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e have huge exclusive news for Middleburg. Diana and Bert Firestone's homebred three-year-old, named Middleburg, broke his maiden in his second start in a one mile turf race at Gulfstream recently. The chestnut colt by Lemon Drop Kid broke from out of the pack in the stretch with jockey Jose Lezcano for in a decisive victory. As many will remember, the Firestone's fabulous filly, Genuine Risk, won the 1980 Kentucky Derby and finished second in the Preakness and Belmont. And well... Middleburg is a three-year-old so...stay tuned.

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## **Best Bites:**

## Moonshiners Sauces & More from Setter Mountain



By Lauren R. Giannini

For Middleburg Life

For all the foodies who just can't wait to fire up the grill, Moonshiners barbecue sauces from Setter Mountain Food Group will titillate your tastebuds even as they add zip to your repasts.

Dennis and Gail Flynn, of Front Royal, date the birth of their Setter Mountain sauces and jellies to "snowmageddon" in 2009 when they were house-bound for two weeks. "We never lost power, we just couldn't get out of the driveway," Dennis recalled. "We did a lot of cooking and it all sort of took off from there."

Flynn takes credit for perfecting over many years the recipes for both barbecue sauces and for his signature marinara. "The jellies are a combination of us both. Gail and I work together on those flavors," he said. "I worked professionally as a chef for about 20 years. All over—Athens, Greece and downtown [Washington] DC, New England ski resorts and ocean front resorts."

The Moonshiners' Smokey Bourbon barbecue sauce is sweet and sticky. It's made from molasses, brown sugar, herbs, spices and savory hardwood smoke, spiked with locally distilled single-malt whiskey. Heat it to baste ribs, shoulders, chicken and even seafood or add to pulled pork or chicken and shredded beef.

Moonshiners' Mop 'n Slop, Dennis' ode to North Carolina barbecue, is a tomato and vinegar "mopping" sauce with a bit of heat as an end note. Use it as a marinade or for basting during grilling to intensify the flavor. As a mopping sauce, it's easy: shake, heat and mop. It's suggested for smoked shoulders, beef or pork ribs and it elevates chicken, turkey and salmon to a whole new taste sensation.

"We ship all over the U.S.," Flynn said. "One lady shipped her order to relatives in Afghanistan. We've done some tasting events at wineries and people from as far away as Australia have taken our sauces home with them. Our products are carried by wineries, markets and delis from Arlington and Alexandria all the way down to Madison and Barboursville. This year, I want to get our products into Charlottesville and Staunton."

Gail Flynn swears her husband does not have that food-flinging, ballistic chef's temperament; their cooking life is nothing like Gordon Ramsay. "Dennis is very mellow, very laid back, most of the time," she said. "He loves to cook. We both do, which is part of why we're together."

The Flynns married in 2000. Their first

date was at a wine festival in 1998 at Great Meadow in The Plains. "It was love at first sight," Gail recalled. "We spent the whole day at the wine festival talking. That night, my mother called to ask how it went, and I told her that I



Dennis and Gail Flynn

had met the man I was going to marry.

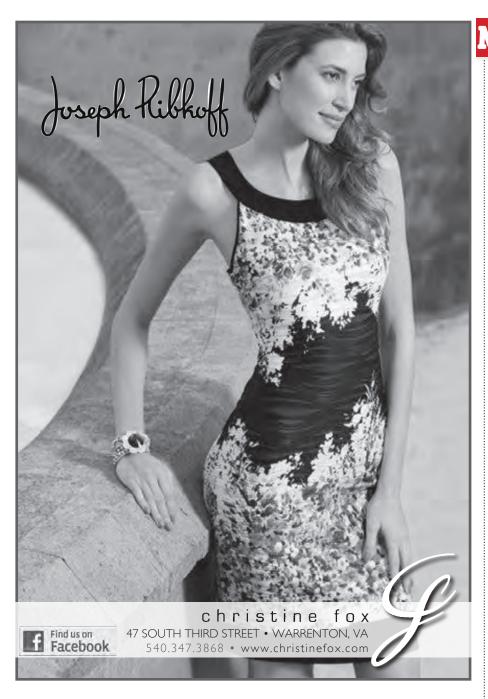
"But the way Dennis tells the story, the first time I cooked for him I made meatloaf, mashed potatoes and broccoli and sitting across from me, he asked me to marry him," Gail said. "He was on seconds, and I think I just laughed."

They married in April 2000, and it snowed. They spent their honeymoon on a cruise to Alaska (more snow). They concocted this new enterprise during a blizzard.

Dennis, who is semi-retired, thinks he works much harder now doing the marketing for Setter Mountain. Gail telecommutes or drives an average of three days per week to her full-time job in Washington, DC, as executive assistant to the vice chairman of an economic consulting firm.

"I got tired of people asking if I would come to their houses and do barbecue for them," Dennis said. "We got invited to dinner so I would cook. Setter Mountain did literally get started when a neighbor was willing to buy a gallon of barbecue sauce. Now we're already in 20-25 stores and wineries."

The future seems as unlimited as the Blue Ridge skyline for Setter Mountain Moonshiners' sauces and jellies, red and white wine, plus two apple jellies that redefine lamb.

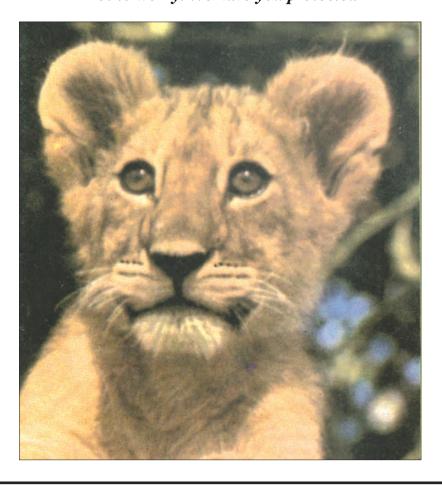


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## African Trek Brings Lives Of Bayaka Pygmies To Big Screen



## By Leonard Shapiro For Middleburg Life

The movie is called *OKA*! which translates to "listen" in the language of Africa's Bayaka pygmies.

It was conceived and directed by Lavinia Currier, award-winning filmmaker from The Plains who will screen and discuss the production at 7 p.m. March 12, at Foxcroft School, a very long way from the Central African Republic where it was produced three years ago.

"I wanted to make a film which celebrated a people who are perfectly adapted to their natural environment," Currier said. "And who, despite the extreme remoteness and dangers of their forest home in Central Africa, always find opportunities to express their humor, joyfulness and human genius. Bayaka pygmy culture is anarchistic and non-materialist, almost opposite to ours. And yet the experience of hunter-gatherers still resonates with us."

The film premiered at the Telluride Film Festival and is a beautiful, based-on-a-truestory tale of an American and his adventures among the pygmies of Central Africa. It began to resonate with Currier when she met ethnomusicologist Louis Sarno 14 years ago. Back in the late 1980s, Sarno travelled from his native New Jersey to the forests of Central Africa to record the music of the Bayaka pygmies. He fell in love with a Bayaka girl and her forest lifestyle and decided to stay. The film is based upon his memoir *Last Thoughts Before Vanishing from the Face of the Earth*, describing his experiences with his adopted tribe and family.

Sarno met Currier while he was writing his book and she was doing research for a documentary on a man called Ota Benga, a pygmy who was brought to the United States essentially as a degrading sideshow "exhibit" for the 1905 World's Fair.

"While I was in Yandombe, the pygmy village, with Louis as my translator, a Bayaka asked why I was doing that story," Currier said. "I explained that it was instructive for us to learn from our mistakes, so that kind of racism doesn't happen again. But he told me that in pygmy culture, they like to forget sad things and remember happy things. So I started to

rethink that story from another perspective."

At that point, she asked Sarno if he had other ideas that might truly represent the Bayaka people as a vibrant and relevant community.

"Louis shared real stories about the life of the Bayaka," she said. "Like the couple who lived deep in the forest, who were almost feral, sleeping in trees. People would bring them supplies and the couple would come out and greet them and then vanish. They didn't want to be involved in any of the village's activities. This became the character of Sataka, who is not quite of the village. All of the characters in *OKA!* were based on real people that Louis had known, or composites of people."

Currier and Sarno began crafting a script over the next several years and in 2008, she made her first foray into the African rain forest, second only to the Amazon basin in size. She was accompanied by European filmmaker Jurgen Steinfurth, "because no one else would go with me," Currier said.

"On that first trip, we filmed the honey tree sequence used in the film. We were there for 10 days to see what kinds of physical and logistical problems we might run into, dealing with the weather and the light, as well as gaining the proper permission to film."

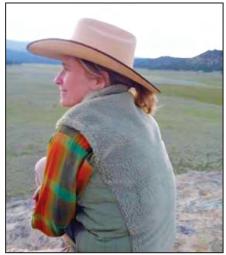
Full production began in the summer of 2009, though Currier and her team were deeply concerned about filming during the rainy season.

"When it rains there, it's very difficult to move," she said. "Roads become muddy and equipment becomes fogged up or moist and stops altogether. Jurgen told us that shooting in winter was impossible because seasonal winds changed the light. In the rainy season, the sky gets washed and it's incredibly beautiful.

"Everyone kept saying 'the Bayaka will stop the rain.' I thought 'oh cute,' but didn't believe them. But it became a running joke on production, because it was raining back at the production office all day, and the minute I yelled 'cut' at the end of the day, it would start pouring rain on the set. By the end of production, I realized we didn't have any scenes with rain in them. The rain always waited until the cameras finished rolling, so the Bayaka really did stop the rain."

A number of Bayakans were used as actors in the film, along with a professional cast that included British television star Kris Marshall, who also appeared in the movie Love, Actually. He was clearly a trooper, according to Currier, a man who "had absolutely no concern for his own well-being.

"Most actors would have gone home with



Lavinia Currier

the sickness he had while we were filming," she recalled. "He had a parasite and the threat of dysentery. I told him he could take sick days to recover but he said 'no, this is my job and I want to get it done.' He lost 15 kilos—about 30 pounds—but just soldiered on."

So did Lavinia Currier and the rest of her cast and crew, and the stunning result of their efforts can be seen at Foxcroft March 12, rain not included.

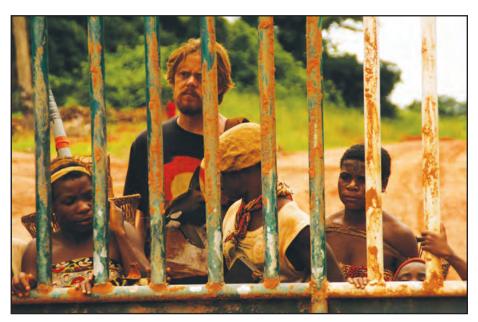


"Larry Whitman" (Kris Marshall) in a hut at night in a scene from OKA!

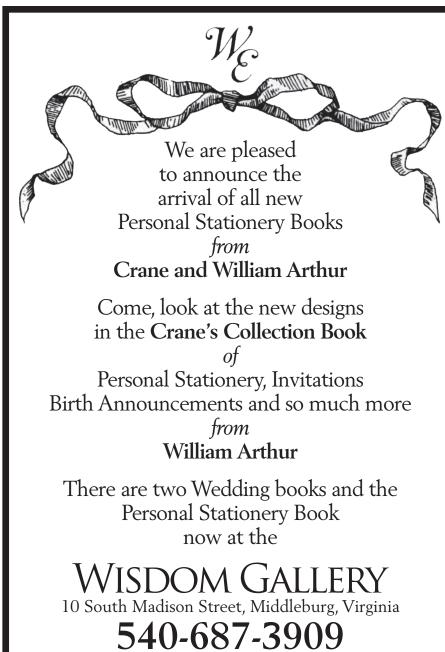




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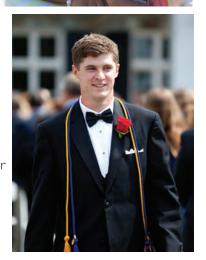
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## **Country Vet:**

## Toledano Focuses On Healthy, Happy Horse Care

By Lauren R. Giannini

For Middleburg Life

Veterinarian Cle Toledano loves being a horsewoman. In her practice, she blends riding and horsemanship care with the physical therapy often required after diagnosis and treatment of lameness, a wound or other conditions. She started Clequine Veterinary and Rehabilitation Services at her farm in Philomont in 2007 to help horses recuperate and to preserve the horse-human relationship.

"Sometimes when a horse is on lay-up, it's difficult for the owner or rider to be happy about taking care of their 'patient' and horses sense that," Toledano said. "I offer this service to people who understand the importance of the

do this for their horses," Toledano said. "There's no guarantee that anyone can get the horse sound or stabilized, so you're taking a risk. I trusted Hampton's owner and he trusted me. I ask all my clients to view their vet as a teacher. I want people to enjoy their horses, even when they're on stall rest, and to learn more about how to care for them."

Toledano's academic training parallels her extensive equestrian education. She rode during her years at Virginia Tech's Veterinary School in Blacksburg. She played green polo ponies on weekends in Knoxville, drove horses to Florida on her winter breaks. Once in the Sunshine State, she schooled polo and dressage horses, starting youngsters and working upper level

dressage and event horses. Today, Toledano's practice benefits from her keen skills of observation and an impressive array of diagnostic and treatment tools. She began working at Middleburg Equine Clinic in May 2003 and owner Dr. Willie McCormick hired her as soon as she received her veterinary license in June 2004. With the emphasis on equine sports medicine, both vets utilize alternative medicine as well as up-to-date technology, such as ultrasound, for diagnosis and treatment.

"After my DVM degree, I studied acupuncture, osteopathy, and postural rehabilitation," Toledano said. "I relate everything to anatomy, biomechanics and imaging, as taught to me over the past 10 years since vet school by Jean Marie Denoix. I discovered his book on the distal limb in school and he has been a wonderful mentor."

Two years ago Toledano spent six inten-



Cle Toledano poses with Hampton, the "amputee" who launched Clequine Veterinary and Rehabilitation Services. Today he rules the field like a king and enjoys life as a valued companion to other Clequine patients. Photo Courtesy of Dheva Raja

specialized first aid and the diligence necessary to get their horse well.

"Horses often suffer setbacks that lead to expensive treatments to address infection or re-injury. I take this patient home with me and treat the whole horse with horse sense as well as with years of veterinary experience."

One of her first clients had a horse named Hampton. Somehow, the horse ripped the shoe off his left fore, removing one-third of the foot, including heel bulb, wing of coffin bone and most of the outside weight-bearing wall

Some may have given up on the horse, but Toledano did not. With the blessing of the horse's owner, she took Hampton home and embarked on a journey to figure out how to protect the hoof from infection and manage the

"Protecting Hampton's foot is an exercise in creativity," Toledano said. "Hampton can't wear any one shoe or protective boot. Over time, the pressure crushes what's left of his hoof. The risk of infection at the beginning required protection and diligence. I did it all, including trimming his hooves so that he remained as balanced and hoof-healthy as possible."

Soft ground, even now, is best for Hampton. He's the boss horse in his field, runs and plays, and even helps new horses to settle into the Clequine routine.

"You have to find people who are willing to

sive weeks in Normandy, France, working with her "maestro of vet med." Denoix is chief instructor and co-founder of the International Society of Equine Locomotor Pathology. When his students come to Middleburg to learn from another ISELP co-founder, Dr. Kent Allen, they often stay with Toledano.

"The French have a word for the study of signs-semiology," Toledano said. "When I'm around horses, I observe everything, because it all provides evidence about their emotional and physical health status. You look and then you make changes that can benefit the horse."

Basic Clequine home care costs \$800 to \$1,600 per month, with drugs and materials for bandaging billed as separate expenses. In addition, Toledano provides consultations to help individuals manage their horses with conditions ranging from a show hunter with osteitis (inflammation of the bone in the foot) to behavioral problems resulting from skeletal issues.

"What are the horse's needs?" Toledano said. "Stall rest or time in a paddock with run-in shed? Intensive care? Designing a program to rehabilitate a horse at its own barn and maintain its fitness level? The bottom line is for the horse to be happy and get healthy and as sound as possible. During their Clequine stay, I do remedial training if a horse has behavioral problems. I help people and their horses to grow healthier partnerships. I want everyone to be happy with their horses."

# TA Night at the Races with the Photos by

Victoria Ingenitó



Anne Pallie and Bob Barnett take wagers and dole out winnings at the betting window.



Myra Guido, Jessica Swann and CelesteVella share greetings. Vella is one of the joint Masters of Foxhounds for the Warrenton Hunt.



Mary Ann Ghadban, Mike Stevens and Margrete Stevens arrive in vogue sporting chic textured tweeds, classic black frocks, and truly elegant hats (the fuchsia one is from Harrods of London).



Dr. Katherine Gray, equine veterinarian at the Agape Veterinary Clinic, enjoyed her night at the track.



Racehorse owners' custom designed silks lined the walkway into the party.



Rodney Rose and Kristy Willwerth perfectly complement each other's style in summery coral hues.



PannDrunagel admires a wallsize painted scene of Hialeah's



Albano and Roxane Modarasi pose in an archway of palms before joining the party.

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Tables overflowed with tropical leaves and illuminated orchids floating in water.



member of Hialeah Park's famous flamingo colony has escaped from the infield!

# The Sperryville Corner Store

By Lauren R. Giannini

For Middleburg Life

Sperryville certainly fits the definition of a small town according to the 2010 census, boasting a population of 342 and picturesque setting at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in southeast Rappahannock County. Among other attractions, it's home to the Corner Store, which has been in business for 150 years.

Although the building has been renovated, the façade and interior retain the vintage atmosphere. The front door opens into a long, open space comfortably fitted with neatly organized aisles of products. The high ceiling and vintage wood of the floor and checkout counter encourage the sentiment of stepping back in time.

Halfway into the room, on one side, two refrigerated cases display custom-cut meat and various kinds of seafood. There are coolers filled with craft beers and micro-brews. A wall-sized rack offers an amazing assortment of wine, both local and from around the world. Other chilled cases contain goat cheese, brie, cheddar, fresh mozzarella, various sauces and dips, gourmet sausages and dairy. The produce selection is tempting year-round—in season, local harvests find their way to the Corner Store. The freezer case holds many surprises: one favorite is frozen Naan bread. Naan in Sperryville? The mind boggles.

Andy and Dana Thompson purchased the store in 2000 after moving from Texas with their two children. They were familiar with this part of Virginia from summer and holiday visits to Thompson's parents, Ken and Mary.

"We were looking to make a lifestyle change. The Corner Store came up for sale and we went into business with my parents," Andy Thompson said. "The building dates back to the 1860s and first we renovated the upstairs into an apartment where Dana and I and the kids lived for about six years. The wallpaper was 100-plus years old, and when we tore out part of a wall, it was horsehair plaster."

The Thompsons worked conscientiously, tackling the evolution of the Corner Store as if it were an onion-layer by layer. "We made changes by tweaking it here and there," he said. "A lot of that was to keep the old country store going. We added items like cheeses, beers and wines. You can buy staples and steel wool. We try to add things that add value without taking too much away from the original heart and soul of the Corner Store."

The Corner Store has always sold the basics-milk, sugar, flour, coffee, paper products, canned goods and the like. Since 1956, fresh meat has been featured. "When I got here, Randolph Clater taught me about meat," Thompson said. "He started working here in 1958 and he's still here. Every day he grinds



the fresh chuck into burger and custom-cuts one-and-a-half-inch ribeye and New York strip

Demographics have changed in the past eight or nine years, and inventory has become a bit more upscale, adding pizzazz to the staples. Thompson hired Terri Lehman, who had owned the Epicurious Cow in Amissville, to mastermind the Corner Store's cheeses and gourmet items. Although they continue to brew old-fashioned coffee for the regulars, a modern airpot contains the same Sperryvillebased Central Roasters special blend served in the restaurant and the store also sells bulk beans of that blend.

"It's been a joint family effort all along. We talked about what to do with the unused space next to the parking lot and opened Thornton River Grille in 2003," Thompson recalled. "On weekends tourists come out from urban areas, we get bicyclists and hikers. In 2006, we decided to turn the last part of the building to be renovated into Rudy's Pizza. It took us three or four years to figure out how to make pizza, how to please people. We're still working on that. The Corner Store is the anchor."

About 20 old ledgers from 1860 through the 1950s are treasured mementoes of the Corner Store's mercantile history. They were Above: The Sperryville Corner Store today.

Right: The Sperryville Corner Store, way back when.

Below, Andy Thompson and his family bought the Corner Store in 2000.



Photos by Lauren R. Giannini



found in the historic building in a town steeped in history. The oldest transactions were written in ink with a quill in graceful script.

The current owners are aware that the Corner Store provides a pleasant link between the past and the future of Sperryville.

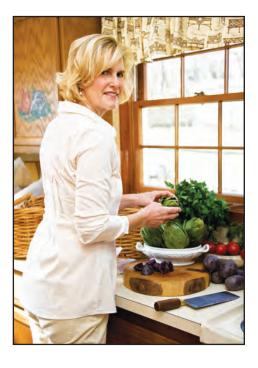
"We are at the point where, rather than add another layer, we will focus on making the business run more efficiently," Thompson said. "We source items locally as much as possible,

make house sauces with local meats and get produce whenever we can from local farmers. We're doing what we can to keep the smalltown atmosphere in balance with the local residents and the weekend tourists."

Customers can purchase fishing worms, snacks, fresh bread, sandwiches to go and all the ingredients for a home-cooked meal. It's so country, so small town America, that visitors are dared not to fall in love with it.



What you see when you walk in the front door of the Corner Store.



## In the Kitchen With Emily Tyler

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in style with this creamy soup topped with traditional corned beef and cabbage. The base of this soup can be made well ahead of time and reheated, just sauté the toppings right before serving. You may use either leftover corned beef, or purchase a few slices from the deli.

#### Cream of Parsnip Soup with Corned Beef and Napa Cabbage

Serves 4

1 pound parsnips, peeled and cut into 1 inch pieces (about 3 large)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided

2 cups chopped onions (I use frozen)

2 bay leaves

1½ teaspoons salt

11/2 teaspoon Coleman's dry mustard

4½ cups water

½ cup heavy cream

4 ounces corned beef diced into 1/4 inches pieces

1 cup Napa cabbage, thinly sliced



**Heat** a large sauce pan to medium high heat, then add 1 tablespoon of butter **Add** the onions and sauté until they are translucent but not browned **Add** the parsnips, bay leaves, dry mustard, salt, and water and stir

Simmer for about 15 minutes, until the parsnips are very tender

**Remove** the bay leaves and puree the mixture with a immersion blended until smooth (alternately

use a blender and do it in batches – always use caution when blending hot liquids)  $\,$ 

Stir in the heavy cream and thin with additional water if needed, and set aside

Heat a sauce pan to medium high heat and add 1 tablespoon of butter

**Add** the Napa cabbage and corned beef and sauté for about 3 minutes **Ladle** the soup into bowls and mound the corned beef and cabbage in the center

Mache and Roasted Red Pepper Salad

Mache is my favorite salad green. The small delicate leaves are mild and tender, similar in taste to butter lettuce. If you can't find Mache, arugula or mixed greens will substitute. I love to roast peppers – a nice change to serving them raw.

- a nice change to serving the Serves 4
6-8 cups of Mache lettuce
2 red peppers
1 tablespoon oil
Salt and pepper to taste
4 tablespoons of dressing

**Preheat** the oven to 375 degrees

**Remove** the stem and seeds from the peppers and cut them into 8 pieces

On a rimmed cookie sheet lined with foil, toss the peppers with the oil and salt to taste

Roast for about 45 minutes or until they are soft with a bit of brown

**Cool** to room temperature

Toss with the Mache and dressing and serve

#### My favorite Salad Dressing

I keep a jar of this dressing in my refrigerator at all times. I like the low acidity of seasoned rice wine vinegar, plus it is balanced with a bit of salt and sugar so no further seasoning is required. I use canola oil because it stays liquid when refrigerated, and the whole grain mustard gives it body.

1/3 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar

2/3 cup canola oil

2 tablespoons whole grain mustard

 $\mathbf{Mix}$  the above ingredients in a mason jar and shake well. On average, use 1 tablespoon per serving of salad greens

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# Candlelight

n a recent cold winter evening in The Plains, the music in Claude Schoch's beautiful ballroom at Barton Oaks left those in attendance thoroughly delighted. A phenomenal trio of classically trained musicians gave a stupendous performance.

The group was Time for Three – or Tf3, as they like to be known. The event was the Sixth Annual Candlelight Concert, a benefit event that raises money for scholarships and faculty development at The Community Music School of the Piedmont (CMSP).

Tf3's two violinists - Zack De Pue

and Nick Kendall - and one double bassist - Ranaan Meyer - played for those gathered. DePue, Kendall and Meyer met when they were attended the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia in the late 1990's and early 2000's. They started hanging out and playing for amusement. The musicians joked that they're "the world's first classically-trained garage band".

Tf3 performed an exciting mix of genres. Their enthusiasm was limitless and they had no musical boundaries. The music ranged from Bach and Brahms to their own arrangements of

The Beatles, Katy Perry, Kanye West and Justin Timberlake. Demonstrating versatility and passion, they created arrangements of popular contemporary music and classics.

Wayne Gibbens was the local connection who brought Tf3 to Virginia for this event, the sole, annual fundraising event for the CMSP. Judging by this very successful evening, the Candlelight Concert series is continuing to provide world-class music to the local community – and also working hard to replenish those critically needed scholarship and program funds.



Time for Three member Ranaan Meyer

Time for Three member Nicholas Kendall







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## Kilimanjaro Kid Part II

By Leonard Shapiro For Middleburg Life

[In October, Middleburg Life reported on Taylor Justice's plans to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. This is a report on her experience.]

When Taylor Justice first broached the subject of taking a few weeks off from her seventh grade classes at Blue Ridge Middle School last fall to go climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, some of her teachers were concerned about her missing too much work and falling too far behind her fellow students.

The same could not be said for school principal Byron Bell. Taylor scheduled a meeting with him to explain the nature of the trip up Africa's highest mountain, and he was immediately receptive.

"I told him I'd do all of my homework when I was gone," Taylor said during a recent interview at her Middleburg home. "He said 'don't worry about it, do it when you come

Taylor's mother, Whitney Parsons Justice, also was a tad skeptical about all that missed school time, but said Bell "understood that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. He's the kind of guy who thinks outside the box. And when Taylor came back, she made the honor roll for the first quarter."

And when she came back, what tall and totally true tales the 13-year-old also could tell her classmates.

Taylor and her mother both made the climb to a peak that was 19,300 feet above sea level with a 14-woman group from a Coloradobased organization called Climb For Conservation. Born in Aspen, Taylor has also become an avid skier and was one of the youngest and most decorated members of Aspen's Buttermilk Ski Patrol, which she joined several years ago while vacationing in Colorado.

Virginia Kelly, an environmental attorney and head of Climb For Conservation, heard about Taylor's prowess on the slopes, as well as one of her previous climbs up the 15,230-foot Salkantay Pass in Peru. Kelly asked her to join her all-female Kilimanjaro group-known as "The Green Girls"—and another adventure was in the making.

The group flew into the Kilimanjaro Air-

After five days of walking, the group came upon one of the more intimidating aspects of the climb, a cliff that is known as the Barranco

"They told us this was usually the breaking point for people going up the mountain," Whitney Justice said. "It was basically a cliff and when you look back on it, I can't believe we climbed it. It was very exciting."

"We were told the tradition was that you had to kiss the wall when you were finished getting up. It just always felt like you were going to fall off, but we made it," Taylor said.

From there, it was on to a base camp at 15,000 feet. Taylor recalled a night of bitter cold and wind before the group woke at 4 a.m., had breakfast at 4:30 a.m. and was off and climbing the final 4,000 feet to the summit Nov. 30. At that thin-air altitude, oxygen levels were low and Taylor said, "it was like breathing through a cocktail straw.

"It was so cold. I was wearing two pairs of gloves, long johns, and as you hiked up, we started taking things off. Then the wind would come back and you would put it back on. As soon as you stopped, you started to freeze. It was so windy the dust would come up and you had to wear goggles."

Getting to the top of the mountain provided moments of pure elation for the group, and also reinforced their awareness of the debilitating effects of climate change. Large portions of several mammoth glaciers down below have already melted away and the group was told that within another 15 years, those same glaciers might be totally gone.

"My favorite part was getting to the top," Taylor said. "The guides and the porters were singing and dancing. It was just so cool."

Before she left, Taylor raised \$12,000 on her own and the entire group raised \$35,000 to be donated to an educational program for Tanzanian school children to learn about conservation, including the possible extinction of the black rhino population in that country.

And good things have happened since Taylor came back. The Outside television network has contacted her about doing a short documentary on her Kilimanjaro trip and her conservation work. And she also has been asked by Climb For Conservation to accompany a group to ascend Mount Everest. She'll



port near Tanzania's border with Kenya, and after a few days set off with 75 porters and five guides on a nine-day trip—seven up the mountain and two days to come back down.

"The mountain is like a chameleon, it's always changing," Taylor said. "In the rainy zone at the bottom, it was just gorgeouswarm, mossy trees, just beautiful. We would go up and then it would be freezing, and then it would get hot, and then it would rain. We were always changing our clothing."

go as high as the 18,000-foot Everest base camp sometime next year, but not to the summit, a dangerous trip for seasoned climbers, let alone a 13-year-old soon-to-be eighth grader.

Long term, Taylor said, "I'd like to be an emergency room nurse and I also want to keep climbing mountains. I want to raise awareness of many different conservation issues. That would be my dream job."

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## **BRUSH STROKES:**

## Watching Warhol 'A Wonderful Experience'

By Leonard Shapiro

For Middleburg Life

In 1968, Viviane Warren was living and working in San Diego as a columnist and photographer for San Diego Magazine. These days, her home is Middleburg, but she will return to Southern California later this month to view the West Coast premiere of a long-forgotten Andy Warhol film called San Diego Surf.

This is a film and an experience Warren will never forget, because she helped secure one of the beach locations used to shoot the Warhol movie. In addition, she was allowed to photograph Warhol and his crew in action for her magazine, while her former husband, cinematographer H. Lee Pratt III, also filmed the filmmakers at work.

San Diego Surf will be shown March 16 in an auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego (MCASD). Pratt's piece on the filming also will be on view on the walls of the museum's Axline Court on a continuous loop during receptions before and after the Warhol film is screened.

How Pratt's movie of the movie making surfaced is mostly sheer coincidence.

Warren was back in San Diego last October and had been invited to a dinner party at the museum by Hugh Davies, the director of MCASD. That night, she told Davies about Pratt's film. She had even brought along a copy, now set to music and converted to a compact disc, and wondered if the museum might be interested in taking a look.

"He said to me, 'this is just the most amazing coincidence. You have to be in my office at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning," Warren said. "It turned out he had just negotiated [with the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh] to have the West Coast premiere of San Diego Surf at the museum. The next morning, all his cura-

tors were there. We put Lee's film on his computer and there was Andy, at his camera, all the actors. They loved it and Hugh Davies wanted to use it."

"At the time, the whole culture was going through the absurdity of 'what is art, what is film?

**Viviane Warren**On Watching Andy Warhol Direct A Film

For Warren, all of this has brought back vivid recollections of that memorable time with Warhol—who died in 1987—and his more than slightly offbeat mix of actors and production staff. She recalled one member of the cast was the daughter of the local police chief, recruited by Warhol so that none of them would be hassled by the law. At the time, Warhol was already making waves himself with his controversial film and artwork, including his famous painting of a Campbell Soup can.

"When he first came out to make the movie, he went to Wind and Sea, a famous surfing beach in La Jolla," Warren said. "But there were too many tourists and gawkers around, and he just didn't like the scene. At the time, I was married to Lee, and his family owned a home up on top of the cliffs overlooking Black's Beach.

"The only access to the beach was through a locked gate, and Lee and I had a key. I told [Warhol] I'd take him to a place where he could have some privacy and film the movie. He went 'Wow!!' and he came over with his cast and crew. They frolicked in the surf, and the only

other viewers were the birds and a few surfers. When they were done that day, they all came up to the house and we had a wrap party that night."

Sadly, the film never was released. A few weeks after Warhol and the gang left San Diego, the artist was shot in the stomach and severely wounded by Valerie Solonas, described in the New York Times as "a deranged member of his entourage." Warhol survived, but when he recovered, his filmmaking days were essentially over.

Fast forward to 1995, when the partially-edited San Diego Surf was completed by Paul Morrissey, Warhol's former assistant and manager. Back in '68, Morrissey shot much of the film's footage along with Warhol, and in '95 he was commissioned by the Andy Warhol Foundation to put it all together. Once again, though, the film was not released until the Museum of Modern Art in New York screened it in October 2012, and again this past January.

Now it's San Diego's turn. According to MCASD, the movie's "loose narrative concerns an unhappily married couple—actors Taylor Mead and Viva—who rent their beach house to a group of surfers." It's not exactly *Gone With The Wind*, but it's apparently pure whacky Warhol through and through.

Warren has been invited to attend the screening and other festivities March 16, and she's looking forward to seeing a long-lost film she had a little something to do with so many years ago.

And her impressions of Warhol?

"At the time, the whole culture was going through the absurdity of 'what is art, what is film?" she said. "He was doing all these crazy things. He was very quiet, very polite, very interested in everything that was going on around him and he absorbed it all. And he was very positive as a director of what he wanted.



Viviane Warren with Andy Warhol in 1968.

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BethAnn Slater, president and head of the Middleburg Montessori School



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burg Montessori School.

The artists included Dana Volkert, Misia Broadhead Barham, Charlie Matheson, Cathy Zimmerman, Dana Lee Thompson, Nancy Bass, Hwa Crawford, Donna Clark, Antonia Walker, Gail Guirreri-Maslyk, Anthony Barham, Lilla Ohrstrom, among others.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with these talented artists," explained BethAnn Slater, Head of School of Middleburg Montessori. "Ultimately, we're all coming together to benefit the children in our community."

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## Classic, 98-Acre Property Is Steeped in Local, National History



Steeped in history dating back more than a century and a half, this month's featured property – Ashleigh – is a Delaplane classic set on nearly 100 acres that includes a thoroughbred breeding farm

Listed on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places, the Greek Revival country home, sited on a knoll with grand views of the countryside, is augmented by massive boxwoods that provide a spectacular setting.

An estate of beauty and substance, Ashleigh is very convenient to Winchester Road, Rte. 55 and Interstate 66, with easy access to surrounding areas.

The property currently is on the market, listed at \$2,900,000 by John Coles of Thomas and Talbot Real Estate.

The property originally was part of Oak Hill, the estate of Chief Justice John Marshall. His granddaughter, Margaret Marshall Smith, designed the home for her residence, and lived here with her family until 1860.

Part of the elegance of the design is that the home's profile is intentionally low, so it does not compete with its surroundings. (An added benefit: The home stays cooler in summer.) Close friends can use the lower-level entrance, which opens into a gallery with a wonderful tile mural by acclaimed local artist Joan Gardiner.

The glorious views can be breathed in from the portico of the main home, and then guests are ushered into the grand hall, with beautiful heart-of-pine flooring, wide mouldings and high ceiling.

The 37x20 drawing room is filled with natural sunlight and features fireplaces at each of the room. Tall, graceful windows



open onto decorative iron balconies overlooking the home's stone terrace, fountain and gardens, making this an exceptional spot for entertaining grandly.

The kitchen is modern and features a sunny adjoining breakfast room, along with an office a bath. This part of the home has easy access to the gardens.

The gallery, noted earlier, leads to a gracious sitting room and the formal dining room, which features French doors heading to the terrace. Nearby is a study, featuring pine paneling that was removed from the White House during a renovation in the Hoover administration.

The upper level of the east wing is accessed from the grand hall, with two bedrooms and two full baths. It also features an addition, built during the tenure of Sandra Whitney Payson, of a 28x28 library built to house an extensive collection of books and art. An elevator also was added to whisk up and down between levels of the east wing, with

the lower level including two additional bedrooms, an auxiliary kitchen and wine room, as well as storage.

The upper level of the west wing houses the exceptionally private and serene owner's retreat, with high ceilings, glorious flooring, a large bedding area, deep-set windows and a fireplace.

The property enjoys exceptional vistas and is at home entertaining gatherings of all sizes. Equestrians will adore the thoroughbred breeding stable and its attendant facilities, including tack rooms and run-in sheds.

Bonuses include a generator to power the heating, kitchen and some lighting during an outage. There also is a twobedroom, two-bath guest cottage, plus separate living quarters for farm managers.

Ashleigh has 42 acres in managed forestry, which reduces tax obligation.

When it was incorporated into the National Register of Historic Places,



the nomination form noted, "Ashleigh remains one of the most distinctive antebellum homesteads in Northern Virginia." It's a property that has been loved through the generations, and is awaiting its next owner's arrival to showcase all its history and grandeur.

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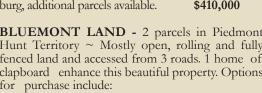
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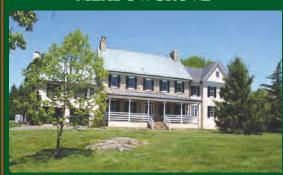
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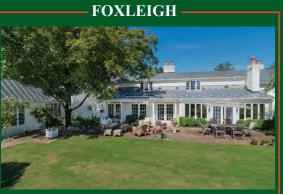


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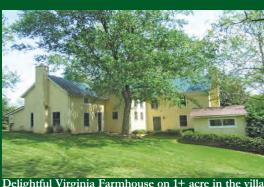
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**By Marcia Woolman** For Middleburg Life

March tree planting projects have the ingredients for providing excellent assistance for the enhancement of our very special Goose Creek and its wetlands. There is a hardworking partnership that is working to fulfill many of the goals established for The Goose Creek Challenge.

The Challenge began last March, with the goal of repairing and restoring the riparian buffers in our local watershed. The Goose Creek Association has teamed up with the Soil and Water District in Loudoun and Fauquier counties, area schools and the Piedmont Environmental Council. The results are looking good for our local streams, which eventually impact the Chesapeake Bay. Our first project is March 8 and 9 and we are actively looking for volunteers of all ages to plant small trees and place tree tubes and mulch to protect them. All equipment is provided.

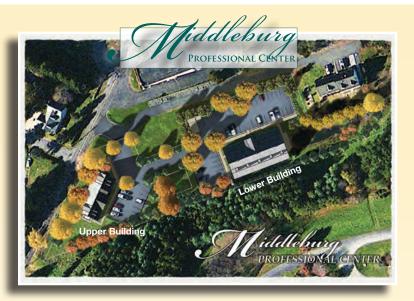
Here is how it works: Soil and Water District Staff and the Goose Creek Challenge Committee find landowners on Goose Creek or one of its tributaries whose land is in need of erosion control. The criteria are simple; if livestock have access to the water, fencing is required. Right now, 100-percent financing is available in most cases by grants from federal, state and private funding to help landowners erect such fences. This year there is even some money available for purchasing trees and shrubs to complete the riparian buffer inside the fencing. If no livestock is using the area then the trees can be planted immediately without first building fencing.

The other goal for this effort is educational. Students, teachers and volunteers are encouraged to participate because the Challenge saves money to plant more trees and provides an excellent educational opportunity. It is so important that everyone have a chance to experience this local stream firsthand, learn why erosion is such a dangerous problem and how sediment suffocates aquatic insects, which feed our fish and other water creatures. Eventually that eroded sediment finds its way to the Chesapeake Bay where it then suffocates the oysters.

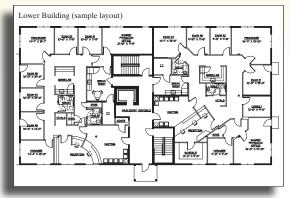
We cannot be motivated to protect something that we do not know and love. It is the duty of our generation, who grew up playing in streams and spring seeps, to provide the opportunity for students to get their hands wet and dirty while learning about environmental stewardship.

How can you help? If you are a land-owner who needs to control erosion along your creek bank, contact any one of the above mentioned partners and ask for help. If you are a student or teacher who wants to get involved, contact this writer. Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome, too. To restore Goose Creek to its pristine potential, it will take a village. And last, but not least, by participating in this riparian buffer enhancement effort, a better sense of community will evolve. The most priceless part of living here in the Middleburg area is that we still have a sense of community. Most of the world has lost that, so join this effort and keep it alive.

[Marcia Woolman is Chair of the Goose Creek Challenge. Email mwoolman@crosslink.net for further information]



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## Cadenas, Huckabay Honored

Middleburg Life has learned from Foxcroft School Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff that Debbie Cadenas and Caroline Huckabay, the two leading scorers on the school's basketball team, have been named to the All-Delaney Athletic Conference Division II team.

The selection by the league's coaches marks the second year in a row that Cadenas, a

to the court, although the arm bothered her at times this season. It didn't stop her, however, from leading Foxcroft in scoring: 8.5 ppg, 3-point field goals: 11 and blocked shots: 12. She also finished second in rebounding: 5.5 rpg and steals: 3 spg, and was named the team's Most Valuable Player by Coaches Patrick Finn and Fred McMane.



Debbie Cadenas

senior from Middleburg, was named to the first team. The speedy guard finished second on the team in scoring with a 7.8 points-per-game average. She also led the team in steals: 3.5 spg and assists: 12.

Huckabay's selection completed a remarkable comeback effort by the junior guard. After starting for much of her freshman year, she missed all of last season after a riding accident. The Paris, KY, resident, who is as passionate about horses as she is about hoops, broke her arm in the fall and later had surgery because it did not heal correctly. Despite the injury, Huckabay was awarded the Coaches' Award for attending practices and games and supporting her teammates through the season.

After rebuilding the strength in her arm through therapy, Huckabay was able to return



Caroline Huckabay

Foxcroft went 7-11 on the season and reached the semifinals of the DAC postseason tournament.

Founded in 1914, Foxcroft School is a Middleburg-based college-preparatory high school for girls. Its 2012-13 student body is comprised of 160 girls from 20 states, nine countries and the District of Columbia. Foxcroft offers 90 courses, including 16 Advanced Placement classes and an innovative STEM program. The members of its most recent graduating class received 134 acceptances and \$1.2 million in merit scholarships from 94 colleges and universities, including Columbia, Northwestern, The University of California at Berkeley, William and Mary and the University of Virginia. More information is available at www.foxcroft.org.



Hill School's second grade class recently delivered 150 pounds of food to the Rev. Rob Banse for the Food Closet at Trinity Church in Upperville.

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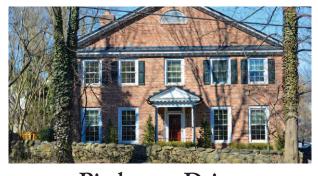
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"The Virginia countryside real estate market is rebounding and gaining momentum," reports Ann Sheridan MacMahon co-owner and senior partner in the Middleburg firm which bears her name.

"Last year turned out to be one of our better years. In over 33 years of being in business our firm has generated more than \$3 billion in sales since its inception," Mrs. MacMahon added. Even more impressive, that this was accomplished with an active roster of eight brokers and agents.

"Our team works together, using a combination of experience and hard work in the best interests of our clients," noted principal broker Paul MacMahon, a veteran of more than 30 years in the business. "We welcome and broker great residential, land, and commercial properties in all price ranges in the Virginia countryside."

Helen MacMahon, the youngest of the three partners and finished 2012 with approximately \$18 million in sales, talks about client relationships; "Whether I'm working with an old friend, an acquaintance or someone new to the area, I'm going to give them the attention and focus on detail they need to buy or sell. This process is not a science but it is what gets us so much return business."

Margaret M. Carroll, the fourth MacMahon in the office, has come into her own with several key sales; "With so many siblings, you might think there is a rivalry, but the bottom line is service to our clients. Everyone in the office works together to achieve the best results for those we represent."

Rounding out the office is an array of talented and experienced agents including Tom Cammack, whose expert focus is in his lifelong home county of Clarke; Alix Coolidge, an interior designer who also has a keen eye for matching the right clients with the right properties; Joseph Keusch, avid horseman and former Master of Fairfax Hunt; and Walter Woodson, -- who in a previous life -- was a player in the Washington political scene and delivered a number sales in 2012.

This optimistic outlook is backed up by industry numbers and experts. Tom Lawler -- the long-time senior vice president of FANNIE MAE, now a housing consultant based in Loudoun County, frequent contributor to the Wall Street Journal – notes, "We're not going to see another huge housing boom like we had in the mid 2000s but 2013 should be a good year. Prices in most of the area are back in line with normal relationships to incomes. Sellers who've been waiting for a better market to sell should find one this year and there will be more sellers listing properties, there will be more buyers, and the sales and prices should both be up." Sheridan-MacMahon is poised for what looks to be a better spring market this year.



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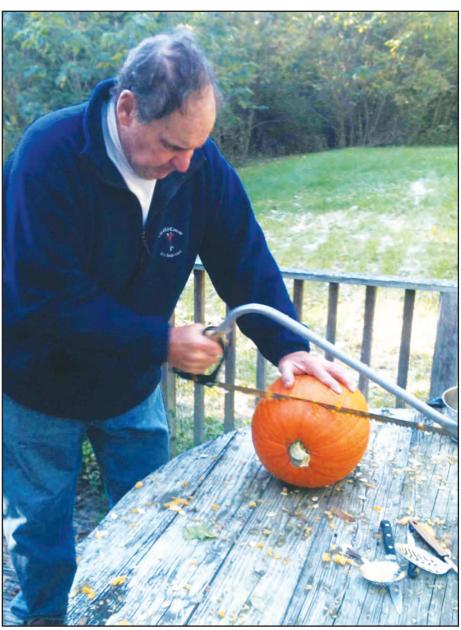
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## In The Garden



Leonard Shapiro prepares one of his pumpkins to become a centerpiece at the rehearsal dinner for his son's wedding.

#### By Leonard Shapiro

For Middleburg Life

Winter is a welcome time for hibernation. The cold, grey season provides us the ability to do things that may go undone the rest of the year—perhaps cleaning out the closets or, better yet, sitting down to read a good book.

For gardeners—both amateur and serious-there are catalogs galore to explore and turn back pages to note your favorite seeds. And even if you're not in the garden over the winter, you'll still need to think about growing vegetables and more. My own experience is expanding each year. After a bumper crop of pumpkins last year, I will be expanding this

Some of you might want to consider a modest-sized garden which can produce a bountiful supply of keeper crops, like beets, cabbage, carrots, celeriac, garlic (someday I might write about my friend Bill's garlic crops), onions, parsnips and pumpkins. After one year, I'm an expert.

Before I go any further allow me to add, not all vegetables are for eating. Consider my pumpkins. We grew them to use as centerpieces for the rehearsal dinner for our son and daughter-in-law to be. And, the pumpkins matured right on schedule.

We picked them the day before the event. I was in charge of cutting off the tops. My wife filled the bottom of each with Styrofoam popcorn so they wouldn't be too heavy. She placed the following plants—each meant to symbolize the union-inside a plastic baggie with moist soil: Mother-in-law's tongue, bridal veil, wandering Jew and pencil cactus. A miniature string of tiny battery-operated white lights were hidden inside the plants. The baggie was put inside the pumpkins and they were a hit. We gave them all away to someone at each table as they left the party.

Now, let's not get stuck on pumpkins. There are also rutabagas, shallots, sweet potatoes and turnips. I'm told all are easy to grow and will keep for months in the back of the refrigerator, a cool basement or an old-fashioned root cellar. They comprise a treasure trove that inspires in the kitchen and nourishes from November through March.

It would be a good idea to plant what your family likes to eat, or, how about growing something to give to the local food pantry or church?

Next, think about how much garden space you have available. If you have a small-space garden, stick with space-efficient crops like carrots, beets, garlic and shallots. If your garden has plentiful elbow room, keep growing with onions, potatoes, cabbage and those pumpkins. Consider where you'll store your fall-harvested stash. To stock a full range of keeper crops, you'll need three different winter storage conditions. The first one should be dry, dark and 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit for winter squash and sweet potato storage. The second spot should be humid, dark and 40 to 45 degrees for storing parsnips, carrots and rutabaga. The third place should be dry, dark and 35 to 45 degrees for onions, garlic and shallots.

Once you have decided which varieties to grow, calculate when to start them by counting back from the fall frost date by the days to maturity, which is noted on the seed packet. Crops with long days to maturity must be planted in the spring for fall harvest. Vegetables with shorter growing seasons should be started in early to mid-summer for fall harvest. Good luck, before you know it, you will be carving pumpkins for one reason or another.



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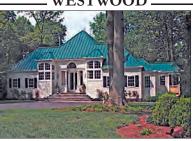
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Middleburg Life is delighted to receive a photo of the great veteran Virginia horseman Bobby Burke on Mike Smith's Paris North riding around horse show grounds riding with international show jumping champion François Mathy in Europe, she will be taking on new clients and their horses for lessons, training and showing. Coles will set up her base at her parents Julie and John Coles' home, The Oaks near The Plains.

Denice Perry has brought back a bunch of ribbons to her Middleburg-based Skyland Farm from Wellington. Her local riders included Abigail Taylor, Elizabeth Wiley, Alex Tippet and Chiara Parlagreco.

In other news of horses...veterinarian Anne Desrochers will present "Acupuncture: Let's Get to the Point" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in the library of the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg.

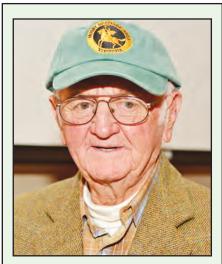
A "Secretariat Celebration" will take place at his birthplace, The Meadow (now an event park) in Doswell March 29-30 to honor his record-breaking 1973 Triple



Bobby Burke in the saddle in Wellington in Wellington, FL.

And, we also extend congratulations to owner Betsee Parker after her string of horses and ponies had an exceptionally successful Florida season with multiple championships. It was capped off with a victory in the prestigious \$50,000 World Championship Hunter Rider-Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular when Victoria Colvin won on Ovation.

Sloane Coles will be among the equestrians returning to Virginia following the Florida show season. After spending time



Legendary huntsman Melvin Poe was among the fox hunting experts who spoke on the subject of "The History and Future of the Sport in the Piedmont" as part of the Mosby Heritage Area Association lecture series. The event took place at the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg.

Photo by Douglas Lees

Crown triumph. Secretariat's owner, Penny Chenery, will sign autographs and jockey Ron Turcotte and exercise rider Charlie Davis also are expected.

Local author and photographer Karen Myers will speak and sign copies of her fantasy books, "Hounds of Annwn" from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Crest Hill Antiques & Tea Room in The Plains. Her talk on "Hunting the Hounds in Elf-land" will begin at 3:30 p.m. The highly-acclaimed books, "To Carry the Horn" and "The Ways of Winter," detail the adventures of fictional Virginia foxhunter George Talbot Traherne.

Treavor Lord, head of school at The Hill School, has announced the creation of a new half-day junior kindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-old students for the 2013-14 school year. "We're delighted to better serve our current families and the greater community with this new junior kindergarten," Lord said.

Katie Turner wants to remind Middleburg Life readers it's time to start making summer plans for your children. Foxcroft School hosts the summer camp, fundays @ foxcroft. The programs begin June 17 and continue through mid-August and offer instructional morning camps and a traditional camp in the afternoons.

The Foxcroft equestrian team qualified for the IEA Zone Championships for the first time and there are some familiar names on the list. Alison Firestone Robitaille's niece Christina Firestone, a senior from Wellington competed, along with local girls Molly Murphy, Meghann Harmon and Abby Bauer.

From the riding arena to space...it turns out that Foxcroft has some budding



Wally Lunsford with Romeo and Cupid potential adoptees from the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Photo by Vicky Moon

space enthusiasts. During Wintermission, 20 students and two chaperones spent a week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Alabama going through the Advanced Space Academy, for a five-day program rigorous enough to earn participants an hour of college credit in science. The conclusion of the program, sophomore Lilly Potter received the coveted Right Stuff Award, for leadership, teamwork and technology.

And speaking of Foxcroft, scores of

girls from 19 area schools gathered at the 500-acre campus for an intellectual competition called Expedition K2M STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Organized by Foxcroft's Math Department Chair Susan Erba, it was sponsored in part by K2M, a Leesburg-based business that builds implants and tools for back surgery. Two Middleburg Academy teams proved to be successful. "Tesla's Triad" won the top medal for being the fastest and most



Andrea Rosse, Harriett Condon, Linda Taylor and Susan Grayson at the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club horticultural event "Creating an Inspired Garden and Landscape" held at

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Masters of Light," with team members from Middleburg Academy at the Expedition K2M STEM event held at Foxcroft: Sabrina Duff '14, Caroline Greer '14, and Caroline Fowler '14, captured third place overall—the only Loudoun County-based team to earn a top prize.

accurate in the chemistry event entitled "Pick Your Poison" (identification of the one poisonous substance among a battery of unknowns). "Masters of Light" captured third place overall in the competition, while "Tesla's Triad" came in fourth.

Wakefield School has chosen Ed Costello to serve as its interim headmaster for the 2013-2014 school year. Costello will begin his tenure at Wakefield July 1. "I've always been in schools with a strong academic orientation." Costello said. "I believe grounding in the liberal arts is the greatest foundation you can have in life."

From the Highland School's board of trustees in Warrenton, Middleburg Life has received word that Hank Berg has agreed to a new contract as Head of School

through June, 2015. "The foundation of every school is made up of strong, stable leadership, and that is exactly what Hank has provided Highland School for the last seven years," said Tim Dunn, chairman of Highland's Board of Trustees.

Also from Highland, a shout out to Mary and John MacDonnell's grandson Matt Kelly, a junior at Highland who was named to the first team of the All- Delaney Athletic Conference D-I Boys Basketball Selections. Logan Miller, Dylan Gaither, Rhaji Johnson also were also named as well as Jake Shectman, who received top honors as co-coach of the year.

The Middleburg Library Expansion Project is now official. Library Advisory

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Middleburg Library Advisory Board President Denis Cotter takes the first shovel of dirt at the groundbreaking for an expansion of the facility.

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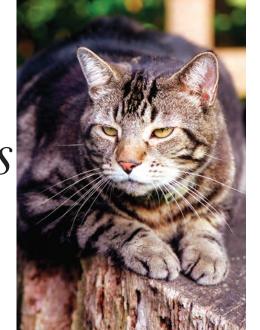
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### Hunter's Moon

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Board President Denis Cotter was joined by other dignitaries on a recent frigid early morning for a groundbreaking ceremony. Attendees included architects Timothy Clites and Bill Turnure, town council member Trowbridge Littleton, Rich Luttrell of the Middleburg Bank, Nancy Nuell, a Loudoun County Library Trustee, Mayor Betsy Davis, Virginia Jenkins of the Middleburg Community Center and Loudoun County Library director Chang Liu.

The property on which the expansion will be built is owned by the Middleburg Community Center and has been leased to the library for \$1 for 99 years. They have 75 years left on the lease and, Cotter points out "that comes out to one cent a year." And yes, Martha Cotter, stay tuned for the big event...the grand opening in about six or seven months time. Be sure to whip up some of your marvelous muffins.

Get your Easter baskets ready for the Middleburg Community Center Easter Egg Hunt and Roll on Saturday, March 23 from 10 to noon for ages two through 10.

Best wishes to pharmacist Krista Garber, who is closing up shop at the Middleburg Pharmacy. Purchased in 1987, the business dates to 1934 at 11 S. Madison Street

Wally Lunsford and Terry Cotton hosted a fundraiser and adoption previews for the Middleburg Humane Foundation Shelter at the Aldie Peddler. Visitors were able to taste and sip a selection of fine wines and enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres all for "The love of all shelter animals."

And speaking of Aldie, the Aldie Elementary School Basket Bingo will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15.

The Piedmont Community Foundation's Forward Turn youth grantmakers (comprised of Fauquier and Loudoun high school students) have awarded \$1,000 to the Foxcroft all-girl's engineering program to pay for materials and supplies to design and construct handicap accessible picnic tables at Boulder Retreat for Wounded Warriors. And, \$1,000 for playground equipment at Boulder Retreat for Wounded Warriors in Bluemont, \$500 to Loudoun Cares, Leesburg, to support student-based summer internship programs in area nonprofit charities and to Highland School's First Robotics Team, \$1,500 to offset competition fees and purchase of electronic equipment used in building robotics.

Gertraud Hechl, a jewelry and watch representative with the auction house Bonhams, recently hosted a private viewing of spectacular jewels at Patina on West Federal Street.

Eighteen individuals have completed the Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) Program offered through The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership (JTHG Partnership), a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness along the 180-mile long, 75-mile wide area from Gettysburg to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville.

Held at the Briar Patch Bed and Breakfast in Middleburg, those completing the program included: Bonita Metz, Kurt Lackner, Elizabeth Wall, Theresa Schuster and Jan Lackner from Oatlands; Melissa Hynes from The Town of Lovettsville; Dana Henry, Munira Al-khalili, Jane Rader, Matt Daubenspeck, and Emily Tabachka from Goodstone Inn and Restaurant, Jane Covington from Jane Covington Restoration; Tricia Brennan from Briar Patch Bed and Breakfast; Jorge Massa from Barrel Oak Winery; Bonnie Jeanne McGann, attorney; Clark Henry from Hampton Inn and Suites; Amy Marasco Newton from Fieldstone Farm Country Retreat and Madeline Skinner from Philomont General Store.

Get out your dancing shoes for The Loudoun Hunt Gala Hunt Ball on Saturday, April 27 at the Loudoun County Country Club in Purcellville. The spectacular 18-piece big band "Swing Shift" will perform their bold and brassy touch.

Gov. Bob McDonnell has awarded the 2013 Virginia Wineries Association's Governor's Cup to Barboursville Vineyards' 2009 Octagon 12th Edition. There were 377 entries of red and white from 93 wineries and several local vineyards were recognized: Philip Carter Winery in Hume, RdV Vineyards in Delaplane and Purcellville based Sunset Hills Vineyard.

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## Main Street Architecture Works With 'Breathtaking' Toolbox

By Lauren R. Giannini

For Middleburg Life

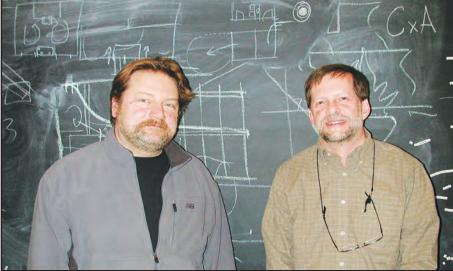
Design is the name of the game at Main Street Architecture in Berryville where Allen Kitselman and Ken Livingston combine their individual talents to oversee projects from concept to completion.

Their vision incorporates sustainable design, adaptive reuse and historic preservation and their ventures include residential, commercial and historic properties. Their work includes Meadow Glen of Leesburg Assisted Care, The Inn at Vaucluse B&B for the manor house restoration in Stephens City, Loudoun Motor Sports in Leesburg, renovation at the Luck House in Middleburg and a renovation at circa 1853 The Maples in Upperville.

Kitselman and Livingston met in 1980 at a firm in Springfield while involved with large commercial work. They later moved to a small firm in Leesburg before launching MSA in

"I think we're a left brain, right brain service," MSA President Kitselman said. "I'm less of a nuts-and-bolts guy. Ken is really good at putting things together correctly. We both can design. I'm more of a concept guy. Ken is better at dealing with the technical aspects."

Livingston, the firm's vice president, continued the thought: "After 30-some years, we know each other. Allen is quicker on design concepts. I tend to mull things over. It works well



Allen Kitselman and Ken Livingston

Upon entering the front door, Frog Pond visitors are able to view the pond for which the property is named. The house stands as a testimonial to artistic and functional visions.

In 2000, Kitselman and Livingston applied their combined strengths to The Maples in Upperville, owned by Andy and Michele Stevens. It was a project that required interior renovation as well as extensive exterior rehabilitation.

The architects described The Maples as a "wonderful project with fabulous clients who always did the right things with a great team owner. We worked together and recreated missing pieces and integrated the new systems. We put six bathrooms in that house and did it sympathetically to maintain the historic character."

Old-fashioned also describes the approach Kitselman and Livingston take to create their designs, working primarily in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and occasionally in Wash-

The pair set out by discussing concepts and then drawing the visual. "It's quicker to take a piece of paper and sketch it out, look at it, talk about it, throw it away, and draw another, talk about that, revise it, and keep sketching until we have it where we want it," Livingston said. "We started out drafting on paper and in the mid-1980s changed over to computer drafting. We're now in the forefront of technology and do three-dimensional models and renderings on the computer. We're pushing the technology as well, but we still rely on the old 'sketch it out

Architectural interns applying to MSA, beware. "They're good with computers, but even the professors in architectural degree programs lament the loss of the motor skills of drawing with pencil and paper," Kitselman said. "To discuss the design and draw it by hand is a huge communication tool. Kids coming out of school don't feel the need to draw. We made one intern carry a sketch book everywhere and probably that skill of being able to draw makes him stand out among his peers."

At MSA, "design is a journey," Kitselman said, "and a blue sky concept. That's where drawing helps in the initial stage. We draw it out, design the building, then take it into the machine and put it on the planet where we test it out. See where the sun is, how it fits into the land. Our toolbox is breathtaking."



The living room at Frog Pond.

that, as partners, we have different strengths, approach projects in different ways and feed off each other. We take a studio approach. Allen and I have over 30 years experience and Chuck Stern, who works with us, has about 25. If there's a question, we get together and figure it out."

Although historic renovation comes with constraints, their designs pop with freshness and innovation. One of their favorite projects gave the architects free rein to design a residence from start to finish, utilizing an MSA specialty, contextual design, to create a modern house with traditional pieces.

"Frog Pond House is located on land within the village of Waterford, which is a National Historic Landmark," Kitselman said. "It's the only project I've ever done where the client said, 'design me a house'. It's a great example of a clean slate, but our design had to be approved by the architectural review board of the Waterford Foundation, which had bought that land and eased it, limiting the number of houses that could be built on it, and put design covenants on it to protect the view shed and historic landmark. We created a modern house with traditional pieces."

of people and contractor." The Maples, built in 1853, had all the basics of simple design and beauty. MSA and the Stevens, who purchased it in 1999 from descendants of the original family, united to turn it into a showcase historic country home that offers great comfort and modern conveniences as well as timeless antebellum elegance.

"We were so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Allan Kitselman," Andy Stevens said. "He was able to give us an historical perspective on the renovation and was careful to keep the traditional design and layout of the manor intact—while allowing us to incorporate modern amenities." The project took three years to complete and the main house and other buildings on the property have since been restored.

Stevens adds, "We'd refer to him before making any changes."

MSA enjoyed creating The Inn at Vaucluse, near Winchester. Before and after photos tell a dramatic story of reclamation and renovation. "We took that grand manor house that hadn't been used in years and turned it into a Bed and Breakfast," Livingston said. "Barry Myers is the



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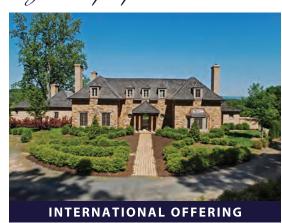
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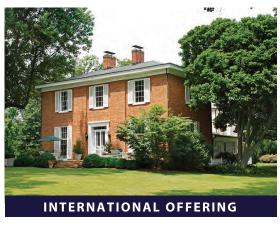
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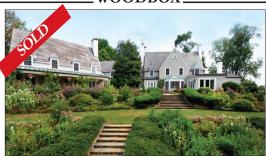
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One of the area's premier homes ideally situated on One of the area's premier homes ideally situated on 27+ acres at the edge of the village of Middleburg. Classically designed 6 bedroom, 7 bath, stucco main house with formal Living Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Library, eat-in Kitchen, Great Room and renovated 1 Bedroom apartment. 4 fireplaces, hardwood floors, custom pine paneling & elevator. Extensive landscaping, 6 stall center-aisle barn, turnout sheds and paddocks. \$2,870,000

Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

#### **HIGHFIELDS**



Spectacular custom built home on 50 acres with gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountain views. Home has a European country feel with traditional Virginia details. Stucco, 3 Fireplaces, metal roof and flagstone porches. Open floor plan includes Main Floor Master Bedroom, Den, Living room, Chef's Kitchen, Sunroom, 3 bedrooms on 2nd level and full walk-out basement designed for Recreation Room & more. Heated pool, two-car garage with one bedroom apartment \$2,499,000

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#### **FOALSFIELD**



Elegant, recently built custom stone and stucco home Elegant, recently built custom stone and stucco home on 12+ acres close to Zulla Road. Grand rooms with exquisite details, reclaimed heart pine floors, antique chandeliers, high ceilings, beautiful moulding, four marble and stone fireplaces. Large screened porch opening to covered stone terrace. Four bedrooms, four full and 2 half baths with master bedroom on main level. The grounds are lovely with perennial gardens, pool, pond, stone walls, board fencing and 2 car garage.

\$2,100,000

Bee Lefferts (540) 454-5555

#### **CHIMNEYS**



An English country estate, "Chimneys" exudes charm. Main house, circa 1790 with later additions, is stucco over log and frame, has heart of pine floors, beamed ceilings, 5 Fireplaces, 6 Bedrooms, 5 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths, boxwood and perennial gardens. Stone guest cottage, circa 1770, is 3 floors with 1Bedroom, 1Full Bath. Poolhouse has flagstone floors, pickled walls, 2 Fireplaces, 1Bedroom, 1Full Bath. 2-car garage, barns, sheds, 12.5 acres. \$1,550,000

Shervl Heckler (540) 272-4300

#### MALLORY CHASE FARM



Lovely 3-level custom built Colonial on 10 acres with Blue Ridge Mountain views. Home offers an Open Floor PlanNew Chef's Kitchen with top of the line appliances, 11' granite island, adjoining sun-filled Family Room with cathedral ceiling & double fireplace to Den. Hardwood floors on 1st level, 3 fireplaces. Finished basement with Recreation Room & Guest Suite. 2-car garage with office space or workout room above. 4-stall center-aisle barn with tack room, wash stall, turn-out sheds & fenced paddocks. \$1,379,000 Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

#### CHESTNUT HOLLOW



TURN-KEY Training Facility-Wonderful small horse farm privately located on 14+ acres between Middleburg & The Plains in Orange County Hunt. Nestled in a small valley, farm includes main house, log cabin/guest house & barn apartment. 7-stall center aisle barn, 68' x 200' indoor arena with heated observation room, storage & machine shed, fenced paddocks round pen small pond & creek fenced paddocks, round pen, small pond & creek. Lovely pool & gardens. Great ride-out. \$1,175,000

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#### 209 MAPLE STREET



Renovated rambler on quiet corner in Middleburg. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, Gourmet eat-in Kitchen, Granite counter tops, Stainless appliances, updated Master bath, Spacious Living Room, New carpet, Finished basement with Recreation Room, Guest Room suite with separate entrance. Huge fenced in Backyard. Large Detached 2-car Garage. Easy in \$315,000 town living.

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#### - LAND -

CANNON RIDGE-Excellent opportunity to build your dream home on 14+ acres with a Middleburg address. 4 Bedroom perc. Conveniently located off Route 50 just east of Middleburg. Mostly wooded land with mature trees. \$450,000

**ZULLA ROAD -** Build a dream home on a **rare** 3 Acre Parcel on prestigious Zulla Road located just minutes to Middleburg. County approved 4-Bedroom Septic Field.

COON TREE ROAD -Located in Halfway, just minutes to Middleburg or The Plains. Almost 3 mostly cleared acres dotted with mature trees. Elevated building site with views. Ideal for hunt box or main house. Approved 4 bedroom perc. Orange County Hunt.

\$275,000

#### 107 FEDERAL STREET.



Wonderful office condo available in established business complex located in the center of Middleburg. Convenient to banks, post office, restaurants and shopping. Features include spacious reception area, 3 offices or 2 offices and conference room, 1/2 Bath, Kitchenette, storage space, & built-ins. On site parking with 2 assigned spaces included.

\$235,000

Cathy Bernache (540) 424-7066

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