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SECRETARIAT WALKING
ARTIST: ANDRE PATER

ANDRE PATER RETROSPECTIVE AT THE NSLM

NANCY MILBURN KLECK

The National Sporting Library and Museum's spring exhibition, Andre Pater: A Matter of Light, could not be more anticipated by fellow sporting artists and aficiona-

dos alike. This retrospective, the second in twenty years, will display 45 works from private collections across the country.

Pater's mastery of light and color in both pastels and oil has earned him the honor of heir to the throne British sporting artist Sir Alfred J. Munnings occupied in the last century. They not only shared the love of the color and energy of Thoroughbred horse racing, jockeys in bright silks, breakneck polo, foxhunting and hounds, and shooting sports, but serene pastoral landscapes of cows and farm animals to

classic equine portraiture considered the mainstay of any sporting artist's repertoire.

Painting representational realism with pastel is perhaps one of the most challenging tasks with this media. Deliberate, thoughtful grazing of colored chalk, some sticks an inch wide, across a rough, toothy surface leaves little room for misjudgments. Details require sharpening pieces into pencil points to describe the essential highlights of the horse's shimmering coat to the glimmer in his eye. The variety of sable and bristle brushes a painter has working in oil covers every technique yet is no less challenging in its own right to use the most appropriate brush to get the desired stroke of "light."

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE: SALAMANDERS CHEF RYAN ARENSDORF

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Mount Gordon Farm
The Plains, Virginia
\$11,750,000

128 acres and immaculate 3 level, 13,000+ sq ft stone & shingle main house • 5 BR • 8 FP • Exceptional finishes on every floor • Caterer's kitchen • Elevator • Spa • Separate guest cottage • Pool • Farm manager residence • 3 additional tenant houses • 12 stall center-aisle stable • Pond • Extraordinary land w/incomparable views extending beyond the Blue Ridge Mts • Orange County Hunt

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Beaumont Model Home, prime lot in Creighton Farms • 3 level brick home • Amazing quality & detailed finishes • 5 bedrooms • 4 full + 1/2 bath • 4 fireplaces • Master suite on main level • Gourmet kitchen with Wolf appliances & shaker cabinets • High ceilings, oak floors, award winning media room, elevator • Attached garage • Rear brick patio • Golf course views

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Westwind Farm
Middleburg, Virginia
\$1,575,000

Classic Middleburg colonial, completely redone in 2009 • 5 BR • 4 full BA, 2 half BA • 2 FP • Gourmet kitchen • Top of the line finishes throughout • 2-car attached garage • Beautifully landscaped • Sweeping unobstructed mountain views • 21.08 gently rolling acres • Fenced & cross fenced • Great barn, multiple run in sheds & riding/jumping paddocks

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6428 Main Street
The Plains, Virginia
\$995,000

Gorgeous country home • Historic village • Panoramic views • 3 acres • Beautifully landscaped grounds with terraced herb garden and pool • 3 BR, 2 full + 2 half baths • Master bedroom w/ga FP on main level • Large dining room w/built-in china cabinets • 2 BR upstairs w/shared BA • Lower level family room w/wood-burning FP • Wet bar & french doors to pool area • Recently renovated

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Langhorne Farm
Upperville, Virginia
\$5,320,000

266 acres in Piedmont Hunt • Panoramic views of the Blue Ridge, Bull Run and Cobble mountains which surround the whole property • Improvements include 4 farmhouses, an iconic red dairy barn and many agricultural buildings • Ponds and traditional stone walls • This working farm is protected by a Virginia Outdoors Foundation conservation easement which allows 2 parcels

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Old Fox Den Farm
The Plains, Virginia
\$1,985,000

Restored 3 bedroom 1830's farmhouse on 65 acres • Multiple porches & fireplaces, lots of charm • Lovely pool, shared pond, 4 stall barn, workshop • Expansive mountain views, rolling open pasture & fully fenced elevated land • Gorgeous setting in the protected valley between Middleburg and The Plains • Conservation easement permits 2 more homes to complete the compound

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Willow Way Farm
Middleburg, Virginia
\$1,500,000

Prime Middleburg location • House completely redone in 2004 • Hill top setting with panoramic mountain views • 3 BR • 3.5 BA • Main level master suite • Pine floors • Beautiful millwork • 3 FP • Attached 2-car garage • Beautiful windows • Gracious room sizes • 4-stall barn • Riding ring • In-ground pool • Lovely gardens • 31.05 acres recorded in 3 parcels

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Sunken Lane
Upperville, Virginia
\$625,000

11.43 acres, Prestigious Piedmont Hunt Location & close proximity to Upperville Horse Show grounds • Surrounded by protected properties in conservation easement • Contemporary stone & stucco home, 3 BR, 2 full and 2 half BA, 2 FP • Spiral staircase leads to 8 stall barn • Tack room and office • Property fenced & cross fenced

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Merry Chase Farm
Marshall, Virginia
\$3,200,000

Prime Atoka Road location • 155.08 rolling & mostly useable acres • Beautiful setting, tree lined drive • Main house circa 1837 • 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 fireplaces • Improvements include 4 tenant houses, 3 barns, indoor and outdoor riding arenas

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Cadore
Middleburg, Virginia
\$1,800,000

Custom-built stone & stucco home • 4+ bedrooms include 1st floor master • Gourmet kitchen • Home office with T-1 line & VIP security system & home automation • 4 stone patios • Perennial gardens & large mature trees • 3-car garage • Gated entrance, pristine grounds, pond, barn • 24 acres

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The Hague-Hough House
Waterford, Virginia
\$1,495,000

Hill top setting in historic village of Waterford • Circa 1745 brick and stone home on 17.20 acres • 6 BR, 5 BA & 7 FP • Beautiful woodwork throughout • High ceilings • Meticulous renovation • Improvements include barn w/apartment • Garage space for 6 vehicles • In-ground pool • Large pool house • Stone outbuildings • Lovely gardens

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Dover Road
Middleburg, Virginia
\$500,000

Brick home on 3 acres • Minutes from Middleburg • Sold in "AS IS" condition • 4 bedrooms • 2 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces • 2 stall barn • Shed • Pool in need of repair • Rear brick terrace • Little bit of work but great value

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Creighton Farms
Leesburg, Virginia
\$2,800,000

"Highgate" at Creighton Farms • Possibly best elevated building site east of Bull Run Mountains • Brick and stone exterior • 6,126 sf finished living space • 5 bedrooms • 5 full + 2 half baths • 4 fireplaces • Elevated ceiling height • Superior craftsmanship • Gourmet kitchen • Master suite on main level • Wood and limestone floors • 4 car garage on 4.04 acres

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Greystone
The Plains, Virginia
\$1,700,000

Circa 1807 • 33 acres ideally located between Middleburg & The Plains • Rare quarried stone exterior, 10-foot ceilings • Period mantels, original wood floors, two-story front porch • 3 BR/3 BA, each a private suite • Historic stone barn includes one BR/BA apt, heated tack room, 6 stalls • Carriage barn • 3 paddocks, large turnout field, run-in sheds, auto waterers • Whole farm generator • Pond • Orange County Hunt

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Westwood
Marshall, Virginia
\$997,000

Beautiful fieldstone home • 21 acres of mostly open land • Stone portion c. 1835 • Renovations include an open kitchen & adjoining sunporch • New metal roof • New windows • New siding • Updated bathrooms • Original pine floors • Lots of charm & wonderful natural light • Lovely setting w/grand oak trees • Minutes from several wineries • Great home or a weekend retreat (less than hour from DC)

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103 W. Federal Street
Middleburg, Virginia
\$449,900

Flexible, open & bright commercial space • 2 floors, separate entrances, high ceilings • Entire building including all major systems recently renovated • New roof, new stucco, new HVAC - immaculate & turn key space • Zoning offers many options • High foot traffic location • Currently used as a fitness studio on street level • Lower level currently leased to great tenant - potential continued income

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NEWS OF NOTE

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE: SALAMANDERS CHEF RYAN ARENSDORF

BRIAN L. LICHOROWIC

Chef Ryan Arensdorf has had much written about him and what he's going to do as the new Executive Chef at Salamander. And deservedly so. Being chef myself, I want to talk to him as a chef. I wasn't sure what I could add to what has already been said. My father always said, "Cooks talk to Cooks." It is just easier that way, and a good way to see the inner workings of the mind of a professional.

Local newspapers and online sites repeat his resume and background, which is fine, but the proof is in the pudding Right? I sat down with Chef and asked

a few questions that usually get thrown out at a bar over a few beers.

Ryan schooled and honed his skills in Chicago. That should tell you a lot right there. He knows beef. He stresses the quality of his suppliers, which will dictate the quality of his food, so he agonizes over getting it right.

What's the oldest knife you still use?

It's an old Wusthof chef's knife his Aunt gave 17 years ago, a 8" chef knife he uses till this day with a well-worn handle from the enormous amount of time he's held tight using it. I would have cringed if he brought out a plastic handled, thin steel thing



from Sysco food service. Knives are a Chef's right hand. The good ones have emotional attachments to them

Best Knife you own?

This floored me as I never used Nenox knives before but after examining his little 4" paring knife, I can honestly say I have seen scalpels duller. The thing was amazingly sharp.

What are you excited for people to try?

Suddenly placed before me was the double cut bone-in Pork chop from Willie Tree farms that was brined, aged and plated with cippolini onion agrodolce. (Agrodolce is a traditional sweet and sour sauce in Italian cuisine. Its name comes from "agro" (sour) and "Dolce" (sweet).)

Chef Arensdorf 's a professional and assures us that once he gets his house in order, many new programs will be available to the local patrons. Detailed entertaining cooking classes as well as a sushi class and classes on How to Cure, Brine and Smoke. Which I'm sure will be filled with many



locals who actively practice these techniques. I think one of the best things he mentions he'd like to know what people would like to learn.

Food for mind, body, and soul...

Any equipment in your kitchen sold on late night TV?

I was surprised Chef Arensdorf has no what we call "As seen on TV" items in his kitchen. I, for example, have a really dopey egg separator that had a 30 minutes infomercial behind it that I won't part with. Chef Ryan has no fads, no toys, no a professional purist to the core even in his own domicile. I think people around here would be surprised to find out a local Michelin rated chef has a Ronco Rotisserie Chicken roaster in his home.

Next question: Give me your favorite 3-ingredient recipe?

"An aged Delmonico, Salt, and Pepper." Spectacular. You can take the boy out of Chicago, but... The confidence of this statement tells me that the chops and meat part of Harriman's is in exquisite hands and diners are in for a treat.

Last question, spoken with a mouth full of his glorious Burrata Cheese in my mouth.

Name something fun your going do with Kale?

"Not a dam thing."

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Legislative Update March, 2017

The 2017 Session of the Virginia General Assembly recently concluded. This year, the House and Senate considered 2,959 bills and resolutions, with only a few hundred surviving to make it to the Governor's desk. The Governor has until March 27th to sign or veto the bills.

I serve on the Senate Finance, General Laws & Technology and Rules committees. I chair the Privileges and Elections Committee and chair the Finance subcommittee on General Government, responsible for funding for state employees, Constitutional officers, the Courts and all technology matters among other areas. We had the difficult task of amending the budget to address a \$1.26 billion budget shortfall. Meanwhile, my highest priority was to restore lost state employee compensation that had created a hiring and retention crisis. I was thrilled that we passed a final budget that included a 3% increase for state employees, along with significant additional funding for local Sheriffs, constitutional officers and other state-supported local employees. We increased starting salaries for the State Police and also included funding for the state's 2% share of the compensation increase for teachers. In addition to the budget work, I had a legislative package of bills that included a number of measures. Highlights of my bills include:

- SJ 290 – Redistricting Reform – A constitutional amendment to reform the redistricting process, removing partisanship and requiring districts be fair, compact, and in the public interest.
- SJ 295 – The “Regulatory Rollback Amendment” – A constitutional amendment allowing the General Assembly to roll back burdensome or outdated regulations through a joint vote of the House and Senate.
- SB 1294 – Gift Ban – A bill to enact a total ban on gifts to lawmakers from lobbyists and special interests.
- SB 1295 – No-Excuse Early Voting – A bill allowing all voters to cast ballots up to 21 days before an election.
- SB 1296 – Meals Tax Reform – A bill to reform deceptive meals tax referenda by requiring the full proposed tax rate be disclosed on the ballot. This bill also prohibits the immediate reintroduction of a defeated meals tax.
- SB 1297 – Military Carry – A bill allowing active duty military to carry a concealed weapon without a permit.
- SB 1298 – CBD Oil – A bill to allow cannabidiol oil for patients suffering debilitating illnesses, including cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, ALS, Crohn's Disease, Alzheimer's, MS, and others.
- SB 1299 – Protecting Crime Victims – A bill allowing expedited process of concealed carry permits for victims of domestic violence upon issuance of a restraining order against the abuser.
- SB 1300 – Training Crime Victims – A bill allowing the Commonwealth to fund gun safety training programs empowering victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual abuse to defend themselves.
- SB 1304 – Election Administration – A bill expanding local control over the timing of local elections.
- SB 1305 – Court Fees for the Indigent – A bill to ease the burdens of civil court filing fees on indigent plaintiffs who already qualify for legal assistance by reason of poverty.
- SB 1306 – Industrial Hemp – A bill to expand the production of industrial hemp in the Commonwealth by cutting red tape and streamlining the state permitting required of farmers.
- SB 1307 – Virginia's Online Checkbook – A bill requiring the transparent posting of all state expenditures in a searchable, online database.
- SB 1529 – Aquaculture Protection – A bill protecting aquaculture farming in Virginia.
- SB 1530 – Expanding Opportunity for the Disabled – A bill to help the Commonwealth facilitate state employment opportunities available to the disabled, including veterans.
- SB 1545 – Tax Relief for Families and Businesses – A bill to automatically refund budget surpluses back to taxpayers during years where tax revenue exceeds budget requirements and automatically lower tax rates on all individuals and businesses in years where a substantial surplus exists. This bill pays for tax relief by using the surpluses generated through economic growth – but without cuts to core government services.
- SB 1546 – Fighting Opioid Abuse – A bill fighting Virginia's epidemic of opioid abuse and overdose by banning a number of dangerous synthetic street drugs – some 8 times stronger than heroin currently being sold on the Internet and trafficked regionally.
- SB 1547 – Campaign Ethics Reform – A bill prohibiting candidates for office from using campaign funds from donors to pay for personal expenditures unrelated to their campaigns.
- SB 1594 – Conservators of the Peace – Designates investigators with law enforcement backgrounds currently employed by a Commonwealth's Attorney as conservators of the peace.

Four of these bills have been signed by the Governor and others await his action. The fate of my CBD oil bill was particularly disappointing when it died in a House Committee. It had widespread support and was critical to a lot of people suffering from serious illnesses. While the drug is derived from cannabis, it cannot make you high and is not dealt on the illicit market. It is currently being compounded by pharmacies and is an option to treat illnesses that will not respond to any other treatment. I am in awe of the hard work of those who supported the bill who are very sick or have loved ones in need of the drug. They put in hundreds of hours to educate members of the legislature and it was heartbreaking to have the bill fail.

On a happier note, I was thrilled that we worked to successfully kill a bad bill that would have restricted hunting with dogs in Virginia. Other measures that passed this session include a requirement for principals to investigate and notify parents when children are involved in bullying incidents; expanded protection for free speech on campuses; discretion for judges not to suspend driver's license of a first time marijuana offense; a requirement for judges to consider personal finances when implementing payment schedules for unpaid fines; a prohibition on localities adopting policies restricting enforcement of federal immigration laws (a ban on sanctuary cities); and a requirement for schools to test drinking water for lead in school buildings pre-dating 1986. Bills targeting opioid abuse passed with support for needle exchange programs, expanded access to overdose drug naloxone, changes in prescription rules, and new services for infants exposed in utero. In addition we passed a comprehensive budget bill that closed the budget shortfall without raising taxes.

As you may know, I am running for lieutenant governor and I will be on the ballot in the June 13th Republican primary. I have loved the opportunity to work on constituent service matters and advocate for bills important to our community. I hope to have your support in June and again in November so that we can better resolve so many critical issues statewide.

We have relocated back from Richmond now and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 540-662-4551 or by email at district27@senate.virginia.gov. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. paid for and authorized by Jill H. Vogel for Senate



NEWS OF NOTE

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH INAUGURATES THE ANDY BERGNER CENTER

Andy Bergner, a beloved member of the Middleburg community for several decades, served the village in many ways, among them as President of the Lions Club, Vice President of Seven Loaves, and Town Crier for the annual Christmas Parade.

The last years of his life, as is the case for many, required special care and the loving attention of special caregivers.

They also highlighted the realities and all-too-often unfilled or unfillable needs of both those living through the experience, giving and receiving care.

In the spirit of Andy and those who loved and cared for him, Emmanuel Episcopal Church announces the establishment of The Andy Bergner Center, where:

1. Respite can be provided to each “Andy” in our community to break-up the monotony of their days with entertainment and information that will make their life safer, better, and more satisfying.
2. Respite can be provided for caregivers who need a place where their Andy can go for a day while they attend to necessary tasks or just some well-earned “me” time.
3. Respite for retirees in retirement homes or any adult confined too often at homes for relief from boredom and loneliness. Some may find satisfaction in volunteering at ABC or in enjoying the variety of activities provided.
4. Respite for newcomers who may not have a means of introducing themselves into the community.

Whatever their needs, the ABC looks to provide a day of respite, community, interesting activities, and information for the members of our community concentrating on Adults 45+.

This programming will be provided at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House at 105 E. Washington Street, Middleburg.

ABC will open for its first pilot day of programming on Friday, April 28th.

The day will begin at 10:00 am and will remain open until 4:00 pm. Volunteers will be with Center guests throughout

the day to ensure their enjoyment, comfort, and safety.

During the pilot phase of the project, ABC will be open on the 4th Friday of each month from April through August. These day-long sessions will be FREE OF CHARGE and will test the viability of this expressed need in our community. The attendance and response to these Free days of Respite will determine the future direction of the Andy Bergner Center in Middleburg.

For more information or register as a guest for the first day at ABC on April 28th, you may contact Kay Redditt through Emmanuel Church at 540-687-6297.



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NEW FROM MIDDLEBURG’S COMMANDER TONY WELLS

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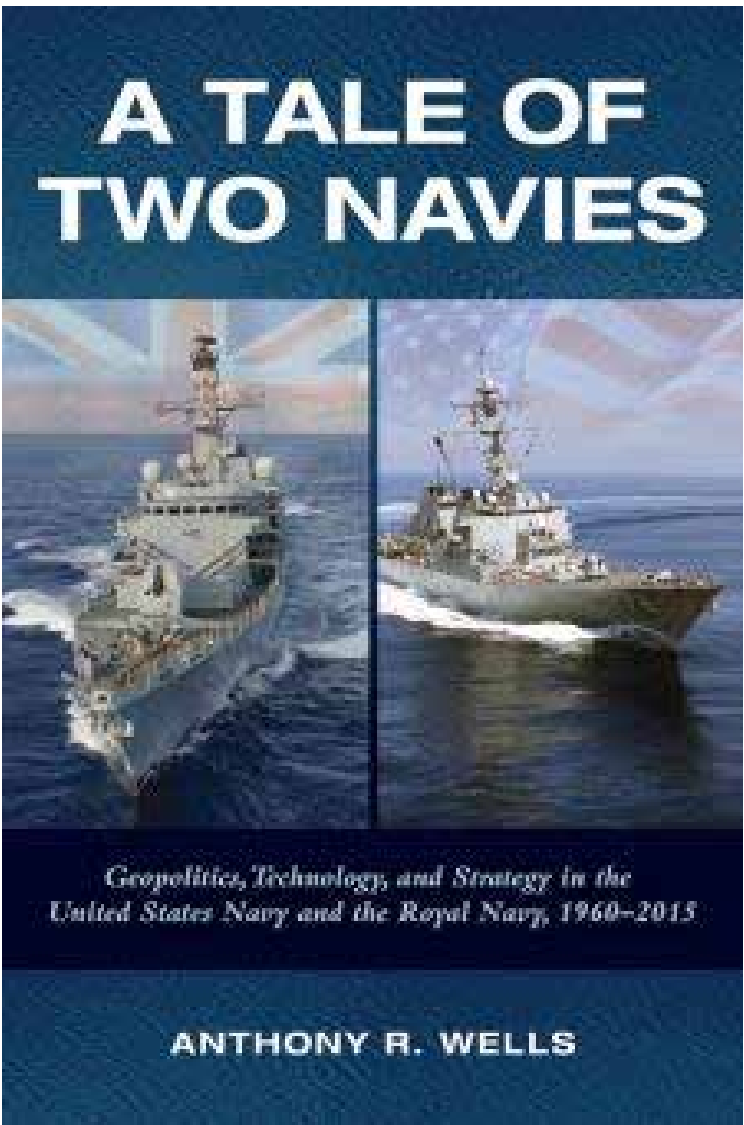
According to British Vice Admiral Sir Jeremy Blackham, Knight Commander of the Bath and editor of the UK’s Naval Review “Few people are as uniquely well equipped as Anthony Wells to write an account of the close and special relationship, forged in the crucible of conflict and the Cold War, between the two most capable and effective navies in the world. His penetrating and informed analysis offers us all hope for the continuance of an alliance which makes the world a safer place.”

Wells, one of the rare individuals who has served in the navies and intelligence communities of both the UK and USA “examines the histories, strategies, operations, technology, and intelligence activities of both navies.”

Because of Wells’ “unique knowledge and insights into the workings of U.S. and British intelligence,” the work is both significant, insightful, and important in light of both the ongoing importance of control of the high seas, the uncertainties inherent in the change of administration, and, in the words of the Naval Institute Press, the “emerging and increasing threats from China, Russia, and radical Islamist terror organizations.”

Tony is currently a visiting senior research fellow at the Center for Intelligence and Cyber Security, King’s College, London.

The book is available from Second Chapter Books in Middleburg and online from amazon.com



SAVE THE DATE

The Piedmont Garden Club will be sponsoring a speaker and luncheon symposium on Tuesday, October 10 at the Middleburg Community Center. Ben Lenhardt of Charleston, SC and Winnetka, IL, chairman of the Garden Conservancy, will speak on “Why Are Gardens Important?”

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HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK

The Leesburg Garden Club, the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club and the Garden Club of Virginia present ‘America’s Largest Open House.’ Historic Garden Week is coming to Leesburg, VA!

Maryland may own the Potomac River but its neighbor, Virginia, is home to a collection of some of early America’s finest multi-generational homes whose views rest squarely on the ripple of its waters. Join the Leesburg Garden Club and the Garden Club of Virginia on April 23-24 to see what the view is like from Virginia’s side of the river. Four magnificent, privately-owned homes along the river bank open their front doors and garden gates to delight visitors from all over the east coast for a home and garden tour as part of Historic Garden Week.

There is a family connection between two of the homes, Rockland and Murray Hill. We invite you to come and discover the tie that binds them. In 2017, commuters clamor for a bridge crossing of the Potomac River, while a farmer in the mid-1700’s operated a ferry crossing and lived at Clapham’s Ferry, now Riverside on the Potomac. A fourth property is a spectacular, Craftsman-styled family home, River Farm. Within sight of the house, the owners have been monitoring a Bald Eagle nest and the rearing of three eaglets. Two of the homes include additional restored barns open for tour. All of the homes are possessed of alluring gardens that have been nurtured from their Colonial starts or have been tenderly cared for in more modern times.

Headquarters of the tour is Morven Park, the home of the former governor of Virginia, Westmoreland Davis. The splendid home is open for tour, but it’s the gardens and bucolic landscape that have the pull of a full moon. At the other end of the tour, six miles south of Leesburg, is the exceptional four-acre walled garden at Oatlands Plantation. The Garden Club of Virginia granted funding for the restoration of portions of the garden. The home was built in 1804 by George Carter and purchased in 1903 by William Corcoran and Edith Eustis. While much of the garden was established during the Carter years, it is restored to the standards of Edith Eustis’s time. The home is open for tour also (additional fee).

The Gardens Along the Potomac tour is a grand place to start Historic Garden Week! Enjoy all the homes and estates and imagine a life along this important waterway. Most of the properties have earned Virginia Historic Landmark designation and are listed on the National Register for Historic Places.

Concurrent with the tour, the Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival rolls out the green carpet on Saturday, April 22 to Sunday, April 23 in the historic downtown area of Leesburg, VA. All around the town you will find many great eateries at a variety of price points. Loudoun County is quickly becoming the heartbeat of the Virginia Wine and Craft Brewing industry. Day and night there is so much to see and do in the area.

Each spring, visitors are welcomed to over 250 of Virginia’s most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks during Historic Garden Week – “America’s Largest Open House.” This 8-day statewide event provides visitors a unique opportunity to see unforgettable gardens at the peak of Virginia’s springtime color, as well as beautiful houses sparkling with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members.

Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic gardens, and provide graduate level research fellowships for building comprehensive and ongoing records of historic gardens and landscapes in the Commonwealth, and support the mission of the Garden Club of Virginia

Scrumptious box lunches are available for Monday. They must be ordered by April 17 by contacting Susan Honig Rogers shonigrog@aol.com. And can be



picked up at Morven Park.

Purchase tickets securely online through vagardenweek.org.

\$35 in advance / \$45 the day of / \$20 individual hometickets are also available at each of the homes. For more information

about this tour, please contact Leesburg@vagardenweek.org or call 703-975-5815.

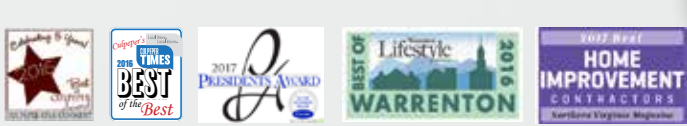
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LECTURE: THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF AMANDA EDMONDS

The Mosby Heritage Area Association invites history buffs, friends and supporters to an April 2, 2017 talk by editor Lee Lawrence on "Society of Rebels: the Civil War Diary of Amanda Edmonds."

The talk will begin at 2:00pm at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church (Now called the Ashby Chapel) at 684 Federal Street, Paris, VA 20130 and will con-

clude at a reception at nearby historic Belle Grove in Delaplane.

Tickets are \$30 for MHAA members and \$40 for non-members and may be purchased at www.mosbyheritagearea.org/events.

Amanda Edmonds kept a diary in the years leading to and during the Civil War, from her home in Delaplane, Belle Grove. Amanda mentions many cavalrymen and soldiers passing through

her farm as she lived in what was known as a Safe House for Mosby's Rangers to hide from the Union. Belle Grove was located in a very heavily-traveled area during the Civil War, Paris in Fauquier County and both sides vied for control of the area often. Amanda's brothers rode with the Virginia cavalry, in addition to riding with Mosby's Rangers, the 43rd Virginia Battalion. Editor Lee Lawrence will discuss the fate of some of the soldiers and

cavalrymen mentioned in the diary entries.

Lee Lawrence offers a new edition of the diary, featuring never before published entries which give us an eye witness account of America's most brutal war. The afternoon will conclude at Amanda's home, Belle Grove, for a reception and tour. Lee Lawrence also will share original photos of the Edmonds/Chaplear family.



BELLE GROVE PLANTATION

WORDS MATTER—A SMALL BUT IMPORTANT SHIFT IN VIRGINIA'S CUSTODY LANGUAGE

JULIA S. SAVAGE

Words matter. The 2017 session of the Virginia General Assembly has made a small but important shift in Virginia's custody language. In Virginia, the laws regarding how the courts determine custody of minor children as between their parents, or sometimes other custodians, is specified in Sections 20-124.2 and 16.1-278.15 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Historically we have referred to the parent with whom a child primarily resided as the parent with "custody," and the time the child was with the other parent as being "visitation." The new law passed by both houses and signed by the Governor to be effective on July 1, 2017, added the following sentence to both Sections 20-124.2 and 16.1-278.15: "In any case or proceeding involving the custody or visitation of a child, as to a parent, the court may, in its discretion, use the phrase 'parenting time' to be synonymous with the term 'visitation.'"

The newly included sentence changes none of the statutory rights or obligations of parents. But the outdated idea that a parent "visits" with a child is not the reality of today's parent-child relationship. The reasoning behind the legislation is that using the words "parenting time" instead of the word "visitation" better describes the value of both parents in the upbringing of the child, and emphasizes to both the child and to the parents the importance of the time each parent spends with a child.

It is not unusual for our terminology to change through the years and necessitate updates to state laws. The use of the phrase "spousal support" for "alimony" is an example. Not defining a person by their condition and using what is known as person-first terminology is another example. In the mid-1990s there was a shift in thought in the field of mental health, and the term "person with a mental illness" replaced a "mentally ill person," and now it is proper to say "person with a disability" instead of "handicapped." Creating this new co-parenting responsibility nomenclature follows the national movement in many states including the District of Columbia, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Arizona, North Dakota, Michigan, Utah, Colorado, Ohio, Florida (uses words "time sharing" in lieu of "custody", "visitation" or like words) Washington, Oregon, and others. Studies in these states have shown the use of the less antagonizing words "parenting time" or like phrases such as "parenting responsibilities" creates stronger co-parenting relationships between parents who are living in separate households.

This follows a trend in Virginia Courts to provide families in transition with education and tools needed to create an environment

for the child that will effectively ensure success for the child. Under Virginia Code Sections 16.1-278.15 and 20-103, if child custody, parenting time, or child support is contested the parents are obligated to attend an educational seminar to learn about the effects of separation or divorce on children, parenting responsibilities, options for conflict resolution and meeting financial responsibilities. The cost of the program is on a sliding scale, but will not exceed \$50, and generally will last four hours.

Additionally, courts may require a mediation orientation session, and offer low-cost and sometimes free mediation. Mediation is a process in which a mediator facilitates open discussions between the parties and assists them in reaching a mutually agreeable resolution to their dispute. The mediator is trained and neutral to the mediation discussion. In Virginia the mediation process is voluntary and confidential.

Visitation (parenting time) is almost always the single most contested issue for parents who do not live together as a unit. More parents return to court for child time or scheduling matters than anything else, which is why it's critical to have the parenting schedule spelled out clearly and in detail.

By having a clear, unambiguous schedule to refer to parents can avoid wasting large amounts of both time and money in the future.

Having a well-defined parenting schedule also provides the children with the stability of a consistent predictable routine which is especially important for infants, toddlers, and younger children. Older children can usually cope with schedule changes more easily, but in turn often have more complicated lives. Also, it ensures that the children will see each parent regularly, and often helps to reduce conflict between the parents which benefits everyone.

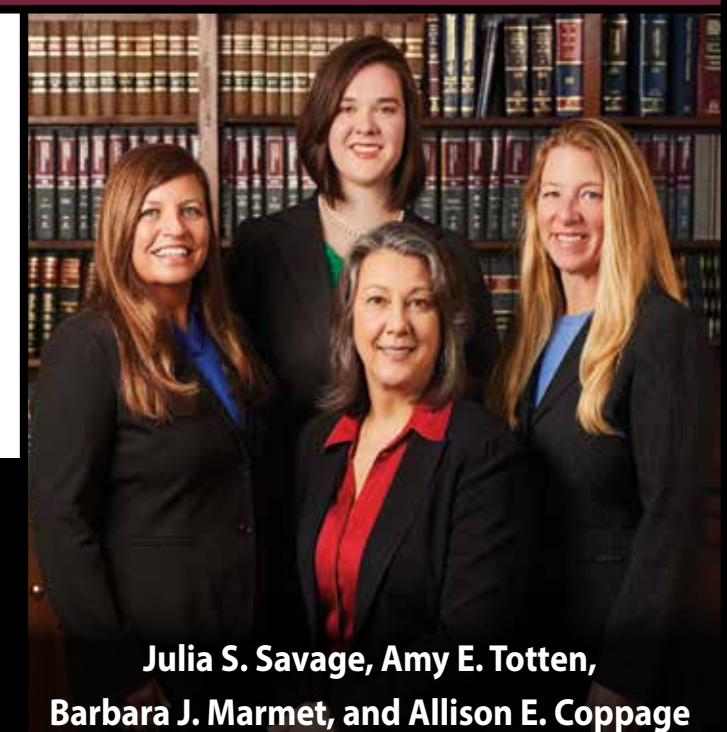
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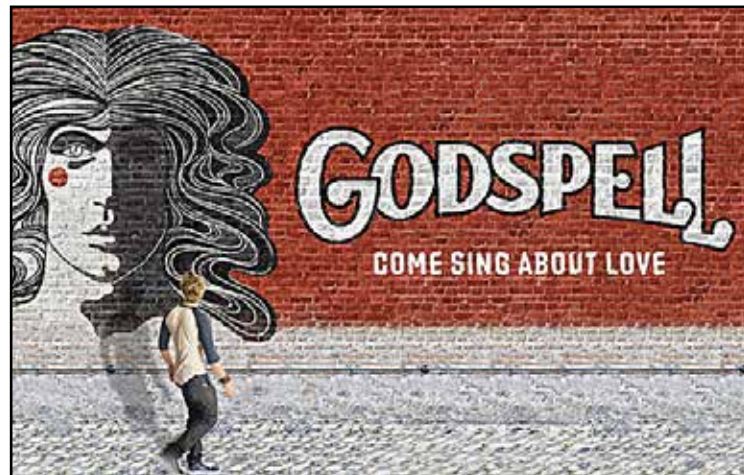
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A SPRING MUSICAL PRODUCTION "GODSPELL"



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We're excited to announce that our spring musical will be Godspell! We'll be producing the school, or Junior, version of the show. Join us at Middleburg Academy Saturday, April 1st at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 2nd at 2:00 pm.

Godspell was the first major musical theater offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Chil-

dren of Eden), and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," and "All Good Gifts."

A group of disciples help Jesus tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed to bring Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance, and love vibrantly to life onstage.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS & OUR LOCAL ARTISTS



As a long-time Middleburg resident recently said, "You can't swing a cat around here without hitting some kind of writer, painter, poet, actor, singer, musician or other stripe of artist." One can only guess what the cat thinks about this, but it does seem our community has a healthy helping of artistic talent.

Over the years, Middleburg's Emmanuel Episcopal Church has become well known for presenting outstanding artists. They are now launching an exciting regular series to further celebrate our local talent and a wide variety of art forms for all ages. On the occasions when talent is "imported," the artists will usually be family or friends of Middleburg and Upperville residents.

The series is called "At The Parish House" with monthly offerings of drama, comedy, music, songs, storytelling, poetry, dance, etc. The series kicks off March 31st with "The Nicolo Whimsy Show," a Renaissance-themed afternoon of juggling, storytelling, and laughter for all ages. In May, piano virtuoso Sophia Sabbaya Vastek performs. Lori and Kevin Daly will present their powerful reading of "Love Letters" in June. Dixieland jazz comes a bit later, and the Washington Gay Men's Chorus returns to wow Middleburg in September. October pumps us for Halloween with "Scary Songs & Stories," a famous photographer follows, and in December "one-man-show" actor Stephen Mead will again enthrall Middleburg with famous Christmas stories.

Events will usually occur on Sunday afternoons, with postings under "Events" on Emmanuel's website (emmanuelmiddleburg.org) and Facebook page (Emmanuel Episcopal Church Middleburg). So beware, talent scouts are now on the prowl! Start tuning up your best shaggy dog story (you know, the one your family despises) or that show tune you're always belting in the shower. For more information, call John Denegre at 540-729-2283.

CIVIL WAR WALKING TOUR OF LEESBURG

On March 25, Leesburg's Balch Library and the Mosby Heritage Area Association are jointly sponsoring a Walking Tour of Civil War Leesburg with Historian Emeritus Rich Gillespie.

The tour will leave from the Balch Library parking lot 208 West Market Street, Leesburg, at 10:00am.

The tour will examine the surviving Civil War townscape in Leesburg as a vehicle for discussion of how the Civil War developed and engulfed the county seat of Loudoun, then a town of only 1,500.

The two-hour chronological tour will provide ample spots to sit for the weary, and will paint some vibrant historic portraits to keep people enthralled. Included in the tour will be three skirmish sites, outside stops at two churches soldiers knew well, the courthouse lawn, "the best street in town," Harrison Hall where General Lee stayed, and the Episcopal cemetery.

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NEWS OF NOTE

NO TAX INCREASE

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

Early drafts of the Town of Middleburg's budget for the fiscal year 2018 project nearly a 7% increase in revenues (6.8%) and roughly 6% increase in combined General Fund and Health Center Fund expenses (5.8%).

According to a report compiled and issued by Town Administrator Martha Semmes and Treasurer Ashley Bott, both those projections are "conservative" and assume no increase whatsoever in the Town's tax rates.

Those projections also take into account the severe reductions in the assessed value of some of Middleburg's commercial properties, not the least of which was a \$24.2 million dollar reduction in the value of the Salamander Resort property. Despite the impact of those re-assessments on the fiscal year 2017 revenues, Semmes and Bott characterize the town's budget situation, through January 2017, as still "in good shape."

Other sources of income, including taxes on meals and accommodations, helped the Town's balance sheet. This year's mild winter saved the Town money on snow removal and allowed it "... to make progress on repairing the significant June hail storm damage

to then of our buildings."

The most significant changes in General Fund expenditure projections for the coming year include: a 3% raise for town employees; the hiring of a new administrative accounting assistant to help cover some of the work done by retiring Town Business and Economic Development Director, Cincy Pearson; converting the Middleburg Police Departments current part-time Administrative Assistant position to full time; adding one more Police Officer to the forces pool of part-time/special events reserves; and a \$30,000 contribution from the Town's General Fund to cover charitable contributions normally made from the "profits" realized from rental income from the Town's "Health Center" property.

The draft Budget for the Town's Utility Fund will be presented to Council this month.

More than 70 Apply for Pearson's Job

The announced fall retirement of the Town's long-serving and very first Business and Economic Development Director has produced, at press time, well over 70 applications for the post. Both phone and in-person interviews will be used to narrow the list to a manageable number.

Bluemont Concerts

Funding Debate

At its late February work session Council debated at some length a request from the Bluemont Concert organization for a Town-guaranteed grant of some \$12,500 to facilitate the production of four concerts in Middleburg this coming summer.

According to Economic Development Director, Pearson Bluemont had specifically requested that the Town appropriate the entire amount, freeing them from the uncertainties associated with waiting for a yes-or-no decision on a Bluemont grant request to the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Mayor Betsy Davis observed, that in her view, the Town could grant Bluemont \$2,500, which, along with a successful VCA grant proposal, would give them \$5,000 for Middleburg concert development.

Councilmember Bridge Littleton, at that point, noted that "all of the Bluemont concerts in total only brought two hundred people into the town."

Councilmember Philip Miller noted that, in his view, "... This was not a good use of Town funds and suggested that \$12,500 could do a lot of good for a lot of different organizations."

Miller observed that he was "all

for concerts" but, in his opinion, "they must be well planned and be good for both the businesses and attendees." He continued that he was Mr. "not seeing that here" and pointed out that \$12,500 was equal to half of the Town's Health Center Fund donations.

Councilmember Littleton then noted that at that rate, the concerts were costing the Town roughly \$60 per attendee, "which was a lot of money."

Vincent Bataoel, Chair of the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee, noted "that it was more than the Town spent on Christmas in Middleburg," which Councilmember Miller pointedly observed, "brought in fifteen thousand people."

When Mayor Davis suggested, the Town continues to offer Bluemont "some funding," Councilmember Peter Leonard-Morgan agreed and suggested the Town decelerate its donation slowly."

In the end Council, without objection, voted to "provide Bluemont funds of \$2,500, with the possibility of a match of \$2,500 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts."

Parking Fines

After "considerable discussion" at its last work session, Town Council agreed to suggest that

Middleburg's overtime parking fines be set at:

- \$30 (initial fine)
- \$55 (if not paid within seven days)
- \$100 (repeat offender if paid within seven days) and
- \$200 (repeat offender if paid after seven days).

Fines for illegal parking in places reserved for the handicapped will be higher.

Town Clerk Rhonda North noted that the suggested fines "would be advertised for a public hearing during [Council's] March work session."

Town Visioning Consultant

Councilmember Bridge Littleton reported to Council that Myra Gossens, of MPG Advisors, had "proposed to do an economic scan ... coupled with a survey focusing on "economic and business development" as part of Middleburg's ongoing "visioning" exercises, both for its own sake and in preparation for updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

"The idea," he noted, "was to get the pulse of tourists who spent money, including what they did or did not like, and the pulse of businesses to see if they were interested in expanding and, if they were interested in the Middleburg area, what would be important to them."

The results of the survey would, reportedly, be distributed to the members of the Middleburg Business and Professional Association, individuals on the Economic Development Coordinator's distribution list and individuals "in Congresswoman Barbara Comstock's data base."

In his view, "the survey would be sent to twenty to thirty thousand people that were located within thirty minutes of Middleburg." The survey would consist of roughly twenty "easy questions and a final question with closing comments."

Councilmember Littleton noted that "Gossens would charge by the hour" and that her usual fee for this sort of thing was around \$16,000."

Suggesting "the need to manage her hours to get the price down," Littleton observed that "her rate was comparable to most facilitators in the Northern Virginia area, although it was a little high." He also promised Council "that he would try to get her down a little on the hourly rate."

Council at that point "expressed concern about the proposed cost" asked Littleton to negotiate with Ms. Gossens to reduce her hourly rate to \$300 or \$325 and cap the number of hours, with the Town handling some of the administrative work."

Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson then noted that the Town could, in fact, and "conduct large Survey Monkey surveys through its contract with Constant Contact" which, until March 22, could be seen online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/middleburgeconomicurvey>

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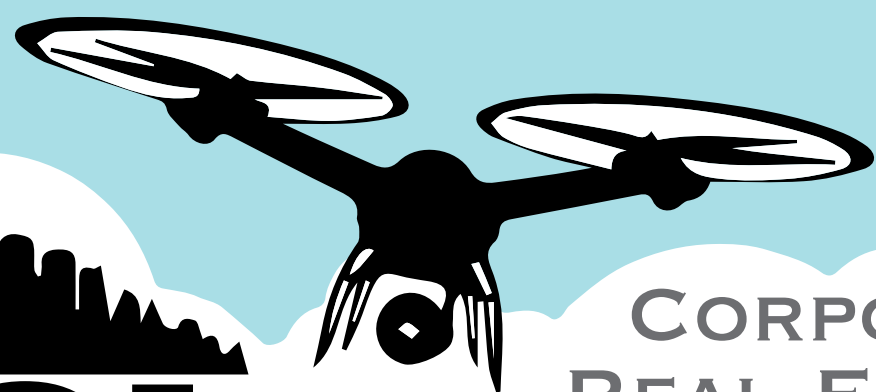


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WARRENTON HUNT POINT TO POINT

AIRLIE RACE COURSE, WARRENTON, VA ~ MARCH 18, 2017

The 76th running of the Warrenton Hunt Races, Virginia's oldest Point-to-Point, had to contend, once again, with fickle Mother Nature as March came in like a lamb, conning peepers into singing their mating songs and trees into budding, before roaring like a lion with migraine. Deep snow and heavy winds forecast early in the week dwindled into a relative dusting. On Saturday, March 18, the footing at the Airlie course was rated "good" and that's important for the horses. It turned into a lovely day for racing.

Trainer Jimmy Day

of Daybreak Stables (Clarke County) saddled five and posted two wins for owner Bruce Smart of Upperville: Full Colors in the Amateur/Novice Rider Hurdle and Officer's Oath in the Virginia Bred/Sired Flat.

The Maiden Hurdle, always an exciting contest, especially early in the season, was split into two divisions, each with seven starters. In the first set, Ross Geraghty piloted the Ricky Hendricks-trained Quarla in her debut over hurdles. The 6-year-old mare ran once on the flat last year at the International Gold Cup last year, but at Warrenton she won by a

head, besting the pacesetter Balistes, Kieran Norris doing the honors for owner Sara E. Collette. Third place went to Magalen O. Bryant's Cryptos' Holiday and Kieran Norris.

In the second division of the 2-mile Maiden Hurdle, Jazz Napravnik traveled down from Monkton, M with Flying Horse Farm LLC's Jesse O and engaged Jeff Murphy to ride the 5-year-old bay gelding in his first start over hurdles. Last year, Jesse O ran on the flat five times, placing second in his final start of the season at Montpelier in November. This year, Napravnik watched

the grandson of Pleasant Colony go to the front, set the pace throughout and cross the finish line 8 thrilling lengths in front of the closest challenger.

Doug Fout saddled the most runners, 8, with 6 finishing in the top three, including a 1-2 result in the Open Flat with Magalen O. Bryant's Last Farewell, a head in front of Pure Deal, owned by Beverly R. Steinman.

There's plenty more racing on the calendar, now that Warrenton launched the point-to-point season. Piedmont runs this Saturday, March 25, with Orange County on Sunday, April 2, and Old Dominion on Sat-

urday, April 8. Loudoun takes place at Oatlands on Sunday, April 16, followed by Blue Ridge, which postponed from March 12 to April 23.

April also cards two sanctioned meets: Middleburg Spring Races at Glenwood Park on Saturday, April 22, and Foxfield Spring Races in Charlottesville on April 29. Middleburg Hunt provides the month's finale on Sunday, April 30, at Glenwood Park.

On Saturday, May 6, the Virginia Gold Cup Races hold court at Great Meadow.

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2ND RACE: #5 FALL COLORS / AMBER HODYKA



3RD-1 RACE: #11 QUARLA / ROSS GERAGHTY



3RD-2 RACE: #16 JESSE O / JEFF MURPHY



4TH RACE: #7 LAST FAREWELL / BRENDAN CROWLEY



5TH RACE: #5 SWANSEA MILE / EVE LEDYARD



6TH RACE: OFFICER'S OATH / LIAM MCVICAR

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7TH RACE: LE CHEVALIER / MARK BEECHER



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1ST RACE: #13 PAC YER TACK / GERARD GALLIGAN



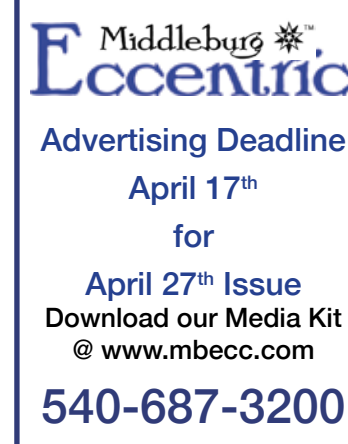
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2nd Race Awards

Amber Hodyka made her racing debut over hurdles aboard Bruce Smart's Fall Colors, trained by Jimmy Day, winning on a technicality when a lost weight pad resulted in disqualification of Slaney Rock and Erin Swope in the Amateur-Novice Hurdle. Pictured: Amber Hodyka and Melanie Bartenstein, who presented the trophy in honor of her late father, Andrew Bartenstein, with her children.

4th Race Awards

Max Tufts (far left) presented the trophy in honor of his late mother, Sally Spillman Tufts, ex-MFH, to the winner of the Open Flat, Mrs. Magalen O. Bryant's Last Farewell, ridden by Brendan Crowley and trained by Doug Fout (second from left).

6th Race Awards

Emily Day, owner Bruce Smart, trainer Jimmy Day, and Emily (née Smart) Rogan pause for a photo after Officer's Oath, bred by Daybreak Stables and ridden by Liam McVicar, scored a 5-length victory in the Virginia Bred/Sired Flat.

7th Race Awards

Will Allison ex-MFH and his wife Christina Allison, Robert Bonnie, Mark Beecher: Le Chevalier trained by Julie Gomena (not pictured), owned by Over Creek Stables LLC, romped to a 10-length victory in the Springs Valley Open Timber.

9th Race Awards

Zoe Valvo, who partnered her Addones Last Hurrah to win the Amateur & Novice Rider Timber, and Douglas Lees, Eclipse-Award winning photographer and sponsor of the race, who presented the trophy in honor of his late father, D. Harcourt Lees ex-MFH.



9TH RACE

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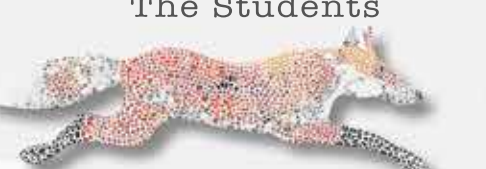
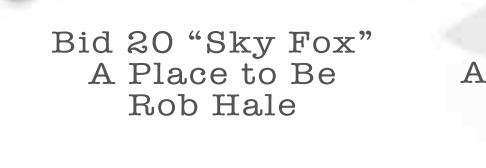
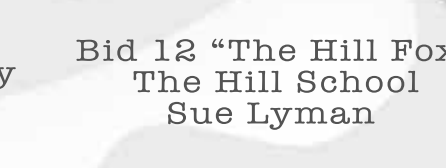
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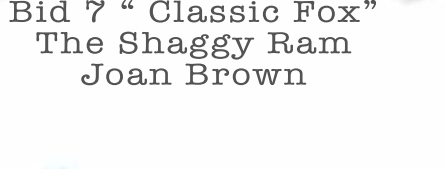
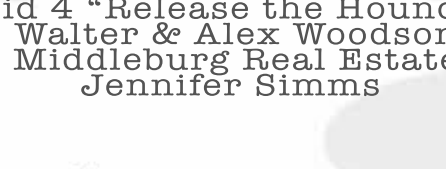
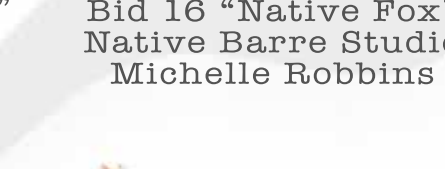
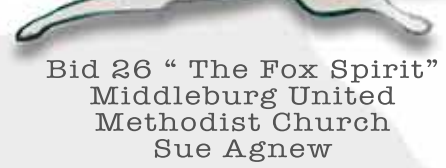
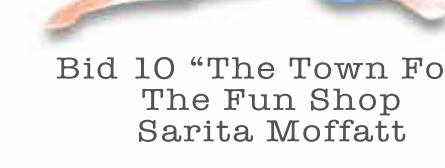
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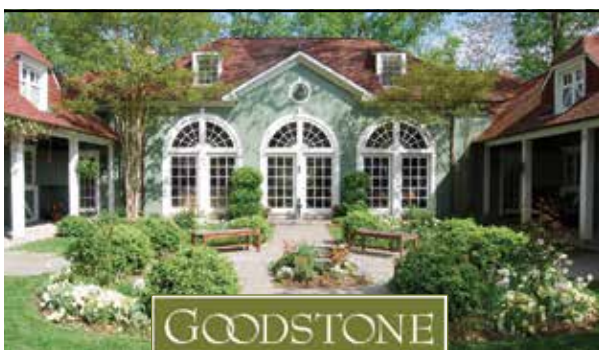
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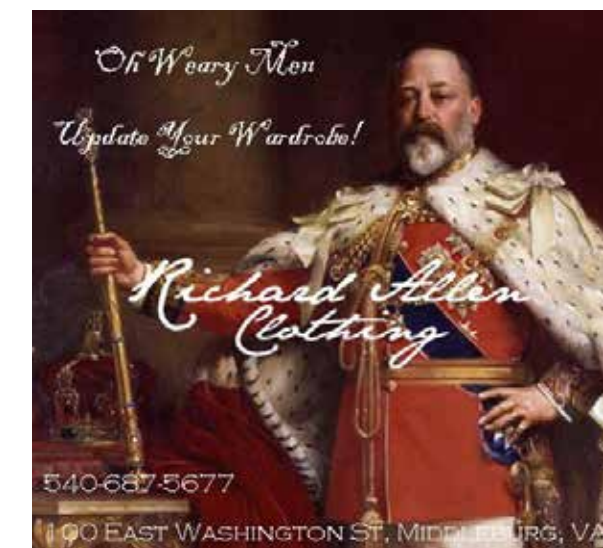
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MIDDLEBURG HUNT BALL
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Middleburg Hunt
Honors Their Huntsman

At the Middleburg Hunt Ball, Hugh Robards was given a rousing hip, hip hooray in honor of his retirement from 53 years of hunt service. Masters Jeff Blue, Penny Denegre, and Tim Harmon led a packed room of members, guests and friends in raising a glass of champagne to this beloved gentleman.

A video, "The Legacy of Hugh Robards", was played to a very quiet room. Here are some excerpts:

Hugh Robards: "...at 11 when I was out with my father in the woods and I heard the hounds...and the huntsman's voice... something just clicked...I wanted hunt service from the word go...it was just a happening, like falling in love...there's nothing better than a pack of hounds coming along with you... looking adoringly...Mum was very proud of her three boys...always boasting...well what do they do?...my eldest son is a professor...my second is a pediatrician...and my third son, (referring to Hugh) he is an entertainer...and she was quite right...I do entertain people...especially when I fall off my horse...it is a gift...I'm told the Queen and the Pope have the same (hunt coat) material...I think they are all fibs...I certainly love the people, the people that we hunt with are really wonderful, happy people...I've had a wonderful, wonderful time...it's been a privilege to end my career here in Virginia with Middleburg Hunt."

Julie Robards, Wife and Honorary Whipper-in: "I think he's part hound...he's been an ambassador for the sport of foxhunting...I'm a little melancholy...it's the sounds of hunting that I'll miss the most...it may be a little too quiet for a while... he's the best there ever was..."

Nancy Iserupe, Huntsman, Saxonburg Hounds: "...you really have to appreciate his sense of humor..."

Master Jeff Blue: "...his hounds absolutely love him...Hugh's been a great asset...a true gentleman... what he's done for us has been great and we've enjoyed the last few years immensely..."

Carrie Shefte, Honorary Whipper-in: "...one of the nicest human beings out there..."

Elizabeth Gilbert, Professional Whipper-in: "...he's my best friend...and I am very much going to miss him..."

Field Member: "Mr. Robards, thank you sir..."

Entire Field: "Hip, hip hooray! For he's a jolly good fellow..."



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BOY SCOUT TROOP 2950 WINTER COURT OF HONOR



Boy Scout Troop 2950 of Middleburg on February 27 had a “Court of Honor,” held three times per year to recognize scouts who have earned merit badges and made progress in rank advancement. Many of the scouts’ family and friends were present to share in the event held at the American Legion Post 295.

The scouts were awarded over 23 different merit badges, and nine scouts earn a new rank as they completed skills and requirements at each level of scouting. In addition to merit badges, the boys are often involved in community service projects, fundraising and of course, monthly campouts.

For more information on Troop 2950, please contact Committee Chairperson, Teri Domanski at 540-687-8067.



LOUDOUN COTILLION TRAVELS BACK IN TIME

AT THE VICTORIAN BALL

STONE TOWER WINERY HOSTS EVENT WITH POMP, CIRCUMSTANCE, AND LOTS OF DANCE



Loudoun Cotillion hosted their third annual Victorian Ball on Saturday, February, 25th at Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg. The Ball immersed 50 Loudoun high school students in a traditional Victorian experience including a three-course meal, parlor games, and dancing.

Coordinated by Jean Ann Michie, director of the Loudoun Chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions, the Victorian Ball is an annual tradition for Loudoun Cotillion. Students dressed in Victorian evening gowns and suits. Decor included flowers, candlelight, and a basket of sugared fruit.

The Ball opened with aperitifs as students mingled, comparing costumes and discussing dance partners for later in the evening.

Students then took their seats for a three-course meal catered by local chef Terri Driscoll of It’s a Peace of Cake Catering. Salad, Coq au vin, and a final course of chocolate dipped strawberries and cupcakes gave students opportunities to practice the table manners learned in previous cotillion classes. Students also tried out Victorian-era social graces including fan language and dance cards.

Dining and socializing set the stage for the Ball, but dancing was the “main event.” Dance Master Dr. Lawrence Keener-Farley and members of the Civil War Dance Foundation’s performing troupe guided students through dances set to Civil War era music. Girls in swinging hoop skirts filled the dance floor as they waltzed, reeled, and quadrilled with partners.

Cotillion parents had their fun as well. Stone Tower Winery hosted a “Date Night” for parents with wine, cheese, and dinner offerings in an upstairs room. Between drinks, parents visited the ballroom to watch their children dining and dancing.

The Victorian Ball is the climax of Loudoun Cotillion’s five-month program of classes and events. According to Mrs. Michie, it’s important to have events where etiquette and dancing are present but take a backseat to other activities. “Afterwards, students realize etiquette is already becoming second nature; it’s a big confidence booster.”

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MODEL U.N. TEAM COMPETES IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HOSTED BY GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



Seventeen of our Middleburg Academy Model UN Club delegates traveled to Washington, DC last weekend and competed in the 54th Annual North American Invitational Model United Nations Conference (NAIMUN) at the Washington, DC Hilton. Over 3,600 delegates attended, coming from numerous high schools across the U.S., as well as numerous foreign countries, including China, Pakistan, Germany, England, and Denmark.

Beginning on Thursday evening, the student delegates were immersed in intense parliamentary discussions, negotiations, caucusing, and speech-making sessions until midday on Sunday. Throughout the weekend, there were numerous opportunities for questioning, relationship building, and resolving of crises. First related and constantly reinforced throughout the weekend, the stated goals of the NAIMUN Conference were "inspiring, educating, and

empowering" the delegates. Certainly, our Middleburg Academy students left feeling that way.

Through the long weekend's breakneck pace of training sessions, committee meetings, panel discussions, and related Model UN commitments, the students also found time to visit DC-area sights, in particular, the National Gallery of Art. A number of students were able to identify and discuss numerous works of art from their History and Art classes at MA.

"While we didn't come away with any awards," stated Faculty Advisor, Maurice Rapp, "we were so impressed at how well our student-delegates held their own against such formidable competition." As team captain, Makayla Hardesty '17 did a diligent job organizing and preparing the delegates. Of particular note, Loki Drucker '18—a/k/a "datavampire"—was a key deal-maker in the Anonymous Hacker Summit and

Jake Rossi '18—Dr. Alaa Al-Aswany—exerted a great deal of influence on the Supreme Council of the Egyptian Armed Forces—June 2013. Another highlight was the exhilarating experience Callista Daly '19, and Colley Bell '20 had as Members of the boisterous British Parliament; "Huzzah!"

After a busy, challenging, exciting and tiring three and a half days, the students returned to school with a much better perspective on how the parliamentary process works at the UN as well as how important and necessary it is to do proper research, preparation, and practice to be successful. Whether speech making, negotiating or mediating peer interactions, the student delegates now know better what will be necessary to enjoy success in future competitions. Overall, NAIMUN Fifty-Four was a success for the Middleburg Academy Model UN Team!

POOL, TENNIS MEMBERSHIPS OFFER SUMMER FUN AND FITNESS AT FOXCROFT SCHOOL

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WAKEFIELD VARSITY SQUASH RETURN AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



This season the Wakefield Varsity Squash team traveled the second weekend of February to compete in the HEAD 2017 U.S. High School Team Squash Championships at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut and returned as national champions in their division. For only having courts on campus for a few months, the fact that they were competitive, let alone victorious was incredible. The team attributes their success to Coach Anthony Graham. Andrew Sparks, '17 states, "Whether it was through the early morning practices or when we would play 21 to close a practice, Coach Graham continually pushed us to give as much effort as we could and to picture how our rallies would play out. It says a lot about this team, how much we improved in a matter of months, and I think we can all look back on this season with a sense of pride and accomplishment."

The Fighting Owls ranked second of sixteen teams at the Championships in Connecticut, and went on to win the Division VII National Championship versus Canisius High School Blue, 5-2. After securing a first round bye, the Fighting Owls faced the Nichols School of Buffalo, New York. Wins by Peter Ohrstrom '18, Henry Ohrstrom '18, James Reid '18, and Bennett Wise '17, sealed the deal when Wakefield won in a close fought match of 4-3. The next test in the semi-finals was Wakefield versus Lancaster Country Day School of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Owls won by a slim margin of 4-3. Team Captain, Connor Mulvey '17, walked away with a 3-0 win which pushed Wakefield through to the Division VII National Championship Match. Mackie Rich, '18 notes, "A lot of seniors who joined the team this year hadn't ever played before but were very focused and practiced a lot. Having squash courts on campus, and two more courts than normal, meant more practice time, and that made all the difference."

In the final Division VII Cham-

pionship match, Dani De Andres Recarte started the team off well by overcoming a two-game deficit to win 3-2. The Wakefield Owls' lead was widened when Henry Ohrstrom '18 defeated his opponent 3-2. After the third and fourth matches of the

Championship, the Owls held a 3-1 lead and required only one more victory to secure Wakefield School's first ever National Championship. After losing the first game 8-11, Wise rallied back to win the next three games, resulting in Wakefield's first

ever National Squash Championship. The team would like to "thank those who made the construction of the squash courts possible. They were an integral part of the team's success this year and will serve to benefit the program in the years to

come. Without your generosity, this season would have ended a lot differently. Thank you to Coach Graham for leading us again this year and helping us develop as players."

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YOUR DAY AT THE RACES - WHAT TO WEAR

SINCERELY ME



BRANDY GREENWELL

This month marks my four-year anniversary writing for Middleburg Eccentric. To celebrate, I am throwing it back with a reprint of one of my favorites and yours. Enjoy and thank you for reading.

Riders up!! Spring in Virginia's horse country is full of many equestrian events including the Virginia steeplechase circuit. Starting in

March and going into May, there are meets every weekend full of riders, spectators, tailgaters and most of them are dressed to be seen. It can be challenging to find the perfect outfit for the terrain, weather, and occasion.

First, I know this has been said before, but please ladies, do not wear heels that can sink into the ground. Doing so causes a mobile hiccup effect where every other step creates a jerking motion to release your heels

from the clutches of the soft, spring earth. Even if it is a wedge, ones that are too high to walk in over rough ground are reserved for professionals to accomplish with grace. And perhaps most importantly, your shoes must be comfortable enough for all day on your feet. No one likes to see the girl, sling back in hand, stumbling toward the porta-john where she generally enters barefoot. Your foot fashion can make or break the day. Trust me.

Next, hats are often staples at the races. If you are not confident enough to rock out a hat with pride, leave it at home as you will look like a little girl playing dress up instead of a Kentucky Derby diva. They are meant to accent your eyes and are not to be worn on the back of your head like Madonna or Boy George in the 80's. And along the same lines, just to be proper, I should mention that the brim should never be wider than your shoulders. That is an old rule, but still, one to remember in order to get the most flattering style for you. On the day, I sincerely advise you to make sure they are secure somehow, either by hat-pin or proper fit. And no, elastic bands under your chins do not count and one should be publicly flogged for even thinking of it if you are over the age of 8. You don't want your lovely headpieces blowing like tumbleweed from tailgate to tailgate.

Anyone that has been to Glenwood Park, Woodley or Member's Hill at Great Meadow knows there can certainly be a breeze pass through the day, no matter what the



temperature. Mother Nature can be a prankster in the spring, and you will get Punk'd if you don't dress accordingly. Skirts that are too short and flowy nearly always lead to an obscene moment. Also, in any kind of skirt, please remember to bend at the knees when picking things up. Full moons should be reserved for werewolves and downward facing dog. I guarantee, even if you think no one sees your blunders, one of the hundreds of guests did and have already put your wardrobe malfunction on YouTube.

So have fun, be safe and dress appropriately this month wherever you are going.



self how incredibly fortunate you are that you can decide what you want to eat and then create a meal, don't just cook something, create something. I guarantee it will taste better.

Live An Artful Life, Tom
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can see all of the playlists I have put together since I joined Spotify.

We recently were at our favorite local restaurant, Field & Main (fieldandmainrestaurant.com), and that night they had great music playing that complemented both the atmosphere and the great food. That night it was jazz-- Ella Fitzgerald and John Coltrane--in this case playing his seminal tune Giant Steps. The great tunes kept coming as dinner progressed. I asked Tony about the music and he said they put together the playlists themselves and went by certain rules to enhance to atmosphere

and the menu selections. I can out it simply--a good playlist provides you a soundtrack for your current experience, whether it's in the gym, on the road or at Field & Main, eating one of Chef Anthony's Ember Roasted Whole Rockfish, preceded by some Buffalo-Style Crispy Pig Ear and a Delaplane Petit Manseng.

Here's my playlist for this month, new jazz music I have discovered recently. Anyone that says there is no good music today needs to throw on some headphones and listen here: tinyurl.com/z5ww36f

SEE YOUR SMILE IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT



DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

Our smiles are viewed in a variety of lighting. The type of light, electric and its various forms, and natural light at its different times of day, make a difference in what is seen. For the most natural and consistent look, natural sunlight (also known as daylight or cool white) is preferred.

Indoor light bulbs started as incandescent with the invention of the light bulb in the late 1800's. Traditional incandescent light bulbs give off a warm yellow glow that was meant to resemble candlelight and gas lights, the type of lighting that people were accustomed to. There was initial opposition to electric lighting due to the cost of running electric lines, wiring homes and businesses, and a general resistance to change. Fluorescent tubes were introduced commercially in the 1940's. The traditional fluorescent tube gives a green color and can also have some background noise. Fluorescent tubes now

Comparisons	Incandescent	LED (light emitting diode)	Fluorescent
Life Span (hours)	1,200	50,000	8,000
Watts (60 watt bulb)	60	6-8	13-15
Cost/year 30 bulbs	\$328.59	\$32.85	\$76.65
Heat emitted	85 btu's/hour, hot	3.4 btu's/hour, cool	30 btu's/hour, warm
Turns on instantly	Yes	Yes	No
Durability	Poor	Excellent	Poor
Contains Toxic Mercury	No	No	Yes
Cost of the bulb/tube	Low	High	Medium
Dimmable	Yes	Yes	No

can be purchased that resemble natural sunlight and incandescent bulbs have been introduced which give off cool light, more closely resembling sunlight. To make incandescent and fluorescent lights closely resemble natural light the bulb or tube has to be coated with a shade adjuster to alter the emitted light. The most recent development in lighting is the light emitting diode (LED). LED's can be in any color without a shade adjuster.

Lighting is an important consideration in dental offices. It can impact the quality of your care. Optimally, dental offices should have lighting that is color corrected to natural sunlight because that is the best way for dentists to match teeth and produce predictable esthetic results. Natural light allows the dentist to com-



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STEVE CHASE

What's in a playlist? Go online and type playlist and you get about 1.4 billion results. Simply put, the playlist is a reflection of everyone's musical likes, and we all are unique in that respect. I started putting together playlists in the early eighties. I was too poor to have a cassette deck, so I bought a used 8 track boom box, and ran audio of my turntable into it to do some drop the needle recording. I was prepping for a job where I would have no electricity or plumbing for four months, so having that boom box and those eight tracks were super important. A few years later, when we got married, one of our best wedding gifts was a playlist of amazing tunes given to us on a cassette, which we could listen to by then on the car cassette player or the new Walkman.

The Sony Walkman was first produced in 1978, and it became ubiquitous in the eighties as the major musical listening tool. When I finally got one, I could use it cycling and skiing, and when combined with my cassette deck, I could make playlists from my vinyl collection. In the late

eighties came the compact disc, and as the popularity grew, I became adept at dubbing CD music to cassettes. My playlists back then reflected the huge influence that jazz rock fusion had on my musical palate, so bands like weather report, Santana, Pat Metheny, Frank Zappa, and John McLaughlin's various bands were usually found on my tapes, which began to fill multiple shoe boxes.

In 2001, the digital music revolution began. Apple released its iTunes software in February and followed that up eight months later with the iPod. It was the year Analog music died, and the digital conversion began. Depending on your Internet connection, you could download music right from the iTunes software platform, and that music could be loaded on the deck of cards sized electronic box that would play that music for you. You could hear it via headphones or plug it into your stereo. Playlists could be made with a few clicks and drags on your computer. It was a renaissance in music, and changed everything, much to the eventual chagrin of the record companies and artists alike.

When streaming services came along, you could access mostly pre-

prepared playlists, and eventually with services like Spotify, you could make your own playlists, having access to millions of albums, including all that music you grew up with. Feeling melancholy, make a playlist; heading out on a road trip, make a playlist; love one artist, make a best of playlist; having a party, make a playlist. It's now an infinite thing.

I am a big Spotify fan. For \$15 bucks my whole family can access a colossal library of music, and with that I can make playlists for every occasion, mood and activity. Spotify does a great job looking at what you listen to and providing suggestions and "daily mixes" for new (and old) music that you might like. Most of us stop caring about new music in our early 30s, but I continue to discover amazing new music being played by innovative, young musicians who deserve to be heard. Spotify allows you to follow other members and see what they are listening to and what playlists they have made. It's another great way to find music you have never heard of but now listen to daily. Every month I make a playlist for you that reflects what I'm listening to (mostly). If you are on Spotify, give me a follow and you

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A REFRESHER ON EXTERIOR HOME MAINTENANCE

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TIM BURCH

Many homeowners wonder: “Am I doing enough to keep my home safe from the outdoor elements?” Our experience over the past 30 years has proven that there are certain exterior maintenance items that are critical to the long-term health of the home. All too often we find that when serious issues arise, they are directly or indirectly due to these basic home maintenance items being neglected, either because they are not understood or forgotten. A regular schedule of maintenance

will likely help to identify issues early so problems can be addressed in a timely manner and adverse effects can be minimized.

Trim, Windows and Shutters

- Maintenance Recommendation: Annual inspection, and caulking and paint touch up as necessary.
- Wooden trim, windows and shutters need annual maintenance and inspection to ensure the life of the wood, and to prevent unwanted water from entering the interior of the house.

Even the best weather barrier in the world would not be sufficient if a steady supply of water can get behind the trim or windows. Caulking is the product used to prevent water infiltration and rot where trim and windows meet the primary exterior surface (siding, stone, stucco, etc.), as well as at the joints of shutters and other wood surfaces. The life span of caulking varies depending on the amount of exposure to the weather, and for this reason all windows, trim and shutters should be inspected annually and touched up as nec-

essary to prevent any premature rot and water infiltration.

Gutters and Downspouts

- Maintenance Recommendation: Cleaned four times per year to ensure flow.
- When gutters and/or downspouts get blocked there is a greater risk that water will get into the home or cause damage to trim and/or the fascia boards to which they are mounted. Depending on the number of trees around the home, gutters will need cleaning four or more times per year. Just as important as cleaning the gutters, is testing downspouts to ensure they are not blocked. It is not uncommon to have a downspout blocked near the bottom, and when this happens gutters can fill with water and leak over the front and the back of the gutter. If gutters and downspouts are not maintained consistently, they can eventually pull away from the house due to the weight burden of the standing water. One more thing, when cleaning gutters it is a good time to also clear debris from valleys and low pitched roofs.

Underground Drainage

- Maintenance Recommendation: Four times per year based on location, monitor during heavy rains. Drains must remain clear to ensure water flow.
- Many people have a floor/grate drain at the bottom of an exterior stairwell and/or underground drains connected to downspouts that take the water away from the house. Keeping these drains free and clear is as important as keeping your gutters and downspouts clean. In heavy rains, floor and grate drains can get clogged with debris, allowing water to build up



and get into the house below an exterior door. A blocked underground drain can cause damage to back up and overflow much like if a downspout is clogged (see Gutters and Downspouts). Keeping these free and clear will reduce the risk of unwanted water infiltration.

Exterior Grade

- Maintenance Recommendation: Inspect twice per year, correct as needed.
- Along with gutters, downspouts and drains, the grading around the exterior of the home plays a critical role in keeping excess moisture away from the structure. You should inspect the soil near the foundation twice per year to ensure a sloped grade away from the house, known as positive slope. The slope should be about one inch per foot. Also, as dirt often settles in unexplainable ways, be sure to re-evaluate the situation shortly after a construction or landscaping project. You can do so easily by looking for areas of standing water after a heavy rain.

Hose Bibs

- Maintenance Recommendation: Turn off and drain hose bibs in the fall, and turn on in the spring.
- Hose bibs are the water faucets to which gardening hoses attach. Every year, basements become flooded because water is allowed to remain inside the pipes through the freezing winter months, which can cause pipes to burst. When spring rolls around, these busted pipes thaw and begin to leak. If not identified right away, this can lead to excessive water damage. All hose bibs, including those that are “Frost Free” should be shut off and drained during the winter months to prevent this from happening.

A regular schedule of home maintenance is critical to keeping your home healthy and family safe all year long. These baseline preventative maintenance steps should help to ensure your home’s exterior stays in top shape.

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THE SPRING BLUES

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE



Dribbles of blue can easily be achieved in early spring. Possibly the best time to plan and plant for the elusive color, the gardener’s Holy Grail, true blue. There are a few choices for later in spring, say amsonia, larkspur, and a few rare salvias (that are blue, not purple), but the blue of early spring can be rich and vibrant, standing alone without competing greens.

Spring bulbs play a major role. Various grape hyacinths or muscari do a great job in March and early April. Small single and double flowering varieties can be inexpensively planted, almost thrown into the garden in fall when the bulbs are for sale. Although it can’t go without saying that they are persistent enough to loose all of their charm come May, when the straggly post flower foliage is far from beautiful. A robust covering of foliage from taller perennials is the best way to cover them up, and they don’t seem to mind flowering with gusto the following spring.

Another little bulb with glorious blue flowers are the spring starflowers or Ipheion uniflorum, the latter meaning single flower, as there is only 1 flower per stalk. A minor bulb, the size of a marble, there are several hybrids and shades of blue. Sometimes the palest blues are the most effective,

especially in the company of royal blue.

In perennials the low growing veronicas flower early and provide a skirt for the minor bulbs to cozy up to. Commonly called speedwell, this derived from a bouquet of blue flowers given to travelers to wish them “speed well”. My favorites are Veronica austriaca ‘Crater Lake Blue’ or V. ‘Venice Blue’, both superior for that rich, rich blue color. Ground hugging in habit of growth, they can tumble over a wall, be scattered in a rock garden or edge the front of the perennial border. This wash of blue options can stand alone or be punctuated with Euphorbia polychroma (chartreuse flowers), or Sedum ‘Angelina’, which has chartreuse foliage accented with orange in early spring.

All of these can also be the filling for planters, add a pansy that is truly blue, or maybe some lobelia to hang over the edge. Early spring is the best time for noteworthy blues, so don’t wait for the perfect delphinium, or iris, think March and April.

COULD MAGNESIUM BE THE MISSING LINK?

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Magnesium is an often an overlooked mineral that is responsible for over 300 processes in the body. When we don’t get enough magnesium through diet we can feel a bit off. Trouble sleeping is often a culprit of low levels of magnesium. With proper levels of magnesium in the diet it can help to have a calming effect on the nervous system. Also, muscle cramps and soreness have been linked to low levels of magnesium. If you are stressed out, have your magnesium levels checked, because magnesium is a powerful relaxant mineral. Brain fog has been shown to be caused by low levels of magnesium. In fact, when magnesium levels are brought back up to a normal range your attention span improves. For some low levels of magnesium can cause digestion is-

suas as well as constipation. When there is a deficiency of magnesium the bowel is unable to relax which leads to constipation. There are so many foods that when included in your diet help to raise magnesium levels.

Getting 400 to 500 mg of magnesium daily through diet is optimum. It is easy to get magnesium through your diet. Foods such as leafy greens, brazil nuts, almonds, avocados, dark chocolate as well as meat and fish are high in magnesium. Taking an Epsom salt bath before bed will not only help your sore muscles, but will deliver a healthy dose of magnesium right through your skin. It is also a great way to wind down before bedtime.

If you decide to supplement with magnesium, make sure it is bound with glycinate and taurate as this is better absorbed and utilized by the body. It is best to stay away from magnesium that has been bound with oxides. Please check with your physician before you start any supplementation program.

Have a smoothie in the morning with magnesium rich kale, almonds, and avocado. Add some berries and a banana, a little dark chocolate with coconut water and you are on your way to living a healthy magnesium rich day.

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Buddy is an INCREDIBLY cute & sweet little 10 year old man who loves belly rubs & knows some cool tricks! Buddy loves people, but needs to be in a home with no other animals. This old guy really deserves a place to hang his hat & a cozy bed. Don't let his age fool you, he's healthy & will be an amazing companion!



Dixie is a sweet, mellow mare who found refuge with us after living hungry in poor conditions. She is sound & gets along with other horses. Previously she was used in the Madeira School's summer camp. She stands for farrier, great for vet, is a honest real lovable horse in need of a forever home. She is approximately 20 years old & only has one eye, but does not act any different than horses with both.



Whiting was dumped in our driveway because of his age. He is 15 1/2 years old & has some front feet deformities due to malnutrition & neglect, but he is as healthy as a pup! He is gentle with people & grateful to receive the love & care that he deserves but was denied for so many years. He likes dogs but doesn't care for kitties. Don't let his age fool you, he has many happy years ahead of him!



Ned is a senior looking for a cushy retirement home. He's a sweet 15H guy who gets along well with other horses. Ned doesn't have a lot of teeth left, so he eats his grain as a mush & gets soaked hay cubes. But don't tell him he's too old to graze - he loves to go out in the field with other horses & crop the grass, even if he doesn't actually eat it. Help a senior horse live the good life in his golden years!



Trapper is a funny & playful Shepherd mix. He is VERY reactive to other animals & may not be good around children. He is, however, SUPER friendly with all adults & is tons of fun, but he needs a house where he is the only animal.



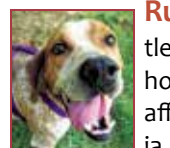
Laverne is a beautiful ~15h 9 year old mare that is easy to work with on the ground, stands for vet and farrier, & gets along with all the other horses. She recently went through training with a professional to be started under saddle!



Flip is a 3 year old, 15H, bay roan Appaloosa cross that should mature to 15.2. He is very loving & sweet, has great ground manners, & stands for farrier & vet. He is 100% healthy & sound & is ready to be started under saddle in whatever discipline you choose!



Roxy is a young American Guinea Hog, which is very similar to the potbellied breed. She is approximately 1 1/2 years old & should mature around 300 lbs. She enjoys outdoor living with her friends.



Rusty is a VERY handsome, gentle, 5 year old purebred coonhound who came from the most affected flood area in West Virginia. He can't live with cats or small dogs, but he is the sweetest thing you can imagine. This dog truly has a heart of gold & deserves a loving second chance at life.

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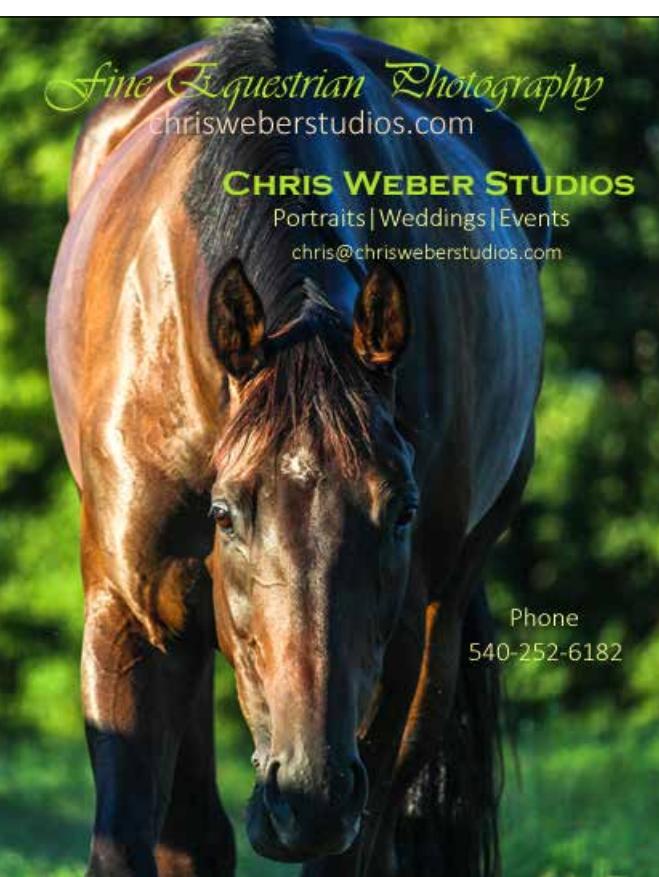
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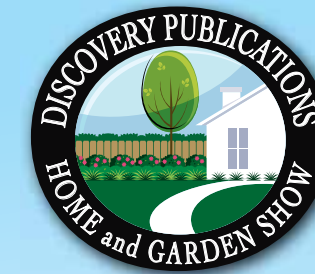
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“VISIONING:” IT IS IMPORTANT

In this edition’s coverage of the Middleburg Town Council, and in veteran Council Member Mark Snyder’s “Ask a Council Member” column you will see multiple references to Town Council’s forthcoming “visioning” activities.

While the word itself evokes the sort of consultant-speak and jargon many, if not all of us have grown to suspect, or worse, THIS IS IMPORTANT.

You should go if you can,

The Middleburg Town Council is set to conduct formal, documented discussions of its collective “vision” for the future of Middleburg on April 7 at 5:30 PM and on Saturday the 8th at 8:30 in an as-yet-to-be-announced conference room at the Salamander Inn and Spa. Because three or more Council members are expected to attend these meetings are, by law, open to the public.

as preparation for later calls for feedback from the general public by Council

The moderated discussions at Salamander will have a profound effect on the development of Middleburg’s latest iteration of its Comprehensive Plan, a periodically revised formal document, required by law, which will, in turn, profoundly affect regulations, zoning, capital investment, hiring, and many other activities of your Town Council for years to come.

If you can’t make it to Salamander on April 7 and 8, go to <http://www.middleburgva.gov/documents.html> and read the Town’s current, 2008 edition of its “visioning” document.

THEN go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/middle-burgeconomicsurvey> and provide feedback through the Town’s on-line Survey.

It takes less than five minutes to complete, and all responses and the identities of responders are anonymous.

At press time deadline for completion of the survey was set for March 22.

Town Council is looking for feedback not only from citizens of the town but all its visitors, friends and supporters.

Please give them as much help and feedback as possible.

It DOES make a difference.

THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN BLUE

DAN MORROW

John McCain may not be a hero in the eyes of His Petulancy but he’s been a Senator for 30 years, and he is the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

“There’s a lot of aspects of this whole relationship with Russia and [Putin] that requires further scrutiny, and so far, I don’t think the American people have gotten all the answers,” McCain told CNN this month. “In fact, I think there’s a lot more shoes to drop from this centipede.”

Despite the Grand Duke of Deception’s efforts to divert attention from his “Russian Problem” the centipede is shedding shoes like sports teams that have lost their Nike endorsements . . . and some of them smell to high heaven.

Who still doubts, for example, that Vladimir Putin hated Hillary Clinton and aggressively put both Russian government and private assets, on a massive scale, to work to

discredit her, undermine her campaign and in the process provide both aid and comfort to her opponent in the last Presidential election?

Putin and his pro-Trump pals hacked computer systems.

They spread fake news stories about Secretary Clinton (many of them still believed by the Trump faithful) on a scale unprecedented in human history.

Some of our friends in the GOP continue to insist that the Russian efforts “made little or no difference in the final results of the election.”

That’s blatant nonsense, especially given the tiny margin of Trump’s “victory.”

But then, His Petulancy and many of his pals still believe 3 million cheaters gave Clinton her popular vote plurality. (They also still believes President Obama criminally ordered “wiretaps” on Trump Tower; that the British secretly aided Obama in that effort; and that His Petulancy actually saw tens of thousands of

folks in New Jersey cheering the fall of the Twin Towers on 9/11)

The other “shoes” are falling two at a time, as individuals with close ties to Trump, the Trump campaign, the Trump family, or Trump businesses lie about their ties to Putin, the Russian government, Russian allies, oligarchs, or combinations and permutations of same, and are then forced to scramble to “explain” that what they said, in public or under oath, or both.

Check out ex-National Security Advisor Mike Flynn, fired ostensibly for lying to the Vice President about his Russian ties, but now coming under intense scrutiny for lying by omission about a host of other similar sins.

Google current Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who clearly lied (or misspoke) under oath , and despite his best efforts was forced to recuse himself from any investigation of Trump/Russian Campaign ties.

Read the alt-right musings of

Steve Bannon and his band of Breitbartians.

Follow the money that flowed into former Trump Campaign Manager Paul Manafort’s pockets.

Look up Roger Stone, “longtime Trump friend and informal adviser,” and his direct ties “to the Russian intelligence agents who hacked the DNC.”

Or consider His Petulancy’s policy friend and advisor Carter Page and his ties GazProm.

Or scan the press on Evgeniy Bogachev “the most wanted cybercriminal in the world.”

Look up Russian oligarch Dmitry Rybolovlev and top Trump donor Robert Mercer.

And then there are the host of other semi-peripheral players, like Monica Crowley, once slotted for His Petulancy’s National Security Council” until charges of plagiarism appeared to disqualify her. She’s now “registered as a FOREIGN AGENT for a

Ukrainian oligarch who advocates concessions to Russia.”

While you’re at it, check out why the GOP dropped from its platform the bi-partisan plank supporting US supply of defensive weapons to the Ukraine.

His Petulancy and his clique continue to claim there is “no evidence” that anyone linked to Trump or his campaign actually “colluded” with Putin’s pals, public or private.

Arguably nonsense, especially given the fact that high government officials rarely lie or make “misstatements” under oath unless there is something to hide.

And, in any case, there is circumstantial evidence enough out there to launch formal and increasingly bi-partisan investigations

The pile of fallen shoes continues to grow . . . with no end in sight.

Perhaps McCain should have been thinking millipede?

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! RED

JIM MORGAN

For some time now, the Democrats, Hollywood, academia, and the left-wing media, our Axis of Lunacy (Hey, if Hillary can say “basket of deplorables,” I can say “axis of lunacy.” Fair is fair), are being insistent that the Russians made Donald Trump president. This is just a modern version of slinging a lot of horse manure against the side of the barn figuring that some of it will stick. But, sadly,

some of it does.

Ultimately, liberals seem more interested in getting Donald Trump than in discovering what Russia may or may not have done. And, to get Trump, they’re attacking everyone around him, some of whom, admittedly, deserve criticism more than others. Death by a thousand cuts. Rence Priebus, Steve Bannon, Jared and Ivanka Kushner, Jeff Sessions, Sebastian Gorka, Mike Flynn, Monica Crowley, Neil Gorsuch, even Melania

Trump and her ten-year old son have been attacked by these folks.

Now President Trump has accused ex-President Obama of using the FBI to wiretap his campaign. Liberals believe that Trump has made a big mistake because 1) Obama didn’t do it and 2) the results of his wire-tapping will prove collusion between Trump and Putin to steal the election. Never mind that 1 and 2 can’t both be possible. That’s their story and they’re sticking to it.

As to number 1, raise your hand if you’re really naïve enough to believe that Barack Obama would not order the surveillance of a political opponent. He is, after all, the guy who referred to his political opponents as “enemies.” And, given his widely known partisan misuse of the IRS, the EPA, and the DoJ (ask James Rosen), it should be clear that Trump’s accusation is credible on that basis alone.

And then there’s this Inauguration

Day New York Times headline: “Wire-tap Data Used in Inquiry of Trump Aides.” So even the venerable old gray lady admits that Trump’s accusation had some merit though she has been back-tracking ever since. Liberals are saying, probably correctly, that Obama himself didn’t personally order the surveillance but that is disingenuous. And the distinction they’re making between “Trump” and “Trump aides” in this context is a non-existent one. Obama’s administra-

tion was (legally) investigating alleged Russian ties of several Trump associates; wiretaps included. Trump was essentially correct.

What about claim number 2? If it proves collusion, it also proves Trump’s accusation. If it doesn’t prove collusion, it still proves Trump’s accusation. And, as National Review’s Andrew McCarthy has asked, how, if not by

wiretap, did the government initially get all the information that has been leaked (illegally) to the press?

Given all the sound and fury signifying nothing very much, what is happening is what conservative journalist Stephen Hayes calls “the public version of an elaborate game of ‘telephone’ that’s taking place behind the scenes.”

And since when have Democrats

been concerned about the Russians anyway? Didn’t Obama make fun of Mitt Romney in 2012 for pointing out that threat? And wasn’t it Obama who told the Russians that he would have “more flexibility” after the 2012 election (and then proceeded to demonstrate by doing nothing while Putin gobbled up half of Ukraine)? Yet Democrats believe in and are loudly complaining about some nefarious

Trump-Putin partnership. The FBI, by the way, has said several times that there is absolutely no evidence of collusion and no evidence that the Russians hacking into John Podesta’s email had any effect on the outcome of the election. Still, the Democrats continue to push that narrative. Why?

The daily drumbeat of unsourced accusations to the contrary reflects the

SCIENCE UNDER SIEGE A SCIENTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

ARTHUR POLAND, PH.D.

With the Trump administration’s increasing attacks on science, I feel the need to put out a few comments about what is being said and reality. While I doubt that I can influence the true believers, I hope to better inform some who are just confused.

My first comments relates to the EPA and its new administrator Scott Pruitt. He recently publically announced that he doesn’t believe that global warming is primarily human induced. My first question to him would be, “Why do you believe that?

My financial adviser, interestingly, said to me, “follow the money.” There is, indeed, money to be made in disbelief of global warming (read oil and

coal.)

So, why should I believe in human induced warming?

Mainly I have to say scientific research.

We have been able to model the Earth’s atmosphere pretty well. We can put in conditions in 1900, and “predict” pretty accurately 1990. If we leave out various pollutants, such as CO2 and particulates, the prediction comes out too low. If we add only CO2, the temperature comes out too high. But, adding particulates, which have a cooling effect, the “prediction” is quite accurate. We do have a pretty good handle on climate modeling.

So, what about the scientists who say it is not true? Sadly, all of the sci-

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF MIDDLEBURG ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

First, a reminder. The Middleburg Town Council is gathering Friday evening, April 7, at 5:30 and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 for visioning sessions to discuss goals and policies.

Council will use a conference room at Salamander Resort.

All sessions are open to the public but the meetings will provide NO opportunity for direct public participation in the discussion

Therefore, I want your comments and suggestions in advance!

The text of our current, 2008 Town Visioning document is here: <http://www.middleburgva.gov/documents.html>.

Please read and send me your thoughts!

Middleburg Water

Ah, water!

Most people take water for granted until a problem arises.

How did our region miss the disaster Flint experience with lead contamination in their municipal water utility?

Did Middleburg come anywhere close to Flint’s many problems?

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Flint experienced a confluence of catastrophes that led to their crises. First, Flint had severe budget problems culminating in 2013, under the administration of an Emergency Manager imposed by Michigan. One of the manager’s budget “solutions” was to switch from consuming water from Detroit to using Flint River water. That change occurred in late April 2014. Flint did not perform the necessary professional due diligence to analyze likely impacts from the new water supply. For example, the corrosion from the much harder Flint River water was noticeable within a few months. Instead, they were oblivious, without any corrosion control plan. Residents complained about the smell and color of the new water in May, and Flint’s first public health emergency was high bacterial counts, resulting in a boil water requirement in August. Michigan Radio reported high lead levels in the water in late February 2015. A Virginia Tech independent study confirmed alarmingly high lead levels in September. Flint had some lead water lines that this corrosive water leached into supply lines.

In summary, Flint’s finances were heading towards bankruptcy; the state imposed an emergency manager who al-

lowed poor decisions resulting in catastrophe. The state and local governments also mismanaged its communications to Flint residents and Flint continues to struggle today. Even switching back to Detroit water did not produce a resolution.

I am pleased to report that these conditions do not exist in our region, particularly Middleburg. Middleburg’s financial conditions are good to excellent. Middleburg employs a professional management company for operations and maintenance. The Town implemented several improvements in the past few years and its plans call for further improvements in the near future.

Middleburg noticed water quality problems in the late 1990s. In response, Middleburg contracted a professional engineering firm that analyzed Middleburg’s Water and Sewer system, producing a full report in 2003. This study allowed us to see the utility’s shortcomings so we could begin addressing them.

In 2005, the Town agreed to annex Salamander and approve the resort as an allowable use. The agreement included requirements that the developer build a second water treatment plant and a replacement wastewater plant to Town specifications and delivering the facilities to Middleburg once our engineering consultant and Virginia’s DEQ and VDH officials successfully completed all

work for NASA, I was involved with people from NOAA who were working to get their capabilities up to where they are now. It was a joint effort involving NASA, NOAA, NSF (National Science Foundation), FAA, and the pentagon (yes the military does care about weather and they know they can’t do it alone). Defunding NESDIS destroys an important weather prediction tool.

My bottom line on this is that over the last several decades our country has developed an exceptional scientific capability. It takes time to build this capability. This capability has improved our lives and enhanced our economy. After it has been destroyed, it will not be easy to rebuild it.

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