

VIRGINIA FALL RACES

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IRV NAYLOR'S SUPER SATURDAY AND
TRAINER KATHERINE NEILSON

PHOTO BY NANCY KLECK

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Town of Middleburg is excited to announce a housing assistance program specifically funded to support residents who live in the Town limits. The Housing Assistance Program will provide rent or mortgage assistance to residents who live in the Town of Middleburg.

How Much Am I Eligible For?

The Town is offering up to one month's rent or mortgage payment, not to exceed \$2,000, per household. If sufficient funds remain, the Town may offer additional assistance to households (additional months' payments).

How Does This Work?

The Town is partnering with the Windy Hill Foundation to administer this program. (You do not need to be a resident of Windy Hill to qualify.) You will be asked to show proof of economic impact due to COVID (such as paystubs or a statement from your employer), proof of a lease or mortgage, and demonstration of the financial hardship.

You will coordinate all documentation with the Windy Hill Foundation and, once approved, they will send payment directly to your landlord or mortgage company. They will retain all records and report back to the Town on the status of the program.

Who Qualifies?

Any resident who can demonstrate an economic impact due to COVID-19 (which would include loss of job, reduction in hours,

loss of wages, or other loss of income) and who has a financial hardship (such as outstanding rent payments, mortgage payments, or any other hardship in paying a current or future housing payment). There is no income limitation or low-

come requirement to participate in this program.

What Is The Deadline?

You may submit a request beginning October 5, 2020, and you must have all documentation to the Windy Hill Foundation by November 5, 2020.

Where Can I Apply or Receive More Information?

Contact Claire at the Windy Hill Foundation at (540) 687-3273.

For questions directed to the Town, contact the Town Office (540) 687-5152.

Additional Resources for Housing and Financial Assistance

Catholic Charities

Website: saintjohnleesburg.org/catholic-charities Phone: (703) 777-1317

Loudoun CARES

Website: loudouncares.org/helpline Phone: (703) 669-4636

Loudoun County Limited Rent Assistance Program

Website: loudoun.gov/lra Phone: (703) 777-0420

Loudoun County Community Support Program

Website: loudoun.gov/1687/Community-Support-Program Phone: (703) 777-0420

Middleburg FISH

Website: emmanuelmiddleburg.org/fish Phone: (540) 687-8771

Northern Virginia Family Service

Website: nvfs.org/rent-and-mortgage-relief Phone: (804) 404-8752

Salvation Army

Website: virginiasalvation-army.org/loudouncountycorps Phone: (703) 771-3371

Tree of Life

Website: tolministries.org Phone: (540) 441-7920

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PRINCIPAL CONCEPTS FOR ANOTHER BLUE MOON CONSIGNMENT SHOP



What began in November 2018 as a popup shop, Another Blue Moon LLC officially incorporated late last year. There was tremendous interest from consignors and buyers alike, which motivated the move to Washington Street from Madison Street and the recent addition of warehouse space.

"We are delighted with the support of the community—consignors and buyers alike, and we feel like we are participating in a great trend. Recycling amazing pieces—giving the consignors a place to sell and the buyers great value," says partner Kerry Dale.

Another Blue Moon consignment shop is currently bursting at the seams with new consignments brought in by home sellers in the booming Hunt Country real estate market.

They have received so many consignments that the partners decided to hold the White Barn Sale.

Items are in very good to excellent, like-new condition, and what isn't near perfect, partner Jimmie Emmett works

his restoration and repair magic on.

"We love the diversity of consignments," says partner Jennifer Andrews, "we have antiques and vintage and modern—everything from rugs to lamps, sofas to tables—even Chinese snuff bottles and fine jewelry."

The White Barn sale will feature hundreds of items—tables, chairs, rugs, lamps, mirrors, sofas, sideboards, hutches, desks, and more.

The sale will be held at 119 The Plains Road, Middleburg, on October 23, 24, and 25. Friday's hours are 5-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8 am-5 pm. The shop will remain open during the sale so be sure to make your way over to 7a West Washington Street, just two blocks away after shopping at the barn.

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Have a great and safe holiday!

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NEWS OF NOTE

APPLYING A PORTFOLIO APPROACH TO YOUR LAND

THE FENCE POST



CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

Historically, landowners only get paid when something is extracted from their property like timber or crops. As the cost of carrying land and paying taxes rise over time, landowners have looked to conservation easements and land-use taxation policies as a way to lower that cost. The rise of natural capital gives landowners a new way of managing land, going beyond conservation, and ushering in the age of the restoration economy.

What exactly do we mean when we say natural capital? Natural capital is about putting a price and value on your land's ecological services to society. Whether your trees and soil are sequestering carbon, providing critical biodiversity, or filtering and storing water, natural capital is about taking a more comprehensive approach to your investment portfolio that turns your land into a valuable asset as it grows.

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So natural capital forces one to develop, at best, an optimization approach to land management. For example, a tree never was recognized on the balance sheet until it was harvested for paper or board feet. With the rise of the carbon market, you now have to ask, is the tree worth more up than down? By merely asking this question, you change how you manage your land. No longer are you forced to cut timber to pay your bills. As your timber grows year over year, the stock change difference is turned into carbon credits that have value to major Fortune 500 companies. Nature's appreciation and mix start to help us use it in a better mix today!

One such example is our GreenTrees business. GreenTrees is the global leader in carbon reforestation credits selling to Norfolk Southern Railway, Duke Energy, Microsoft, Shell, and many more. Our 600 landowners are now receiving money because their forests grew. The faster the trees grow, the more income landowners receive. Now, this does not mean that landowners never thin their stands. Actually, we encourage active management. So, periodic thinning enables landowners to diversify their income, where they get both timber and carbon revenue. All the while, we are growing a world-class forest. Timber and carbon are just part of the story.

It is time to think of land as your portfolio. Another example of this is our Conservation Plus business, the leading natural capital portfolio manager for landowners throughout the Southeast. Conservation Plus works with landowners whose holdings range from a few acres to 20,000 or more acres. We have created an approach to optimize conservation easements, nutrient mitigation banking, wetland and stream restoration with carbon sequestration income and balance against agricultural, forest management, and recreational uses.

From there, we developed out our Air-Land-Water "pro forma," providing landowners a diversified plan to meet their objectives and risk tolerance. Just like a retirement advisor allocates a percentage to equities and bonds, we look at your land the same way. For some landowners, it might be wealth-building; for others, it might be paying off the mortgage, and for still others, it might be to endow the property for generations to come. Each plan is customized to the landowner and the land.

The tools at a landowners' disposal are expanding, giving landowners more options and strategies for managing their land. This expansion of the landowner toolbox is ushering in the Age of Natural Capitalism while moving beyond conservation to the restoration economy. We are learning to put nature on the balance sheet by placing a price and value on our natural systems and the benefit they provide our communities and us. This gives new meaning to the adage of doing well by doing good.

Chandler Van Voorhis is the Co-founder and Managing Partner of ACRE Investment Management (www.acre-investment.com), recipient of the 2002 ChevronTexaco Conservation Award and a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

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BLUE RIDGE WILDLIFE CENTER APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Boyce, Virginia – September 30, 2020 – The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Annie Bradfield as its new Executive Director. Ms. Bradfield comes to BRWC with an extensive background in non-profit development and management. She brings more than a decade of non-profit experience with her, having worked for organizations that include Shenandoah University, American Bird Conservancy, Project HOPE, and Blue Ridge Hospice. Ms. Bradfield lives in Winchester, Virginia and attended Shenandoah University, where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Psychology and History.

"I am very grateful to the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center board for putting their faith in me to lead this wonderful organization and dedicated staff," states Bradfield. "2020 has been a challenging year for non-profits and BRWC has certainly felt it in more ways than one. Already this year the center has admitted more patients than it did in all of 2019 with no additional staff or funding. It will be a challenge to make sure the center can get through the year with the proper

equipment and supplies it needs. I am eager to get started and help the center achieve its mission."

Beatrice von Gontard, Chair of the BRWC Board of Directors, stated, "The BRWC board would like to welcome Annie Bradfield to the team and thank Hillary Russell Davidson for her three years of service as Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center. We wish Hillary continued success in her future pursuits."

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, BRWC was not able to hold in-person educational programs or the annual fall gala this year, which contributes major funding to help wildlife in need. Providing things look better in 2021, the Center is planning to host its second annual "Wildfest" festival in the spring at the Berryville Fairgrounds. BRWC also looks forward to welcoming visitors to enjoy its educational tours and up-close encounters with wildlife ambassadors on the Wildlife Walkway.

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center is a full-service wildlife teaching hospital that cares for injured, sick, or orphaned native wildlife and teaches the public how to be good stewards of the land around us. BRWC is a non-profit



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To learn more about Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, please

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JK MOVING INVESTS HALF OF NET PROFITS INTO EMPLOYEES' FINANCIAL FUTURE

401K AND PROFIT-SHARING PART OF WORKFORCE COMMITMENT



Despite the economic downturn, JK Moving Services, the nation's largest independently owned and operated moving company, made a significant investment in the long-term future of its employees. This month, the company distributed nearly

\$2 million into eligible employees' 401K accounts as part of its profit-sharing program and in keeping with the company's values of care and respect. This is the second-highest annual amount contributed to the program in the company's history. Over the lifetime of the pro-

gram, JK Moving Services has disbursed more than \$25 million into eligible employees' accounts.

"I saw how hard it was for my parents to save for retirement. When I started JK, I wanted to help my employees have an opportunity to build wealth and

afford to retire. Our employees commit to us and our customers, and our profit-sharing programs are part of our commitment to them," explained Chuck Kuhn, founder and CEO, JK Moving. "This year, it took longer to become profitable, but with sacrifices and hard work across the

enterprise, we are again thriving."

Made during the same month as National 401K Day—a national day marking the importance of retirement programs, JK's annual investment represents 5.5% of annual salary for eligible employees. This breakdown to 3% into the safe harbor 401K program and another 2.5% from the profit-sharing component. JK was able to continue this commitment by taking measures early on during the pandemic to cut costs and manage expenses, including members of the executive team taking a pay cut.

JK is committed to attracting and retaining the very best employees and provides its team members with ongoing career development and a path for advancement. The company also offers a formal Wellness Program; competitive compensation; a generous safe harbor 401(k) and company-paid profit-sharing program; tuition reimbursement; paid time off; an Employee Assistance Program; comprehensive medical, dental vision, and ancillary benefit coverages; bonus incentives; and employee volunteer opportunities—including the JK Community Farm, which is supported by JK Moving and grows and donates fresh produce and protein to the area's food insecure.

JK, along with its sister company CapRelo, employs nearly 1,100 people—a majority of which live in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. The company expects to expand its workforce in 2021 to handle demand and in anticipation of opening a Prince William County location. The company has won numerous awards, including being recognized by the Washington Business Journal as a Best Place to Work and Top Corporate Philanthropist.

THE FOXHOLE

A MONTHLY DISCUSSION OF VETERANS ISSUES



2d Annual Veterans Day 5K Run: Just a quick heads up - Together with Boy Scout Troop 2950, which is sponsored by American Legion Post 295, the Post will be hosting a "Rally Round the Flag" 5K Run at 08:30AM on 14 November 2019 at the Hill School grounds in Middleburg to commemorate Veterans Day and to honor all those who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. Details will be coming out soon but mark your calendars now for this terrific event!

Happy Birthday United States Marine Corps
The United States Marine Corps will celebrate its 245th birthday on 10 November 2020. Back on 1 November 1921, Commandant John A. Lejeune, declared 10 November as the official Marine Corps birthday and as a Marine Corps holiday which would be celebrated throughout the Corps. This is the main body of text from Lejeune's Marine Corps Order 47 and is a worthy tribute to the United States Marine Corps and the tremendous service and sacrifice of all U.S. Marines to our nation.

"On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousands men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history. The record of our corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military

organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly virtue we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps."

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL'S VIRTUAL SUCCESS



Ever since its inception in 2013, I've attended every Middleburg Film Festival. In that time, I've watched the festival grow from northern Virginia's hidden secret, to one of the must-see stops on the awards circuit. This year, however, many aspects of our lives, including the yearly film festivals, have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. But that didn't stop festival founder Sheila Johnson and

director Susan Koch from giving us a show. As opposed to the typical format of attending in-person screenings, Q&As, and other events at various venues throughout the town of Middleburg, this year's selections were mostly virtual, with a few in-person showings. Those that were in-person were presented on a drive-in screen on the grand lawn of the Sala-

mander Resort & Spa. Clearly, I wasn't the only one looking forward to this year's movies, as the Salamander screenings sold out within a day of the schedule's announcement. I spent my weekend virtually, streaming films comfortably at home from the film festival's website. My weekend's entertainment consisted of four very good films (reviews of which will be coming soon), an

interview with Oscar-winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, and a concert by Green Book composer Kris Bowers. The greatest inconvenience that I encountered was that each film was only available for a 24-hour period, meaning that there were some that I was unable to view due to my own work schedule. The true essence of the Middleburg Film Festival isn't found in the movies. It's found

in the experience of meeting new people, and surrounding yourself with friendly faces who view film as an art form. And even if we couldn't have that experience due to uncontrollable circumstances, I must give credit to Sheila Johnson, Susan Koch, and the entire festival team for allowing the show to go on. Here's to hopefully seeing you all in person next year.

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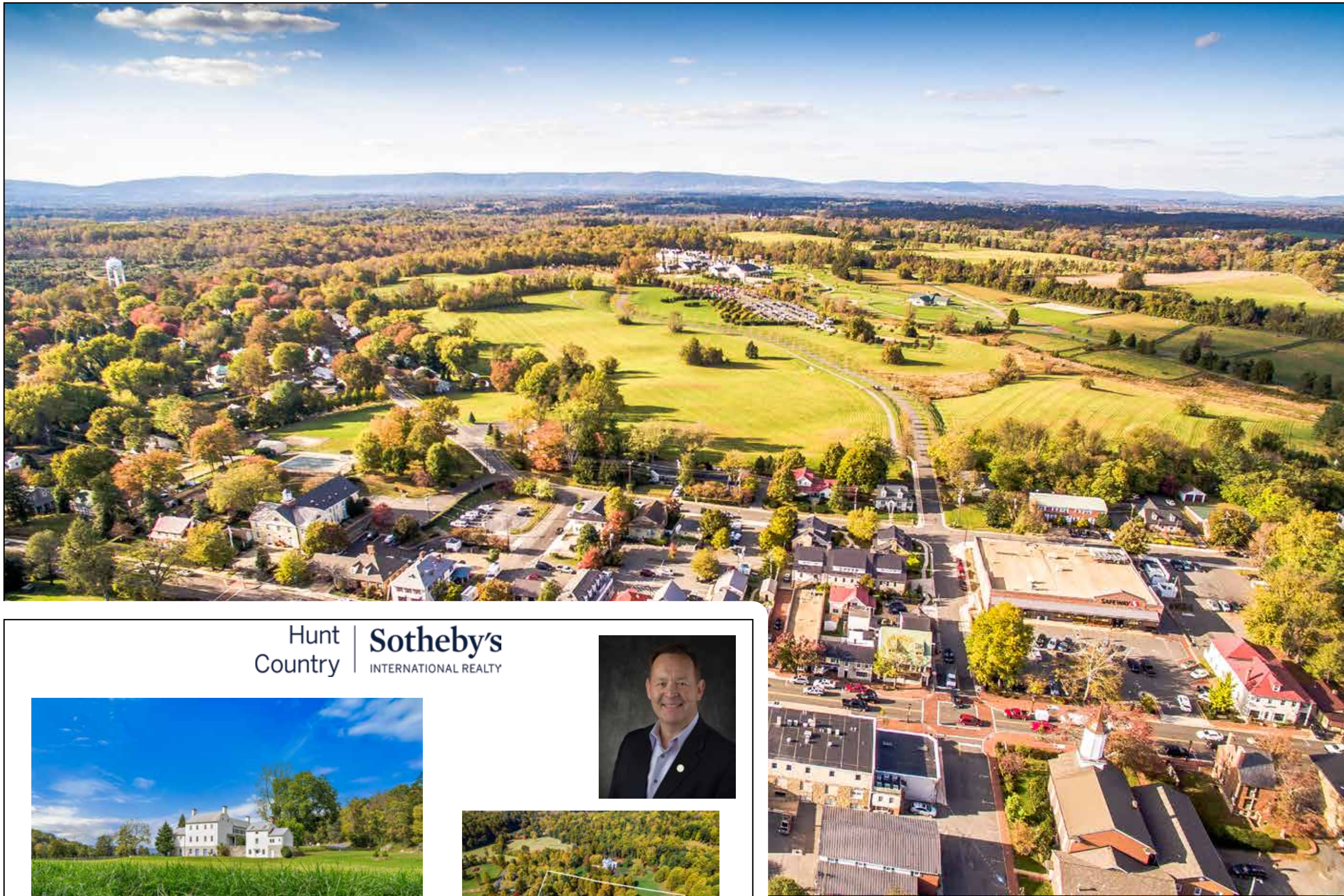
INOVA LOUDOUN NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER UPDATES VISITATION PLANS



Due to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) recently revised visitation guidelines, Inova Loudoun Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ILNRC) allowed in-person visitation on Saturday (Sept. 26) and Sunday (Sept. 27) for the first time since March. The ILNRC team developed a visitation plan that follows CDC guidelines and will continue to keep residents, team members and families safe. Their first official visit since March, ILNRC resident Cecilia DeMaria and her daughter Peggy Thompson reunite.

NEWS OF NOTE

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG ANNOUNCES "STATE OF THE TOWN" VIRTUAL ADDRESS



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On Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 6:00pm, Mayor Bridge Littleton will present the Annual "State of the Town" address to the Middleburg community. This year's address will be offered virtually, via the Town website (view-only streaming) and UberConference (ability to call in by phone or interact via your computer).

Last year, Mayor Littleton gave the State of the Town address, presenting to over 65 members of the community. This year, Mayor Littleton will cover important updates and information for the Middleburg community, including:

- COVID-19 Management,

Response, Relief Programs, and Looking Forward

- Current Financial Status of the Town
- Successful Completion of Key Projects and Initiation of Long-Range Planning Efforts
- Status and Progress on the Town Hall Project

The virtual State of the Town address will include an opportunity for the public to ask questions of Mayor Littleton. There are multiple ways to ask questions:

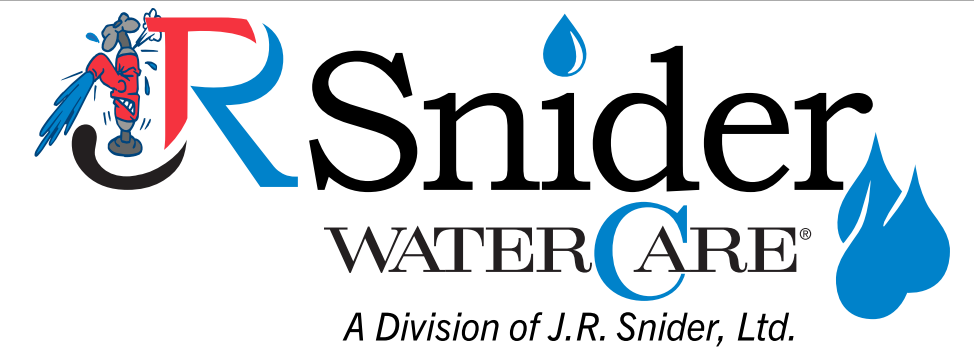
- Call into the virtual meeting at 540-339-6355 or watch the meeting online at www.uberconference.com/morth6. We ask that you let the Town Office

know in advance if you plan to ask questions. You can also use the chat function if you are on your computer.

- Email the Town Manager at ddavis@middleburgva.gov prior to or during the meeting.

The Town appreciates the engagement of the community and the interest in topics facing Middleburg. Although we are not able to meet in person due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are excited to share exciting updates and connect virtually with Town residents.

For questions, please contact the Town Office at 540-687-5152.



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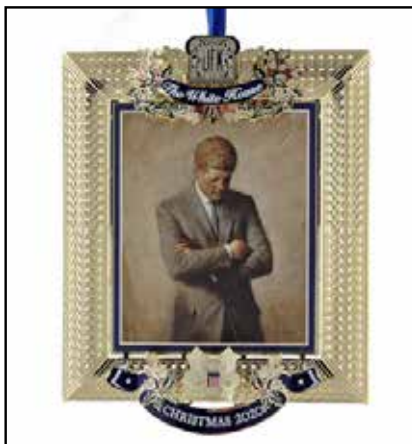
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OBITUARY SHARON ANN MALONEY

LEONARD SHAPIRO

Sharon Ann Maloney, who worked tirelessly over her admirably selfless life to assure the care, feeding, and frequent rescue of animals large and small, died at her Warrenton home Thursday, October 1, after a graciously determined battle with cancer of the bile duct. She was 73.

Ms. Maloney, known to her legion of friends and admirers affectionately as "Sam," was a lifetime Fauquier County resident whose family owned the aptly named Dogpatch Farm on the Springs Road. Her late mother, Betty Maloney, was a co-founder and generous supporter of the Fauquier County SPCA, which, for many years, was housed at the family farm.

Sharon Maloney was immersed in the shelter and continued that compassionate tradition after the SPCA moved to larger quarters in Casanova in 1989. She was president of the SPCA at the time of her death and had served on the board for many years.

She was a hands-on volunteer, working many hours at the Casanova facility. She also helped raise funds and donated herself generously to ensure the SPCA could continue its work in rescuing abused animals, offering spaying and neutering services, and operating a robust animal adoption program.

For many years at the Upperville Horse and Colt Show, where she, her mother, and her younger brother, Kevin, once competed, she operated a popular beer stand, with all proceeds going to the SPCA.

Ms. Maloney grew up riding ponies on the farm, competing at local horse shows, and showed her Craig's Corner to a championship at the Devon Horse Show in 1968, winning against top professionals. She graduated from Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda and Marymount Junior College in Arlington.

After college, she spent time at several California racetracks as a groom and exercise rider. She worked at the Del Mar track near San Diego for a demanding trainer named Willard Proctor. One day, her brother Kevin recalled, after galloping one of his charges, the horse had a heart attack and died on the track. Proctor told the always fit and slim Ms. Maloney, "I told you that you were too heavy."

She returned to Virginia in her 20s to start her business breaking and training yearlings. She later bred, owned, and trained racehorses such as Virginia Fats, Witch Wabbit, and Kitty Katch. Her wry sense of humor was evident when she named some fillies for Old West madams such as "Squirreltoothalice."

Ms. Maloney retired from the horse business in 2015, leaving only six also-retired Thorough-

reds left to roam the 54-acre farm's wide-open paddocks.

And then came the donkeys. "I knew I was getting out of horses and didn't want the farm to be empty," she once said. "My mother collected donkeys (figurines) and had a donkey hood ornament. We even have a room called the donkey room in my house. But we didn't have any donkeys at the farm."

Over three months that year, Ms. Maloney acquired 17 rescue donkeys, many the result of an animal cruelty case in Orange, Virginia.

"There was this farm where 70 horses were confiscated," she said. "A friend asked if I'd go down there with her. There were two donkeys and four mini horses. I took the two donkeys and brought them here. Because donkeys can survive on little to nothing, these guys were watching fellow horses starve to death and they survived."

Over the last five years, some of those original donkeys were adopted and replaced by other rescues, including four saved from a Texas kill pen. She used her funds, also supplemented by generous donations from the Warrenton community. One local Mexican restaurant collected trash bags filled with uneaten corn chips for Ms. Maloney's animals, and she continued to care for dozens of donkeys still on the farm.

Sharon Ann Maloney was born on August 7, 1947, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of John Townsend and Betty Couzens Maloney. Her father was a highly-regarded Thoroughbred horse trainer in New York, his twin brother (her uncle), Jim Maloney, a Hall of Fame trainer himself. Her father predeceased her in 1955. Her grandfather, James Couzens, was a legendary mayor of Detroit and a popular senator from Michigan, perhaps best known as Henry Ford's original partner and financial guru.

In August, for most of the last 40 years, she could be found at the iconic racetrack in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She usually eschewed sitting in the fancy clubhouse boxes where waiters served fancy food and drink, and patrons were often dressed in their Sunday best.

Instead, she preferred watching the action from the backstretch or on a jumbo screen on the main floor not far from the paddock. She often wandered over to the backstretch rail and watched the races where trainers, grooms, exercise riders, and hot-walkers congregated. She seemed to know them all.

She was particularly fond of Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens and often was up before dawn to watch his horses work and to help at his Saratoga barn. She also was great friends with Middleburg-based trainer Barbara Graham, frequently working with her horses based in barn one at the Middleburg training track.

Ms. Maloney enjoyed hunting for and collecting antiques. She had simple tastes and never sought the spotlight. She was fiercely independent, generous to a fault, and kind and compassionate to one and all.

She was particularly passionate about politics, civil rights, and countless social issues, occasionally participating in marches and demonstrations in the Nation's Capital.

She was a colossal fan of Washington's NFL football team and went to several Super Bowls to watch them play. One year, she raised more than a few eyes when she boarded a media bus going to the game wearing full team burgundy and gold regalia and a feathered headdress.

During election season, the front entrance to Dogpatch was adorned with her favored candidates' names, signs always bathed in blue. Only a few days before her death, she was particularly proud to have voted in the 2020 presidential election.

Ms. Maloney is survived by her two brothers, John T. "Chip" Maloney, Jr. and Kevin Maloney, both of Warrenton, nephews John Maloney and Derrick Maloney and their wives, Chanell and Beth, all of Warrenton and four great-nephews and four great-nieces.

A celebration of Ms. Ma-

loney's life will be held at the Warrenton Horse Showgrounds on Saturday, October 31, from 1 to 3 p.m., with face masks and social distancing. Donations in her honor can be sent to the Fauquier SPCA, PO Box 733, Warrenton, Va. 20188.

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4TH RACE THE NSLM CUP WINNER CURVE OF STONES DOWN THE STRETCH WITH BARRY FOLEY UP, S. REBECCA SHEPHERD, OWNER, DAVID BOURKE, TRAINER



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HORSE-CRAZY: VIRGINIA FALL RACES RECAP



LAUREN R. GIANNINI

The Virginia Fall Races took place on October 10 without spectators, but the National Steeplechase Association was there to live-stream the annual NSA-sanctioned meet at Glenwood Park, Middleburg.

The top three leading NSA trainers were on hand—Jack Fisher, Jonathan Sheppard, and Leslie Young—as well as some very familiar names who figure in the NSA trainer standings (as of October 18): Richard Valentine, Doug Fout, Neil Morris, and Mark Beecher. It was a good day of racing, all things considered.

The first race, the Theodora A. Randolph Cup, had to be split into two divisions, each offering a \$15,000 purse. Oddly enough, each recorded the winning margin of a neck, which is a heart-thumper of a finish, that usually involves one heckuva stretch run which would have had everyone hollering their heads off. Fisher sent out Riverdee Stable's Lemonade Thursday with Michael Mitchell in the irons and they bested Thomas Cabot (Fr) and they bested Leipers Fork Steeplechasers LLC, trained by Leslie Young.

In the second division of the maiden hurdle, locals earned bragging rights with another rattling good stretch duel that saw Richard Valentine saddle the winner, Mr. Bridger piloted by Graham Watters and owned by Clarke Ohrstrom, prevail over the Jonathan Sheppard-trained Bet The Pot, also owned by Sheppard and Vincent Bonnani, Sheppard is only a steeplechasing legend in the making, battling out the top trainer slot with Fisher, and the closest contender happens to be Leslie Young, whose husband Paddy Young, who earned five champion jockey titles and the respect of the entire racing world.

In the \$20,000 Bon Nouvel (\$20,000) Ratings Hurdle, Repeat Repeat, trained by Julie Gomena for Bon Nouvel Chasers LLC finished second by several lengths to the winner, Brianbakescookies, trained by Fisher, but her horse beat Anticipating, trained by Sheppard (third) and the Fisher-trained Whitman's Poetry (fourth).

The National Sporting Library & Museum Cup, \$25,000 timber stake, started eight, a disappointing result for Sheppard and Fisher whose runners did not finish. Curve of Stones, trained by David Bourke (Orange, VA), raced off the pace (according to Will O'Keefe's results at CentralEntryOffice.com) and kicked into gear after the last fence to stage a stretch rally. The Audley Farm Virginia-bred hold off the second-placed Mystic Strike, trained by Todd McKenna, to win by a neck.

A bit of interference in the final turn of the Daniel C. Sands Cup (national fences, \$10,000) disqualified the winner by a head, Bickley, ridden by Michael Mitchel, trained by Fenneka Bentley. The ruling moved up the second-placed Another Try, trained by Sheppard for Hudson River Farms.

The James C. McCormick Memorial, Maiden Timber over three miles with a \$10,000 purse, started a field of twelve, but one went off course and four pulled up. Flash Jackson, owned by Ann Jackson, ran a steady pace under Michael Mitchell, jumping into the lead over the last fence to win by almost three lengths over First Friday, trained by Doug Fout for Four Virginia Gents.

In the ninth and final race of the card, Amateur Apprentice

Training Flat, Fout sent out Beverly Steinman's Investor, ridden by Colin Taylor, but again, that neck margin cost them the win to Armata Stables' New Member (IRE), ridden by Teddy Davies, trained by Fisher.

The Kinross Steeplethon, a crowd favorite because it's such a different jump, offered a purse of \$15,000 to the field of eight that finished six. Ballybristol Farm's Mercoeur (FR), trained by Young and ridden by Thomas Garner, set most of the pace, but couldn't best the late bid by Invocation (FR) ridden by Scott McDermott up, trained by former jockey Mark Beecher for Straylight Racing, LLC.

Skydiving and Hepcat, both trained by Sheppard, finished third and fourth.

Ten went under starter's orders and two pulled up in the Amateur Timber, 3 miles, purse of \$5,000. The winner by 3½ lengths was Cheers To Us, a family affair from Unionville (PA) with owner Wendy Hendriks, her grandson and jockey McLane Hendriks, and her son and trainer Ricky Hendriks.

There's still the International Gold Cup in terms of possible last minute change of standings for the trainers – right now, as

of 10/18, it's Fisher and Sheppard close to deadlock with 12 wins each, followed by Young on 5 wins. For Money Won, it's Sheppard in the lead by a bunch, Fisher, then Young. Check out the standings and videos and info at nationalsteeplechase.com

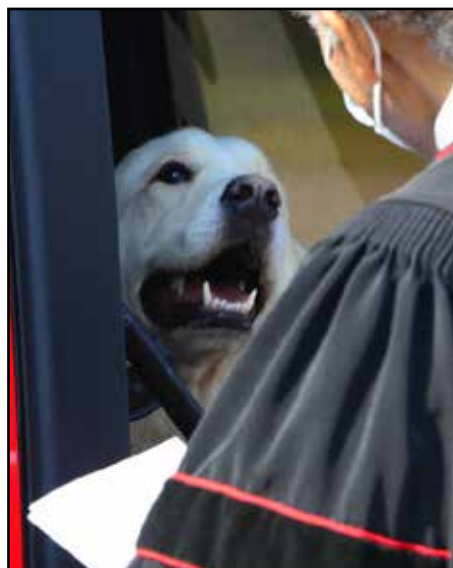
The NSA Network will also live-stream the International Gold Cup, which will run spectator-less on Saturday, October 24, at Great Meadow, The Plains. You can have your own private party with the livestream and some typical tailgate food: oven-fried chicken, baked brie and crusty bread, chocolate and champagne...

The live-streamed race meets are also available in the NSA Network's Video Archives. Be sure to check out the final meets of the season, all being live-streamed: Pennsylvania Hunt Cup on Saturday, Nov. 1; the Steeplechase at Callaway on Nov. 7; and the Steeplechase at Charleston on Nov. 15.

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PASTIMES AN ALTERNATIVE TO DENTURES

MIDDLEBURG SMILES



DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

If you have dentures and want a better alternative or if your teeth are failing and you are uncomfortable with the idea of getting dentures, here is a great alternative.

One of the significant advances in medicine and dentistry is the ability to effectively replace worn-out, diseased, injured, and broken parts of our body with human-made prosthetics. Consider the incredible advance-

ments in prosthetic limbs for our wounded warriors. I salute these heroes who have sacrificed so much. It is somewhat comforting to know that many can help regain some of what they have lost with prosthetics. Consider athletes who have advanced degenerative joints at young ages from extreme use. Consider our aging population who have joints that are wearing out from arthritis and regular everyday use. And now, to my topic, consider our teeth that are used daily and often

overused. Besides normal chewing, we use our teeth in many ways that make me, as a dentist, cringe- we open packages, bite fingernails, suck on citrus fruits, drink sodas, sports and energy drinks, chew on toothpicks, chew tobacco, hold pens, pins, pipes, hairpins between our teeth- the list goes on.

It may surprise you that in this country, which is blessed with a highly educated public and advanced preventative dentistry, approximately 25% of adults over 60 have no teeth (edentulous). Just next door, in West Virginia, 42% of people over 65 are without teeth. These are the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, 2006.

The most common cause for the loss of teeth for adults is gum disease (pyorrhea, periodontal disease), and secondly is tooth decay (cavities). Education, excellent home care, and regular dental visits are essential to good dental health linked to good medical health.

How do we replace teeth for those who have lost all of their teeth? There are three ways to do this: removable dentures, removable dentures stabilized with implants, or non-removable implant-supported teeth. The non-removable implant-supported teeth procedure is an exciting option.

For people who have lost or

need to lose all of their teeth in one or both jaws, replacement with non-removable teeth is the closest thing to nature, and it can be done in a day! Imagine being able to have a few visits to consult with your dentists and then go in one day and come out the same day with new non-removable teeth. What a special day this is for patients who have suffered from no teeth, poor dentures, or diseased teeth, often for many years. This is an incredible achievement and a huge advantage to patients. They are no longer handicapped by having any teeth, loose dentures or gums, and teeth full of disease.

The way this incredible treatment is accomplished in a day is through close team collaboration between a restorative dentist, a dental laboratory technician, and a dental surgeon. The team all need advanced training in surgery, placing implants, making teeth, and restoring implants for patients missing all of their teeth or needing extraction of all their teeth. The restorative dentist and surgeon have a few visits with the patient to gather records (photos, impressions, x-rays) before the big day. Then the two dentists discuss the case and bring in the lab technician to plan and make the first teeth set. The day the patient gets their new teeth, they will be very comfortable and often sedated. Any remaining teeth will be removed, the bone adjust-



ed, 4-6 implants placed per jaw, and the first set of teeth placed and attached to the implants. It sounds overwhelming, but the facts and science show this to be an incredibly effective and successful treatment.

About six months after the big day, a final set of stronger teeth are made and placed by the restorative dentist and lab technician. During this six months, any changes to appearance, bite, color, and shape of teeth can be discussed so that the final set is even more natural and pleasing for the patient. This involves a few new records but no more surgery. Simply take out the first set of teeth and put in a new final set of teeth. WOW!

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#SAVEOURSTAGES IN UNISON

STEVE CHASE

I always get a chill when I hop in the car and crank up some music by an artist I am driving down to see live. I love seeing shows at smaller venues like the 9:30 Club, where you stand shoulder to shoulder with fellow fans and jump to your favorite tunes while you watch amazing musicians play powerful music. That was before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ten months later, please take a moment and send positive thoughts to the live entertainment industry, which employs more than 12,000,000 people in normal times and contributes more than three-quarters of a trillion dollars to our economy. For almost a year now, COVID-19 has essentially robbed us all of live music, theater, and dance, and worse, has taken the livelihoods of the people who perform, book, and produce all of this activity. And it looks like it will continue well in 2021 before things ease up.

Put bluntly, we are at high risk of losing most independent performing arts venues if there is no support. The Blind Pig, an independent music hall, recently made it into a political advertisement highlighting how bad it was that the COVID pandemic im-

pacted the whole industry.

Last week, the Metropolitan Opera announced that it was canceling performances and production work until the Fall of 2021, further hitting the musicians, set designers, and tech staff, who have been without pay since last April. Down the road from Rockefeller Center, the Broadway theaters are shut tight as well. And Feld Entertainment, which produces family live entertainment like Disney on Ice, Monster Jam, has permanently fired 90% of their workforce, and the fantastic Cirque du Soleil has cut more than 3,500.

In the live music scene, the cuts are just as bad. Live Nation, AEG, and other national scope concert promoters have laid off most of their employees. Many talent management companies, the people who plan and book the concerts you go to see, have furloughed more than 50% of their staff. Concert halls are looking at up to a 90% closure rate if the pandemic's impacts go well into 2021. This means that famous establishments like The Dexter Lake Club, Bob's Country Bunker, or more seriously, the Ryman, the Capital, 9:30 Club, the Anthem, or the Ryman will all have to figure out another business models or perish from the pandemic. Like B-Chord Brew-

ery in Round Hill, some venues have made progress, who has been bringing in major national Jamgrass acts and presenting them outside in a socially distant fashion. Some bands have started doing live shows across the country at Drive-In theaters and large racetracks, but these are the exception to the rule.

Many great but unknown artists have gone back to teaching online, which can provide some cash flow. People are apt to take some lessons from a prominent musician, and we are now at ease with virtual tools that make these lessons easy to give and take.

Larger outdoor festivals can't socially distance 10, 20, or 50 thousand people, so the festivals like Telluride Bluegrass, the Newport Jazz Festival, Coachella, Bonnaroo, or Glastonbury in the UK are all sitting idle. Whether they operate in 2021 is still up in the air, and they could be finished if they don't. I put off my Telluride Bluegrass tickets until June 2021, I hope the festival can go by then, and a concert I had tickets for back in July is now scheduled for October 2021, assuming the venue still exists when we get there in 12 months.

We should not forget the local arts scene. Community artistic and musical organizations of all kinds - choirs, theaters, orches-



tras, dance companies, festivals, music rooms, not to mention all technical and independent suppliers - all are trying to find alternatives to succeed in the COVID pandemic. The Middleburg Film Festival figured out an alternative way to run this year, but the Middleburg Concert Series is waiting for the end of the pandemic. It goes all the way down to the local schools, where annual plays and performances are also in limbo-you cannot have groups of people singing in an enclosed space during the pandemic. My music teacher wife is teaching percussion instead of choral music.

So what do we do? Culture is important nourishment for our society. If we don't support the industry now, we will lose

it, and the replacement could be 90% less than before. We need to support all the people and businesses impacted. Check out the National Independent Venue Association at www.nivassoc.org to learn more about the pandemic's impacts and how we can support live performance art. Even buying a t-shirt or poster helps.

With all of this destruction, at least there are a few glimmers in the music world: Fleetwood Mac's song Dreams is back in the top 25 of the Billboard Hot Chart due to an Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice video some guy in California posted to TikTok, what's the deal with that?

Steve Chase is staying home in Unison, listening to great music.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE FIELD: FALLING IN LOVE WITH FALL

FARMSTEAD SOLUTIONS



NICK GREENWELL

With the cooler nights and crisp (sometimes “crunchy”) mornings upon us, let us take a moment to enjoy a few fun, random facts about the second most naturally colorful time of year in the Piedmont. As November approaches, the leaves will continue to show their most impressive autumn hues. Have you ever wondered why leaves turn colors? As the days become shorter, the trees begin to produce

less chlorophyll, which is the variable that is essential for photosynthesis. As chlorophyll decreases, the leaves are left to display their “skeletal” hues. Lucky for us. Since we are talking about our flora, let us talk about grass for a moment. Although many of us look forward to winterizing our lawnmowers and weed eaters (the mechanical type) around this time of year, why does our grass seem to shoot up, despite the colder temperatures? The answer is simple. Many of our local grasses are considered “cool-season,” mean-

ing that they grow in the lower temperatures of spring and fall. Most of these grasses will become dormant by the end of next month. Wrapping up our glance at the vegetation around us, I would be remiss to ignore one of our most common and frustrating invasive species: the Autumn Olive. Despite being annoyingly challenging to eradicate and all too eager to sprout back, there is a silver lining to these plants, although the lining may be a bit tarnished. The fruit is delicious and very nutritionally valuable. Recipes abound

for making jams, fruit “leather,” teas, and other delectable from this persistent fruit.

Because we live in horse country, we cannot ignore the emergence of those fuzzy winter coats. For those of us that keep our horses in work through the winter, either for sport or pleasure, our evenings may be spent body clipping our fuzzy equine friends. Have you ever wondered what causes our horses to channel their inner yak? Here is a hint; I mentioned it earlier in this piece. Many

people are surprised to learn that increased coat growth has nothing to do with temperature and everything to do with decreased sunlight. The shorter days signal an increase in melatonin production, which causes the animals to grow a thicker coat. While on the subject of winter coats, I would be remiss if I failed, mentioning how amazing a horse’s winter coat is. So amazing, in fact, that they do not need to be blanketed under normal circumstances. Of course, there are varying circumstances, such as if the horse is clipped, has no access to shelter or forage, or has a physiological disadvantage. With that said, unclipped horses are excellent at staying warm. Being hindgut fermenters, they are literally “hay-burners,” meaning that their warmth radiates from within. The small muscles at the base of each hair in their coat (erector pili muscles) cause the hair to stand on end, thus trapping the warm air generated by their bodies. A shivering horse is not a cause for alarm. They are just working to keep warm. I often hear people express concern when horses have frost or snow on their backs. Not to worry. They are SO well insulated that the frozen liquid is being maintained by the ambient temperature, not being melted by the animal’s body heat—pretty cool stuff.

Whether you are a fan of the great outdoors, have horses, like to forage for fun things to eat, or prefer to enjoy the beauty of the coming seasons from behind the steam of a hot beverage as you wrap up on the couch, take a rest in knowing that Mother Nature always has a plan, and it is often beautiful to experience. Thank you for reading. I will see you in the field.



WHAT SAY YOU?

SINCERELY ME



BRANDY GREENWELL

So. Much. Bull. Coming from both sides, all directions and around every turn from politicians, media outlets, and voters. What the fork?!?! Since this is such a tumultuous time in our country, I thought I’d organize and share some nice catchphrases and quotes to help communicate over party lines coming into the 2020 Presidential Election.

“I know you are, but what am I?”

“Stop the Insanity!”

“... my head is bloody, but unbowed...”

“What we have here is a failure to communicate.”

“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love...”

“Sticks and stones may break my bones...”

“You say you want a revolution, well you know, we all want to change the world.”

“Dirty hands ain’t meant for shakin’.”

“One man come in the name of love. One man come and go. One man come he to justify. One man to overthrow.”

“So let’s shake hands and reach across those party lines. You got your friends just like I got mine. We might think a little differently, but we got a lot in common you will see. We’re just like you, only prettier.”

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ASK A REMODELER

TIM BURCH

Many buyers purchase a home knowing they will want to remodel, and that was exactly the case for this area family. Having renovated many times in the past, the buyers knew this time they wanted a partner that offered a turnkey solution for both design and construction. At the suggestion of their realtor, they contacted BOWA.

While conversations began before they settled on the home, the new owners spent the next few months living in the space and learning what did and did not

work for them. They agreed that improving the choppy, unwelcoming kitchen while disguising an awkwardly placed mechanical closet was their top priority and had compiled a detailed list of wants and needs. The family engaged BOWA and our design team to create the warm, cozy kitchen they all desired.

The origin layout was almost serpentine, due to a triangular island and an exterior mechanical closet that jetted into the space. In the existing plan, counters and the stove followed these lines, creating an awkward, meandering flow and closed-in feel. The owners decided they wanted to

allocate their budget towards sophisticated finishes instead of moving this closet, so the team went to work on the best option.

The solution was minimizing the impact of the mechanical closet by removing any additional protrusions in that area. The space is now significantly brighter and more welcoming thanks to the open design and improved connection to the butler's pantry and wine bar area. The flow also benefitted from relocating and squaring off the center island, which now houses the main sink, plenty of storage and a few seats for casual meals. The relocated island also created room for a large, dining table, which was

important to the family.

One of the owners said, "Not only is it a great space for family gatherings, but when I'm by myself and I sit at the island to have lunch I feel peaceful. It's such a calming space."

Natural wood on the base cabinets, which was echoed on the wraps of the augmented ceiling beams, hand-painted terra cotta tiles and a soothing color palette all contribute to the warm, comforting feel the owners so enjoy. Carrying the finishes throughout, while highlighting certain functional areas with complementary details, helped to make the large space feel more intimate.



The icing on the cake is an improved connection to the beautiful rear yard, with lovely views of the patio and pool beyond. New sliding doors and carrying the warm interior finishes to the two-step transition to the patio helped to create continuity.

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CLASSIC DEVEILED EGGS

It can be tricky waters to navigate saying you have the best deviled egg recipe, because there are many of us claiming that title, and rightfully so. This one is a very straight forward classic combination of dry mustard and mayonnaise so it relies on technique and proportions for its success.

6 eggs

1/4 cup mayonnaise (maybe a tablespoon or two more depending on how large the yolks are)

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon Coleman's Dry Mustard

Paprika for sprinkling finished eggs

- Fill a small saucepan with about an inch of water fitted with a steamer basket
- Carefully place the eggs in the steamer basket and bring the water to a boil
- Once the water begins to boil, cover and set the timer for 13-14 minutes (more time for bigger or very cold eggs)
- Keep the water at a steady boil (watch the water level)

- When the time is up place the eggs to a bowl of cold water to cool down
- When they are cool, peel the eggs and set on a paper towel to dry
- Cut the eggs and place the yolks in a small strainer
- Hold the strainer with both hands and with your thumbs, push the yolks through the strainer into a small bowl
- Fold in the mustard, salt and mayonnaise and stir until well combined - add a bit more mayonnaise if needed
- With two spoons fill the egg whites
- Dust with paprika and serve

Steaming the eggs produces tender whites and no green ring around the yolks

CINNAMON PUMPKIN FLAN

This is a recipe from my mother, even though she was an expert pie maker, when it came to pumpkin, this was her recipe of choice. It has just enough caramel to keep it moist but not make it over the top sweet.

1 1/2 cups sugar (divided)
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 1/2 cups undiluted evaporated milk
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup water
5 eggs

Whipped cream or sour cream and crystalized ginger for serving

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees

- In a heavy bottomed saucepan, heat 1/2 cup of the sugar until melted and golden brown. Stir constantly and watch for burning

- Pour the caramel into a 9" glass pie pan, don't worry if it doesn't cover the bottom and set aside

- In a blender combine all of the rest of the ingredients and blend until smooth

- Pour into the prepared pie pan

- Place the flan in a roasting pan filled with about an inch of water (water bath) and bake for about an hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes clean

- Remove from the oven and let cool then refrigerate until cold

- Run a knife around the outside of the flan and turn out onto a platter, scraping any caramel left in the pie pan

- Serve with whipped cream or sour cream with slivers of crystalized ginger if desired

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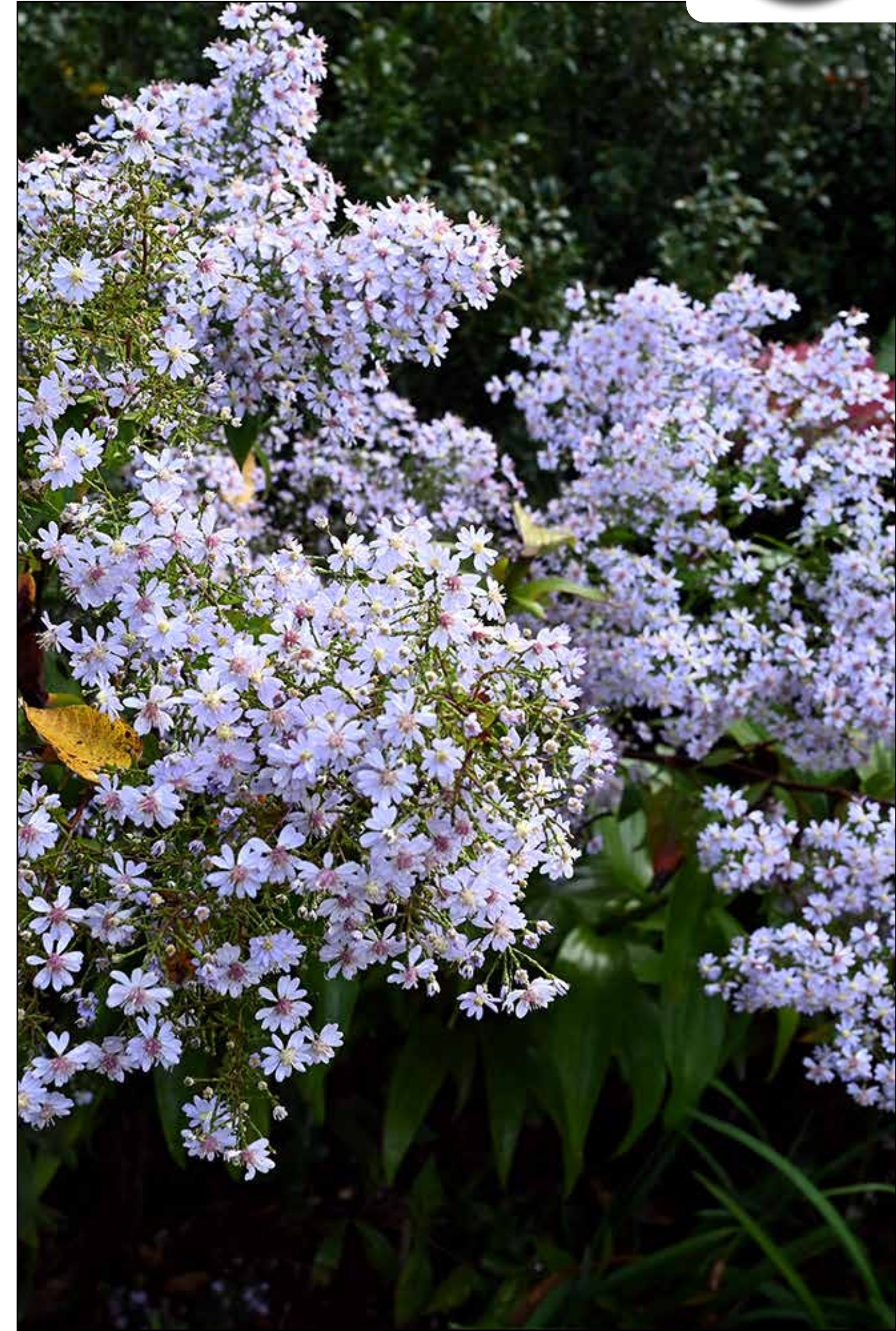
THE PLANT LADY
KAREN REXRODE

If points were given for enduring extreme climate fluctuations, continents splitting, and glacial cleansing, the aster family, would earn more than any other plant family. This is evident when a diagram of the tree of plant evolution shows the most advanced plant families in the uppermost branches. Once known as the compositae family, a nod to the many small parts that make up each flower, the name change of the mid-nineties recognized (in part) that our North American aster evolved independently, not similarly to European asters.

Close behind, we find the orchid family, another highly evolved flowering plant group, sophisticated enough to trap insects for pollination, force them through tubes to soak in a fluid that leaves them drunk, or mimic female bees to such a degree that the male bees never catch on. The most intelligent plants end up as the simple sunflower and complex orchids. The numbers are staggering with the aster family alone, roughly 32,000 members, equal to the entire grass, oak, and bean families put together.

If any season is more prevalent than another with members of the aster family in the mid-Atlantic, it's fall. Meadows are filled with native asters, goldenrod, and ironweed, a bloom progression that goes from late summer to late fall. If I had to choose my favorites, I would go for the small flowering if I picked just a few. Arching stemmed asters. In the garden, they flail over neighbors, and the gardener must plan for these with timely combinations, ensuring our vertically challenged have something to lean on but not detract from the show. Aster such as *A. cordifolius* (now *Sympyotrichum cordifolium*) carry the sweetest little blue flowers and might arch to four feet, potentially five feet if straightened. Beautiful as they bend through oak leaf hydrangea with orange and red fall foliage, alternatively incredible with the powder blue leaves of *Rudbeckia maxima* or the dark, chocolate, and filigree foliage of bronze fennel. Moreover, they are easily modified with a summer trim, resulting in a plant that is only two or three feet tall.

As lovely as all of this sounds, I must warn you of two things. Rabbits are fond of asters in general, although I see scores of flowering plants in the local landscape. Secondly, they are not pretty in pots or containers when purchased from a nursery. Buy them young before they become too top-heavy to stand up and look their best.



Lastly, I might add that observation of good forms in fields nearby might be worth seed col-

lection, dropping a few here and there in your garden. I have *Aster lanceolatus* (now *Symphyotri-*

chum lanceolatum) blooming. It arrived as a volunteer with its small white flowers and stems to

five feet (with support), something the bees and the landowner are happy to find.



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PASTIMES

MOVE

AROUND THE TOWN



HAZEL SWEITZER

I am sure you see me walking in town several times a day. I am fortunate that my human Tom likes to

take me on long walks and have friends who want to walk me too. I enjoy prancing thru town, and having people compliment me: "Oh, isn't she cute!" "Oh my, she is so sweet!" "Oh, that

face!"

I don't mean to brag and nothing against other cute dogs, but I am full of myself and know I am cute. Seriously, I like to walk because it lifts my mood and makes my body feel good. Tom feels the same way. He finds walking, exercising, and stretching keeps depression at bay and makes his mind work better.

It is more important than ever to do what we need for our bodies and minds to feel better during these times. You know, dogs get in bad moods too. When we are hungry or left alone too long or have a mean dog greet us outside the post office just like you, our mood can get pretty crummy. Listen, I've been there. But when I walk, and I breathe in our country air,

it makes all the difference.

Tom has been doing Zoom sessions with Covid survivors, who are still suffering from symptoms. I get to be in the room and listen to his sessions. He tells his groups that moving a few times a day, even if stretching in your house to music, helps blood flow and oxygen levels. Feeling down and depressed or having anxiety-filled thoughts can stop us all from wanting to move. Tom tells them to push themselves to get out, to move, to start small. That even a five-minute walk is better than nothing. Also, if you can get outside to see nature, that is a plus. Trees, animals, flowers, and plants help us get out of obsessive thinking and darker feelings. Sometimes he turns on Disco music



and makes his group dance and laugh. He believes that even a couple of minutes of music and movement can change a person's entire day. So, I suggest as winter is approaching, put on some warm clothes and get out there and MOVE! I hope to see you on one of my walks and remember, I am always looking for a pet or a compliment about how cute I am.

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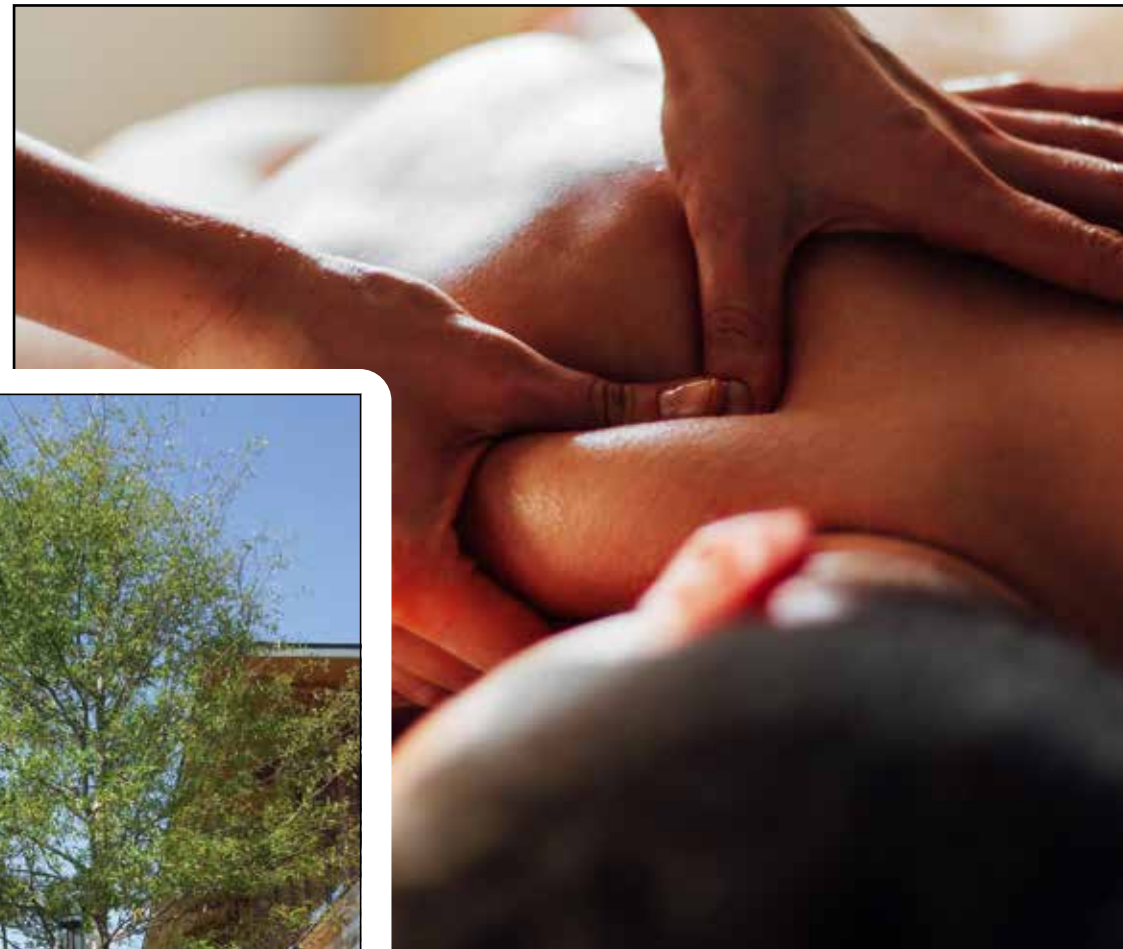
FITNESS

KAY COLGAN
CERTIFIED HEALTH COACH, AND
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

To be human is to be connected to other humans. Hugging is a natural part of life. It's been hard lately for some due to Covid-19

to be connected to others, let alone get a hug. To be touched is powerful for mental and physical health.

I'm a hugger, and I miss hugging my family and friends. So many of us these days are living alone. The simple comfort of a hug or hand on the shoulder is no



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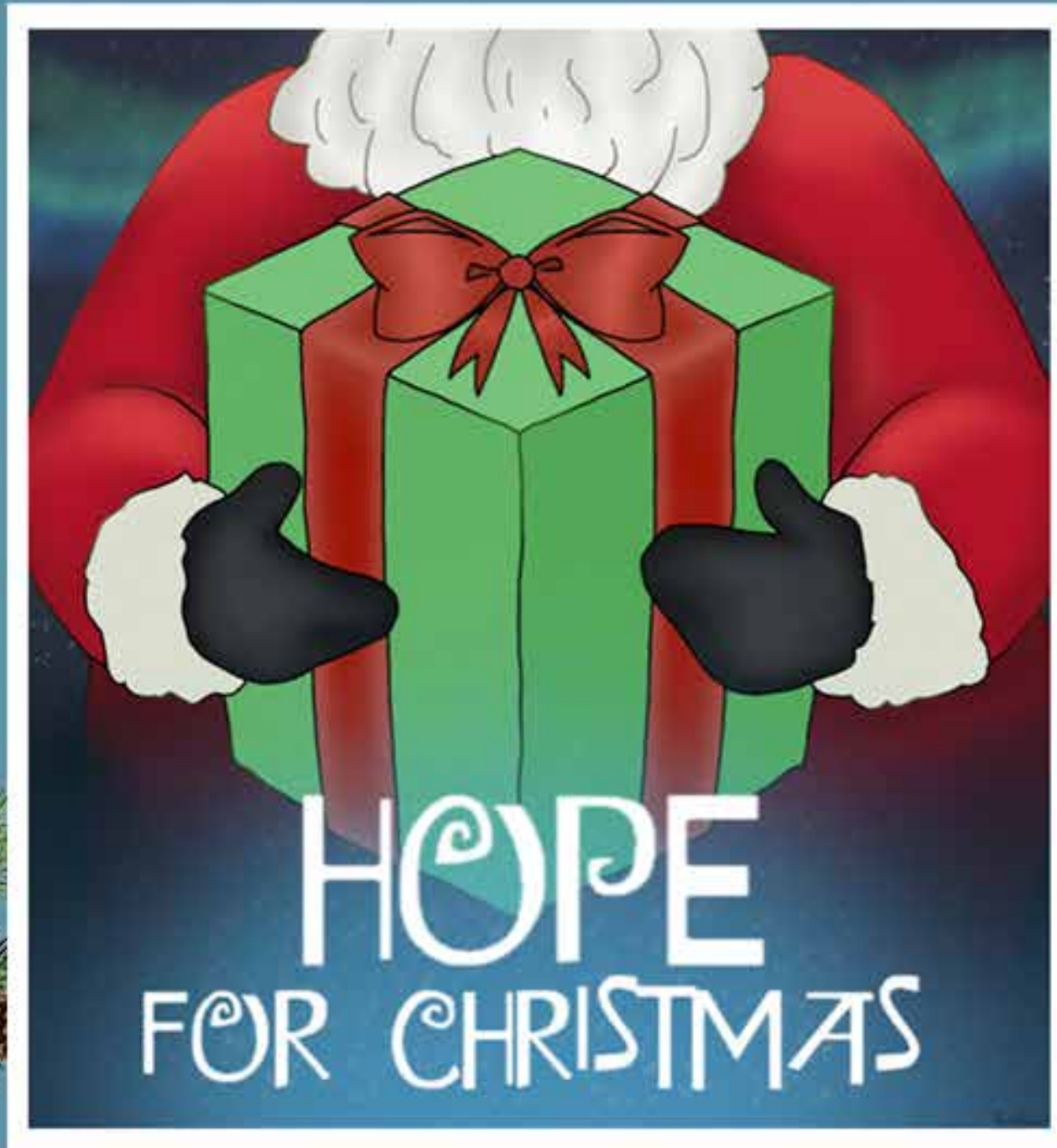
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longer possible. Days, weeks, and months go by without any personal touch. However, we are so fortunate in Middleburg to have amazing, safe massage therapists. They wear masks and provide a respite from our isolation and an opportunity for safe and much-needed touch and relaxation. Studies have shown with touch, anxiety decreases, the mood is elevated, and the immune system gets a boost, to name a few. BodyBloom and Middleburg Massage Therapy are just two of the fantastic massage studios in town. If you want a nice relaxing scrub, then check out BodyBloom. I have had fabulous body scrubs with Peggy, who owns BodyBloom. I always try to get 90 minutes to have a massage at the end—total bliss. Middleburg massage therapy has several masseuses. Juliet, a fellow personal trainer,

is also a masseuse at Middleburg Massage therapy. She has helped my daughter immensely with cluster headaches. Sherry is the owner of Middleburg Massage Therapy, and she is a masseuse to just about everyone. These are just the studios that I'm familiar with. There are many more in and around our town. Touch is so vital to each of us. If you would rather they come to you instead of the studio, I think most make home visits.

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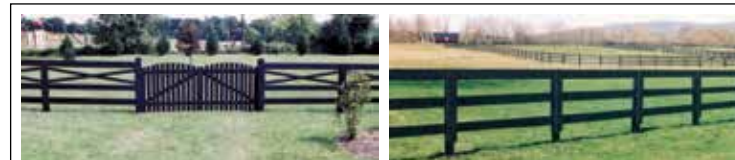
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TRUMP BELIEVES HE CANT WIN

BLUE
JOHN P. FLANNERY

Trump believes he can't win this election.

He may be wrong — but he believes it.

Recent events, including the polls and fundraising for Biden, suggest that he's right.

Therefore, Trump has assumed the worst and attacked the election's fairness with spurious claims about mail-in ballots.

Trump has been looking for that ace in the hole and set upon the judicial nomination of Judge Amy Barrett.

Typically, such a nomination invokes the U.S. Senate's discretion to advise and consent on a nominee.

But Trump has insisted, dictated really, to this ever compliant Republican Caucus to do what Trump demands.

In the past, a super-majority voted upon a judicial nominee to the Supreme Court. This meant that Senators had to compromise, put aside partisan differences, to take a longer view of the nominee that they then jointly approved.

Leader McConnell has, however, made a bare majority vote sufficient.

Trump wants a Supreme

Court nominee in time to sit on the imminent ACA argument, scheduled to be heard a week after the November election, and therefore to overturn what Trump prefers to call Obamacare.

The fair question is, what kind of an associate justice does a nominee make who would allow herself to be complicit in this political Kabuki theater on the Hill.

There are various ways to scrutinize this pre-determined process, but I suggest that the most authoritative is what the founders meant by the U.S. Constitution.

As Judge Barrett identifies herself as an originalist, I wish any Senator had asked her how the President's conduct and conduct were comporting with the Constitution.

Madison's notes and the Federalist Papers he wrote were circulated among the various states to persuade them to support the Constitution.

Madison wrote some pertinent cautionary remarks in the Federalist Papers, in №47, insisting that it was the first principle of this Constitution, that the several departments, legislative, executive, and judiciary, needed to be kept "separate and distinct," independent one from

the other. Madison insisted this was an "essential precaution in favor of liberty."

Madison knew this still young nation distrusted the prerogatives of a kingly government; they'd rebelled against King George III.

The articles of Confederation had been too weak, but the founders, including Madison, didn't want a government that would be too strong.

These three departments must be balanced, in equipoise, Madison stated, so that these "essential parts [the various departments] of the edifice" avoided "the danger of being crushed by the disproportionate weight of other parts [other departments]."

Madison wrote that this young country must guard against: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, [for then the result] may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny (underscoring supplied.)"

Some of our daily pundits have spoken of "tyranny," but without drilling down to consider what the founders meant.

Trump usurped the power

of the Congress as a separate department, and we're talking about both sides of Capitol Hill.

The Republican Senators exposed themselves as invertebrates, entirely subservient to Trump, so much so, they agreed to vote for a judicial nominee before they knew who it was. Talk about fealty.

Trump told all who would listen that this Judicial nominee would give him a personal advantage in the election, first, to reverse Roe v. Wade, second, to participate in the ACA appeal, and help get it declared unconstitutional, and, third, to give Trump a leg up should he need a vote on the Court to challenge the results of the election — if he lost.

Madison wrote, "Were the federal Constitution, therefore, really chargeable with this accumulation of power, or with a mixture of powers, having a dangerous tendency to such an accumulation, no further argument would be necessary to inspire a universal reprobation of the system."

Relying on no less than Montesquieu, Madison wrote, "There can be no liberty where the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or body of magistrates."

But that's what Trump has

achieved.

More precisely, Madison wrote, "[I]f the power of judging be not separated from the legislative and executive power," freedom is at risk.

Montesquieu said, "When the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person or body, there can be no liberty because apprehensions may arise lest the same monarch or senate should enact tyrannical laws to execute them in a tyrannical manner."

Judge Barrett's nomination was tyrannical not because he didn't have the power to appoint or nominate her but because the appointment was to serve his political ends, even to help him cheat in the election. Thus we have an abuse of power.

In №51, Madison said, "[I]t is evident that each department should have a will of its own; and consequently should be so constituted that the members of each should have as little agency as possible in the appointment of the members of the others."

The most elementary notion of "due process," or fundamental fairness, is that a person may not be judged in his case.

crat lead, not Trumps doing. What happened here? In NY, the state health commissioner placed infected patients back in the homes. All the rest also "to relieve the burden on the hospitals" NJ had a similar policy, even explicitly barring testing for Covid. NY never utilized all the temporary hospital beds provided by the federal government and those that already existed. They slaughtered these people, and no one is being held accountable. Can you imagine if Trump or a Republican had done this? Cuomo has insisted his policy "worked" and is lionized as a champion of fighting the virus, but to this day (10/12), his state still has double the deaths (33,294) of each of the next 4 top states. At the time of the NYT report, one less enamored reporter quipped, "If 5,000 dead was a success, what would failure look like?" Florida's Republican Governor DeSantis moved early to protect nursing homes due to South Korea's data on its impact on those over 65 that was available to all health care directors. In a state with long term health facilities on every corner, in mid-May, 3x, many people died just in NY nursing homes than died in the entire population of Florida. Yet still, the media loves to criticize DeSantis, especially for his limited lockdown edicts.

The lockdowns have been particularly irksome after their

initial use. In the beginning, they were undoubtedly justified as death toll estimates were originally in the millions and hospitalizations the potential of many times that number. In the beginning, with so much unknown, the lockdowns were to keep the health care system from being overwhelmed, a scenario that never materialized. However, Democrat leadership saw a tremendous opportunity in their devastating economic impact, so they moved the goalposts to justify keeping harsh lockdowns to throttle the economy. They did this in the guise of holding down the virus spread but just to further hurt Trump's reelection chances as they know but don't care their economic policy proposals would kill the economy. The devastating impact of these continued unnecessary lockdowns is not just my opinion. It is shared by the WHO. In an interview on 10/12 that I'm sure few saw as it was conveniently not covered by the mainstream media, Dr. David Nabarro, one of six Special envoys at WHO tasked to respond to Covid, said: "We in the World Health Organization do not advocate lockdowns as the primary means of control of this virus." "The only time we believe a lockdown is justified is to buy you time to reorganize, regroup, rebalance your resources, protect your health workers who are exhausted, but by and

large, we'd rather not do it." Dr. Nabarro's main criticism of lockdowns involved the global impact, explaining how poorer economies had been indirectly affected. ... Look what's happening to poverty levels. It seems that we may well have a doubling of world poverty by next year. We may well have at least a doubling of child malnutrition." He is not alone. In a world first, a number of health experts from all over the world came together on October 4 calling for an end to Covid lockdowns. They created a proposal, called the Great Barrington Declaration, which said that lockdowns were doing "irreparable damage." "As infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists, we have grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach we call Focused Protection." ... "Current lockdown policies are producing devastating effects on short and long-term public health." The petition has 12,000 signatures so far. Who is not following the science now?

Lastly, I want to deal with Biden's failure to provide a list of his potential choices for his nominations to the Supreme court and his and Harris's refusal to address their position on "packing" the Supreme Court. In shades of Pelosi on the vote on the original Obama

care, Biden has declared, "You'll know my position on court-packing the day after the election." Harris refused to give a straight answer to packing the court in her debate but has stated in the past she is "absolutely open" to it. To make matters worse, on 10/10, Biden said voters "don't deserve" to know his position. Why does this matter? We have three different arms of government. Packing the court with party lackeys would reduce it to just another political body whose mission would be to sway outcomes to the whims of the appointing senatorial party and throttle actual constitutional oversight and decision making. We would also lose a critical check on Presidential power. In a country so divided, too many issues will be coming before the court needs a constitutional review, like the green new deal, abortion, healthcare, and marriage. The country deserves to know who a potential president would nominate to make these decisions in our highest court and whether he would debase the institution by packing it. Even Justice Ginsburg said: "If anything would make the Court look partisan," Ginsburg said, "it would be that—one side saying, 'When we're in power, we're going to enlarge the number of judges, so we would have more people who would vote the way we want them to.' I'm sure Biden for-

got, but in 1983 he said FDR's proposal to pack the court... was a bonehead idea. It was a terrible, terrible mistake to make. And it put in question, if for an entire decade, the independence of the most-significant body ... in this country, the Supreme Court of the United States of America." We deserve to know where any candidate stands on an issue, especially our President. His refusal to tell us where he stands on this significant issue disqualifies him for the office.

It seems like every four years. We hear that this is the most important election of our lifetime. One thing is sure, never before has anyone living in this country their whole life had the solemn duty to decide whether we destroy this magnificent country that has been a beacon of prosperity, freedom, and liberty since its inception (warts and all) or watch as economic, political, and cultural tyranny is unleashed on us all. The Democrats intend to tear down our institutions, subvert our constitution, which stands in their way of taking over the country by packing the court, killing the filibuster, packing the Senate with two corrupt new democratic states (DC and Puerto Rico), abolishing the electoral college(disenfranchising everyone not living on our coasts) and instituting mob rule. The choice couldn't be clear, freedom, or tyranny.

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

RED
ROB KOGGAN

When one writes an op-ed, you are supposed to ease gently into the subject, so one does not lose the intended audience, i.e., those who harbor an opposite view. There is no time for that anymore. To quote the cinematically prophetic Howard Beale from 40 years ago in light of our current lawlessness, democrat cities rioting, our cancel culture, political correctness, and our pathetic excuse for journalism, he lamented then: "We know things are bad — worse than bad. They're crazy. It's like everything everywhere is going crazy, so we don't go out anymore. We sit in the house, and slowly the world we live in is getting smaller, and all we say is: 'Please, at least leave us alone in our living rooms.... "I am as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

I refuse to believe that Democrats (of the non-hijacked by ultra-liberal, progressives, anti-Semitic, socialist kind) subscribe to the anti-capitalism, anti-constitutional, everyone's a racist mentality. When Biden and Sanders released their "unity platform" in July, I can't believe traditional Democrats subscribe to its contents except for the fear that the mob for questioning it also would target them. It might as well have been

called the American Communist Manifesto. It calls for dismantling all border protection, eliminating cash bail, a climate agenda to the tune of \$2 trillion (btw there is not even a stipulation of American made solar panels). Two-thirds of our electricity come from fossil fuels; they are proposing eliminating this by 2035. If you want a taste of what this means in real dollars, California has mandated zero carbon emissions by 2045, and their electricity prices are already 60% more on average than the rest of the country, to say nothing of their brownouts and blackouts from lack of capacity.

Notwithstanding any lies told by Biden/Harris since the manifesto calls for banning fracking on federal lands and water, which is estimated to cost 100's of thousands of high paying energy jobs and the almost immediate loss of energy independence, they want to bail out all the failed democrat states saddled with debt from their failed policies and most importantly bloated public sector union pensions that bought them their power in the past. Essentially, they want everyone else to share the financial burden of these few mismanaged, morally bankrupt states. They propose federal control of the suburbs zoning, economic de-

velopment, and racial diversity. After opening our borders, they offer to extend "affordable care act benefits" (free healthcare) to almost all illegal aliens and their extended families. Can you imagine the massive financial and logistic burden this will cause on an already understaffed health care system with 10's of millions of people (who aren't paying) getting services, to say nothing of the millions who will be drawn here for their share of our pie? I could go on, but it only gets more disheartening. All of this is to be paid for with a massive redistribution of wealth through ruinous new taxes. The presumptive President Harris has already pledged that Biden will revoke Trump's tax cuts "on day one." According to Goldman Sachs, these are the tax cuts that produced an economy that produced historic low unemployment in minority and female populations with the best wage growth amongst blue-collar and lower-income workers in nearly three decades. It is unclear how one could draw any other conclusion than it's a manifesto designed to destroy the economy to remake it with full government control.

This summer, Democrats, with the knowledge that their failed CIA/FBI coup attempt, the Mueller farcical investi-

gation, and evidence-free impeachment trial failed to dislodge Trump from the public's psyche, tried a new tact. They have encouraged the BLM/Antifa crowd to terrorize our country with their "mostly peaceful" burning and looting of cities to attempt to scare us all into voting for Biden on the premise of its Trump's fault. We won't mention that the vast majority of this mayhem was encouraged or condoned in Democratically controlled cities. I can envision the unpublished bumper sticker now: Vote for Biden, or we'll burn America to the ground. An unsettling view of the new Democrat order; police ordered to stand down, and Soros backed prosecutors comes to us from Portland Oregon. In September, 90% of the protestors arrested during the Antifa and anti-police riots had their cases dismissed. One had even been charged with arson, attempted murder, and assault in connection with a Molotov cocktail attack on police. During the first Presidential debate, Biden called Antifa "an idea not an organization." We do need to give credit to where credit is due. The Democrat condoned Antifa's "idea," and the terrorists in the BLM movement have accomplished one noteworthy milestone. According to Property Claims Services, who track insurance claims, the ri-

ots between May 26 and June 8 of this year are the costliest humanmade damage to property in American history at nearly \$2 billion. What do you think that figure is now in the four months since then? Keep in mind that it is just insured claims as many have riot exclusions in their policies, and many small businesses were un or under insured. The bulk of these minority proprietors sadly were "taught a lesson" for their privilege.

I could do a year's worth of writing on the Covid virus, but the most heartbreaking was how families had to deal with the death of institutionalized elderly loved ones and the lack of prosecution for their deaths. In May, the NYT reported that one-third of Covid deaths were nursing home residents or staff at that time. Nursing homes accounted for a majority of deaths in heavily hit states like New Jersey (52%), Massachusetts (59%), Pennsylvania (66%), and Connecticut (55%), and 80% of the deaths in otherwise lightly hit Minnesota. NY led the country with 5,403 nursing home deaths, but so many people were dying in NY that its percentage was only 20% yet for the perspective that was one of every 14 Covid deaths in the entire country. Notice anything about these states, all Demo-

LETTER FROM THE PLAINS

ANTHONY WELLS

Eccentric readers do not need to be reminded that Tuesday, November 3, is a "Moment in Time," not just for American citizens, but for the rest of the Planet, and in particular for our closest and long-standing Allies. The world will await the result with bated breath. I am certainly not going to indulge in more analysis paralysis of the kind to which our media have subjected us. Let us rather reflect on some non-partisan first principles, ones that have stood the test of time and may help us keep our sense of balance and perspective as we move forward. When I was a young boy at Bablake School in Coventry, England, (founded in 1344, 676 years ago), I was fortunate to win a prize at the end of my first, what was colloquially called, "Fuzzer," year, something that I was not able to repeat until my very last year, in 1961. There were a lot of brilliant boys with whom I was competing! "Speech Day," as we called it in the UK, was a moment in time that I have never forgotten all these decades later. I received my prize from Professor Sir Alexander Todd (born October 2, 1907, in Glasgow, Scotland, died January 10, 1997, in Cambridge),

Professor of Organic Chemistry, and Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge University. In 1957 he won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and became Lord Todd in 1962. I have never forgotten Alexander Todd shaking my hand and handing me my book prize, and his speech. He inspired all my fellow schoolboys and me. He reflected on the Parable of the Talents that we are all different and have many things to offer and in different ways. Winning prizes is not the "Be all and end all," he said, and everyone should follow where their talents lie. Lord Todd saw the potential in all of us, whatever our gifts may be. So what may a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry have in common with one of the great founders of the United States, and a Virginian, Thomas Jefferson? Like Lord Todd, Jefferson believed in "Collective Wisdom." Together we all make a difference, and it does not matter who wins the prizes. The "Collective Good" is the sum of all of us, each and every citizen. Remember one of our Founder's famous sayings, "A Nation's best Defense is an educated citizenry." Let me quote one of Thomas Jefferson's memorable, and I believe immortal lines: "State a moral case to a ploughman and a professor, the former will de-

cide it as well and often better than the latter because he has not been led astray by artificial rules." Jefferson argued that a crowd of plough persons is thus wiser than a plurality of professors. Do dwell on these words, please. Fast forward now to 1982 and the Falklands Conflict between Britain and Argentina. I was in the middle of this war, working for British Intelligence. The Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, resigned almost immediately after the invasion for ignoring all the signs that we had provided to the Foreign Office. Not so the Secretary of State for Defense, John Nott (Member of Parliament for St. Ives, born 1933). Nott had begun the process of emasculating the Royal Navy before the invasion on April 2, 1982. A very fine First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, immediately marched across Whitehall from the Ministry of Defense and convinced Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that the Royal Navy and the Third Commando Brigade, Royal Marines, could retake the Falklands. The rest is history. John Nott became an onlooker, a passenger, in a fast-moving action that culminated at 2100 on June 14, 1982, in the Argentine surrender by General Mario Menendez to the Royal Marines Commanding General,

Major General Jeremy Moore. Much later, Secretary Nott was interviewed by the legendary BBC correspondent, Sir Robin Day, on television, in October 1982. Sir Robin described Nott, to his face, as "A transient, here today and, if I may so, gone tomorrow, politician." Nott retorted, "I'm fed up with this interview." He rose and left in a resentful pique, a tantrum no less, in front of millions of TV viewers. Nott was the quintessential combination of arrogance and ignorance. Despite the significant naval victory that President Regan applauded, the Soviet Union observed with dismay, and Margaret Thatcher garnered popularity, Nott had continued in his heedless, headlong, and reckless reduction in Britain's naval strength in the face of hardcore facts presented to him in front of the British public, on television. What is the message of this story? It is straightforward. At some level, and politicians are all, without any doubt, even the most revered and distinguished, transitory. We, the electorate, go on, but all politicians fade into the history books. As of November 3, 2020, approaches do reflect on Thomas Jefferson's words, that ploughmen, and plough women, are the wise arbiters of our great Nation's future, not "Here



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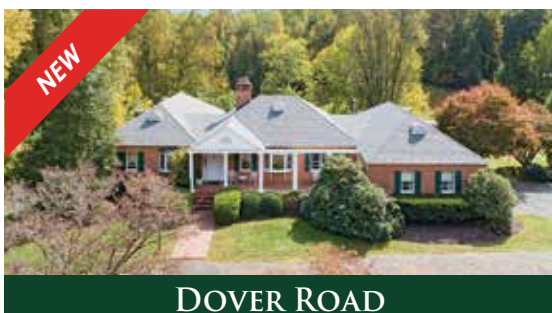
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