry, make Dukakis look soft on crime, and portray Jimmy Carter as an ignorant peanut farmer. Unfortunately, such tactics work.

Bernie, who should have branded himself a “Social Democrat” in the best traditions of the British Labour Party, or Germany’s SPD, or even FDR at his best, is already being smeared as a “Maoist-Stalinist-Pol Pot communist.”

Such tactics work, and have cost our country dearly.

I’d be happy with either Democrat in the White house. Sadly, I fear, they are both vulnerable.

The Republicans

Happily for the Democrats (and, in the long run, for the country), the GOP seems to be ranting itself apart.

Poor Jeb.

He never guessed that an avowed New York Developer would not only make himself heard, threaten to take both Iowa and New Hampshire, and in the process transform Bush’s image as “the smart one” into that of the Pillsbury Dough Boy.

On the other hand, Donald Trump, the quintessential Ugly

American, continues to dominate the news and the party, oozing disdain and supporting his contempt for any and all by simply shouting down those who dare to point out his all too obvious flaws.

Some of my best friends (where have we heard that before), highly respected, long-term, active, loyal, hard-working and (yes) ethical mainstream Republicans are already telling me privately that if Trump prevails in the GOP nomination race, they will vote for Hillary.

Ted Cruz is worse than Trump.

A combination of Mussolini, tail-gunner Joe McCarthy, Robert Welch, the Birchers, and Sarah Palin with an Ivy League vocabulary, Ted’s major function at the moment appears to be to make Trump look like the lesser of two evils.

He may succeed.

“Chris” Christie couldn’t win his own state and carries as much easy-to-exaggerate baggage as Hillary.

Marco Rubio. Marco Rubio.

Ted Cruz with manners. Visually compelling and a good orator, but hard to take seriously,

especially in high heels.

The rest will all go home after New Hampshire. And if they don’t, their donors will.

Will there be a brokered GOP convention? We hope so. But which candidate would they choose?

A late-entering Michael Bloomberg?

I don’t think so.

Most folks think he’s a Democrat and, to paraphrase Ted Cruz, only communists, developers and other “disordered persons” come outta New York.

Some other distinguished Republican leader?

A great idea, if only the past seven years had produced one.

Where’s John Boehner when they need him?

Will the Democrats actually choose Bernie?

Highly doubtful.

Old hands fear too much danger of a George-McGovern-level landslide for the GOP.

But . . . who knows?

Best guess at this point?

Hillary vs Trump, with the outcome, sadly for all of us, too close to call.

AN EARLY LOOK AT THE CRAZY 2016 ELECTION
RED

JIM MORGAN

Well, the silly season is thoroughly upon us and, though hard to believe, it’s even sillier than usual.

The leading Republican is P.T. Barnum; the leading Democrat is Madame Chiang Kai Shek. Only in America.

Our P.T. Barnum, like the first one, is a self-promoting populist showman, financier, and sponsor of beauty pageants who has made a ton of money.

Our Madame Chiang, also like the first one, is devious, power-mad, scandal-prone, and able to attract large numbers of Americans who know this but don’t care.

Things are so crazy now that polls indicate up to 20% of Democrats might vote for Donald Trump. Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio still might elbow him aside, however, and Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the FBI and may well be indicted.

In 1945, Boston Democrats re-elected Mayor James Michael Curley while he was under federal indictment for bribery and mail fraud; and, earlier in his career, he won a seat on Boston’s Board of Aldermen while he actually was in jail.

Hillary might tap into that same reservoir of political flexibility if she’s forced to change from an orange pants suit to an orange jump suit, but probably not.

If an indictment does derail her nomination, who would step in? Sanders? Biden? There’s always Al Gore.

As for The Donald, “establishment” Republicans are embarrassed by him. He’s arrogant, bombastic, and crude. But regular folks like it when Trump delivers his unapologetic, if sometimes incoherent, lectures on the issues of the day.

Nikki Haley called him “an angry voice.” He responded, in effect, “Hell, yes!,” and voters

cheered. Lots of Americans, your humble correspondent included, relish the fact that he doesn’t take any crap from politically correct journalists, condescending academics, or the racist bullies from #BlackLivesMatter.

Trump, in fact, does have a genuinely populist appeal similar to that of Bernie Sanders (who also is unapologetic and incoherent) though Sanders won’t be his party’s nominee any more than Hillary will be Miss Congeniality in Trump’s next Miss Universe pageant.

And speaking of Hillary, polls consistently show that voters think she’s a “strong leader” but also that she’s dishonest and untrustworthy because of Benghazi, the emails, and the Clinton Foundation.

Her supporters can’t say why they think she’s a strong leader, however, because they can’t cite any actual accomplish-

ments. That’s because there are none.

Hillary is all “I am woman, hear me roar” but has never gotten a job on the strength of her own achievement.

This great, independent, feminist icon has always piggy-backed on her husband’s career.

The New York state Democratic Party handed her its senate nomination (and, thus, the election) in 2000 and Barack Obama handed her the SecState job in 2009 solely because she was Mrs. Bill Clinton.

She did nothing in the Senate and was a disaster as SecState. Some icon!

So Democrats are watching her incredible shrinking presidency slowly disappear again as it did in 2008 when Old Hope-and-Change came out of nowhere and took it from her.

For now, we have the Showman versus the Dragon Lady. God help us if we can’t do better

than that though we might take some small comfort from the fact that this has been said of other elections.

Interestingly, the original Barnum became a successful politician, serving in the Connecticut state legislature and as mayor of Bridgeport.

The original Madame Chiang, however, always lived in the shadow of her husband despite her attempts to forge power on her own.

As a manager, Trump knows how to gather qualified people around himself and let them do their jobs.

Clearly, he would be a better president than Hillary. But that isn’t saying much.

The craziness of this campaign season doesn’t speak well of the current state of America’s political culture and doesn’t bode well for our future.

Whoever is elected this year, it is troubling that we have come to this.

HYPOCRISY
TOM PRATT

I am writing this from San Cristobal (sorry about “your snow”)

The significance writing from here is the Zapatista movement. It began here in San Cristobal and surrounding villages in the early 1980’s and after bringing in many villages, not by force but by democratic decisions, became a force right after NAFTA in 1994.

NAFTA destroyed the lives of nearly a million individual farmers mainly because of the importation of cheap corn and other consumables.

The movement did begin with a fight where people were killed and injured but most of the villagers constantly called

for truces and negotiations of which there were many during the following ten years.

When the truces were broken it was nearly always on the side of the government.

To best describe the ethos of the Zapatistas a spokesman responded to an offer of a pardon by the government following one of the truces in early 1994, which many intellectuals deemed it to be a magnificent and unanswerable statement of the movement.

“What do we have to be pardoned for?”

“For not dying of hunger? For not remaining silent in our misery? For not having accepted the gigantic historic load of hatred and abandonment? For having risen up in arms when we

found all other roads closed off? For not having followed the Penal Code of Chiapas, the most absurd and repressive of our times? For demonstrating to the rest of the world that human dignity still lives and is present in its poorest inhabitants? For having prepared willfully before setting forth? For taking up arms instead of bows and arrows? For having learned to fight before we did? For being Mexicans, all of us? For calling for Mexican people to fight for what belongs to them? For struggling for freedom, democracy and justice? For not giving up? For not selling out? For not betraying the cause? Who needs to ask for a pardon and who can give it?”

As the movement grew it

became recognized the world over as one of the most important human rights event of the last century.

From July 27 to August 3 1996 the First Intercontinental Encounter for Humanity and against Neoliberalism was held in Chiapas.

Individuals and delegations from all the continents attended. Forty six countries were represented from Iran to Japan.

The Zapatistas made it known that “Behind us are you. Behind our face masks is the face of all women excluded, of all indigenous people forgotten, of all homosexuals persecuted, of all young people belittled, of all people imprisoned for what they believe, of all workers humiliated

, of all who have died in oblivion. Of all the simple and ordinary men and women who don’t count, who are not seen, or named and who have no tomorrow.

The reason for writing of the Zapatistas is twofold: one I believe that because of them Chiapas and especially San Cristobal is one of the safest and most egalitarian places I have ever visited and two I also believe we Americans have the chance to begin a “Zapatista” movement of our own by electing Bernie Sanders.

If you listen closely to him he espouses much of what the Zapatistas did. We of course do not have to take up rifles and sticks as they did but only to vote!

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January is a time for new beginnings and transitions. Named for the Roman god Janus - the Latin word for door, we hope for better days to come.

New Year’s is even better than buying hope for \$2 in a lottery ticket. It’s free - so we pay nothing to close doors and open new ones, every year.

This year, there may be more reason and urgency to go through those doors and make something of them. So it’s worth recalling the words of January 17, 1961, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his Farewell Address intoned: “We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.”

We are undertaking another election cycle in 2016, and these words remind us to hope for a

We’ve done better organizing society than organizing ourselves to be stewards of its welfare.

Our scattering of interests splinter us too much, leave us in some desolation, and crimp a sense of undivided purpose and overriding intent as a people.

The Public Square would like to see this confusion start to wind down. There are signs of early breakthroughs that may be occurring.

One of the biggest is a new hankering after the leaven of truth. There may be a movement away from the fetish of self. Our citizens are yearning for a more internal peace of mind, which alone, in the end, will bring an end to the external discords of the time that are reaching new levels of discomfort and stridency.

Today, across governments and the world, and in our daily lives as well, too much we hear and do is “half-baked.” We have a half-baked health care system currently, a half-baked response to terrorism, a financial condition we don’t confront, and a spiritual malaise if not division that is enfeebling. We are not very “tuned up” as a country.

like their and their fellow citizens’ lives to be better than they think they are in the current environment.

We seem, however, to run more on our limits about what can be done than our dreams for reaching beyond these limits.

Yet doing a lot of right things is more than a human endeavor.

Our deeper purposes must somehow be re-established. For this to happen, our citizenship must have a stronger taproot. It also must extend beyond our own devices of mind to draw upon a Design of the Universe greater than we are.

The search for the leaven of truth is a start. By nature, we want to define and press and invent the future. We think a brighter tomorrow relies only on our time, resources, and money at hand to form answers.

But leavening by nature happens without self-action. As with bread rising on its own, unaided by human hands, our faith is again perhaps paramount to our citizenship, and part of it.

Any dampening of hope must sooner or later reach beyond itself.

Out of darkness, listening can bring us a new sovereignty of mind. Truth on its own can be transforming, if we get out of the way and lessen the ingredients we try and impose on the picture.

The Public Square believes no one can tell another what to believe, and that there is also no right to tell anyone they cannot believe in those things which transcend the existing order.

We all are coping to organize the future a little more hopefully than today.

The Public Square believes all of us can benefit to have our consciences leavened. It believes the fruits of the spirit must have a role in the future of our democracy. It holds our “political and spiritual heritage” depends on underlying principles of citizenship first. It sees a need for wisdom and maturity to guide our 2016 choices ahead.

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The Plains, Virginia
\$870,000

Private 10 acres between Middleburg and The Plains • 3/4 bedroom home • Open floor plan • Large front porch with views to the west • Traditional materials such as stucco exterior and metal roof • Wood floors • Fireplaces • Built in book shelves • Beautiful plantings and fenced yard • Great location and easy maintenance

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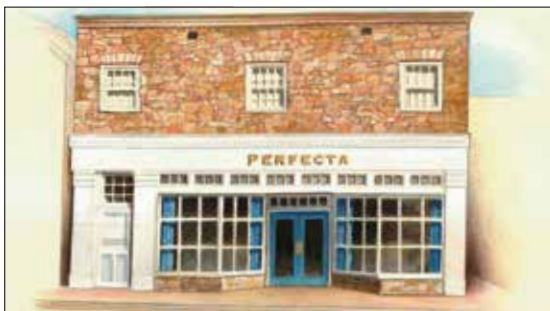
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Upper Level - 3 one bedroom apartments
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\$1,700,000

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WHITCAIRN



Williamsburg replica with recent upgrades. Absolutely fabulous family room conversion. The wooden bar has a water tap, wine cooler & fridge. There is even a gas fireplace built into a corner of the big cozy room. The glass-paned doors lead out to a covered brick porch. Extensive flower beds and lawn lie between the house and an extensive mountain vista, pool and 4 car garage with a studio & bath above. **\$1,425,000**

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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**

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MERSEY ROAD



Stately brick Colonial on **12+ acres** 2 mi. West of Middleburg. 1/2 rolling pasture land, 1/2 woods. 2-story Foyer with slate flooring, formal Dining Room & Living Room with fireplaces, glassed-in Family Room, newly renovated eat-in gourmet Kitchen with island, granite & high-end appliances. 5 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths. Main level Master Suite. Traditional details include crown molding, chair rails, hardwood floors & slate roof with copper gutters. Attached 2-car Garage, Pool, Pool House, Barn & fenced paddocks. **\$1,179,000**

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STONEHILL FARM



Turnkey horse farm on **6+ acres** just minutes from Middleburg. Fully updated stucco & stone farmhouse. 3-4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. Traditional details throughout. Hardwood floors, original fireplaces, high ceilings, crown molding & cast iron radiators. Spacious eat-in country Kitchen, formal Living Room and Dining Room. Outbuildings include Garden Shed & 4-stall center aisle Barn. 6 paddocks with new fencing, automatic waterer & run-in. Great ride out. Middleburg Hunt territory. **\$765,000**

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8 MEADOWBROOK CT



Beautifully updated end-unit townhouse in small enclave in Middleburg. Home boasts 2 sizable Bedrooms and 2.5 Baths. Features formal living room with wood burning fireplace, built-ins and hardwood floors. Dining Room has bay window which looks over fully landscaped garden with stonewalls and flagstone terrace. Storage shed. Great location walk to restaurants, shopping, churches, schools, Community Center & library. **\$425,000**

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THE PLAINS



RENTAL ~ Rare opportunity to live on a large farm between The Plains and Middleburg. Three bedrooms and two baths. Very large country kitchen, mudroom, Living room and Dining room/study. Hardwood floors throughout, pastoral views and sun filled rooms. Sweet front porch overlooking fields. Located in the most desirable area of Orange County Hunt territory. Very private and quiet. **\$1,990/mo**

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RENTAL ~ Super attractive Tenant house on large farm. Very private and quiet. Lovely pastoral views. Located in the Piedmont Hunt territory. Living Room with fireplace, Dining Room, Large sunny Kitchen, two Bedrooms, one Bath. All hardwood floors. Please no Pets, No smokers. twelve month rent minimum. Shown By Appointment Only. **\$1,500/mo**

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