

GREAT RACING AT GLENWOOD & MORVEN PARK



HUYANA WINNER OF THE MIDDLEBURG BOWL OPEN TIMBER MIDDLEBURG HUNT POINT-TO-POINT EDDIE KEATING UP FOR OWNER EHB RACING AND TRAINER CASEY PINKARD SAVIN. PHOTO BY NANCY KLECK

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Spring has sprung, flower and vegetable gardens are flourishing, and people are spending more time out of doors. Three days of racing took place in Loudoun County – with spectators! – although numbers were restricted in compliance with Covid safety precautions even for outdoor events. The racing is all pretty special from start to finish, especially with reams of interesting info on the internet about the horses and people involved. You can't beat the photogenic settings which host these rural events, including Upperville Horse Show. How about helping to support these sports and activities which require vast open spaces, especially where horses are involved...

Glenwood Park, situated on the outskirts of the village of Middleburg, is a jaw-droppingly gorgeous rural expanse of green, shaped like a giant amphitheatre, with the dark smudges of the Blue Ridge Mountain along the far western horizon that have always reminded me of sleeping dragons. The panoramic view of the nearly perfectly bowl-shaped racecourse with its slopes and dips provides a spectacular setting for two local sporting traditions: Middleburg Spring Races (5/1) and Middleburg Hunt Point-to-Point (5/9).

Still fresh news: on April 18, Loudoun Hunt Point-to-Point enjoyed a double celebration: the return of

racing to Morven Park for the first time since 2011. The occasion also marked Loudoun Hunt's relocation from longtime land host, Oatlands, gracious historic plantation south of Leesburg on Rt. 15. The Loudoun races debuted the new hurdles in an improved design called EasyFix – lots of info on the internet about this wonderful advance in greater safety for horses and riders. Morven Park is a mansion estate reflecting Virginia history with tours and other activities and events – suitable for the entire family, even grandparents and grandkids.

In the rural western part of Northern Virginia there are three lovely "open space" preserves – Glenwood Park, Morven Park and Great Meadow – which offer horse racing among other equid-related sports and disciplines. Racing is fun and exciting. If you lost touch with Great Meadow, this lovely land host, convenient to Rt 66 in The Plains, is home to the Virginia and International Gold Cups, along with other sports and disciplines, human and equine. Story and photos about Virginia Gold Cup will appear in the June issue...

Glenwood Park, Morven Park, and Great Meadow deserve both recognition and support so they can keep these open spaces going in perpetuity for future generations.

Middleburg Spring Races

Speed Alert scored a thrilling victory in the Filly and Mare Maiden Hurdle, 2-mile and 1-furlong, for owner-

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NEWS OF NOTE

KUHN FAMILY PURCHASES MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY PROPERTY WITH PLANS TO PLACE LAND INTO CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Chuck Kuhn, founder and CEO of JK Moving Services, and his wife Stacy Kuhn, have purchased the 90-acre property that houses Middleburg Academy, a private school that closed its doors last June. In keeping with their conservation goals, the Kuhns are planning to place the land into conservation easement to protect it and the historic manor house from future development.

“By buying this property, we are continuing to serve as stewards of Virginia’s beautiful and historic lands, helping preserve its natural habitats and ecosystems. Protecting the environment and history are important for future generations,” explained Chuck Kuhn. “Since this abuts the Middleburg Training Cen-

ter—which we own and conserve, we plan to use a small portion of the land to expand the Center’s operation.”

Kuhn finalized the purchase terms on April 28, 2021, which includes the land, school buildings, and historic manor house built in the 1920s. The school portion of the property will be opened as a school, with final negotiations in process for the buildings to be leased to a private school operator. The land adjoins the 149-acre Middleburg Training Center, which the Kuhns purchased, placed into conservation easement, and revitalized. A portion of the Middleburg Academy land will be used to expand the training center’s equine disciplines by adding more barns and riding arenas.

This purchase follows the

Kuhn Family buying the historic Wolver Hill farm in Middleburg at the beginning of the year. The 496-acre farm, previously owned by the Iselin family, includes a historic home dating back over one hundred years and has a rich history in the horse racing community. To protect the land, the Kuhns are in the process of putting it into conservation easement.

Other ways that Kuhn, his family and his company have protected local landmarks and supported the community include:

Buying historic White’s Ferry.

Purchasing Westpark with the intention of placing 135 of those acres into a conservation easement for a park and to protect the open space from future development.

Partnering with Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy to buy and place into conservation easement an 87-acre parcel of land in northern Loudoun County called Stumptown Woods that has more native species of plants and wildlife indigenous to Loudoun and Virginia than is typical.

Starting the JK Community Farm, a charitable effort designed to alleviate hunger by growing and harvesting crops and livestock and donating them to local foodbanks, on 150 acres of conserved land in Purcellville.

Buying the historic Middleburg Training Center, which was placed into conservation easement and is now fully renovated.

Purchasing and placing several thousand acres near Loudoun’s historic villag-

es into easement, including Egypt Farm—which had been previously owned by developers, and recently three farms outside the town of Warfield.

As the founder of JK Moving Services—the largest independently owned and operated moving company in North America, Kuhn employs nearly 1,100 people—a majority of which live in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. The company and Kuhn have won numerous awards, including being recognized by the Washington Business Journal as a Best Place to Work and Top Corporate Philanthropist, Loudoun Chamber as a Community Leader, and Old Dominion Land Conservancy for its conservation efforts.

ACCOLADES FOR INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

Inova Loudoun Hospital (ILH) is proud to announce it has been recognized for excellence in patient care, safety, quality and nursing by multiple national organizations.

Leapfrog: “A” Grade: For the 19th consecutive time, Inova Loudoun Hospital received an “A” grade in the spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Inova’s achievements in protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades program is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospitals’ prevention of medical errors and other harms to patient care.

ILH is one of only 27 hospitals across the U.S. to have achieved an “A” grades every year since the launch of the Leapfrog Safety Grade in spring 2012.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): 5-Star Rating: Inova Loudoun Hospital has received 5-star ratings for the 2021 CMS Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating. Inova’s 5-star ratings from CMS were earned through a rigorous analysis of 48 patient care standards during a three year period – July 2016 – June 2019 – including safety of care, re-admission rates, patient experience, effectiveness and timeliness of care, efficient use of medical imaging, and value of care. Of the 3,355 hospitals surveyed in the country, only 13 percent received the 5-star rating from CMS.

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses: Silver-Level Beacon Award: The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) recently conferred a silver-level Beacon Award for Excellence on the Progressive Care Unit at Inova Loudoun Hospital. This is the fourth consecutive term that this team has earned this recognition.

The Beacon Award for Excellence recognizes unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and align practices with AACN’s six Healthy Work Environment Standards. Units that achieve this three-year, three-level award meet national criteria consistent with Magnet® Recognition, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the National Quality Healthcare Award.

LEADERSHIP FAUQUIER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Leadership Fauquier is excited to announce applications for our 2021-2022 Signature Program are open.

The 10-month program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity that broadens an understanding of what makes this County Tick. Participation enhances leadership skills and enables participants to develop invaluable relationships. This unique program exemplifies the mission of Leadership Fauquier to create a thriving community through informed and connected leaders.

Participants delve deeply into all aspects of Fauquier County including, government, education, health and human services, planning and development, arts and entertainment and the environment. They receive exceptional leadership development training with an emphasis this year on conflict resolution and communication. Graduates

then join a unique alumni organization that significantly contributes to the success of the community.

The program is open to those who currently live or work in Fauquier County and have done so for at least one year. Participants are selected from government, private, business, non-profit and the community at large. More detailed information and applications are available at our website leadershipfauquier.org. The deadline to apply is June 11, 2021.



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It is time to think of land as your portfolio. 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.

In the extractive approach, many landowners are tempted to maximize production. This often comes to the detriment of the health of the soil and forests. But nature comes with benefits in its very creation, and both are a blessing to us. They are not to be taken for granted, as these benefits carry us forward in life. They, if anything, must be better costed.

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 corporations.

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.

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You may be wondering, "what's the point of planting trees?" The impacts of trees and tree-planting are widely seen across our planet. What the lungs are to the human body is what trees are to our world: they sustain it. Trees play a vital role by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide, providing oxygen, and improving air quality, not to mention the natural habitat they provide and the beauty they bring.

Research on the dangerous amounts of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere led to tree-planting as a viable and necessary solution to carbon sequestration resulting in a more stable ecosystem and reducing climate change. The impacts of these immense tree-planting efforts will be immeasurable for environmental conservation and sustainability.

What Do Landowners Stand to Gain?

While initiatives like the Trillion Trees Act may seem ambitious, individual landowners help make it a reality and also earn valuable revenue in the process. Aside from the sense of fulfillment that comes with being a great steward of your lands, there are also avenues for income generation when you participate in restoration and afforestation projects.

It does not end there. As a forest landowner, you can also participate in carbon credits trading. Carbon sequestration projects—such as restoration and afforestation—are a great source of carbon credits. Once a project is verified, owners of such projects can sell their carbon credits to businesses or organizations that need to offset their carbon emissions. The possibilities are almost limitless.

Applying a Portfolio Approach to Your Land

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Middleburg Town Council is accepting letters of interest from individuals who wish to be considered for service on the following:

Go Green Committee. The Go Green Committee is responsible for advising the Town Council on environmental issues. They are responsible for developing recommendations for environmental action plans and for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) resolution. Their goal is to increase community awareness about environmental issues, such as the value of recycling, the importance of preserving water quality and the methods for conserving energy. This appointment is to fill a vacancy. Normally, terms are for a two-year period. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; and, in work session on an as-needed basis.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). EDAC is responsible for making recommendations to the Town Council on tourism/economic development activities including but not limited to business development; retention and assistance; branding and marketing; downtown infill and recruitment; promotion of multiple commercial and social uses of the downtown for visitors and residents; and infrastructure necessary to support public events and the business community. Members serve two-year terms. EDAC generally meets on a bi-monthly basis on the fourth Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.; and, in work session on an as-needed basis.

Middleburg Arts Council. MAC is responsible for coordinating the community cultural and art events sponsored by the Town of Middleburg, excluding Christmas in Middleburg. MAC is responsible for staffing the events; for the formulation of the appropriate rules for the events; for organizing any entertainment associated with the events; and, for advertising, promoting and marketing the events. Members are encouraged to have an interest in arts and/or cultural activities; however, members are also needed whose strong suits are administrative related. This appointment is to fill a vacancy. Normally, terms are for a two year-period. MAC meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month; and, in work session on an as-needed basis.

Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees is asked to send a letter of interest, to include any relevant qualifications, no later than June 30, 2021 to the following:

Mayor and Members of Town Council
Town of Middleburg
P. O. Box 187
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The Grace Church Concert Series was founded 21 years ago with the mission to provide high quality music at low affordable cost to our area. The long-standing support of generous patrons allows Grace to offer these outstanding concerts featuring highly respected and sought-after

performers at the affordable ticket prices of \$25 adults, students 18 and older \$15, students under 18 free of charge.

The first of two concerts this year features the unique and much sought after Quintango. Over its 20-year history, Quintango's command performances have ranged from the White House to memorable concerts in 23 states, at venues ranging from Stanford University and Lincoln Center Plaza, to the Kennedy Center and Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston. They've performed at international festivals in Costa Rica and the Amalfi Coast—and toured in France, Italy, Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina and Uruguay.

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GILBERTS CORNER FARMERS MARKET BRINGS MORE LOCAL FARMERS TO MARKET



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One of the farmers markets featured in the Buy Fresh Buy Local guide is the Gilberts Corner Farmers Market, operated by Loudoun Valley Homegrown Markets Cooperative (LVHMC) at the property PEC owns at Gilberts Corner. LVHMC, which manages five farm markets around the county, shares in PEC's goal of promoting local, sustainable agriculture and increasing economic opportunities for farmers and local food businesses. "Being able to come together to help build up the Gilberts Corner Farmers Market has been a wonderful and rewarding opportunity," said LVHMC Board Secretary Jessica Rice. "We have been able to work with the amazing vendors that have been there over the years with PEC and to give other LVHMC vendors the opportunity to branch out and really grow this market to its fullest potential. Allowing it to be a place for families and visitors to have access to a varied assortment of locally produced or sourced goods and products," Rice said.

"Our partnership with LVHMC is helping PEC carry forward Gilberts Corner's history as a place to find local food and fiber, giving local farmers a central place to easily and efficiently sell their products. The cooperative's full-time professional man-

agement is there to welcome visitors to the market, and our partnership opens up the market to more than 70 LVHMC producers," said PEC Direc-

tor of Conservation Mike Kane. "Our long-term vision is a vibrant market that serves as a place for visitors to taste the bounty of Piedmont and

Virginia farms, and supports those farms by giving them a venue to easily share their products with others," Kane said.

The Gilberts Corner Farmers Market is open Saturdays and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 39958 John Mosby Highway in Aldie.

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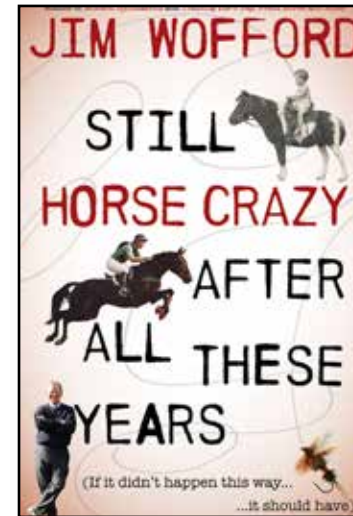
Still Horse Crazy After All These Years by Jim Wofford. Known for his wit, irreverence, and whip-smart observations on equestrian sport and its participants, Jim Wofford's writing is as legendary as his performances in the saddle. Now he again brings his immense talent for telling tales—all of them (mostly) true—to the

page in his autobiography. Growing up on a Kansas farm that shared a border with Fort Riley, home to the U.S. Cavalry School from 1887 to 1949, and the son of a sporting Army-man who rode in uniform in the 1932 Olympics, Wofford shares his wholly unique perspective on horsemanship and the history of equestrian competition in the

United States. We track his ascendancy from one-room schoolhouse, to Culver Military Academy, to the United States Equestrian Team headquarters in Gladstone, New Jersey, during its heyday. Along the way, Wofford introduces some of history's great horses and the people who loved them as he strives to reach the top of the in-

ternational eventing scene. Fascinating stories from his many adventures around the world provide a rare insider's look at the life of a professional sportsman as he tries to reconcile the passion that drives him with livelihood, family, and aging.

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SKY MEADOWS STATE PARK JUNE EVENTS

Clean the Bay Day— June 5, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Boston Mill Road Trail near Park Office

Learn how fences and tree plantings improve water quality at Sky Meadows State Park. Stop by our Explorer Outpost table along the Boston Mill Road Trail where kids and adults can enjoy our interactive watershed table. Trace your own watershed to the Chesapeake, and hear how we all play a role in keeping bay water clean.

National Trails Day – June 5, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Meet at the intersection of Boston Mill Rd. and James Ball Trails.

Get your hands dirty as we work to improve the hiking experience on our backcountry trails. Discover how uncontrolled overgrowth effects trails, creating unpleasant trail conditions and hindering the hiking experience.

Backcountry Crash Course: Earth Connection Series – June 5, 11:00 a.m. – June 6, 11:15 a.m. – Meet at the Overnight Parking Lot.

Ready to try backcountry camping? Spend 24 hours in nature learning back-

country skills and survival techniques with professional outdoor instructor Tim MacWelch. With Sky Meadows' Backcountry Campground as the setting, participants will learn how to build a natural materials shelter, start a fire, cook over the open campfire, forage for food and medicinal plants, track animals and much more.

Find out the gear requirements and register for this course at:

<http://advancedsurvivaltraining.com>.

The Farmer's Forge – June 5, Noon – 3:00 p.m. – Blacksmith Shop in the Historic Area.

The forge is fired up and the blacksmiths are hard at work in the Historic Area. Members of the Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac have set up shop and are ready to show off their skills. Stop by the Blacksmith Shop, located behind the Dairy Barn in the Historic Area, and see them fashion iron into helpful tools and kitchen items used on the farm.

Virginia State Parks History and Culture: Water Powered Mills at Sky Meadows

– June 12, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Historic Area

Over 50 streams and waterways crisscross Fauquier County, once powering nearly 300 mills and providing an important service to local farmers such as Abner Settle. Located in close proximity to Sky Meadows, along Gap Run, were Shearman's Mill, Bosteyon's Mill, and Simper's Mill. Join staff and volunteers to learn about the mills of the Crooked Run Valley and their impact on farmers' life, and hear how Sky Meadows' farm continues to use historic mills today.

Astronomy for Everyone – June 12, 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. – Behind Mount Bleak

Our evenings begin with a half-hour children's "Junior Astronomer" program, followed by a discussion about the importance of dark skies and light conservation. Then join NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) Ambassadors for a presentation on the latest news in astronomy. Visitors should bring their own lawn chairs and/or blankets. Next, get oriented to the ce-

lestial skies with a brief sky tour. Finish the evening by relaxing and enjoying the beautiful night sky. Feel free to bring your telescope or binoculars for your own exploration.

Meet the Beekeepers – June 20, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Historic Area

What's that buzzing? Meet with local apiarists of the Beekeepers of Northern Shenandoah (BONS) and discover the art of Apiculture (a.k.a. Beekeeping). This monthly program series examines all aspects of beekeeping from hive construction to honey extraction. Discover how to set up and care for your own hives using historic and modern agricultural techniques.

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The Jim and Betty Herbert donor advised fund includes family members who make grantmaking recommendations from the fund to benefit local qualifying charities.

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breeder Beverly R. “Peggy” Steinman. In only her second effort over hurdles, Speed Alert performed brilliantly, holding onto her ¾-length advantage over second-placed Tap Dance Star, owned by Virginia Lazenby Racing Stable. Speed Alert is trained by Doug Fout, currently in eighth place on the National Steeplechase Association’s Top Ten Trainers for Races Won.

Ms. Steinman is a loyal, longtime supporter of the entire racing and horse industry. She has every right to be proud of her homebreds.

Many consider her to be one of the nicest people on the planet. Only met her in person once, at Glenwood Park, after she had been in the winner’s circle with Speed Alert and Fout and their entourage. She seems very nice, and you can find some great stories online about this “grand dame” of the horse world.

Julie Gomena, another very local trainer, holds seventh place on the current NSA top ten standings for Trainer - Money Won. Gomena’s preparation of Bon Nouvel Chasers’ Repeat Repeat fought for first place to win the Al-

lowance Hurdle (2 mile and 1-furlong) by ¾-length over Animal Kingston, trained by Neil Morris for owner William Russell.

In the Maiden Hurdle, Middleburg Spring witnessed Sara E. Collette’s Pageland Farm homebred, Eryx, break his maiden in a well-earned victory with a ride from relative newcomer, Dylan McDonagh, crossing the finish line a comfortable 6¼-lengths ahead of the nearest competition. Seven finished, one pulled up. The Collette’s homebreds have earned some serious prizes on the NSA circuit as well as supporting local meets, both sanctioned and point-to-points.

On April 17 in Butler, Md., Gomena scored a huge win in the Grand National Amateur Timber Stakes with McLane Hendriks aboard Le Chevalier, owned by local enthusiast, Michael A. Smith. This American Grand National is a prestigious timber stakes race with a treasure trove of stories and spectacular history. The 118th running made a bit of history: the first time that a Virginia-owned and Virginia-trained horse won the Grand

National.

Repeat Repeat and Le Chevalier, both trained by Gomena for different owners, are tied for seventh place in the NSA standings for Horse, Money Won. Puts a new spin on sibling rivalry...

Middleburg Hunt Point-to-Point:

In the Middleburg Hunt Cup Amateur Rider Hurdle, Shannon Hill Farm’s All Out of Aces, trained by Neil Morris and piloted by Parker Hendriks, prevailed by six lengths over the only other finisher, Keri’s Find, Dan Nevin in the irons, trained by Keri Brion. Five horses started – two pulled up, one horse lost its rider.

Beverly “Peggy” Steinman’s Elusive, ridden by Tom Garner and trained by Doug Fout, won the first division of the Samuel E. Bogley Memorial Maiden Flat (about 1¼ miles on turf). When Elusive got to the front, he held his own in the stretch duel with North Yorkshire, owned and trained by Jeremy Gillam. Elusive motored across the finish line a clear neck in front. Gillam also owns and trains The



IN THE WINNER’S CIRCLE AFTER THE \$30,000 ALLOWANCE HURDLE AT MIDDLEBURG SPRING RACES AT GLENWOOD PARK WON BY BON NOUVEL CHASERS’ REPEAT REPEAT, ROSS GERAGHTY IN THE IRONS. L-R: SHELBY BONNIE, ROBERT BONNIE, WILL SHAFROTH, NICKY PERRY, ANDREW STILLER, GUY DOVE, TRAINER JULIE GOMENA, AND GROOM TABITHA PALMER. PHOTO BY LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Monk, winner by 2½ lengths in the second division of the Maiden Hurdle. The race card was full of contenders from Maryland and Pennsylvania, making the competition level out of this world with the likes of horses trained by Jack Fisher, Elizabeth Voss, Leslie Young, etc.

We seem to be making a good transition toward summer, fortified by little good things, such as the debut of new hurdles designed to be as safe as possible for steeple-

chase horses and the return of horse races to Morven Park. Upperville Horse Show is coming up quickly – with spectators! Also, be sure to check out Great Meadow’s outdoor events.

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MIDDLEBURG HUNT POINT-TO-POINT

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PIANO STUDENTS RETURN TO THE STAGE

AFTER WAITING OVER A YEAR TO PERFORM IN PERSON, PIANO STUDENTS FROM STUDIO PAPILLON TOOK THE STAGE AT BUCHANAN HALL ON SUNDAY. THE STUDENTS, RANGING IN AGE FROM 5 THROUGH 16, EVOKED ROUSING APPLAUSE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES OF CLASSICAL, FOLK AND JAZZ MUSIC.



Their teacher, Jennifer Rose, shared that the pandemic impacted the kids' confidence, requiring more support and encouragement. For months, the kids practiced not only music but public speaking, concentration and performance skills. Each week, their music grew stronger, and they stood a little taller. Their practice and hard work resulted in successful performances and smiling faces, celebrated with an outdoor lemonade social. *More info at www.studiopapillon.org.*

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PROGENY

AT HILL SCHOOL, ALL THE CAMPUS IS A STAGE



LEONARD SHAPIRO

When theater instructor Erin Coulter joined the Hill School faculty in 2018, neither she nor any of her colleagues, not to mention teachers across America, could foresee the prolonged educational impact of the current pandemic or the way they'd have to adjust to a daunting new reality radically.

After spring break in the 2020 academic year, Erin taught virtually via Zoom. Last September, students returned to Hill for in-person learning, accompanied by strict safety measures, smaller class sizes, outdoor classrooms, limited co-mingling with other grades, and so much more.

With the academic year now almost completed, Hill clearly is deserving of an A-plus in keeping students, faculty, and staff healthy and truly happy from an extraordinary year unlike any in its 95-year history.

The year has been particularly satisfying for Colter, despite being a theater specialist essentially without a formal theater. Then again, as Shakespeare once wrote, "All the world's a stage."

Substitute "Hill campus" for "stage," which essentially sums up how Coulter managed to produce a wide variety of dramatic and comedic opportunities for her third to eighth-grade students to thrive.

"I came into the school year with a certain sense of anxiety," Coulter said. "But once I forgot about all those (pandemic related) things, there were a lot of great opportunities to make it all work."

Take the eighth grade. In a normal year, the school's oldest students have put on popular plays and shows, from The Wizard of Oz to Fiddler on the Roof. Several weekend performances always play to packed audiences filled with family and friends.

But not this year. Instead, Coulter found a play that embraced the year's challenges - Alice: an Immersive Experience, adapted by Chris Hayward from C.S. Lewis' Alice in Wonderland.

The production was staged in several different places on campus, including an opening scene at the barn at the Dornin Science Center off The Plains Road.

With a small audience from each class looking on, a rabbit ran into the building and then scampered out, with the children following it to several other nearby staging areas. The audience encounters the Cheshire Cat, goes to a tea party, visits the Queen's Court, and on and on. It's a 30-minute production witnessed in the end by every student in the school.

Seventh graders for many years have performed their version of St. George and the Dragon, and the tradition continued in 2021, with a twist. This performance also was staged outdoors during the second chilly week of January, again with other classes watching.

While family and friends could not enjoy productions in person, performances were videotaped by Hill alum Jay Hubbard and made available to one and all.

Coulter said there initially was some disappointment

from some students looking forward to emulating past classes that performed on stage.



"Then I described what we were going to do," Coulter said. "When they heard the plan, it was 'oh my gosh, let's do it.' It was something new, unique, and cool. We made it special in a different way. It was a little exhausting but also very exciting."

"I'm just grateful I had the experience and confidence to put together the things we've done. You're dealing with chaos and also getting them to use their imagination and not be frightened by the unknown. They were taking a risk, but it all paid off."

At Hill, with its model of Total Education, all students participate in a strong academic and co-curricular program, which includes theater, music, art, and sports.

Taking risks, or stretching oneself, happens daily at Hill. Students participate in programs in which they have a natural interest or passion and do some things that don't come as easily. Through both of these types of experiences, they build character traits such as confidence, determination, and humility, to name a few, that help them get started on the path to being happy, successful adults.

Coulter's teaching and theatrical experience paid off as well. She grew up in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the daughter of two educators, and majored in theater at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh. After graduating, she went to Los Angeles to work developing film scripts.

After several years, she moved back east to be closer to her own family. There she got a Master's degree and served in the Teach For America corps, an established service program that landed her in several New York City public schools. She taught fourth grade for two years, as well as yoga, dance, and theater.

She also worked on off-Broadway productions, took time off to travel the country, and spent a year as a tutor for a Hill School family. That's how she heard about the opening for a theater instructor at Hill and, she said, "It was a great fit."

"I love to produce and direct theater," she said, adding that she is starting up a small Middleburg-based theater company—she's calling it Tagragg Productions—to eventually put on shows on summer weekends, most likely starting in 2022.

She'll continue to direct the traditionally rich theater program at Hill, hopefully back utilizing a real stage next year. She's also properly proud of her students for what they accomplished this past year.

"When they're adults, these children will brag about how they did Alice or St. George and the Dragon," she said. "They did it in such a creative way and took so much pride in it. There was a lot of problem-solving,

but they came up with some great ideas and they figured it out. As a teacher, my goal is not to be the only idea-maker."

This past year at Hill, that definitely was mission accomplished.

STORYBOOK TREASURES WINS JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANT

Storybook Treasures was awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Good Neighbor Grant in April 2021. Storybook Treasures is an early reader literacy organization which creates and delivers structured lesson plans to Pre-Kindergarten through third grade classrooms throughout Loudoun County and Virginia.

Denise Corbo, Founder, was inspired by her experience as an early childhood educator to create reading programs for her students that would engage them in a variety of ways and inspire them to grow into avid readers.

Bringing stories to life and putting real books into the hands of each child is the basis of a program that has since been recognized as a component in higher scores on SOL testing in the schools and classrooms that have enrolled in the Storybook Treasures program.

When asked about the importance of this funding, Corbo explained, "the grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation allows us to expand the experiential learning program into more classrooms in the Loudoun community, putting books into the hands of more Loudoun County students."

Storybook Treasures is currently fundraising to meet additional goals that would help them improve distribution of materials to the students, such as securing a van for book distribution.

Storybook Treasures currently serves schools and communities in five states. They were recently tapped to provide their immersive literacy experience to the elementary students of an entire school district in Florida which will more than double the number of students currently served to 14,000 enrolled students.



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Lemon Lime Meringue Tart
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1 9” tart or 6 4” individual tarts

This tart is a cross between a lemon meringue and key lime pie and the Scottish oat grahams are a nice change to the standard graham cracker crust. I love to celebrate spring with this nostalgic classic dessert.

Crust

1 5.64-ounce box Nairn’s Scottish Oat Grahams (16 grahams)*
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg white

Filling

3/4 cup sugar
6 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup water
5 egg yolks
Juice and zest from 1 large lemon and 2 limes (combined juices are ¾ cup)
½ stick unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces

Meringue

5 egg whites
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ cup sugar

bottom and up the sides
Freeze until set about 10 minutes
Remove from the freezer and brush with the egg white
Bake for 10 minutes, then cool on the rack while preparing the filling

In a saucepan combine the sugar, cornstarch, water and egg yolks and whisk until there are no lumps, then heat to medium high, stirring constantly until the mixture just begins to thicken and bubble about 5 minutes
Remove from the heat and whisk in the pieces of butter, once the butter has incorporated, stir in the citrus juice and zest. Allow the filling to cool for about 30 minutes before pouring into the crust

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
Combine the oat grahams, butter, vanilla and sugar in food processor and pulse until well combined and the oat grahams are a fine crumb
In a 9” tart pan or individual tart pans with a removable bottom, pat the crust mixture (about 3 tablespoons each for 4” tarts) evenly on the

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A NEW WORLD

AROUND THE TOWN

HAZEL SWEITZER

Congratulations to all of you humans!
Listen, there isn’t anyone happier to see you all get a little of your lives

So many things I missed during the pandemic. Most of all, I missed hugging. Yes, it’s true, we dogs love when humans hug. There is an energy behind a hug, that if we are in the presence of a hug, we feel that hug the same way you humans do. It’s warm and buzzes in your stomach. After all, we are masters of love. This is why humans love to cuddle us, hold us, pet us, and ultimately love us unconditionally. We don’t even have to try to love, and we exude it!

I want you all to still be careful out there. Maybe consider wearing your mask if you’re inside in a large group and use a hand sanitizer when traveling or out. Washing your paws more often is a good idea, too,

pandemic or not. You all have gone so long without human contact and seeing each other’s faces. I love facial expressions because you can feel what someone is trying to communicate by watching their entire face. Watching all of you with masks has been hard for us animals as well. And most of all, there can be celebrations, music concerts, sports outings, and live theater again! Life is a sensory experience!

To feel, taste, hear, smell, see your surroundings with others, make you feel connected, Connected to something bigger. We had to be cautious and vigilant during this last year, but along with that came great fear. This is what I noticed most – fear. That fear made all of you scared, and there is nothing worse than being scared alone, and so many people were alone.

Tom and I feel we learned great lessons over the pandemic. Having survived a bad bout of Covid himself, Tom takes things slower now. He tends to not take anything for granted and spends more time gardening, listening to music, reading, playing piano, and talking

to his friends. Tom has always been someone who has reached out to others, but that has even changed. He reaches out to others in a different way now. He says since he almost lost his life from Covid, he sees the rest of his life differently. I am not sure exactly what he means, but I have seen him change significantly within the last 15 months. No one wants to ever have this happen again, and it will still be lingering around us for quite a while, but at least now there is a breath of hope. I hope you hug, and I hope you have found a new way to navigate the world in this last year. In some way, that makes you more happy, aware, and content. And I look forward to seeing you all in town and seeing your smiles once again.
Love, Hazel.

SPRING 2021 NEW ALBUMS

IN UNISON

STEVE CHASE

May is when we’re supposed to get out, plant the tomatoes, paddle Goose Creek, head to the races, sit outside with a glass at Slater Run Vineyards, and throw some steaks on the grill. You should also listen to some new music, and there is some great material that has come out since the New Year. So drag the speakers out on to the patio and put on some music. Here’s a ten pack of new music that I’m listening to right now on my back porch. Throw on my Spotify playlist and see what you think. If you like what you hear, dig in further.

Bernstein Reimagined--Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (2021) What is a glass of Pappy and a good cigar after dinner without some big band music? The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra gives us a modern set of compositions by the indefatigable Leonard Bernstein. More listening music than for swing dancing, these tunes give you a range of Bernstein’s songbook, played by some amazing musicians, that will keep you wanting that next tune.

Brand New Good Old Days--Leftover Salmon (2021) --This group could be the penultimate hippie country party band, or as they put it in one tune, the Boogie Grass Band. If you have ever seen this band live, you understand--they are a fusion group combining electric and acoustic styles, with mandolin, guitar,

synths, drums, playing with a progressive bluegrass songbook. If I could choose one band to play a BBQ party on a bluebird day, it’s these guys.

Blue Heron Suite--Sarah Jarosz (2021). I have seen Sarah Jarosz at Telluride, and she has become a powerhouse in the acoustic/roots/folk scene, with her virtuoso string playing and superb vocals. While this studio set is rather poignant, both in melody and lyrics, it is uplifting in a meditative way, and well worth a listen and regular revisits.

Live at Pine Creek--Kitchen Dwellers (2021) Definitely inspired by the Jeff Austin era of Yonder Mountain String Band, The Kitchen Dwellers bring it on big with this new live album, a release I have been waiting for since first heard them playing remarkable covers of Pink Floyd tunes. The new set gives us a string of up tempo, progressive bluegrass compositions that will be your toes tapping and your head bobbing.

Live from the Telefunken Soundstage--moe. (2021) Recorded not in Germany, but in South Windsor, Connecticut at the fine Telefunken Soundstage facility, moe. breaks their silence with a full set of classics, improve and some new tunes as well. The set closes with my favorite, Rebutula, and it delivers everything good thing moe. is known for. Play this one really loud.

Milagro--Alan Pasqua (2021) A rerelease from 1994, this pow-

erhouse acoustic jazz album features Pasqua on piano, Michael Brecker on Tenor sax, Dave Holland on Bass and Jack DeJohnette on Drums. You can’t put together a much better band than this, and it was a good time to release it again, it sounds fresh and timely nearly three decades later.

Seven--Cameron Graves (2021) I love jazz rock fusion, primarily from the seventies. It’s really hard to find fresh 21st century fusion out there, but I discovered some from pianist Cameron Graves that harkens back to the good ole days while still sounding fresh for 2021. Strong electric rhythms and a unique sounds puts Graves set at the top of my new Fusion list. It doesn’t hurt that fusion pioneer Stanley Clarke mentored him. A friend of mine commented to me about this album--”mind blowing.”

Vessels of Wood and Earth--Dan Wilson (2021) It’s good to hear a new Jazz guitarist, and Dan Wilson is really showing the Jazz world who he is on this new album, released on Christian McBride’s Brother Mister Productions label. Wilson is from the George Benson school of jazz guitar, and he drives his archtop through a rousing set of standards and new compositions. The band is hot as well, inspired by and feeding off each other’s prowess as they power along.

Vijay Ayer Trio-- Uneasy (2021) Pianist Vijay Ayer has released stellar after stellar album on ECM, and this new trio release, with bassist Linda Oh

and Tyshawn Sorey on drums, only adds to his fine reputation. This trio has chops, and they use them, in a very collaborative way to produce some really powerful renditions of Ayer’s songbook. This is a good soundtrack for your next cocktail party, or a listening session with headphones on. Every time you play it there is something more to discover.

Singles-- Some cool new singles have come out from some of my favorite newgrass bands. On The Great Divide (Billy Strings and Luke Combs), the duo gives us a great Nashville style epic, could easily climb the country charts, with Billy’s incredible picking and a solid and catchy melodies. I’m in Asheville (John Hiatt and The Jerry Douglas Band) Haitt sings a bluesy ballad

with Douglas’ powerful dobro providing a perfect counterpoint to Hiatt’s growly voice. The Band has a new single out, from the Ed Sullivan Show in 1969, playing their classic Up on Cripple Creek--this tune speaks for itself. Finally, where would we be without a new Sturgill Simpson cover single of John Prine’s Paradise?

I love finding new music. Seeking out and listening to new tunes continuously expands my musical boundaries and keep me from getting stuck on one band or genre, that’s a good thing. You can get access my playlist here tinyurl.com/2be56m54, and be sure to follow me on Spotify.

Steve Chase is on the porch in Unison listening to new tunes.

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TO ALL THE MOMS AND DADS

SINCERELY ME

BRANDY GREENWELL

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. Happy Father's Day to all the dads. I've only been a parent for two years, the greatest two of my life, and have a newfound appreciation for the art of parenting.

Moms wear clothes with multiple pockets, carry bags that are hybrids between a Bond Glovebox and the perfect "Let's Make a Deal" prepper bag. Always with tissue, aspirin, sunblock, hair tie (often used for purposes other than ponytails), safety pin, snacks, and other purse-sized items to be prepared for any event, emergency, or happenstance. Dads wear a Leatherman on their belts and ask moms to put their wallets, ball caps, and sunglasses in the MacGyver



bag, adding a good pound to the mom load. The multi-tool is often more used than the extra Q-tips moms carry and are convinced will come in handy one day.

Moms have every second of every day planned with activities, meals, and accouterment down to coordinating socks and snacks. Moms have to run on a schedule; otherwise, the Jenga will crumble, leaving moms in heaps of disarray, mumbling something about it being time to make donuts. Dads always like to play the hero and throw in "lets go have ice cream," which throws the mom's brain into instant overload and panic re-routing. Sometimes moms need to eat the damn ice cream and enjoy someone else taking the reins for a short, concise period of time.

When Dads cook, they marinate, spice, and take their sweet time preparing family meals with love and generally an overabundance of flavor. It's ceremonial and should be started a day in advance. Families have to snack and sometimes fall asleep at the table when Dad cooks. Moms can have four burners going at once and can julienne, slice, and dice a colorful meal in no time with all the "As Seen on TV" gadgets she's collected. Total time from conception to digestion: 20 minutes.

Dads always drive and know how to change a tire, check the oil, and know which direction to turn the wheels when skidding on ice. Moms know how to call AAA, where the insurance card is, and the fastest route from A to B, yet don't know the difference between a quarterback and a carburetor.

When the house falls ill, the buck stops with mom. Moms are the ultimate nurturers, and family members are drawn to magic mom healing powers oozing from every hug, kiss, hand-holding, and back rubbing. In the post NyQuil sick-bed, Moms are at the bottom of the family flesh pile with everyone snoring in rounds and the dog farting on her head. Mom has a fever too, but everyone else comes first.

Moms and Dads, give yourselves hugs, high fives, and highballs. No matter where you are in your parenting, you are raising the future one day at a time, and though ultra rewarding, it's equally challenging. And always remember to thank your moms and dads, they walked in your shoes once, and you turned out just fine.

EASTERN RED COLUMBINE

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

The sunny perennial beds are gorgeous, and the gardener is busy. It is peak bloom and fading day by day. For all of those flowers, we pay the price, and it's called deadheading. We tiptoe, bend, pivot, and stretch to remove those flowers that are making a mess of things. The peonies drop their petals in a heap on the ground. The bearded iris finish in a twist of mush, refusing to drop instead of hanging on and making new flowers look bad. The roses drop petals that turn brown, seemingly overnight.

We drag around the wheelbarrow, tarp, or other vessels to gather up the finishing pieces. The price we pay for all of that beauty. It often begins with Helleborus, spent flowers quickly become large seed heads. The art of deadheading Helleborus is best done sitting down, and each flowering stem should be removed right down

to the ground. The peonies are cut at a leaf juncture, preferably just under other leaves, so the cat doesn't show. You have to be careful with iris, and the finished flowering stalk is cut as close to the ground as you can. Bending around in the iris can be tricky. One wrong move, and you hear the snap of a bud or open flower that you just detached.

With the biennials or short-lived perennials, I am ruthless. Larkspur, feverfew, even foxglove are yanked as they begin to yellow. Not all, at least one is left to produce seed, enough to repopulate as the gardener sees fit. If all we're left to seed; not a pretty sight as they languish and turn ugly, the garden is overrun for years to come.

Dianthus is best done with scissors; even manual hedge clippers will work. Just a quick snip of flowering stems as they sit above the foliage, something they do in such profusion as to obliterate the leaves. Some

perennials go without deadheading for various reasons. The flowers of brunnera or the perennial forget-me-not are numerous and very small, the stems prickly, they are largely left to go to seed, something they will do liberally and naturalize so you can't forget them. Dicentra spectabilis, or bleeding heart, is also rarely deadheaded. The small seed heads seem innocuous enough but will readily seed. It's the choice of the gardener to remove them or let them spread. A close relative, Corydalis lutea (also known as rock fumewort), can be a thug but shares the same undersized seed pod and is rarely cut back since it flowers from April to October. A perennial for shady places with small yellow flowers has its place but can get out of hand. Solomon's Seal or Polygonatum and its many relatives flower beneath the leaves, the seed heads out of sight and out of mind.

The choices of encourag-

ing more or keeping more from arriving in the game, a gardener plays every year with deadheading or seed removal. It's highly recommended with daffodils, tulips, and various hardy bulbs. With seed pods removed, the act of sinking into dormancy is accelerated. A beginning gardener may want to grow these hardy bulbs from seed, a process that requires at least three years before the first flower emerges. The wait is seldom worth the results. The offspring are rarely as beautiful as the original hybrid, although the long wait might leave you thinking it is the most beautiful flower on earth.

Hardly ever do we grow perennials for the beauty of their seed heads, but that is a possibility, especially when certain birds are hungry for food to eat during migration. Flatheads from rudbeckia can be beautiful with airy seed pods on grasses or stiff stems of Liatris. Many iris have beautiful seed pods, as

do some peonies, alliums, fennel, and coneflower. Leaving them is an open invitation to completely alter how a garden might look in a year or two as these youngsters take over. My significant reduction of 2021 is bronze fennel which I left to go to seed as it was the food source for black swallowtail butterflies. Thankfully they are easy to pull, and I suspect that the same thing will happen this year. At five feet in height, they can become their kind of bully, but the thought of killing the butterfly larvae is worse. The same can be said for my dill, and both are easy to pull or reduce, which I do quickly before the butterflies get down to business. The gardener faces multiple challenges during the year, and wisdom comes with time. With that wisdom comes knowing that there is a season for everything, and they are never the same. Be observant, light-handed if possible, and ready for a lot of experimentation.

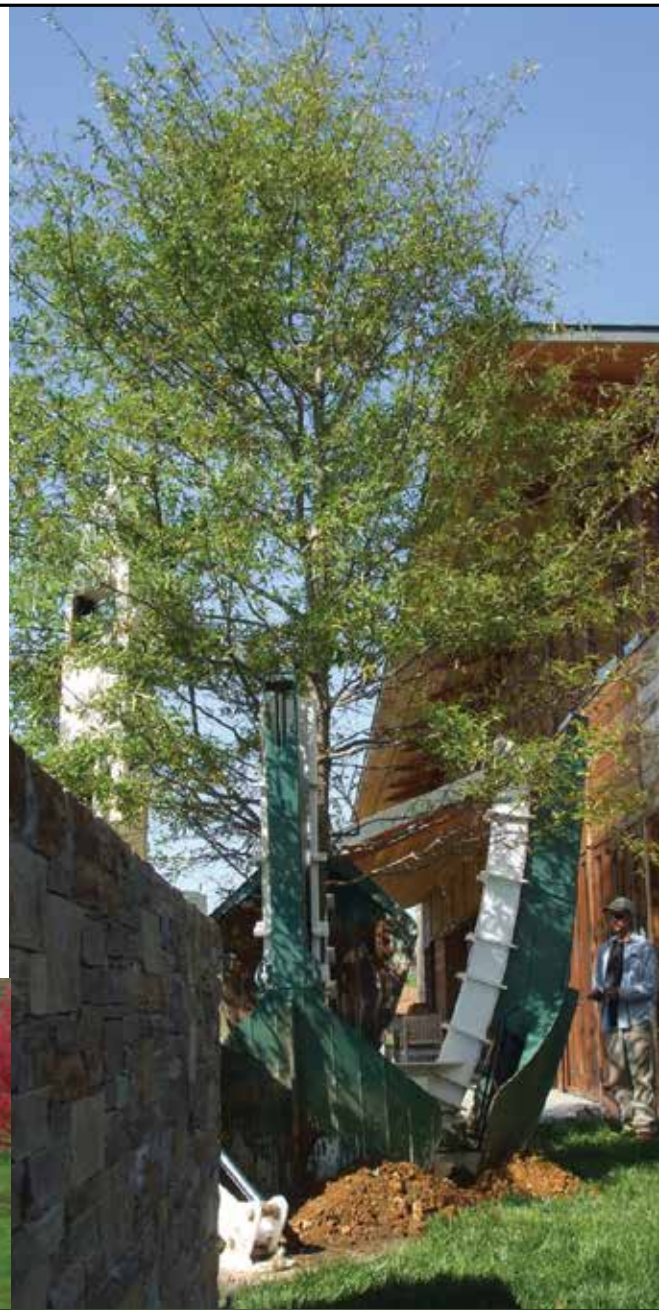
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PASTIMES

SHOOTING SPORTS; NOT JUST FOR THE FELLAS

FIELD CRAFT



NICK GREENWELL

Considering that the April showers have passed, the May flowers are in full bloom, and Covid restrictions are gradually being lifted, now is the time to enjoy the great outdoors with friends! With that said, it also seems like the perfect time to try something new. I recently had the opportunity to speak with Isobel Ziluca, the only Masterclass Lady shoot-

er in Virginia, about her favorite sport; shooting sporting clays. Isobel picked up her first shotgun at the age of fifty and initially used sporting clays to warm up bird hunting. Gradually, clay shoots became more attractive to Isobel, and in 2017 she earned her instructor's certification with the National Sporting Clays Association. The bug had bitten her, and the rest is history. In 2018 Isobel was named to the Virginia

State Team and has since been named to all five All-American teams, including all sub gauges and 12-gauge. Over the past several years, Isobel's students have gone on to win local, regional and national titles, with three students making All American teams and one lady student making two All American teams. Part of what makes Isobel's students so successful is her unique ability to clearly explain concepts and

techniques while instilling confidence in her pupils. She has a distinct interest in teaching juniors, with several having entered her program with no experience and making all-American teams. To that point, Isobel's investment in the community is admirable as well. She was named Volunteer of the Year by the Fauquier County Boys and Girls Club and served as President of the Upperville Community League.

Given Isobel's long list of accomplishments and her intensive approach to teaching firearm safety, learning the sport of shoot clays is undoubtedly a safe, family-friendly, and enriching new way to enjoy the great outdoors. PULL!

Thank you for reading. I will see you in the field.



AGING SLOWER THROUGH EXERCISE

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Is it possible to slow aging down merely by walking, running, or strength training? Maybe the fountain of youth can be found on the treadmill, outside, or lifting weights. The Leipzig University in Germany did a study on the effects of exercise on the length of telomeres. Telomeres grow shorter as we age. A telomere is a chro-

mosome structure that protects DNA. Slowing down aging by protecting DNA is a good thing. Keep in mind this was a small study based on 266 volunteers between the ages of 30-60 years old. The volunteers in the program were inactive individuals. Meaning they exercised less than one hour a week.

Each participant in the study was assigned randomly to an exercise program. Their diet stayed about the same. They were instructed to do their given exercise

three times a week for six months. At the end of 6 months, the researchers studied telomeres. It was apparent that the participants in the endurance group produced the most gains in telomeres. Plus, this group saw an added benefit in decreasing inflammation in the body. So aerobic exercise in this very small study won out on telomere length. But, strength training is so important for balance and protection of our joints. Also, to be strong, you have to challenge all your muscles. The

moral of this study is both aerobic exercise and strength training are important. Strength training should be done as an addition to your aerobic exercise, not a substitute. Add some flexibility training, and you'll have a well-rounded program. Aerobic exercise can be cycling, walking, jogging, or anything that gets your heart rate up and is sustainable for 30-45 minutes. Strength training can include bodyweight exercises, Pilates apparatus exercises, weight machines, free weights,

bands, etc.

Who knew we all hold the fountain of youth within our bodies. We just have to start. This is doable for most people. Start small and keep adding. You'll be on your way to lengthen your telomeres and slow down the effects of aging.

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THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE – LOUDER PLEASE!

JOHN P. FLANNERY

William Butler Yeats was a grand poet, playwright, and gifted prose writer who spoke through mythic symbol systems and immersed himself in the Irish “troubles.”

Yeats summed up his view of literature:

“I believe that literature is the principal voice of the conscience, and that it is its duty age after age to affirm its morality against the special moralities of clergymen and churches, and of kings and parliaments and peoples ... I have no doubt a wise ecclesiastic, if his courage equaled his wisdom, would be a better censor than a mob, but I think it better to fight the mob alone than to seek for a support one could only get by what would seem to me a compromise of principle.”

We have an array of “special moralities,” as Yeats called them, who compromise our higher principles.

Prize-winning Historian Arthur Schlesinger anticipated our challenges in “The Disuniting of America,” particularly the toxic and desperate disquiet among

white supremacists, fearing the “rising flow of non-European immigrants creat[ing] a ‘minority majority,’” threatening to “make Eurocentrism obsolete by the twenty-first century.”

Among our “special moralities” are the ever more political churches, seeking to influence elections and gain secular power, rather than follow the Sermon on the Mount, and affirm morality instead of perpetuating amorality.

These political churches dominate and instruct their obedient “faithful” to hate and fear those who are “different.” In the Broadway musical, South Pacific, one song says, “You have to be taught to hate and fear, you have to be carefully taught.” No nation of conscience can tolerate such instruction or rhetoric.

We have “temples” of finance, big business, that measure their existence by the margin of profit, and churlishly resist sharing in the earned riches with the workers whose increased productivity made the profits possible. In recent days, as a result, these workers suffered an unfair shortfall in savings that they could have used during the pandemic.

Our elected representatives

take care of themselves, making decisions to favor their re-election. And little else. No elected official is without blame. They may talk about making a difference but they come up short. In Luke, it’s said that Jesus cursed those who placed a burden on others without lifting a finger to lighten the load. The burdens abound; relief is too little and too late.

There are our courts. We have many judges who take to heart their obligation to follow the constitution and the law. But, in the last administration, we had congressional leaders including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who installed questionable judicial officers, often dimly qualified, biased, and expected to overrule long standing legal precedents, favoring the ideological views of the Federalist Society.

Associate Justice Stephen Breyer wrote in “Making our Democracy Work,” that the trust of the nation’s citizens in the work of its highest court is critical “even when [the Court’s] decisions are highly unpopular.” This trust is at risk.

Judge Learned Hand, a federal judge from NY, both in the trial court and leading the 2nd Circuit

appellate court, made an historic speech in central park in 1944 on liberty: “

“Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it.”

There are forces in the nation that would destroy that liberty.

Hand asked “what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes.”

Hand concluded, “A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few ...”

We have seen more than a few “savages” and that’s not who we are.

We must sanction and punish those would destroy our democratic government.

Albert Einstein wrote -

“Institutions are in a moral sense impotent unless they are supported by the sense of responsibility of living individuals.”

Justice Robert Jackson, who tried the Nuremberg cases, wrote -

“We set up government by consent of the government, and the Bill of Rights denies those in power any legal opportunity to coerce that consent. Authority here is to be controlled by public opinion, not public opinion by authority.”

Thomas Jefferson said, “I have sworn upon the alter of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

There are those in government, in the congress, and the several states, who would coerce the consent of the government, by suppressing the vote that opposes their governance, one form of tyranny in a democracy.

There are those in government who would suppress public debate, another form of tyranny.

If we are to give voice to our conscience, we must follow up with action, as our sense of things as they are implies there is a better order, and it is our duty as citizens to stop what’s compromising this nation and restore our Republic.

OBITUARIES

ANDREW DONOVAN LOONEY

Andrew Donovan Looney, who grew up in Unison and recently fulfilled a long-time dream of living and working on a cattle ranch, died on Friday, April 30, 2021, in a one-vehicle accident near Cody, Nebraska, where he had become a val-ued member of the staff at the sprawling Rocking J Ranch in the northwest corner of the state.



cleaned the kennels and worked with the hounds but he also cleared trails, fence lines, and built horse jumps.

That’s where he realized he would never be able to have a traditional job or working behind a desk. He liked being on the various farms in Loudoun and Fauquier counties and became interested in eventually working

with cows at Whitestone Farm in Aldie while he was attending Middleburg Academy and during summer breaks from his studies at Delaware Valley, where he was enrolled in the school’s agriculture business program.

Bob Vantrease, a family friend who lives in Upperville and is a retired cattle- man himself, had known the Adamson family for years and helped arrange Mr. Looney’s internship that started on June 1, 2020.

“He’s a great kid,” Vantrease said of Andrew last fall. “I’ve known the Adamsons for more than 50 years, and he’s in great hands. He’s going to the largest cattle county in the U.S. They’ve got 165,000 cows and only 6,500 people. They love him. He’s an eastern boy and he loves the west. And he’s having the time of his life.”

Andrew worked with Jerry Adamson’s son, Todd, who eventually offered him the full-time job. Todd and his wife, Stacy, welcomed Andrew in as part of the family. He lived on the ranch and quickly became a part of the community.



way from home. But these are just some of the nicest people I’ve ever met, and that makes it easy to move across the country. This is the best thing I’ve ever done.”

This is branding season at Rocking J Ranch, and the Adamson family held a Cowboy Memorial service during one of four branding sessions on Tuesday, May 4. During the ceremony, Andrew’s horse was led out, fully saddled but with no rider. There also was a sunrise service at the ranch the next morning.

Back in Virginia, a celebration of life service for Andrew will be held on May 18 at 11 a.m. at the Whitestone Farm in Aldie. The family has indicated that informal attire, including jeans

and cowboy boots, are welcome. Planning is underway to start a scholarship in Andrew’s name at The Hill School in Middleburg Virginia, as well as in Nebraska, and Pennsylvania, with details to still to be determined.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Gregg and Mary Guest Looney of Unison, his sister, Chloe, two brothers, Henry and Owen, and three grandparents, Janet Looney of Philomont, Patricia Gilbert of Churchville, Md. and Edgar Looney of Fairfax, too many family members to name, the love of his life, Tatiana (Tati) Jones, of Cody, NE and an abundance of friends from school, lacrosse, hunt fields and cattle farms east and west.

LETTER FROM THE PLAINS

ANTHONY WELLS

Sir Tim Berners-Lee’s plan to save the Internet and give us back control of our data raises questions for us all about how far we, as individuals, want the Internet to intrude on our daily lives. Recent legal actions in countries such as Australia against the large Internet data providers such as Facebook and Google raises a key question about how far we all want such providers to know about not just our personal likes and dislikes, for example in terms of what we purchase and how, but also our movements, travel plans, and personal lives, all of which is collected in massive data bases employing the latest artificial intelligence (AI) tools. It is very much an individual choice. I have never subscribed to any social media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn for security reasons. I am only too aware of how foreign entities prey on such data bases. However, unless one is in the national security domain or feel that privacy is a critical need, then most may well find that the major Internet providers and information sources such as Google offer a vast panoply of important services that we have grown to need and want on a daily 24/7 basis. So has the creator of the World Wide Web, that provided the world for free this amazing capability, come up with a solution to the key issue of privacy and control of personal data?

What Tim Berners-Lee has devised is a “Data Sovereignty” concept which he believes will

allow you and me to have control over our own data. He wants the big tech companies to lose control of yours and my data. What is the key basis for doing this? Well it’s simply this: To prevent a few tech giants thriving on a system of “surveillance capitalism” which has access to and control over our personal data and harvest this data to target advertisements and other sales tools as we all browse the web. Berners-Lee sees your and my personal data as something that only you and I should control. This covers key data rights to control our personal information and what may or may not be collected, analyzed, stored, then owned in essence by the large tech internet providers, and used for commercial gain. You may surf the web for instance and not be at all aware that in fact the tech giants are actually taking all your personal information without your knowledge and consent and using it in ways that various countries legal authorities determine is both unfair competition and without your consent or indeed compensation. The counter argument from the tech giants is that the data being exploited is not our property. The argument of the European Union lawyers and many others is that this process has led to big tech monopolies that expand exponentially their business bases. In the west the so called GAFAM dominates – Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon, and Microsoft, and in China it is the BAT – Baidu, Alibaba, and Tencent.

Tim Berners-Lee through a new company called Inrupt wants

to create “Pods” – “Personal On Line Data Stores” so that we can all control our own data, not big tech. The Pods are in effect personal digital data safes that only you and I can control and access. Access to the huge digital platforms of the tech giants is denied unless we individually allow access to an individual pod in return for services but the tech company such as Google will not be able to extract or sell the data. The pod owners control access through a system called “Solid” and authentication from Solid is required before our data can be released. Solid is a Silicon valley start up and is the “bank in which the safe” (our individual Pods) is stored.

This approach may not be for everyone. I am of the opinion that I like Google, for example, because of its information sources that I use all the time, and if Google is tracking what I buy, and my likes and dislikes, then I’m not particularly concerned because at the end of the day I decide what I will buy through say Amazon. However, many others, and this is a global view, fear genuinely for the privacy of the world’s personal data. There is no question in my opinion that big tech’s digital dominance does need to be controlled, particularly in preventing unfair marketing and pricing practices whereby we, the consumers, are denied access to other sources, and those sources are victims of unfair competitive practices. Small companies can be and are the victims of these unfair practices. None of this is good for fair competition. However, when I did a recent personal

survey of the products that I have bought over the past few months on Amazon I found that for each product that I had bought there was enormous choice and price range. The counter argument to this personal analysis is that many small companies cannot afford to pay the Amazon fees for being in the Amazon product data bases and therefore are being severely restricted from not just the American but the global market given the reach of Amazon. We consumers and Internet users can of course use other data bases to search for products and obtain prices and order on line, thus enabling small companies and suppliers to set up their own web sites that we can access through key word searches. At the same time we are all acutely aware that, dare I say, Amazon Prime will have a product on our doorstep today that was ordered on line yesterday, together with a photo in your email telling you where a package was left and requesting feedback on the quality of service. Let’s be candid, that’s tough to beat. Well established companies like L.L.Bean can provide similar services at competitive prices though maybe not quite as rapid as Amazon unless one wants to pay extra for fast delivery.

This is not a simple issue, and as I indicated up front it is for every Eccentric reader to decide what they want, or don’t want. I hope this provides a sound basis for everyone to make their own personal decisions and keep a wary eye out for privacy intrusion of your personal data, and what you are prepared to allow and not.

One technical aspect with which I will conclude that we should all follow with considerable interest is the impact that “Quantum Computing” will have on the above domains during this decade and beyond. What I call quantum resistant cryptography in the Five Eyes Intelligence Community will be able to provide the private and commercial sectors with means to provide watertight encryption while, from an intelligence perspective enabling the United States and Five Eyes allies to exploit this capability to decrypt others’ transmissions in real time. We are going to need increasingly every means at our disposal to protect individuals, banks, the international financial structure, transport, hospitals, and all other forms of critical infrastructure from power and water supply to communications and the media from state-sponsored cyber attacks, and those of state-sponsored surrogates, criminal organizations, and malicious hackers. On Sunday, May 9, 2021 the US government issued emergency legislation after the largest fuel pipeline in the United States was hit by a cyber-attack. The Colonial Pipeline carries 2.5 million barrels a day, and provides 45% of the East Coast’s supply of diesel, petrol, and jet fuel. This recent attack is symptomatic of the threats that we will all increasingly face.

Please be well and by now I hope that most in our wonderful community are on the way to vaccination. Happy Spring.

Andrew, 22, was a graduate of The Hill School and Middleburg Academy. He finished his college studies remotely while also working full time at the ranch and was scheduled to graduate with his class on May 15 from Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA, with a degree in agricultural management.

Andrew was born on March 28, 1999, in Winchester, VA. He was truly at home outside enjoying nature, horseback riding, lacrosse, hunting and fishing and hang- ing with family and friends.

He didn’t know a stranger.

He grew up fox hunting with Middleburg Hunt and Piedmont Fox Hounds where he also worked. While working at the Piedmont Hunt, he not only

in farming.

He started at Rocking J last summer as an intern on the 50,000-acre ranch, owned by one of the nation’s premier cattlemen, Jerry Adamson.

After two months of working with the cows, the bulls, the calves and the beloved horse he rode, Andrew was offered a chance to stay on full-time. In an in-ter-view on a brief visit to Virginia last fall, he described his new job as the “oppor- tunity of a lifetime” and exactly what he always dreamed of doing, going all the way back to his elementary school days at Hill School.

Andrew is the son of Gregg and Mary Guest Looney and grew up riding horses, including time in the hunting field. He worked

CHARLES GORDON BEYER

Charles Gordon Beyer was born in New York City on August 2, 1967 and died suddenly on March 20, 2021. The time spent in between was, to borrow one of his favorite words, curious.

For Charles, the reality of a situation was never as interesting as the perspective with which he saw it. So, spelling out his educational and career milestones seems more perfunctory than elucidating (but this is an obituary). He was raised in New Canaan, CT, graduated from Berkshire School in 1986, and earned his BA and MFA from The School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University. He was an artist of immense talent and creativity and was hired throughout his life for his style and exquisite taste.

Charles was a traveling salon, his own Algonquin Round Table, collecting persons of interest

wherever he was; be it Boston, New York, or Virginian horse country, he was a fascination. If you saw him, you needed to know him, if you knew him, you wanted to be in his company. He was the pied piper for anyone with something interesting to add.

Charles was simultaneously a magnet for talent and a muse, always attracting and inspiring phenomenal artists, designers, and writers and giving a part of himself to make them better. That he was the most talented person they had ever encountered was ironically the secret known to everyone but him.

He was his art. His sense of fashion was so distinct that each outfit was essentially a gallery-worthy installation. He designed and made clothing from non-traditional materials often utilizing photographs, shipping envelopes, champagne caps, magazine pages, Christmas tree ornaments,

and other salvaged items to create show stopping evening wear and jewelry for his sister, Allyne, and close friend, EV Day. He was fond of reading Dorothy Parker, Evelyn Waugh, Oscar Wilde, and E.L. Doctrow then resurrecting long forgotten idioms from those pages in conversation as casually tossed-off phrases.

Charles is survived by his sister, Allyne Beyer, nephews, Henry and William! LeFevre of Duxbury, MA, stepmother, Cynthia Darlington Beyer of Marshall, VA, and a parade of friends and fans worldwide. He will be missed immeasurably.

If you would like to give a remembrance in Charles’ name, please donate to the Middleburg Humane Foundation at 504.364.3272, m i d d l e b u r g h u m a n e . o r g or Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.8255, suicidepreventionlifeline.org



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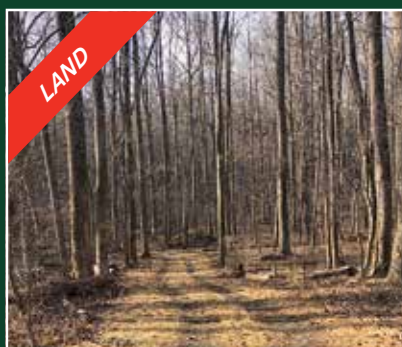


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