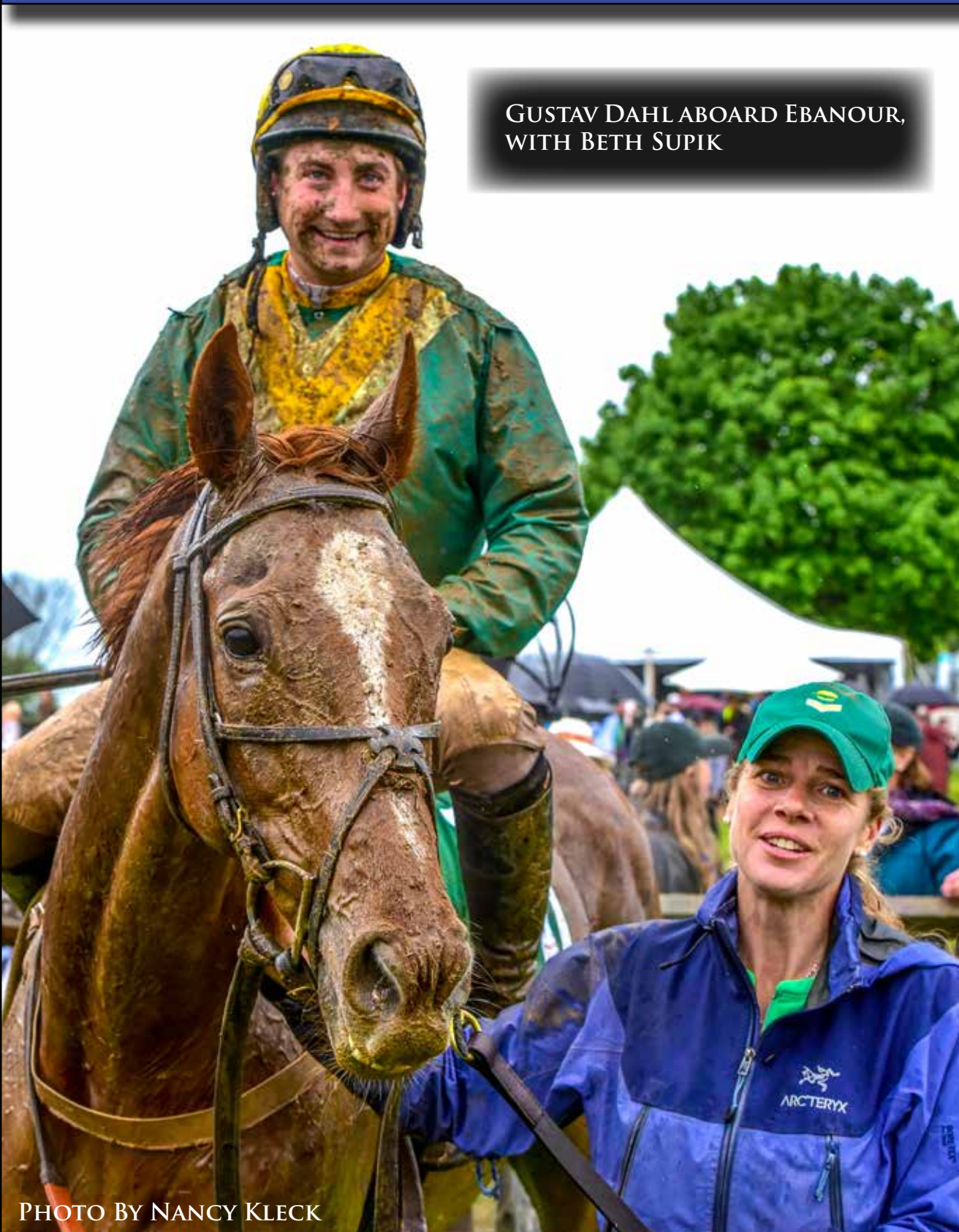


KUDOS TO INDIVIDUALS AND OUTSTANDING BUSINESSES

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT



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WITH BETH SUPIK

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DAN MARROW

Mayor Betsy Davis opened the regular May 11 meeting of the Middleburg Town Council with kudos for the individuals and outstanding businesses recognized at that day's Visit Loudoun Awards Luncheon.

German Lopez, the Grounds Technician for the Goodstone Inn, won Visit Loudoun's Back of the House Award.

The Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Invitational Side Saddle Race won the Annual Event of the Year Award, and

Dr. Sheila Johnson won the Judy Patterson Tourism Award for the Middleburg Film Festival.

Nominated for awards were: Reggie Cooper of the Salamander Resort for Manager of the Year; Visit Middleburg and We Are Open for the Branding/Marketing/Promotional Campaign of the Year; Kari Bowman, Recreation Director for the Salamander Resort and Christen Garland, Dave Parker, Sr. and Audrey Siler, Sr. of 50 West Vineyard for the Love Loudoun Ambassador of the Year Award.

Financial Support for Visit Loudoun

Beth Erikson, President and CEO of "Visit Loudoun," followed up on an earlier presentation to Council, with a request that to "move forward with the development of a formal "Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between her organization and the Town.

Ms. Erikson noted that Visit Loudoun had enjoyed an excellent "financial partnership" with the Town for seventeen years, beginning with 2000 with a grant of \$5,000.

Visit Loudoun, Erikson noted, is a powerful force in promoting the town and, as a result, generating TOT (transient occupancy taxes) for the Town Treasury. Their efforts go beyond marketing and

positioning, she noted, pointing out that their five-person sales force works in close concert with Middleburg's Salamander Inn and Spa, and other hotels and resorts. In 2016, Visit Loudoun booked twenty groups, which generated more fifteen hundred room nights that generated \$500,000 in direct revenue for Salamander.

A formal MOU with the Town, Erikson continued, would help ensure "a better integration with Visit Loudoun," create opportunities to work more closely when looking at economic development projects, create a platform for strategic planning and maximizing opportunities at both the economic development and Council levels.

As for funding, Erikson asked Council to consider keeping their funding at the same level as last year: \$30,000.

Erikson was supported by Salamander's Reggie Cooper, a member of Visit Loudoun's Board of Directors, who reminded Council that "Visit Loudoun offered did not just help one property, but rather helped a lot of businesses in the area."

Salamander's Prem Devadas agreed and pointed out that "Salamander Resort would not have been in Middleburg, despite the efforts of the Town, if it had not been able to work out an MOU between the Town, Salamander and Loudoun County." He also reminded Council that, when Loudoun County gave up the TOT taxes that now flow to Middleburg, they asked the Town to support Visit Loudoun. At that time, Devadas continued, "he thought it was appropriate to commit to \$50,000 to start and suggested that once they stabilized, it would be well worth it to increase the amount to \$100,000 to be on par with Leesburg's [annual contribution to Visit Loudoun.]

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The Tack Box, Inc. is now celebrating 70 years of service to the equestrian community. From humble Middleburg beginnings The Tack Box has grown to be a significant equestrian resource, providing racing bridles, saddles, sale halters, stable equipment and more for horse enthusiasts and professionals not only here, but in DC, Maryland, New York, and beyond.

The Tack Box, Inc. was established in 1947, by horse transport owner Mr. John B "Chub" Lee. Chub grew up in the area and regularly rode his pony to school. Later in life, as his mother was a successful show hunter and race-horse trainer, he realized there was a need to provide quality tack and leather products for local thoroughbred breeding and racing farm owners.

Chub built his business around two important values: client satisfaction and the ability to deliver a broad range of quality leather goods at a reasonable price.

With just one Chevrolet panel truck at the start, Chub traveled as far as Charlottesville and Charlestown, West Virginia to reach his customers and deliver goods. Gradually, through dedication and honest efforts, the Tack Box gained a positive reputation throughout the region.

As seasonal racing clients moved with the circuit to Kentucky and Saratoga, their requests to The Tack Box did not diminish.

As the business grew, so did the type of customers the new business served. Fox hunters show hunters, and jumpers, professionals, and amateurs alike, looked to the Tack Box for equipment and supplies.

After three years of transecting the State with his "mobile" service, Chub hired Saddler, Bill Ballard, from Stomocks in Washington DC and established The Tack Box's first brick-and-mortar physical location. A garage-sized space on Liberty Street in Middleburg was shared with the Wilson Horse Transport office. In those days Middleburg Saddlery (located on Madison St) was the only other option in town, and that store focused on clothing and apparel.

As the Tack Box clientele grew, so did the inventory and so did the reach. By the early 70s, Chub had the opportunity to buy Middleburg Saddlery, making The Tack Box a full-fledged ap-

parel, leather goods, repair and tack store.

By the mid-1970's, saddler Bill was looking to retire therefore an apprentice would be needed. Chub found just the right candidate doing leatherwork in Fairmont WV and got him to join The Tack Box. Chuck Pinnell spent his time apprenticing under Bill Ballard until he purchased the repair division of The Tack Box to start his own business, Journeymen Saddlers. Chuck proved to be a valuable addition to the Middleburg equestrian retail community. This unique relationship between Journeymen and The Tack Box continued to strengthen throughout the years, as The Tack Box provided customers to Journeymen's repair and leather design services.

In 1985, the Tack Box moved to its current location on 7 West Federal St., in Middleburg. (Where it is today.) With the market changing and a new type of customers coming in, Chub realized it was time to transition the reins of the company over to his daughter Berk Lee.

Berk grew up on her family's farm in the Plains Virginia and was an avid equestrian. She regularly hunted with Orange County,



showed hunters and jumpers and has worked in various aspects of The Tack Box business since 1978. Today, Berk is an integral part of the day-to-day operations. Her knowledge and experience provide a unique aspect for all clients. From saddle fits and boot measurements to horse management and health, Berk's perspective comes from firsthand experience. Today, if Berk is not at The Tack Box, your best bet is to find her on the back of a horse or riding her motorcycle.

The longevity of The Tack Box is built around incorporating best practices and client-oriented services to deliver quality products at a competitive price. Those values remain the cornerstone of the company, management, and staff today. Over the years, the product portfolio may have expanded, but the commitment has held strong.

Under Berk's leadership, the company continues to evolve. Stepdaughter, Laura Furr has been involved for the better part of 15 years now and has come to know that horse and rider safety, barn management and new tech-

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NEWS OF NOTE

COUNTRY HOMES TEAM MOVES TO FOXES ON THE FENCE: TTR SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY A SUCCESS



Cindy Polk and her Horse Farms and Country Homes team of Brandy Greenwell and David O'Flaherty have recently moved to TTR Sotheby's International Realty. Cindy and her team have a well established local business skillfully representing buyers and sellers with their country property transactions.

Raised and educated in Virginia, having spent the majority of their lives in close proximity to Middleburg, the team has an intimate knowledge of the local flavors and an exceptional understanding of the real estate market. Country living is a way of life for this talented trio, and they can be found everywhere from on the tractor to mucking stalls to community events and black tie affairs.

Cindy, a graduate of Hill School, Foxcroft and The University of Virginia, has been a top producing Realtor locally for over a dozen years and branded her Horse Farms and Country Homes to guide clients through the process of buying and selling country properties. She has a deep love for the countryside and is dedicated to promoting and protecting our special landscape and rural lifestyle. Cindy and her husband and team member David O'Flaherty live on a farm in Middleburg where they enjoy raising free range children and chickens, keeping bees, gardening and breeding sport horses and ponies.

Brandy Greenwell joined Horse Farms and Country Homes in 2014 from a long career in local retail management and outside sales. She lives in Middleburg

on a family compound farm with her husband, parents, dogs, and horses. A third generation horseman, most recently breeding and showing Irish Draught horses has been a family affair for 20+ years. Brandy enjoys fox hunting with Middleburg Hunt and shooting sporting clays with a local, ladies shooting group that she co-founded.

David O'Flaherty has been a realtor and professional horseman, being equally as well respected in both fields from Florida to Virginia. In addition to real estate, he manages the family horses with a special affinity for bringing along confident young athletes. A hands-on horseman, David understands the importance of good pasture and sensible farm and barn design and layout for both safety and convenience.

The team has a collective and obvious passion for horses, farm life, land conservancy, and local preservation and they are thrilled to continue providing the highest level of service under the powerhouse, TTR Sotheby's International Realty brand. For more information about their services, go to www.horsefarmsandcountryhomes.com.



Middleburg's recent "Foxes on the Fence" promotion brought together artists and business, teachers and children, families and friends, to produce creative variations of Middleburg's signature small animal for posting on Middleburg's many fences.

"Not only was it successful it was a smash hit," says Darcy Justen President, of Middleburg Garden Club.

There were over 492 bids entered for the dashing foxes; bidding was fierce and very competitive.

"Every Fox sold, and we raised over \$20,000.00," Justen continued. "The money is just a bonus. The real winner is the town and all the residents who fell in love with their favorite Fox and shared part of this special place with so many people."

We plan to make donations to the Middleburg Arts Council. Seven Loaves and work with the town on a legacy project," she continued. "Yes, it was fun, and a lot of work but the reward was well worth it! Right now, we plan to do it every other year so look for us fall of 2019." So be on the lookout they will be back!

SHEILA JOHNSON RECEIVES THE JUDY PATTERSON AWARD



Visit Loudoun honored Sheila Johnson, CEO of Salamander Resort & Spa and founder of the Middleburg Film Festival, with its most prestigious award at its annual meeting and tourism awards ceremony, held May 11 in Sterling.

Named for one of Visit Loudoun's founding members, the Judy Patterson Award was established in 1998 to honor individuals and organizations that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to Loudoun County tourism. In announcing the award, Visit Loudoun President and CEO Beth Erickson pointed to not only the world-class facilities at Salamander Resort but also the value of the Middleburg Film Festival, which was recently recognized as one of the world's best film festivals.

Also taking home an award was German Lopez, grounds technician for Goodstone Inn & Restaurant's 265-acre estate. The award recognizes individuals who may not interact directly with visitors, but who play a central role in creating a seamless experience for visitors.

Other nominees from the Middleburg area included Reggie Cooper and Kari Bowman of Salamander Resort, the Side Saddle Chase Foundation's Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Invitational Side Saddle Race, the Middleburg Business, and Professional Association and Christen Garland, Dave Parker and Audrey Siler of 50 West Vineyards.

ON TOWN VISIONS AND GOALS

VINCENT BATAOEL

The May 22nd Comprehensive Plan public input session was a hit. Over 70 members of the community joined at the Community Center to address the hard issues: what are the strengths, weaknesses, vision, and goals for the Town of Middleburg.

As the Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, I've listened closely at three of these "visioning sessions" in three months. I've heard similar themes at The Town Council Visioning Session and at the futures group: business development, retail sales, and destination marketing were the three key categories in common to both groups.

Esteemed Members of Council also discussed the importance of the arts, infrastructure, and monitoring the Route 50 corridor.

The Comprehensive Plan meeting brought up these items too, but it was different. We had Salamander, Hill School, Shakespeare in the Burg, Banbury Cross Polo, and Freddie the Fox all gathered in one room.

What I saw there wasn't about a new website, a fancy logo, or the latest and greatest group. In fact, the future that I saw on Monday had nothing to do with anything new.

At that meeting, I saw 70 eclectic people from the Town turn up from every corner in the community. I saw us gather together to appreciate and recognize that what we have here is so

friggin' good.

After all, when Councilman Peter Leonard Morgan and I encouraged the King Street Oyster Bar to make Middleburg the second location for their chipotle crusted oysters and salmon sliders, our secret weapon wasn't a brand. It was how we felt in our hearts about a Town of 800 people with a shared love for the experience of Middleburg.

If 70 of us could show up together more often, like we did May 22nd, then our competition to the south, east, and north of us — our competition wouldn't know what to do. Sure we would bring commercial value, but it would be about us as a community first.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES NEW RECTOR

Grace Episcopal Church, The Plains, VA announces its call to a new rector, the Reverend Edward Weston Mathews of Richmond, VA.

Weston Mathews comes to Grace from St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Richmond, where he has served as Associate Priest for the past three years. Before becoming an Episcopal priest, he taught high school history in Nelson County, VA.

The Discernment Committee of Grace Church conducted a year-long search for its permanent rector. Ac-

cording to the Committee, "We believe Weston's varied experiences, deep spirituality, and friendly personality will enable him to lead Grace Church in new directions and will make him a valuable asset to the community. The parishioners of Grace look forward with great anticipation to welcoming Weston and Hannah, and we encourage others from the community to come and get to know him."

Weston and his wife Hannah, who is completing her doctorate in special education at the University of Virginia,

will move to The Plains area in the coming month, along with their two rescue dogs, Wills and Harry. He will be in the church office on June 26 and will preach his first sermon at Grace Church on Sunday, July 2.

Sunday services at Grace Episcopal Church are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 6507 Main Street in The Plains, VA. The church website provides additional information about church worship services and programs: www.gracetheplains.org.

VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION HONORS LOCAL WRITERS

Middleburg writers Leonard Shapiro and Vicky Moon were recently honored by the Virginia Press Association. Shapiro, a former sports editor at The Washington Post, was named in the category of feature series along with fellow Fauquier

Times writers James Ivancic and John Toler for "Remembering Pearl Harbor." Moon was cited for Business and Financial Writing: "Farming is big business in Fauquier" for her weekly coverage of farming and agriculture in the Fauquier Times, which is owned by Piedmont Media.

MARC LEEPSON'S "GREEN BERET" PROGRAM AT HILL SCHOOL



On Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center, The Hill School will host a talk and book signing by journalist and historian Marc Leepson.

Leepson, the author of nine books, will talk about his newly published *Ballad of the Green Beret*, a biography of Army Sgt. Barry Sadler, whose song "The Ballad of the Green Berets" was the No. 1 hit of 1966. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are very excited to have Marc speak on Sgt. Sadler and his iconic song," said Treavor Lord, Hill's Head of School. "And we're happy to offer this event to the Middleburg community."

In 1966, the top Billboard Hot 100 single wasn't The Rolling Stones' "Paint It Black" or the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine"—it was "The Ballad of the Green Berets," a patriotic tribute to the Special Forces written and performed by Staff Sgt. Barry Sadler, a wounded Vietnam War veteran. Sadler soon became a national sensation, going viral a generation before anyone knew the word "internet."

But his all-American image hid a darker side, a life of booze, women, and guns. Unable to score another hit, Barry Sadler wrote a string of popular pulp fiction books that, a friend said, made "Rambo look like a stroll through Disneyland." Settling in Central America, Sadler wrote books, allegedly trained guerrillas, provided medical care to residents, and caroused at his villa. In 1988 he was shot in the head in Guatemala City and died a year later.

"Marc will give glimpses into the sensational details of Barry Sadler's life during his meteoric rise and tragic fall," Lord said, "along with the bigger picture of American society and culture during and after the Vietnam War."

Middleburg's Second Chapter Books will be on hand to offer signed copies of *Ballad of the Green Beret*, as well as several of Mr. Leepson's other books,

including *Saving Monticello*. For more info, go to www.marcleepson.com.

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NEWS OF NOTE

BLUE RIDGE WILDLIFE ADDS FOUR TO BOARD

The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center has appointed four new members to its Board of Directors: Susan Galbraith and Judy Landes, from Frederick County; Russell McKelway from Clarke County; and Timothy Bates from Loudoun.

Susan Galbraith is a graduate of St. Mary's College, in Notre Dame, Indiana. Her spouse's commitment to the U.S. Air Force required numerous relocations and opened up various

work and volunteer opportunities, including political activism, service in hospitals, a veterinary clinic, a rescue-rehab-release center, therapeutic horseback riding schools, primary and secondary schools, theaters, historic preservation movements, children's museum, and domestic and international housing for humanity. From early childhood, "giving back" was an expectation that became a way of life.

Judy Landes has degrees in school psychology and taught



at Shepherd University and Shenandoah University, retiring after 18 years. She has served on the boards of many social service organizations in Winchester and New York State where she has a summer home. She currently serves on the board of the Lake Placid Symphonetta in the Adirondacks. Non-profit management and governance are her particular interests in her board service.

Russell McKelway grew up in Northwest Arlington and met his wife Lori while at medical school and residency at the University of Virginia. They moved to the Shenandoah Valley in 1990 where Dr. McKelway is a practicing psychiatrist. They have two daughters and live in Clarke County. Dr. McKelway has served on local boards including the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the Preservation of Historic Winchester.

A transplant from Maryland, Timothy Bates received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland, College Park. His career following graduation began with a large homebuilder, and at age 28, Bates achieved the distinction of becoming the youngest Division Manager in that company's history. In 2016, Bates joined CalAtlantic Homes as President of the mid-Atlantic Division. A self-taught naturalist, Bates is affiliated with numerous groups such as Ducks Unlimited, Quail Forever, Virginia Native Plant Society, American Chestnut Foundation and The Arbor Day Foundation.

"We feel extremely fortunate to be able to attract board members whose interests are so intertwined with ours," said Lisa Goshen, BRWC Board President. "Their dedication to the local community, including interests in education and protecting and preserving wildlife, will help to guide and promote our recent expansion of programs, and the increase in our wildlife patient population."

These new board members will join Tricia Booker, Loudoun County; Hillary Davidson, Fauquier County; Andrew Ferrari, Clarke County; Lisa Goshen, Clarke County; Michael Morency, Fauquier County; Patricia Robinson, Arlington County; and Beatrice von Gontard, Warren County.

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will be near Carter's Bridge on Rt. 734 with shuttle available back to the Goodstone Inn parking area.

There are a limited number of canoes and kayaks available and must be re-

served before Thursday, May 25th. Also, volunteers are welcome to bring their own canoes. Lunch will be provided as well as garbage bags, etc. for clean up.

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NEW PRINCIPAL FOR MIDDLEBURG SCHOOL

Middleburg Community Charter School (MCCS) has announced that Rochelle Proctor will become its new Principal effective July 1, 2017. Proctor was selected from a candidate pool of over 50 applicants. MCCS is Northern Virginia's first public charter school.

Proctor plans significant interaction in the days ahead with all the school's stakeholders, parents, teachers, and community supporters, to ensure a smooth and effective transition before the beginning of the school year in August.

"I embrace this opportunity to use my skills to build the school community by developing relationships with teachers, students,

parents and community members to serve the needs of every student," Proctor said. "I have been very inspired, both personally and professionally, by the Middleburg Charter School mission and vision where parents, teachers, and all stakeholders work together to build the school program. As Principal, I will continue to set the stage for the entire school community to work together ensuring that every child, and every classroom, achieves high levels of academic, social, and emotional success."

Proctor began her public school career as an early childhood educator in the Staunton City Public Schools as a Head Start/Primary Teacher.

In 2000, she moved to the

Rockingham County Public School district to teach elementary education.

She moved to the Loudoun County Public School system in 2007, where she served in various teacher and administrative positions at Little River Elementary and Rosa Lee Carter Elementary.

In 2011, Ms. Proctor held several positions in the Fairfax County Public Schools, where she led extended school year (ESY) programs as an Assistant Principal in several elementary schools.

Proctor holds Virginia certified teaching licenses in Elementary Education, as well as Administration and Supervision. She is an active member of the



National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP). She is actively involved in professional development, engaging in project-based learning, growth mindset, diversity leadership, and responsive classroom training. She was awarded the Fairfax County Psychology Association "Team Work" award in 2014, was named "Teacher of the Year" in 2002, and was a "Disney Teacher of the Year" nominee.

Proctor has extensive experience working on multidisciplinary teams to collaborate on school improvement areas, creating and overseeing discipline strategies, developing student mentoring programs, increasing opportunities for at-risk students, creating community partnerships, and facilitating student programs which focus on growth mindsets and STEM education.

For more information on Middleburg Community Charter School see <http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/middleburg>.

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The two-character play *Love Letters* -- a Pulitzer Prize Finalist for Drama -- comes to Middleburg on June 25. As part of Emmanuel Church's "At The Parish House" performance series, locals Lori and Kevin Daly will give a reading of A.R. Gurney's popular play. They will bring to life written words that bridge 50 years of separate lives; words of laughter, hope, defeat, and victory. Lori and Kevin are veterans of local theater productions and recently gave an acclaimed reading of the play at Purcellville's Franklin Park Arts Center. This sophisticated, adult-themed play (some "blue" language) brings audiences

laughter and tears of recognition, as two lives unfold through the words of their correspondence. The performance will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the Emmanuel Church Parish House, 105 E. Washington Street in Middleburg. To reserve at seat call 540-687-6297. There's no fee; a free-will offering at the door is always welcome.

MOSBY'S RANGERS DESCENDANT REUNION



Open to both descendants and the general public this year's annual reunion of the descendants of Confederate Colonel John Singleton Mosby and those of men who served under his command will be held at Middleburg Academy on June 10-11, 2017, sponsored by the Mosby Heritage Area Association.

The event features speakers, special programs, a lunch and the showing of several episodes of the 1957 television show *Gray Ghost*, accompanied by commentary by several historians of

Mosby, his men, and their times.

Events begin with a reception at the Caleb Rector House, MHAA headquarters and birthplace of the 43rd Battalion of Virginia Cavalry on June 10, 1863, followed by an evening program at Mount Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway, Aldie, VA, a site very familiar to Mosby and his men.

Sunday's program kicks off at 10:00 a.m. at the Caleb Rector House, 1461 Atoka Road, Marshall, VA 20115. It will feature a car caravan tour of several Mosby sites not usually open to the public, including Mosby safe houses

Highfield and Belle Grove, followed by a tour of Mount Bleak at Sky Meadows State Park. The tour will conclude by lunchtime.

Attending the Reunion itself on Saturday and the reception at the Caleb Rector House costs \$50 per person; \$15 will be charged for the Mt. Zion Church evening and the caravan tour's cost on Sunday is \$10 per person. For those attending the reunion, the Mt. Zion Church and caravan tour are optional.

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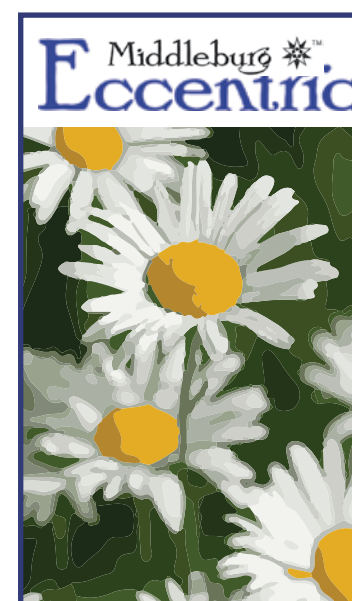
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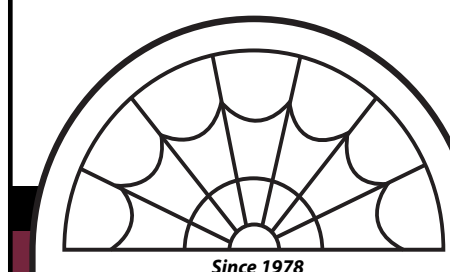
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FAUQUIER SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB WELCOMES NEW HEAD GOLF PRO

Jeff Pianelli, PGA has joined the staff of Fauquier Springs Country Club as the new Head Golf Professional. He comes to Fauquier Springs Country Club from Rivers Edge Golf Club in Shalotte, North Carolina which is part of the North Myrtle Beach golf course group.

Jeff was voted one of the Top 100 Alumni at the Golf Academy of the Carolinas in 2016. In addition to teaching golf to juniors and adults, he has competed in Section PGA events and various mini-tour tournaments.

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new golf programs that will be offered to non-members who want to learn to play the game and experience Fauquier

Springs Country Club, as well as continue the popular Junior Golf Program and Play and Learn/Laugh Adult Program

currently in place at the club. Please contact Jeff at jpi-anelli@fauquiersprings.com or 540.347.4205, extension 4 for

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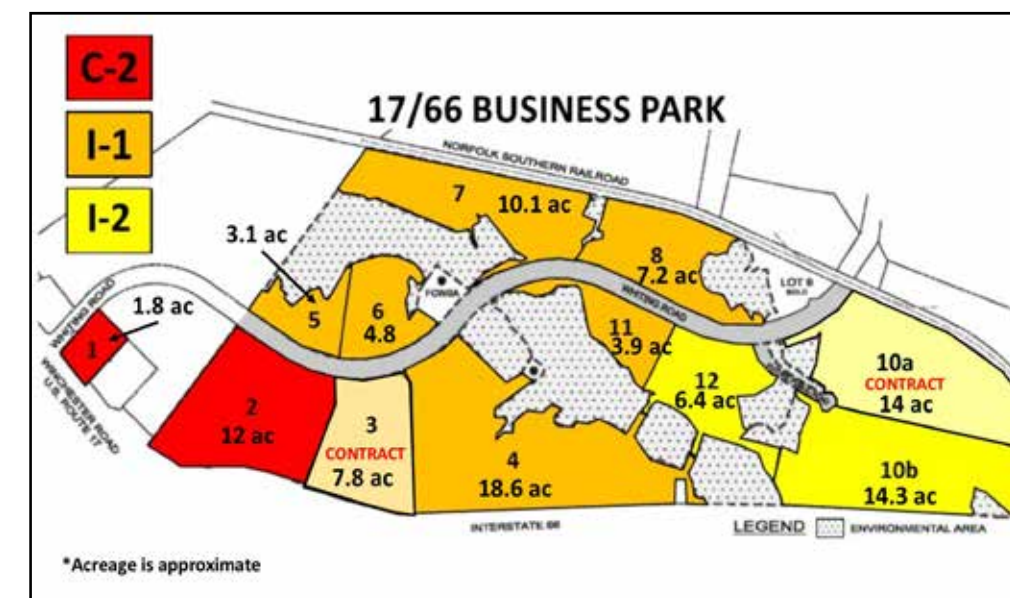
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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR

On April 28th, in ceremonies at the National Conference Center, the son and mother team of Mitesh and Kamala Shrestha were honored as the Loudoun Cares 2017 Outstanding Family of the Year.

The Shresthas have worked with Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers since 2013. Together they serve the hungry in Loudoun County. All through 2016, they delivered supplemental food from Loudoun Hunger Relief to homebound elderly and disabled adults. They also now take a care receiver shopping for groceries a few times each month.

Mitesh is a 17-year-old AP Honors student, hard working son, and volunteer. Since 2013, Mitesh helped with chores, yard work and with quality of life programming for LVC care receivers. He serves on the LVC Youth Advisory Committee which helps direct the focus their student caregiver program.

Mitesh's mother, Kamala, supports and encourages her son's achievements and nurtures his desires for a better world. She served on the LVC Board of Directors in 2016.

LVC encourages parents to volunteer with their children/grandchildren; they believe



that this experience enhances the bond not only with the community but within the family as well. And it has been proven that children who volunteer grow into adults who volunteer.

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KUDOS TO INDIVIDUALS AND OUTSTANDING BUSINESSES

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

this year's budgeted appropriation to \$35,000.

Scam Alert

Middleburg Chief of Police A.J. Panebianco reported that he had recently posted on his Department's Facebook page valuable information about some recent and recurring financial scams.

Everyone, he noted, should be wary.

A resident was recently hit with an "IRS scam," he reported, "in which the caller asked for an iTunes card to settle a debt or the individual would be sent to jail."

Another resident received a telephone call from someone claiming they were they were "a friend of their son, that he had been arrested and needed to be arraigned quickly and needed money."

Scammers, the Chief noted, "found out about people by going on their Facebook pages and checking out details" so they could pull off such deceptions.

If called by someone you suspect is a "scammer," the Chief advised, "Hang up." Why? "The longer you talked to them, the more likely you were to give them some piece of information."

"Councilmember Philip Miller added that he had heard stories of "Dominion Power Collections Scam."

Town Attorney Crim noted there was a similar utility scam from "the water company."

The Town, he noted does not CALL about overdue bills. They send out letters.

Chief Panebianco warned that scammers sometimes carefully research where payments could be made locally and reference that location. He also noted, scammers often tell their targets "not to tell anyone else as this was none of their business and would ask the individual not to hang up until the transaction was complete."

Water

Jilann Brunett, co-owner of Second Chapter Books and a member and former chair of the Wellhead Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC) appeared before Council to urge that the mandate of the WPAC be pointedly expanded to include advice and counsel on the QUALITY of the town's water supply as well as the QUANTITY available and processed.

The Town's Utility Committee, she noted, focused on water

treatment and delivery and had made great strides in improving the delivery system, shoring up the Town's infrastructure and in preventing losses.

The WPAC she suggested, should "to include not only protecting the Town's well heads but as an advisory group for the future"

No More Surprise Flushes

Councilmember Snyder advised that it would be helpful to have a schedule for the water line flushings and to make sure that these dates were being communicated adequately. Stuart Will, of IES, confirmed he would provide that information.

Support for Officer Putnam

Sam Ti, a resident of Middleburg, asked Council whether a "Go Fund Me" account had been set up for injured Middleburg Police Officer Mark Putnam's medical expenses. If not, he asked, would the Town object to his setting one up.

Chief Panebianco suggested Putnam's family would be grateful for anything anyone wanted to do. Officer Putnam is "healing well," he continued, noting "he would like to return to work now, but neither he [the Chief] nor his doctor would allow it."

Panebianco agreed to contact Officer Putnam to see if he needed anything and said that he, as Chief, "was grateful for the love that had been shown and thanked Mr. Ti for thinking of him."

Hiring for Business and Economic Development

Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that "she held phone interviews with two more applicants for the Business & Economic Development Director's position." One of the candidates has already been scheduled for a live interview.

Grand Opening on Madison

Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson reminded Council that "Imagine A

Holistic Approach" at 15 South Madison Street, was holding their grand opening on May 13th. Owned and operated by Carolyn Castro-Donlan, Ph.D., Imagine A Holistic Approach LLC is a "healing arts center," dedicated, according to their website, "to offering tools for greater clarity, balance, peace, and wellness."

New Financial Software

Town Treasurer Ashley Bott reported that training would begin in May on the Town's new financial software. She also noted that Loudoun County was holding a meeting on May 24th to talk about the consolidation of billings for towns and the County.

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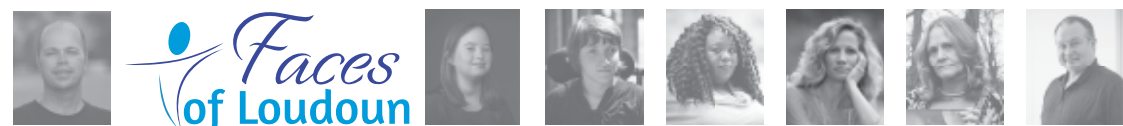
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92ND RUNNING OF THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP: ELEMENTAL & UNIQUE

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

The Virginia Gold Cup Races mean many different things to the vast crowd that gathers at Great Meadow on the first Saturday in May. Gold Cup's a great al fresco party and probably the largest gathering, outside of Churchill Downs, to cheer for the Kentucky Derby on the Jumbotron screens at the conclusion of the day's races. For timber and hurdle enthusiasts, it's an exciting race meeting that features the Commonwealth's biggest timber contest whose heroes are the horses that stay the distance of the Gold Cup's four miles and 23 solid fences.

Ebanour (IRE), piloted by Gustav Dahl, made it two Gold Cups in a row for owner Irvin S. Naylor and trainer Cyril Murphy. At the final fence, Dahl sent Ebanour surging to the lead for a 1½-length victory over Lemony Bay (GBR), Sean McDermott up. Hot Rize, with Gerald Galligan in the irons, finished third. Six started, three pulled up.

In 2017, Ebanour made only one start, a flat race, which he won. Naylor, who maintains a deep bench of Thoroughbreds, finishes regularly at the top of the owner standings in the National Steeplechase Association. From 2010 to 2016, he was first all but one year (2013). In 2015, Naylor broke his own record, which he set in 2011, with winnings of \$778,650. Last year, he finished first on earnings that totaled \$997,600.

Jack Fisher (Lemony Bay) dominated the 2016 NSA trainer standings, harvesting both titles, Races Won and Money Won, with 26 first places and purses that totaled \$1,093,610. Fisher, as a trainer, has broken the million mark three times, including 2008 and 2015. He's also a champion jump jockey — the one who piloted Saluter to a record six consecutive Gold Cup wins from 1994–1999.

Not all racing stables are huge, and syndicates (group ownership) make racing affordable for enthusiasts interested in closer involvement with steeplechasing. One good example is Holston Hall, led by trainer Russell Haynes whose racing string consists of Hot Rize and a couple others. He grew up under the tutelage of his late father, Bruce Haynes, a successful and well-regarded NSA trainer. When Bruce died

unexpectedly in January 2008, Russell had been riding in races for four years, having started when he was 16. Racing was what Russell knew and loved. He's still doing it.

Hot Rize is part of the Haynes family's history with horses. Russell's mother, Anne Haynes, is listed as breeder, his father Bruce started and trained Hot Rize. Russell rode him on the flat and in hurdle races, then over timber a couple of times; his brother Will, also a jump jockey, did the honors aboard Hot Rize in at least two timber contests. (Youngest brother, Aaron, who didn't get into horses, is in med school.) A few months before Bruce's untimely demise, their hopes were riding high on Hot Rize as he trained for his racing debut. He ran twice on the flat, then beat only one horse in the 3-year-old hurdle at Colonial Cup (Camden, SC). Bruce, who would have figured out how to unlock the young horse's potential, was gone. Throughout 2008 and 2009, the young horse continued to show championship form at home on the farm, but didn't perform while racing.

Hot Rize didn't race at all in 2010. He went to trainer Karen Gray, who took him foxhunting, which proved a game-changer. Hot Rize learned to relax and have fun. In 2011, he started living up to expectations and, in his sixth start at the Aiken Fall Races, won a maiden claiming hurdle race by 28 lengths, according to NSA results archives. Two weeks' later, Hot Rize placed second in his timber debut, then scored a four-length win in the open timber at the Colonial Cup.

In 2012, he ran three times, but the next year, at the age of 9, having returned to the Haynes family and under the ownership of Holston Hall, Hot Rize started eight times over timber, finishing in the money for six of them, including one win.

In 2014, Hot Rize was considered a long shot when he made his Gold Cup debut in a very competitive field of nine, including the 2013 winner, Grinding Speed. He was also the "local" horse: owned by Holston Hall, a syndicate composed of family, including Anne and Russell, and friends, from this area and Tennessee. Irish jockey Willie McCarthy gave the 10-year-old gelding a textbook ride to victory in a thrilling finish. McCarthy earned three titles that year: NSA top jockey for Races Won and Money

Won, and Leading Open Rider in the Virginia Steeplechase Association. Hot Rize's five-start season recorded a second timber stakes win at Far Hills (NJ).

Timber horses don't run as often as hurdle horses, because the timber races are much longer and the fences solid. Hot Rize raced once in 2015, finishing fourth at Iroquois in the timber stakes. This year, he ran third in the Middleburg Hunt Cup Timber Stakes at Middleburg Spring Races two weeks before he finished third in the Virginia Gold Cup. Gerald Galligan rode him in all three contests.

Hopes ran high, of course, for all the runners in this year's Gold Cup, but winning isn't always measured by running fastest and first. Hot Rize, now 13, showed his heart, which is just as important as speed and jumping ability, even though he was bested by Ebanour and Lemony Bay, who happen to be younger by three and five years respectively.

"I was so proud of how Hot Rize ran and how happy he looked doing it," said Russell Haynes. "He came out of the Gold Cup like he never ran. He's turned out with his best friend, my former timber horse, Shady Valley, and we'll start jogging mid-summer and staff hunting and I'll let him tell me where he wants to go and what he wants to do. Hot Rize doesn't owe anybody a thing so it's all up to him. He's a very special horse and makes you want to stay in the game for sure. I love this horse. He's part of the family and has made sure the legacy continues."

It's heart that makes a champion — that indomitable spirit and will and courage to dig deeper — and it's the equine characters who keep trying, like Hot Rize (aka Hotty), that make steeplechasing exciting, fun and, when you get to know the horses, incredibly heartwarming.

This year, Mother Nature had an elemental hissy fit, delivering chilly rain for the Virginia Gold Cup, but the spirit of "party hearty" prevailed. You could tell the difference between experienced enthusiasts and tourists by their attire: waterproof and/or waxed jackets, hats and boots versus fancy hats, chi-chi sundresses and strappy sandals with stiletto heels. This year, Gold Cup's milling multitude turned spectator areas, ordinarily sleek lawn, into chocolate

mousse-like mud, prompting many fashionistas to go bare foot.

The hallowed grounds of the Gold Cup course itself, where great horses earn championship status, was deemed "soft" — a testimony to the efforts made year-round to keep the turf footing in tiptop condition. Horses and jockeys went out sparkling and returned splattered with mud that couldn't dim the glory of winning and placing well.

As for the ever-popular Terrier Races, sponsored by Big Dog Pots Pottery in nearby Marshall, nothing dampened the spirits of these nimble, fleet little dogs and their equally keen people. Always adorably cute, their feisty antics attracted a huge crowd to the paddock to watch their practice runs and qualifying heats.

This year, 18 terriers were entered, and all but three were disqualified for going off course by dodging around the jumps to get to the lure. Lori Langford of Big Dog Pots presented the prizes, baskets with lots of goodies, to the winner, Swagger, the two runners-up, and a special gift basket for Carole Stadfield's Angel, who raced for many years and won her share at Gold Cup but is now retired. Stadfield's Gabriel raced, but was among the disqualified.

"Swagger has one other win at Gold Cup," said Terry Kirby, who was thrilled with the 7-year-old, her first Jack Russell. "It was raining and soggy, but Swagger didn't care — all he wanted was the fox tail."

Kirby credits her involvement with terriers and racing to her mother-in-law, Liz Patterson, who had three Jack Russells, including Swagger, who needed to be an only dog. When Swagger was 3, he went home with Kirby and she continued to race him under both their names. Although Patterson's entry got eliminated, Swagger got the job done, earning glory for his proud co-owners.

If you missed the Virginia Gold Cup, there's always the International Gold Cup Races in October, a sporting and social extravaganza featuring terrier races and gorgeous sleek Thoroughbreds soaring over timber and hurdles and on the flat, along with pari-mutuel wagering, in the spectacular setting of Great Meadow.

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Timothy and Therese Harmon's Wind Fields Farm was the lovely setting of the Land Trust of Virginia's 19th Annual Garden Party. The celebration also marked the 25th year in LTV's mission to protect natural places and working lands forever through conservation easements. To add color to the event, local artists painted in plain aire around the gardens and grounds as guests browsed the silent auction.

Christopher Dematatis, Chairman, welcomed guests and presented awards. Turner T. Smith, Jr. received the Conservation of the Year Award for Leadership and Lifetime Achievement; Dr. Thomas Graves Gilbert, Jr., received the Landowner of the Year; and H. Samuel and Uta Brown, Jr., were awarded Stewards of the Year.

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It was a cacophony of excitement and nerves for the puppies of Middleburg Hunt last week during the puppy show held at Dr. Betsee Parker's beautiful Huntland Farm. Richard Roberts, in his first year as Huntsman with the hunt, seemed as relaxed as one could be with a new group of charges.

Judges Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Perrin, MFA of Deep Run Hunt, chose "Kit" as best bitch and champion of the show. "Kasper" was honored as best dog. Afterwards, the juniors got their chance to show off their showmanship in preparation for their classes at the Virginia Hound Show next weekend. Troy Ingerson, sponsored by

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PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB CARRIAGE DRIVE

FARMER'S DELIGHT, MIDDLEBURG, VA - STORY BY CARL COX, PHOTOS BY LIZ CALLAR

Through the generosity of Dr. Betsee Parker, the Piedmont Driving Club was invited to gather at her Farmer's Delight Estate for a carriage drive through the grounds and then to Huntland where Dr. Parker has worked tirelessly to restore and recapture the very important link that this estate has played in foxhunting, a sport that is said to have reinvigorated the economy of the region in the early 20th century. Eleven "turn outs" from the Piedmont Driving Club were honored to trot through these historic estates (both

on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places). There is a clear kinship between carriage driving and such places. While the PDC has been in existence only since 1972, its members strive to preserve and enhance the art and sport of carriage driving. The Club participates in about 45 picnic drives each year, most of which take place on the farms and roads of Northern Virginia. For more information about the PDC, please visit the website www.piedmontdrivingclubva.com. Members of the PDC come from all backgrounds and drive many different breeds

of horses and ponies to a variety of vehicles. Typically they drive 5-10 miles with a rest stop along the way. Afterwards the Club enjoys a picnic together. This one was particularly special as it was Mother's Day and members had their lunch in view of a tiny chapel on the grounds of Farmer's Delight. Later we discovered that this most interesting stone structure is a replica of a chapel that a former owner had admired when he was Ambassador to West Germany! The Club is grateful to Kate Robbins, of Huntland for her efforts in making this drive a reality.



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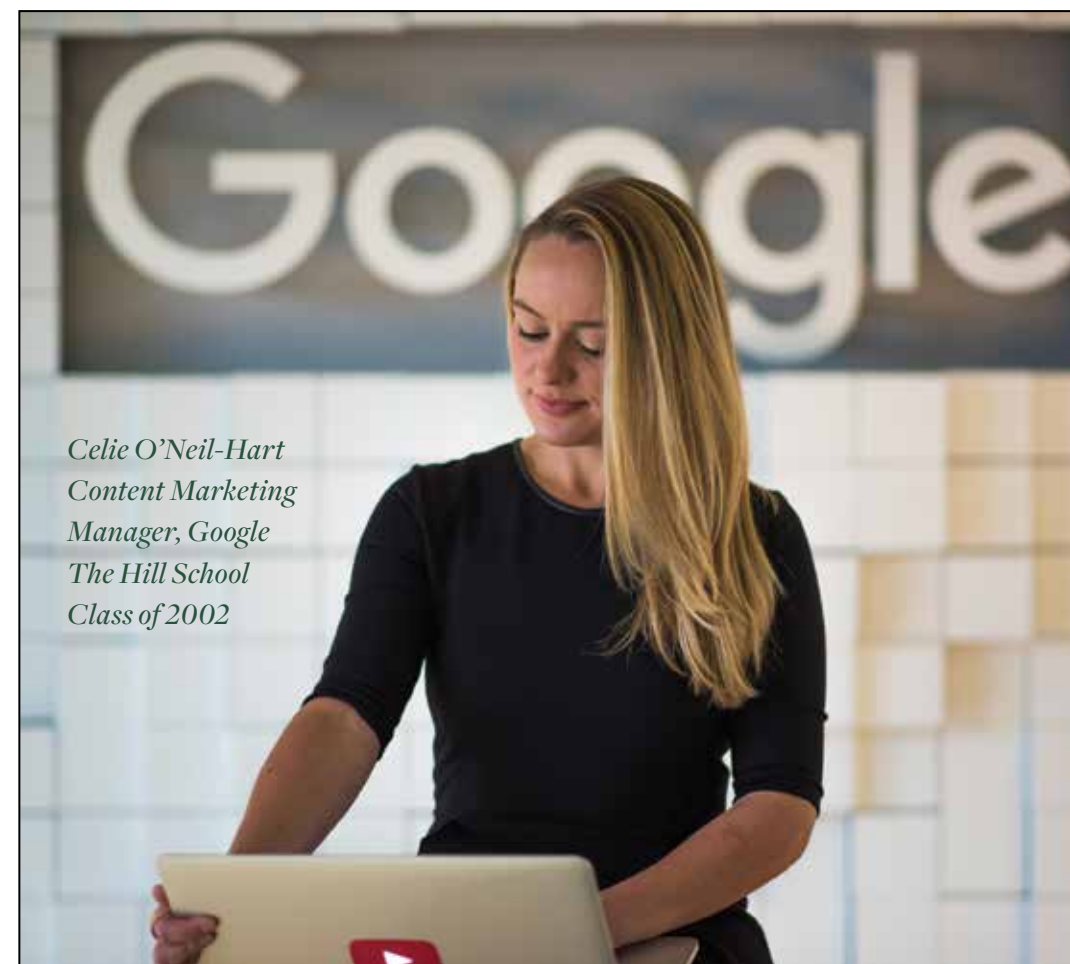
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WAKEFIELD STUDENT FEATURED SOUTHERN TEACHERS' CALENDAR CONTEST



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Chloe Osborn's watercolor, Senior Chairs, was chosen from hundreds of entries coming from states as north as Pennsylvania and as far west as Texas. She was one of two students selected from Virginia. Anyone familiar with Wakefield knows that the Adirondack chairs, traditionally enjoyed by seniors in their garden, and the view of the mountains in the background of



her piece are a classic element of the school's picturesque campus. She chose the location to paint because she felt it best represented the distinct beauty only found at Wakefield's campus.

Chloe, under the guidance of art teacher and local painter, Teresa Duke, completed her watercolor in her Studio Art I class. This was the first major art piece she has painted with watercolor. Chloe wanted to try a new medium she was unfamiliar with. In addition to being published in the calendar, Chloe was also awarded a certificate of commendation and \$ 50.00 gift certificate from Blick Art Materials. She plans to buy plenty of tubes of watercolor to paint more masterpieces.

Calendars will be distributed to the winning recipients and over 2,000 schools early this summer.

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BRANDY GREENWELL

The Eagles have landed from their winter horse showing in Florida and are in full swing with the

Virginia circuit. Though it has been many, many moons since I have horse showed, I appreciate the dedication and athleticism of equestrians near and far, but I can't help but notice the changes from the showing of yesteryear.

Helmets. My mom used to wear not much more than an oval shaped, velvet covered, cardboard chapeau with little to no noggin protection. When I started riding, I wore a slightly more updated version of that

helmet with an elastic strap and plastic chin guard. That evolved to the clear, snap in harnesses being en vogue despite how bulky and irritating they were to your face. Then came the first "safety" helmets that were like wearing a medicine ball on your head. So please don't complain about your favorite maker only coming in 5 colors without ventilation, it could be a lot, lot worse. Be thankful for the styles, selection, and protection.

Fashion. Equestrian fashion is very savvy now and changes every season like a Parisian runway show. Choker pins, sleeveless rat-catchers, and breeches that came up to your rib cage and matched your horse used to be the desired look.

Equipment. You never had a saddle "fit" to your horse or you for that matter. You rode in what was available, which usually was a flat, hard as a rock, piece of cowhide with a stiff tree, a forward flap and billets attaching to either a string girth or three-fold sans elastic top. Saddles were very unsophisticated so to stay in the tack, you either had to ride or pray. Also, full cheek bits were all the rage. No one even thought about using a D-ring when showing.

Prizes and Protocols. You didn't longe in draw reins for hours before your class. You got up early, played demolition



derby in the schooling ring at the crack of dawn and then pulled up your braids while tied to the trailer waiting for the show to start. You actually rode the bucks out and generally ate a lot of dirt when schooling. Yes, dirt, as we used to show on grass, sometimes even on an outside course. And only the top 6 were placed. GASP!

Horse Show Food. You used to be lucky to get a cup of instant coffee, glazed doughnut, hamburger or hot dog with ketchup or mustard only and a bag of Lay's potato chips with soda. If they had a bake sale with rice crispy treats, it was a good day. Nowadays you have an entire food court at horse shows with fresh cooked, multi-cultural cuisine for all dietary restrictions or desires. A burger may cost you \$15, but it will be a damn good burger instead of a hockey puck with plastic cheese.

Oh my, how times have changed. Happy showing everyone!!



hands. Creativity is not simply thought, it is thought with action. Lots of people have ideas each and every day. Artists by their very nature do something to make those ideas become a reality. An idea for a book doesn't make a book, writing a book does.

Possibly the most important characteristic of being artistic remains self-expression. It's your voice having something to say, be it a reality, fiction, or biographical, through a chosen medium. I have often referred to art as the most freedom you will ever have and trust me, that is exactly what I think retirement should look like. Freedom. Those of you all who associate me with our company Live An Artful Life(.com), well, that's what those words mean.

Many of us live amazingly scheduled lives. The alarm goes off; you shuffle through a morning routine, maybe then subject yourself to rush hour, which ironically is where your life comes to a bumper to bumper standstill. Projects within your job description may seem redundant for the next 30 years, where you plan and work extra hard to prep for those vacations, only to work twice as hard when you return. Promotions are hopeful, layoffs possible, stress predictable and freedom less than likely. I know, I did it, and to be fair, I'm not implying that work is in anyway

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Today everyone should believe that they can keep most or all of their teeth for their entire life. There are many factors that can affect your oral health and some became more common and pronounced as we age. Here are some tips to help you maintain great oral health:

Oral Hygiene: To maintain great oral health brush at least twice daily, floss daily and have regular dental visits, as recommended by your dentist.

Arthritis: As we age, arthritis can make it more difficult to maintain good oral hygiene. Larger handled electric toothbrushes are more effective and



heart health but also bone health. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, bones and helps with our balance. Stronger muscles, bones and good balance make



easier to use than manual toothbrushes. Some interdental cleaners may be easier to use than floss. Your dentist can advise about the many products available to assist with better homecare based on your individual needs.

Medications and Dry Mouth: In general, the more medications we take, the more at risk we are for oral health problems because many medications have the side effect of dry mouth. Dry mouth is a major factor in creating an environment for cavities and periodontal disease as well as bad breath. As we age our saliva glands produce less saliva leading to a dryer mouth. Also, dry mouth can make eating uncomfortable, making proper nutrition and good health a problem.

Nutrition: A healthy diet includes, fresh fruits, unsalted nuts, fresh vegetables, low-fat dairy, lean protein, eliminating processed foods and beverages, limiting alcohol, avoiding sugar and refined carbohydrates and drinking water. A well-balanced diet will also strengthen bones of the jaw. Ingesting good sources of calcium helps bone regenerate and chewing stimulates the jaw bone making it stronger. It may be difficult to get all the vitamins and minerals needed from the foods we eat today, so I also advise people be tested for deficiencies and discuss their diet and supplements with their physician or a nutritionist.

Exercise: This is important for

it less likely people will have serious falls that may fracture bones. Just as weight bearing exercises will strengthen bones, eating foods with a texture like meats, nuts, and raw vegetables strengthen the jaw bones.

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May you have longevity and good health.

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THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE



TOM NEEL

With the closing of our gallery five months ago last December, social functions have had me sometimes confronted with these words, "How are you enjoying retirement?" The first time, it caught me completely off guard, because as busy as I am with painting, commissions and writing, and other new projects in the pipeline, retirement is not even a thought. It had given me a chuckle though, thinking back on the time many years ago when a financial planner we hired asked me about retire-

ment. "Retirement?", I replied, "I do what people do when they retire, there's nothing for me to retire from!" he wasn't prepared for that.

The truth here is two-fold. Part of the luxury of being an artist is creative time has a reasonable amount of flexibility built into it which allows one to appear to have time on their hands. As an example, I'm writing this column, and the sun hasn't come up, and I may be painting at 9:30 tonight. As I'm knocking on the door of 30 years of my chosen path, time management has played an important role in stress reduction. I don't dilly dally with

projects by any means, but I don't live without smelling the roses either. In fact, I would say it's an essential part of my life. One that might make people think I'm retired!

The second truth is that it has been reasonably substantiated that the number of baby boomers retiring each day is 10,000. Mostly in their 60's [I'm 62], retirement can look very different to different people, but all can and many do, find creativity as a meaningful way of filling a void in the time they now have on their hands. In fact, what I have always loved about my creativity is its equal usage of mind and

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A successful equestrian project requires proper and thorough planning. Great forethought must be given to ensure the welfare of the animals, functionality, environmental stewardship, aesthetics and overall feasibility. An experienced team can guide you through a detailed planning process to determine how best to balance your priorities, needs, and goals to ensure smooth construction and a successful result.

Consider the Site

The first step is to carefully evaluate the site, taking the time to do research as needed. Important considerations include zoning restrictions, easements, sufficient acreage, optimal layout, availability of utilities and any homeowner association or town requirements/guidelines. It is best to uncover any limitations or challenges before beginning design.

Facilities and Functionality

It's always beneficial to create



ate a list of needs, wants, and maybes. With both current and long-term usage in mind, consider the type of construction you want, the number of horses to accommodate, tack and storage needs, sleeping quarters, wash needs, aisle widths, and style preferences. Do you need a riding arena or ring or more than one structure? An experienced professional can help you to make educated decisions. They can also provide guidance on air quality, manure management, temperature regulation, drainage, insulation and other aspects critical to the success of your project. There are many, many pieces to the puzzle and each needs to be carefully vetted and weighed against your budget goals before construction begins.

Pasture Planning

As important as what's under roof, is carefully planning for your pasture needs. How many pastures are needed, are they for show horses or larger feeding areas, where do you need water access, are they easily accessible and have I considered maintenance are all questions that should be asked and answered during the design phase.

These points are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to successfully planning an equestrian construction project, which can be as complicated as any whole-house remodel or new home project. With years of experience in this arena, I know that the time spent in careful planning, value engineering, and thoughtful design goes a long way regarding delivering quality, value and an equestrian remodeling experience you can enjoy.

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POISON IVY

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

There is lots of confusion over poison ivy, poison sumac, and its relatives. Even the actual rash that comes from poison ivy contact has many false beliefs. It's not contagious, those seeping, oozing bubbles that make you want to amputate itchy limbs or skin.

Relief can be found from various sources, but it's always best to recognize the plant, even to understand what to do once you've touched or brushed against it.

There are nine species of Toxicodendron. The botanical root for the genus comes from Greek *toxikos* or poisonous and *dendron* for a tree. Our eastern poison ivy, the most common culprit, is Toxicodendron *radicans*, referring to its vining habit. Within our geographical region, West Virginia and Maryland, you can also find Toxicodendron *vernix* or poison sumac. In this case, the species name is from Latin *vagus*, meaning wandering, roving or roaming.

As gardeners, we are apt to suffer from a reaction to touching the leaves. And it's not actual poison in the leaves, rather an allergen that causes our immune

system to react. The reaction is delayed, usually 8 to 48 hours. The good news, sensitivity usually decreases with age and with repeated exposure, although everyone has a different level of sensitivity. Some folks are completely immune to the oil or urushiol in the leaf, I have known people that claimed they could eat it!

The oil is sticky, and a reaction can come from the soil it's growing in, or even from petting your pet after they have rubbed against the leaves. It's only humans that suffer from the sticky oil, various mammals eat the leaves, and over 60 species of birds consume the seed, hence the random occurrence in our gardens. The stem is hairy, which is one way to recognize the plant, particularly in the winter, when a reaction is just as likely. An old saying warns us;

"Leaves of three, let them be. Hairy be wary".

Various remedies for post contact are incredibly effective. Both Tecnu and Zanol remove the urushiol, best used within 10 minutes after contact before the oil binds with the skin. Use as a liquid soap, cover your skin, leave it on for up to minute and rinse off. I have been lucky enough to have Tecnu work an hour after contact. Tecnu was originally designed to remove radioactive fallout dust; it's a cleanser. Zanol binds with the urushiol oil to remove it, effective even after symptoms occur.

Poison Ivy is related to cashews, all in the same sumac family. A common misconception; not all sumac are poisonous. With cashew nuts, the outer skin does contain urushiol oil, but when roasted, the oil is de-



stroyed. Note to self; don't roast raw cashew nuts and breathe the smoke. The most dangerous reaction to poison ivy or its oil comes from breathing the smoke when burning plants. The lining of the lungs can become inflamed; you can end up in the hospital.

My favorite way to remove the plant is using a long, plastic bag. As I pull the offender out of the ground, I lift the bag to cover the leaves and then dispose of both. Newspaper can be used the same way. Even the slightest touch of a leaf will have me itching, so I keep something available to negate the problem. I've spent too much time suffering from the rash to ask for it again. It must be time for me to be immune, wouldn't that be grand?

SUMMER MUSIC

IN UNISON

STEVE CHASE

River and Roots

The history of music performances at Watermelon Park in Berryville is long and distinguished.

There are two main events each year, the upcoming River and Roots Festival, and the Watermelon Park Festival, held in September of each year. The setup is great, plenty of camping space along the river and a stage set amongst an oak grove. Considering it's right over the mountain from Middleburg, it's an easy trip to see some great music. This year's River and Roots will be held June 23-25, and the lineup includes We Banjo 3, the great Michael Daves, with Tony Trischka and Brittany Haas, Sherman Holmes feat. The Ingrams, Black Masala, Corn Potato String Band, Bud's Collective, and some local favorites, including Furnace Mountain and The Woodshedders. There's also a farmer's market tent, activities for kids, and a Fiddle Camp for all ages that meet each afternoon, June 20-23. Add in the campground picking and jamming that will take place, and you have a great local musical event that will bring you back to your roots. For more info on festival tickets and the Fiddle Camp, go to riverandroots.com.

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The Faculty will present two to three performances and will close with a concert featuring Peabody Institute pianist Brian Ganz. For more information on the clinics and performances, go to www.middleburgconcertseries.com

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

I first saw Yes at a show in Hartford in 1976. It was a misty night, and Anderson's voice was paired with newfangled lasers in the lighting system, which projected sharp beams of green light piecing through the mist. To many of us who loved progressive music in the 70s, Yes was the penultimate band, with its complex symphonic music and musical virtuosity capped off by Anderson's unique tenor voice. I was psyched to see Yes finally make it into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. They played two songs, one with the help of Geddy Lee, who stood in on bass for the recently deceased Chris Squire. The result was some great music, even 50 years later. Jon Anderson's ethereal tenor still sounded young and fresh, which you cannot always say with a 50-year-old band. One of my favorite Yes albums is *Yessongs*. The record was pulled from a run through the East they did in the Fall of 1972. Recently, the band released a series of recordings from that run that is well worth a listen. They are on Spotify, and I recommend both the Duke and the Nassau Coliseum shows.

Not all is happy in "Yesland"; the band has always been dynamic, changing personnel every year or so. The latest incarnations have lacked energy and have not included Jon Anderson, replacing him with a younger Jon Davison, who does a rather contrived, but adequate job of imitating Anderson. After the Hall of Fame show, Jon Anderson announced that they were creating a new band, Yes Featuring Anderson, Rabin, Wakeman, and that they would tour this summer. My recommendation is to see them, they

sound like they did in the eighties, and that says a lot in the ever-aging classic rock world. Go to their website at www.yesfeaturingarw.com for tour info.

This month's playlist features some of the music discussed this month; you can listen to it on Spotify through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/lh3yqyq>



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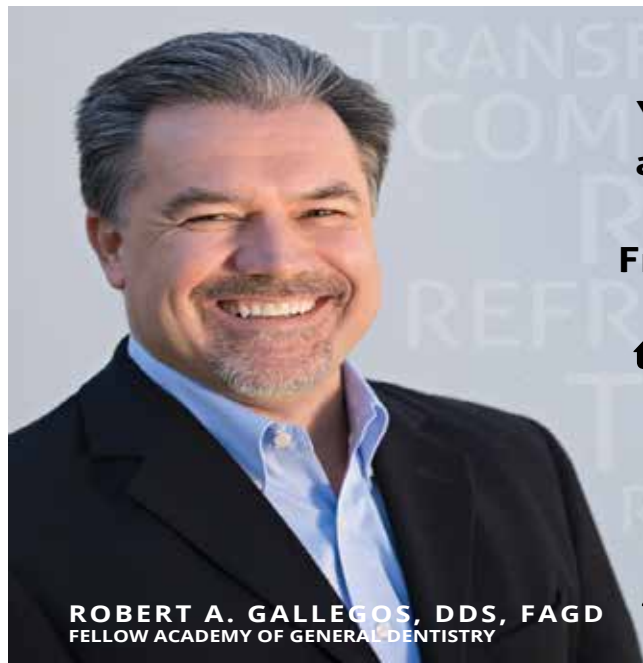


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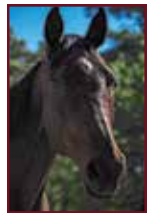
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LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT MORE

DAN MORROW

The nation, and we here in Middleburg, recently honored the all too many law enforcement officers who have given their lives while protecting and serving their fellow citizens.

We think and hear a lot about such “cops” and the sacrifices they and their families and friends are called upon to make as they do their best to “protect” us.

Sadly, we hear all too little about how they “serve,” at times in the

most difficult of circumstances.

One might argue, indeed, that sometimes, law enforcement officers have more in common with accountants than with their fellow professionals who put their lives at risk.

How?

No one notices them unless they do something terribly wrong.

Doing what’s right is the norm and, thus, goes unmarked, unnoticed, and unrewarded.

Just after Mother’s Day, our family suffered a tragedy.

A son and husband and father just “disappeared” and all of us feared the worst.

A call to Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco produced not only his word that he and his officers would do what they could to find him but calm counsel and good advice: call the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and the Leesburg Police Department.

The Sheriff’s Department responded in the same spirit as Chief Panebianco. After gently questioning me about what had happened and

why we were so worried, the Deputy on duty apologized and put me on hold.

On her own, she spoke to her colleagues and took the initiative to contact the right people at the Leesburg Police Department. “Expect a call,” she told me as soon as she was back on the line.

Within minutes of hanging up, the phone rang.

It was the Leesburg PD, asking for details

Not ten minutes after our call

ended the Leesburg PD called me back.

The news was not good.

I left for INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

The Leesburg PD sent two officers to my daughter-in-law’s home.

They were, she later told me, the best of best of the best.

We all thanked the officers we spoke with and met as best we could.

We hope you, too, will thank them for all they do to “protect” and to “serve.”

They deserve it.

EVIDENCE

BLUE

DAN MORROW

In the shady pools where the most devoted true believers in Trump still swim and survive, the water has begun to evaporate.

Some of the pools where the more “reluctant” Trump supporters once found refuge, have already dried up.

In others, the water is shallow, polluted, oxygen-poor, and evaporating.

Strong sunlight does that, slowly.

It’s the “heat” produced by the slow build up of circumstantial evidence of illegal, unethical, or in the case of the image of the Country and its President, simply distasteful behavior.

For years our suspicions driven

by circumstantial evidence and anecdote have been confirmed by increasingly heavy documentary evidence, and in Trump’s case, his words.

For the majority of Americans voters who opposed Trump, it’s obvious why the political environment in which Trump now lives and moves is, apparently to his great surprise, heating up.

For die-hard Trumpists, however, these realities remain inexplicable . . . Much like rising ocean levels and disappearing polar ice. There’s no “evidence” they cry.

They’re wrong, of course.

And as the evidence builds up, the confined weight of it produces pressure . . . And heat.

Trumps clumsy and ill-timed fir-

ing of James Comey may well prove to have produced critical mass. We have seen and smelled the smoke. Now there’s flaming video.

Trump’s personal life and ethical flaws were once considered serious and gave many, including many loyal Republican’s pause even before he became the nominee of the former Party of Lincoln.

His business dealings, especially in real estate, branding and casino operations, coupled with his adamant refusal to release his tax returns, added to the suspicion.

His documented ties to people and organizations engaged in or suspected of money laundering fueled the fire.

His mean-spirited campaign and the linking of his senior advisors,

appointees, White House Staff and even Cabinet members to Russians, Russian oligarchs, Russian intelligence agents and other appointees and pals of Putin produced more heat.

All those factors were exacerbated by botched denials, all exposed by the much feared “mainstream” news media, “leaks” from the conscientious, or by the President’s “Tweets.”

Three events, in our view, have now raised the heat to critical mass and led to the appointment of Special Counsel:

1. His firing of US Attorney Preet Bharara in Manhattan after Bharara refused, true to Justice Department protocols, to speak to the President.
2. His firing of acting Attorney

COMEY AND MUELLER AND TRUMP, OH MY

RED

JIM MORGAN

Your humble correspondent recently participated in a CNN interview, which examined the story of the Civil War monument on the Trump National Golf Course; you know, the one that claims there was a battle where there wasn’t one. President Trump, drama queen that he is with his exaggerated showmanship, has a way of making himself look foolish with things like that. And he did it again with regard to firing James Comey.

While the president has not been particularly well served by his staff, neither have they been well served by him. He is used to mouthing off at will both as head of the Trump financial empire and as host of a reality TV show. He clearly doesn’t much care if he says things that sound outrageous. That’s the showmanship part. It didn’t matter then. It does

matter now.

Any president has the legal right to fire the FBI director. No question about that. And Trump apparently had doubts about Comey despite the normal, boilerplate assurances of his confidence, assurances which no one familiar with Washington’s ways should have taken seriously for a second.

Some folks have questioned the timing, claiming that Comey was fired in order to derail the FBI’s investigation of the alleged Trump-Putin bromance. But, speaking of drama queens, that’s just Democrats getting their panties in a wad again. They’re screaming “coup” and “constitutional crisis,” neither of which remotely applies. It’s so absurd that even Nancy Pelosi has told her fellow Democrats to back off a bit and wait for some evidence.

Besides, it wasn’t all that long

ago that the Schumer-Pelosi gang was howling for Comey to be fired because they blamed him for Hillary’s defeat (before they started blaming the Russians). One member of that gang was my very favorite Democrat, Georgia Representative Hank Johnson. He’s the loon who thinks that Guam will flip over if we send too many troops to the base there. No, really. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7XXVLKwD3Q>

But Democrats need not worry. Guam won’t flip over, and Comey’s firing won’t bring the FBI to a standstill especially now that Trump’s Justice Department has appointed a special counsel, something for which Trump should get a little credit, though he won’t.

Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein’s memo to Jeff Sessions, “Restoring Public Confidence in the FBI,” made

the case against Comey. Whether or not Trump was influenced by it, something about which he and Sean Spicer seem to differ, it is a compelling argument, which cites several former AG’s and Deputy AG’s who believe that Comey badly bungled several matters and deserved to go. Indeed, the list of fubars on Comey’s watch is distressingly long. Take a look: <https://news.grabien.com/story-10-major-fbi-scandals-comesys-watch>

So Trump’s foolishness with regard to the firing is not in the decision itself but with how it was handled. And that’s where his previous experiences saying whatever he wanted to say whenever he wanted to say it, become problematic. He contradicted and embarrassed his staff and then made himself look petty with what Jonah Goldberg called his “thyroidal tweeting,” especially his not-so-veiled Twitter threats against

Comey. There’s no question that Trump’s bombastic style has worked for him for a long time but, please, Mr. President, can’t you, every now and then, just shut up?

Nonetheless, just as Comey listed all the reasons why Hillary should be indicted but concluded that he wouldn’t recommend indictment, it is possible to say many negative things about Trump and still conclude that he’s doing all right. His actions are better than his comments. Gorsuch to SCOTUS, Keystone, and Dakota pipelines progressing; more to come. And, at the very least, we can always just be glad he’s not Hillary.

Democrats think they have Trump on the ropes with the Mueller investigation. But more likely, this is their “Battle of the Bulge,” a last-ditch, desperation attack; some early successes but ultimately a failure.

LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS

A SCIENTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

DR. ART POLAND, PHD

Observation tells us that there is life on Earth. A question that has to some extent obsessed humanity for centuries “is there life anywhere else”. We have no observations that directly answer that question. Until recently we did not even have observations that proved that there were planets around any other star than our Sun. Recent observations are beginning to answer some of our questions, and as is usual in science, leading to more questions.

The space program has given us unprecedented information about the other planets in our solar system. Before then we only had fuzzy pictures of the surfaces of other planets. We didn’t even know if a man could stand on the moon, or sink in a surface that was deep in dust. We have

walked on the Moon, and brought back rock samples for detailed laboratory analysis. We have sent a probe to Mars that has done detailed chemical analysis looking for indicators of life. So far, we have found no proof of life of any kind on Mars. We will soon send another probe that has more sophisticated capabilities to answer that question. The bottom line for right now is that we have not found indicators of life within our solar system other than on Earth.

With respect to all of space we have found what might be a precursor to life. That precursor is what we call self-replicating molecules. A molecule is two or more atoms that join together, like carbon and oxygen. Self-replicating molecules are molecules that can make duplicates of themselves if the right atoms get close enough. Advanced telescopes

and sensors have allowed us to observe these molecules in space.

The next question about planets around other stars has also recently been answered. With our advanced technology we have been able to determine that there are planets around other stars. We have been able to define a “habitable zone” where the planet would not be too hot, nor too cold to sustain life. We have very recently been able to determine that there are planets around other stars in their “habitable zones”. We are beginning to be able to determine what elements are in the atmospheres of those planets. The content of the atmosphere is important for the existence of life. Our advances in technology are giving us tremendous capabilities to answer some very exciting questions.

Astrophysicists often have the

capability to look at the really big picture. In the May 5 Washington Post, Speaking Science, the headline reads, “Stephen Hawking just moved up humanity’s deadline for escaping Earth.” In November of last year he gave humanity a deadline of 1,000 years to find a new planet to call home. In a new documentary that will be out this summer by BBC’s “Tomorrow’s World”, “Hawking claims that Mother Earth would greatly appreciate it if we could gather our belongings and get out – not in 1,000 years, but in the next century or so.” His reasoning is, “With climate change, overdue asteroid strikes, epidemics, and population growth, our own planet is increasingly precarious.”

Now comes the really big question. Can we get to other habitable planets? Mars may be habitable, if

we develop the needed technology. We have the technology to make the trip in a “tolerable” amount of time, maybe. However I doubt we could get people there alive. Space hazards – radiation to mention one – would almost certainly kill any human traveling to Mars. Based on the physics that we currently understand, there is no way to get to other stars. Basic physics, based on Einstein’s theory of relativity, tells us that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light. It would take an infinite amount of energy to accelerate something to the speed of light and travelling at the speed of light to even the closest star would take years. Unless a new Einstein comes along and discovers a new physics, we can’t get there from here, and they can’t get here from there.

I’m hoping for a new physics.

CITIZENSHIP - AND FUTURE OF THE TREE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

JERRY VAN VOORHIS
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these “citizen stones” made?

How can we make ourselves tomorrow as internally rich as we are, in some cases, externally? As we’ve shown, to “act” is to take the initiative. To act is to instruct ourselves, and to instruct ourselves well good ethics should prevail. This imports character into our daily life.

The inner right of conscience is perhaps the ultimate Republican principle. We are only now glimpsing this founding element of our public genius more fully. The principle allows us to perceive better over worse. It is the basis for how individual reformation is also the only true and durable path to social betterment.

Like a tree needing the proper nutrients, as individuals, we must absorb the right assumptions about life. Good assumptions help us grow in temperament and robustly manage tomorrow as well or better than today. They allow us to fulfill life’s rising stream of expectations by

pushing aside stumbling blocks and forging fresh stepping stones.

Unlike a tree which grows, changes matures, and provides shade to others, however, there is a difference. Trees don’t do their own pruning. But we as citizens do. It’s the way we sift the wheat from the tares, the way we level up rather than down, in our experience. Because our inner lives - or the eye of the soul - continuously speak to us, we are asked to make ourselves better. This progression of mind is not likely to vanish from us.

We need to remember we grew into a nation primarily to cast aside individual limitation. For the Public Square, then, character is the primary element of citizenship. It is through only a slowly acquired and very strong self-government that our citizenship ultimately benefits both the government and the people. The stones of character do for us what, in architecture, they do for structure. The give us some sense of dominion.

Freedom is a historically expensive gift. Abraham Lincoln once visualized freedom is an “apple of gold” housed in a “silver frame.” The golden apple is the Declaration of Independence, and the silver frame is The Constitution. Our natural rights clearly are outside the Constitution, but hardly independent of it.

The Constitution protects in fundamental law what the Declaration asserts as first law - the thriving of the individual. It’s no irony the Constitutional Convention met in the very room where the Declaration of Independence was crafted. The Ninth Amendment connects the two, by simply stating: “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

The government gives us law so that we can be the foundation stones of its morality. Citizenship is our 240 year model to the world, but the government has largely drifted from

this model. The government, unable to change easily, has forgotten it is there to do its vital work but in the end mainly set the individual forever beyond government.

Only faintly can we productively anticipate the future without wasting monumental amounts of time. Citizenship must remain the river of life for Americans, however. Just as a river stays true to its unique currents and boundaries - our citizenship is there to fuse heart and order in our lives.

We all can become “apples of gold,” a part of the tree of liberty.

In many ways, life is the angle of our vision. The roots of our evolution of citizenship are so fundamental, so clear, and the possibilities so great, that the architecture of the nation we have built, along with the present state of need, suggest a course not dissimilar to the one The Public Square is advocating.

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello, Middleburg! I left out an important factor in my April column about the cost of water – we rely entirely on our four wells for all of our water. The Virginia Department of Health many years ago mandated treating this water to remove iron and manganese, naturally occurring minerals that harbor small levels of radionuclides. We run two water treatment plants to comply, and that adds a significant cost to operations and maintenance. The utility committee meets every month, trying to find efficiencies and improvements.

Middleburg Town Council has scheduled Thursday, May 25, a regular work session, to complete our

town visioning exercise. Although the meeting is open to the public, council discussion will not accommodate public input. Mike Chandler, our facilitator, will lead the discussion. Council appears to be reaching conclusions closely resembling previous council visions. The vision session, estimated at ninety minutes, will follow about thirty minutes of budget-related public hearings.

Most people tell me Middleburg needs more parking. Council scheduled a review of the last parking study in the core business district produced by Vollmer Associates in 2005-2006. Vollmer updated an earlier study produced by Wells and Associates in 1994. The 1994 Wells study reported 905 downtown park-

ing spaces. The 2005 study said 1,248 spaces. Both reports included on-street parking, as well as spaces in public and private lots. The studies also included surveys and input from businesses.

The study engineers examined peak utilization periods. The 1994 study determined this to be around noon on weekdays. Utilization during the peak was 65% for on-street spots and slightly less for private spaces. The later study also looked at usage and then focused on three different times on three days of the week: Tuesday noon, Thursday afternoon and Saturday noon. The engineers found that the highest utilization was 61% between 11:15 and 5:30 PM on Thursday.

Vollmer advised us that standards dictate providing additional parking once utilization rates approach or exceed 80%. The survey concluded that people want more parking, but stated that this is a perceived need. The engineers did not recommend additional parking in 2005, as determined by utilization.

The 2005 study called for better management of available parking. The emphasis was on managing parking spaces by encouraging and enforcing time limits so that the spaces turned over every two or three hours. The study recommended adding more meters to accomplish this. However, manufacturers provide fewer coin-operated meters as they move to (expensive!) credit card systems.

Once Council reviews an update to the last study, we should know where we stand regarding parking availability in the downtown business district.

That is my opinion – what do you think?

AREA MAN STARTS BUN AND MUFFIN COMMITTEE

VICTORIA FRYE

Hope has been a resident of Middleburg since 1787. “When I first moved here, there were 600 people. Today there are 700. In my opinion, that’s 100 too many,” he said.

The Town Council reviewed the proposed charter for the new Committee, which includes the “right and ability to tax and regulate the distribution and consumption of English

muffins, crumpets, buns, and all products that constitute the ingredients of such or can be even grossly used as accompaniments”. During his presentation, Mr. Hope distributed muffins to the Council. Members of the Butter and Jam Committee claimed the muffins were given to the Mayor and Members of Council as a clever move to stifle conversation.

When the Council opened to comment on the proposal, Councilman Lenny Morgan said, “These English muffins are brilliant,” as he spread jam on a highly buttered muffin. “As far as I’m concerned, you’re doing a great thing for the Town of Middleburg, and we thank you for your truly tasty and selfless service to the community.”

The only controversy came in a heated debate about whether the muffin served was actually an English muffin or a hamburger bun. “This is exactly why we need the Bun and Muffin Committee,” said Mr. Hope. “Is it a muffin or is it a hamburger bun? It’s hard to tell. This is why we exist. These are the kinds of questions that our committee can answer.”

THE FUTURES GROUP AND WHAT WILL IT DO?
MIDDLEBURG FUTURES GROUP



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BRIDGE LITTLETON
PHILIP MILLER

The Middleburg Futures Group (MFG) met in early May for a day and a half, aided by a facilitator paid for by the Town Council and MBPA, to develop a strategic plan with goals, action items, timelines and a path for moving forward to accomplish these objectives. The vision is a clear and simple one: A thriving, vibrant town of Middleburg with a diverse, growing, sustainable economy that will preserve our culture, values, and way of life. The Futures Group mission is to improve the business climate and community life of our town, preparing it for the challenges associated with the growth and changes taking place in surrounding areas and building on our core, inherent strengths, and history.

You may be asking yourself, "why this group?"

The MFG committee is a voice for our community with a broad representation, to include: Town Council, Historic District Review Committee, Planning Commission, Economic

Development Advisory Committee, Streetscape Committee, Middleburg Arts Council, Go Green Committee, Middleburg Business & Professional Association, Salamander Resort, National Sporting Library & Museum, retail and service businesses, and the citizen community. We are a motivated volunteer group dedicated to serving all town stakeholders. Our passion for Middleburg and our belief in the town's tremendous potential energizes us. The Futures Group is essentially an action-oriented advocacy group for the community. We are working to improve the community and secure its future success for everybody.

As members of these various groups, we made a critical discovery in our time together – we're stronger together than we are as individuals. As a unifying body, our integrated approach to moving Middleburg forward has already yielded an often-overlooked important result. We're all working together towards a common set of outcomes which represents all voices. The Futures Group also serves as a communica-

tions mechanism for these individual groups in a way that jointly leverages our capabilities. Before the Futures Group, collaboration happened infrequently and on an ad hoc basis making it hard for these groups make progress. We now have a process and energized forum for partnering together to address the challenges that face Middleburg.

We dove head first into the issues by conducting a detailed survey which yielded over 1200 responses. After analyzing the responses from locals and visitors, the results were clear: Both natives and visitors cherish Middleburg for the same reason, we are an authentic community.

Below is a sampling of our goals for the next year. We will achieve these and gain momentum through well-defined, targeted quick win projects. They may seem small, but small things often yield big results. These projects are an important foundation for the long-term goals of community fulfillment, economic stability and planned sustainable growth.

We've all heard the concerns

raised over several retail vacancies on main street. The Futures Group will be working to brand and market Middleburg. With that effort, we will focus on supporting current businesses and existing events. Our goal is the capture the unique essence that makes Middleburg special and put it to use in a consistent and compelling brand presentation for the brand of the town.

This brand will not just help us better represent what Middleburg is, but it will also help us to project what it wants to be. As we develop and implement this, we will work to attract the right visitors for our current businesses. It will also help us attract businesses who would fit and succeed here. Prospective businesses will soon see that Middleburg is forward thinking and focused, which speaks to the character of the town and our community.

Furthermore, we will be working to deliver an improved Middleburg Experience. This will include enhancing our streetscape, improving way finding signage and town guides for visitors. In our recent

meeting, we performed an exercise where we walked through town as a new visitor. It was an eye-opening experience. We each saw the town differently. Middleburg is beautiful and genuine. It's an escape from the ordinary when you considered the multitude of planned communities surrounding us. We do not want to appear planned, but we do want to feel well organized and user-friendly. It's our goal to add outdoor seating and enhance the landscaping to complete the attractive feeling that pervades the downtown.

Now it is time for the hard truth. The easy part is behind us. We've heard your input. We've researched and organized the plan, set objectives and outlined a process to move us forward. Now, we must do it, and we are excited to start this journey with you. This is the only way both The Futures Group and the community will succeed. We need your help as volunteers. We encourage you to reach out and get involved if one of these projects speaks to your interest or your expertise. We look forward to you joining us on this journey.

FLOODS AND DROUGHT AGAIN
WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Did you know that a major non-governmental water organization (NGO) is located in our midst? That's right, the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) has its national headquarters in Middleburg.

I've written about AWRA before but to refresh your memory, it is an organization whose mission is to advance multidisciplinary water resources education, management, and research. To do this, AWRA publishes a refereed journal, a magazine, and operates three or more water resources conferences nationally and occasionally internationally each year. AWRA members represent the private sector, colleges and universities, and all levels of government.

Major concerns to AWRA, to all ~ BE LOCAL ~

of us in the water business, and to the public are floods and drought. The AWRA Board of Directors recently adopted a position statement on floods and drought that should heighten awareness of everyone in the country to these damaging events. The purpose of this article is to summarize the statement.

AWRA Recommends that all communities and their governing bodies prepare themselves for these events. Obviously, floods happen rapidly following intense storm events while drought is insidious, and the problems they cause are quite different. Nevertheless, careful planning can mitigate the impacts of both. AWRA's position statement recognizes that floods and drought occur at significant cost to society and recommends four ways that communities

can better prepare themselves. These include information gathering, communication and education, partnerships, and resiliency in community planning.

Regarding the collection of information, the statement suggests examining carefully the history of past events, to help determine how changes in upstream land use and land cover may impact the location, strength, and duration of future flood or drought events. Some of the questions to be addressed include what data are needed to make these determinations and how may this data be obtained? What extremes may be anticipated based on the best available data from climate science? What were the economic, social, and environmental impacts of past events on the community and can scenarios

be developed for these impacts for future events?

Regarding communication and education, AWRA suggests education on drought and flood risk at community schools, and that financial institutions engage stakeholders as to risk and incentives. First responders and emergency managers should receive simulation training, and it should be made clear to the public exactly how information would be communicated during an event.

The establishment of partnerships before drought or flood events is very advantageous when an event occurs. An example is a coordination between public entities and researchers to process gathered information and disseminate it promptly to the public. Partnerships between such groups also are necessary during mitigation,

response, and recovery.

Finally, resiliency in planning is important to assure that alternative sources of fresh water and water treatment, if necessary, are available promptly and that regional support is available for small communities. Innovation in adopting and implementing policies, procedures, regulation, and zoning that are flexible but that protect health, social systems, economic and other systems following an event are highly recommended.

Many communities have flood and drought plans in place, but many do not, and some plans likely need updating. I applaud AWRA for developing this position statement. It should be required reading for elected, management, and emergency officials across our nation.



Langhorne Farm
Upperville, Virginia
\$4,950,000

266 acres in Piedmont Hunt • Panoramic views of the Blue Ridge, Bull Run and Cobler 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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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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Rolling Meadows
Purcellville, Virginia
\$2,950,000

Stunning 267 acres between Middleburg & Purcellville • Rolling terrain - some open some wooded • Lovely building sites with mountain views & large spring fed pond • Miles of trails • Complete privacy with extensive frontage on Beaver Dam Creek • Very unique offering - can be divided once • Fairfax & Piedmont Hunt Easement • Come hunt, fish, swim, ride and enjoy the outdoors

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Belvedere
Middleburg, Virginia
\$2,499,000

Gracious home with 5 BRs • Gourmet kitchen • Two-story floor-to-ceiling window display of the Blue Ridge Mountains • 3 FP's, coffered ceilings, random width rustic cherry floors • Large home office, gym, rec room, multiple porches and patios • Three finished stories, approx. 10,000 sf. • Carriage house • Garage • Privately situated on 27 acres

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Margaret Carroll (540) 454-0650



Monroe Valley Place
Aldie, Virginia
\$1,995,000

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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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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Grenata Preserve Place
Leesburg, Virginia
\$1,599,000

One of the prime lots in Grenata Preserve • All brick Chopin model built by Edgemoor Homes • Details throughout, over 7800 sf finished • 10 ft+ ceilings • 5 bedrooms • 4 full baths & 3 half baths • 3 gas fireplaces • Attached 3-car garage • Gourmet kitchen • 3 acres • Excellent value

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Westwind Farm
Middleburg, Virginia
\$1,570,000

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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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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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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Stoneway
The Plains, Virginia
\$1,225,000

Well designed stucco single story • 3 BR • 4 full BA • 2 half BA • Master bedroom w/his and hers dressing room/bathroom en suite • Library • Sun-filled sitting room-dining room • Kitchen with breakfast nook and chef's caliber appliances • 2 FP • Large mudroom off 2 car garage • Cutting garden • Nestled on 10 private wooded acres in sought after Orange County hunt

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Olinger Dairy
Marshall, Virginia
\$945,000

200 year old restored farmhouse on 24 acres in 3 recorded parcels • Seamlessly blending the original classic features with all the amenities for today's living • Gorgeous log dining room and gourmet kitchen • 3 BR • 3 1/2 BA • 2 car garage • Guest house • Generator • Herb garden • Original dairy barn & loafing barn • Mostly open and partially wooded land, large spring fed pond, hayfields & fencing

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Joshua Mann House
Middleburg, Virginia
\$935,000

Circa 1817 antique solid stone home in the village of Middleburg • Original floors, 2 stone fireplaces & exquisite details • Main level master bedroom • New kitchen & new roof & lower level den/tavern room • Glass enclosed rear porch adds nice living space to a classic period home • Large lot includes swimming pool and may be dividable

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Kildare
Middleburg, Virginia
\$850,000

Private 6+ acres in a lovely setting just 3 miles from town of Middleburg • Stucco home with 5 bedrooms • Traditional yet open floor plan • Hardwood floors • Wood burning fireplace • Front porch, rear deck, patio & pool • 2 bay garage and main level master suite • Very pretty lot with mature trees and old stone walls

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Dover Road
Middleburg, Virginia
\$470,000

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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Patrick Street
Upperville, Virginia
\$350,000

Charming stucco bungalow on a quiet lane • Hardwood floors • Flagstone patio • Updated kitchen and baths • Home office and first floor master with sitting room • Large fenced back yard • Very well cared for turn-key home and a great value

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New Listing
Custom estate home on **3+ lush acres** minutes to Middleburg. This 6,000+ sq. ft. former model has open floor plan w/ 5 Bedrooms, 6 Baths, stunning Chef's Kitchen that opens to Family Rm w/ fireplace, wall of windows & spacious side covered porch. Formal Living Rm w/ fireplace, Dining Rm, Den/Office, & Master Suite with Sitting Room, his & her Walk-ins & Luxury Bath. Quality finishes throughout include hardwood floors & crown molding. Spacious Nanny Suite on top level. Fully finished lower level with Rec. Room. 3-car attached garage. **\$915,000**

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