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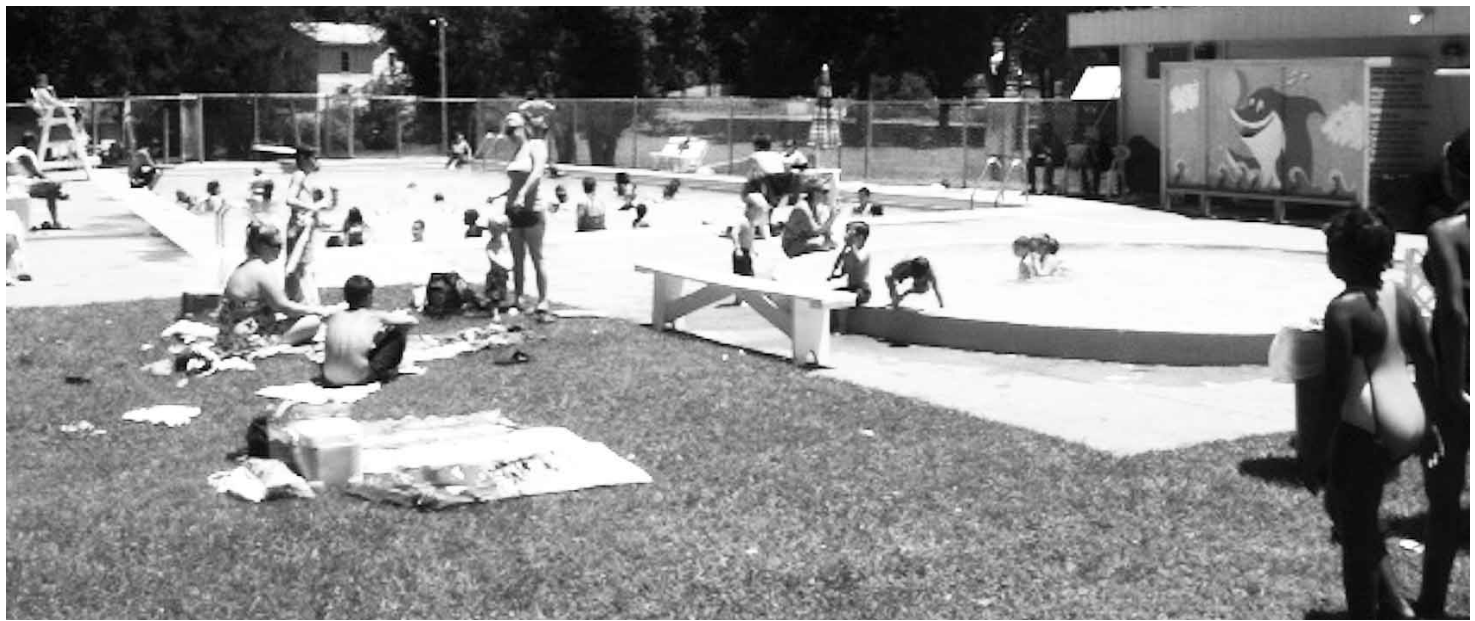
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The Dix Memorial Pool. Photo submitted.

## Dix Memorial Pool Set for Another Year

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

For more than half a century folks in southern Orange County have turned to an oasis during those hot, sultry days of summer.

And that tradition will continue starting on Memorial Day when the Dix Memorial Pool complex in Gordonsville opens for the season. The only public pool in Orange County is located in Verling Park., a venue for those young and old looking to beat the heat, learn to swim, or practice for competition as members of the community's swim team, the Gordonsville Orcas.

Built in the 1950s, it may be an older structure, but still very popular and inviting, drawing hundreds of area resi-

dents each year.

Its seed was planted in 1956 when a property owner in town conveyed a parcel of land to the Dix Recreation Center Inc. The name was coined to honor a friend of one of the property owner.

At one time the town actually had two pools. The other was in southeast

Gordonsville, but that one closed and was filled in several years ago.

The pool manager is Hunter Ferguson, who schedules lifeguards and other staff for open swims and swim team practices and swimming lessons.

Schedules are set up in Town Hall, with Town Manager Debbie Kendall as

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## Thanks Orange County

*To the people of Orange and surrounding areas,  
loyal customers, family and friends:*

We apologize for taking so long in writing this. Ignazio and Janet Abbene, the owners of former Mario's Pizzeria in Orange, want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us for twenty-five years and helping it to be a successful business. We would have never, and we mean never, been able to do it without you. It took a lot of dedication and hard work on our part to get where we got but it would not have been possible without your continuous support and the way you received us and welcomed Mario's into your town. That is what gave us the strength and dedication to keep going.

There are no words that we could write to sincerely describe how it is in our hearts and how much we appreciate you all. We enjoyed meeting your families and getting to know you. We would like to give a special thanks to all your children that made it fun and that loved coming to Mario's. We appreciate them all.

We still live in Orange and hope that when you see us you will feel free to say hello. We look forward to talking with you.

We would also like to take this time to thank our staff. A special thanks to Stella Corbin who was a big part of the Mario's team for the entire time.

Also, we would like to thank Mason Insurance, Virginia Community Bank, the Town office, the Orange Downtown Alliance and Altman Tire for always being there for us.

We would like to close with these final words as our girls said on Mario's 20th anniversary, "We feel that our family is extended well beyond our own and that Orange has become a special place in our hearts and we will always consider it our home."

We hope that you will enjoy and support the new restaurant Milano Pizza and Grill as you did with us.

Thank you. God bless you all.  
God bless the Town of Orange.  
Love,  
Janet and Ignazio

### The Cover



Soldiers routinely used smoke grenades to mark positions where helicopters could land near the jungle.

Commander CPT Paul W. Bucha looks closely at the names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in D.C.



Cover designed by Marilyn Ellinger.



# Vietnam Veterans Reunite in Orange

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

Veterans David Dillard and Paul Bucha together at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

**V**eterans of Delta Company of the 3rd Battalion 187th Airborne Infantry, described as a “ragtag” unit who saw many frightening and deadly battles -- and lost many comrades -- in Vietnam, reunited in Orange on March 17 to solemnly mark the 50th anniversary of a horrific night and to pay tribute to their lost comrades.

The geniality and good spirits of the evening had an undertone of contemplative poignancy, the smiles and back slapping complemented by furrowed brows and downcast eyes that masked haunting memories. The veterans viewed photographs from that war era of the late 1960s at a reception held at the Art Center in Orange, opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Linda V. Hutton, pastor at St. Thomas’s Episcopal Church in Orange. A U.S. Navy Captain, Hutton was the first woman to command a Naval Air Station.

“The guys and their wives really enjoyed it,” said Ray Palmer, a Delta Company veteran from Orange who coordinated the reunion locally. “One of the guys posted on Facebook that the photo exhibit and reception was his favorite part of the whole weekend.”

Earlier in the day, the group had lunch at the Vietnam War Foundation Museum

in Ruckersville, where Palmer is a volunteer. Members of the unit laid down commemorative bricks for those lost in combat. The day following the reception, they traveled to Washington, D.C., to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, to pay respect to the 11 compatriots who died on the fateful night of March 18, 1968, and to all the veterans beside whom they fought. There, in front of the marble wall on which heroes’ names are carved, Delta Company veteran David Dillard and Commander CPT Paul W. Bucha -- who are good friends still -- spoke to the group about remaining strong and sticking together.

1968

The young men of Delta Company -- fewer than 100 men -- were dropped by helicopter just north of Saigon on March 16, 1968, tasked with finding North Vietnamese who had infiltrated South Vietnam for the Tet Offensive.

“We were supposed to find them and catch them before they went back over the border,” said Dave Dillard, who was 18 at the time, a radio telephone operator for Commander Paul “Bud” Bucha. The jungle was dense there, “in some places triple canopy,” Dillard remembered, “very hot and humid.”



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It didn't take long for the young soldiers to see action. On the evening of March 18, Bucha -- who later received the Medal of Honor for heroism that night -- ordered a short round of M16 gunshots, just to test the jungle, to see if there were any North Vietnamese nearby.

There were.

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A shy girl hiding in the bamboo didn't escape soldier-photographer Van Alstine's eye.

## Cooke-Haley Theater

### Neil Simon's chapter

"Lovely, whimsical and touching and...downright hilarious."  
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Another of Alstine's photo collection from 1968.

North Vietnamese returned fire from all sides. The 89 soldiers of Delta Company were surrounded by what they later found to be a unit of nearly two thousand enemy soldiers. In the initial hailstorm of explosions and raining bullets, Dillard described the scene as "carnage." Five Delta soldiers were killed, and 20 were injured in the first 15 minutes.

"We were in serious trouble," Dillard said.

Dillard ran back to order engineers to clear a patch of jungle for helicopters to land to medevac the injured, but AK47 fire prevented their landing. There was a strong blast nearby ... when Dillard woke up, he was bleeding from both ears and couldn't hear.

Early in the night, the North Vietnamese cut the unit off and set up an ambush on the trail, so no support could make it in. Delta Company gathered in a circle, no more than 35 meters wide, and put the wounded in the center. They used the hand grenades they had to confuse the enemy, throwing them in all directions to distract them from their exact location.

The night went on forever. Delta Company tried to remain concealed in the jungle, but the enemy continued to probe their location, and their wounded comrades sometimes cried out loudly in pain and fear. They couldn't defend themselves or return fire with the M16s and machine guns they had because the firing would give away their position.

There were times the North Vietnamese were so close, "we could see their faces," Dillard remembered.

By 4 a.m., the probing had stopped and they were able to bring in helicopters to remove the wounded. Another company finally arrived to relieve them.

Although the fear of the night was alleviated, they had survived, it was time to go back out and get the soldiers who had lost their lives. Ten from the unit were dead and 47 wounded.

The next job was to gather intelligence from the enemy, those North Vietnamese who also had been killed in the battle. For Dillard, that intelligence wasn't what the leaders in Washington, D.C., hoped for. In the pockets of the young men, the enemy, Dillard found diaries, letters from home, mostly photos of wives, parents, children.

"They were the same as us," Dillard realized, "in this meat grinder called war."

Dillard and his unit returned from Vietnam to an ungrateful nation.

At the reception in Orange, Mayor Chuck Mason thanked the veterans for their service and apologized for the reception they received from an angry American people upon their return.

His words were well received, Dillard said. "It was a very courageous thing to do, and the men appreciated it. It was the first time for me to hear such compassion."

Many people have forgotten what it was like, Dillard said, for Vietnam veterans to "come home and hide from the criticism of those against the war. We were vilified and looked down upon. Many of us were still in the service after we returned to the U.S., and we were discouraged from wearing our uniforms while on leave.

"We didn't talk about it. We were made to believe that we should feel ashamed for having served. Some, like myself, stayed in the Army. It was our hiding place, but it came with a price. I had to return to Vietnam for another second tour. A second year in the jungle."

The men of Delta Company were and remain a breed apart. The blood of combat airborne infantry paratroopers is "fire-tempered with our own blood and the blood of those we lost in battle," Dillard explained. "We are brothers, sealed together."

Before they were deployed in December 1967, Delta Company trained at Fort Campbell. This company of the 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry did not exist before September of 1967, Dillard explained.

"We are the charter members of the company that became the most decorated infantry company in the Vietnam war," he said. Collectively, the unit received a Medal of Honor, five Distinguished Service Crosses, more than 30 Silver Stars, 100s of Bronze Stars and countless Purple Hearts and were honored with a Presidential Unit Citation.

"But when we came home we had to hide our medals and try to blend into a very hostile society," Dillard said. "Yet we persevered. We went back to school and graduated from Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, San Francisco State University, University

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# New Fun at Old Farm Day

Contributed by Ruthann Carr

**C**ow Chip Bingo anyone? That's just one of the events taking place at the 22nd Old Farm Day at Pleasant Grove, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5 – rain or shine.

Cow Chip Bingo details to follow, but there is so much more this year.

Old Farm Day started as a way to show off John May's collection of antique farm equipment.

The Fluvanna Historical Society's Museum Committee began planning a museum to house the treasures and showcase traditional farming techniques. It's been in the works for so long, many wondered if it would ever happen.

But builders broke ground in March and it's well under way. Visitors get to see the progress and see some of May's collection.

Jackie Bland, one of the hard workers on the Old Farm Day committee, said besides the Apple Pie and Photography contests, barrel train rides, antique cars, frontier crafters, hay rides, tater hunt, seedling planting, petting zoo and pony rides there's a new, interactive exhibit.

"We'll have The Creative Wagon, a mobile arts and crafts classroom where kids and adults can create a work of art," Bland said.

## Cow Chip Bingo

The Fluvanna 4H club came up with the idea to hold Cow Chip Bingo to raise money for the Livestock show and sale at the Fluvanna County Fair in August. How appropriate.

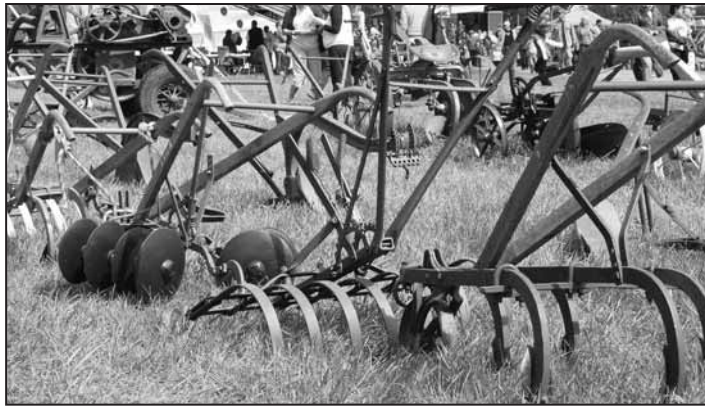
Leader Sara Hernandez explains how it works.

The "bingo board" is an arena that has been marked out with 200, 2-foot squares," Hernandez said. "Deeds" are sold at \$10 for each square prior to game time on the day of Old Farm Day. The game begins at 2 p.m. and runs until both chips drop or until 4 p.m."

**Old Farm Day is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5  
Pleasant Grove Park, 1730 Thomas Jefferson Parkway  
(Rte. 53) in Palmyra  
Admission is \$8 per adult, with children  
under 12 free.**

**Additional information is at 434-589-7910 or  
www.oldfarmday.org**

**Proceeds are divided between the Fluvanna Historical  
Society and the Farm Heritage Museum.**



Kim May, the County Extension Office 4-H director, is bringing Bessie and her calf Babe. The pair will be let out into the arena/bingo board to do what they do best – drop plops of doodoo, or cow pies, or cow chips -- whatever.

The owner of the square Bessie plops on wins a YETI cooler worth \$300.

Babe's chip earns the owner a smaller version.

If the cooler winners want to be magnanimous, they can donate their prize back to 4-H and they'll auction them off at the county fair. No pressure.

If businesses want a chance to advertise just pay \$100 for a square and you'll get your sign up along the fencing.

## Killing Two Birds

To celebrate their 30th reunion, the Fluvanna County High School Class of 1988, is sponsoring Old Farm Day by joining together for a casual, family fun day at Pleasant Grove Park.

Senior Class Treasurer Lucy Watkins proposed the idea to have a hometown reunion venue, with proceeds going to support the Fluvanna County Historical Society and Farm Heritage Museum at the Park.

They expect to get about 100 class members, their guests and children.

If you are a 1988 graduate and have not been contacted, email [lewatkins70@gmail.com](mailto:lewatkins70@gmail.com) and join the Facebook group page "FCHS Class of 1988" for more

## Entertainment

What's Old Farm Day without live music?

In the line-up:

- BIG! (Blues/Rock/Folk Acoustic)
- James River Cut Ups (Old Time/Bluegrass)
- Cheap Whiskey (Southern Rock/Country)
- Cherry Red (Rolling Stones)
- Red and the Romantics (Americana)-

## Pool from Page 3

the Jefferson Swim League representative for the Gordonsville Orcas swim team. She helps facilitate getting the team together every spring.

"That's something that's traditionally been done by the town manager. It's a small town, and we all do different things," she said.

This will be the Orcas' seventh season.

The team used to be called the Gordonsville Gators and were active for a number of years. The pool was managed by the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department for a time, and in the spring of 2009, the county decided to no longer manage the pool and turned it over to the town.

"It may have been around that time that the Gordonsville Gators actually moved over to Louisa," she noted.

In 2012, the Gordonsville Orcas swim team was created and joined the Jefferson Swim League.

There are 18 teams that participate in the Jefferson Swim League, from throughout the general Charlottesville area, most of them from private communities, like Glenmore, Boars Head, Fairview and others. The league looks for every team to have at least 40 swimmers.

"Last year was the first year that we were able to exceed that number with 45 kids on the team, ranging in age from 5 to 18," Kendall noted.

The prerequisite for joining the team is a participant must be at least five years old and able to swim the length of the pool. "That doesn't mean you have to swim elegantly; you can doggie paddle from one end of the pool to the other and we'll let you on the team."

Municipal pools aren't a meager investment for a small town. The cost to operate the pool runs around \$40,000 a year, including chemicals, salaries for pool personnel and maintenance. The pool received a new coat of paint last year and some repairs to the concrete deck.

To better cover those costs, the town is considering increasing the entrance fees by one dollar in the coming year. Even then, fees alone don't cover the entire cost of operating and maintaining the facility.

Officials hope that at some point in the future it will be financially feasible to

have a newer pool facility that would meet the regulation size for swim meets, though that would be an expensive proposition.

Staffing has been a challenge in the past.

"Unfortunately, because of short staffing last summer we had to close the pool several times, a few times unexpectedly, because we had guards call in at the last minute. Hopefully this summer we won't have those issues," Kendall said.

Ferguson is a veteran lifeguard and a water safety instructor and worked at the pool for a number of years. His knowledge working in the town's Public Works Department and working with the clubhouse and the chemicals, makes him a good fit managing the pool this summer, Kendall said. "I know we're not going to have any issues with regard to staffing this summer.

"We've been really beating the bushes to try to find kids willing to work for us this summer, and we have about six or seven who have applied, and we know of a few others who are interested.

"Hopefully by the time we open the pool we will have 10 or so guards on staff to give us more flexibility through the summer," she said.

"It's difficult because you're dealing with high school students and, in some cases, college students. And, starting in mid-August now everyone starts going back to school."

The pool schedule follows the Orange County Public Schools schedule in terms of determining when to have weekday open swim. This year Orange County is transitioning to terms that are consistent with other districts in the region, so Orange County students are going back to school in mid-August instead of around Labor Day as in the past.

So, generally the pool is open during the week during summer vacation, and only on weekends for those periods when school is back in session early in the season and late in the season.

There is an evening swim period offered on Wednesdays when the swim team is away at meets. Because the Gordonsville Pool is too small for official swim meets, all of the Orcas' meets are "away."

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# Orange County Happenings

By Diana Paddock, Correspondent

### School is winding down

Ready for summer?! As of OC Magazine's publication date of Friday, May 4, there are only five weeks of school remaining in the 2017-18 academic year. Students and teachers will have a holiday on Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day, and students will be dismissed from classes early on the last day of school, Friday, June 8. Orange County has so much to offer this summer! Check out the activities and events listed below and plan a fun, fulfilling break.

### Get active!

The Orange County Parks & Rec Department has several classes continuing for youths and adults, including volleyball, a dance and wellness program, basketball, guitar lessons, fundamentals of Tai Chi, Karate, pickleball and more. Visit their website at [orangecountyva.gov](http://orangecountyva.gov) (choose Parks & Rec from the drop-down menu), or call (540) 672-5435.

### Battlefield marks anniversary

The 152nd anniversary of Battle of the Wilderness will be commemorated this weekend at the facility near Locust Grove. Ellwood will have two days of living history events from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5 and 6. For information and updates, visit [www.fowb.org](http://www.fowb.org). Upcoming events at Ellwood include a Mother's Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 12-13 with volunteers dressed in period attire reading letters from Civil War soldiers to their mothers. The anniversary of Lafayette camping at Ellwood in 1771 will be marked June 2-3. Living history reenactors and speakers will discuss Revolutionary War activity at Ellwood.



### Christ Episcopal Church Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale Saturday May 5th at Christ Episcopal Church Gordonsville Va corner of High and Baker Sts. 8am until 2pm. Lots of variety--furniture, household, clothes, toys and lots more!

### 'Avenue Q' in Barboursville

The 4-County Players will present "Avenue Q" through May 20 on the Mainstage. With music and lyrics by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, this musical is based on a book by Jeff Whitty. It's about coming of age and focuses on (and pokes a little fun at) becoming an adult. The play is being directed by Edward Warwick White, assisted by vocal director Kate Lambert, musical director Kristin Baltes and choreographer Heather Powell.

For tickets, visit [fourcp.org](http://fourcp.org) or the box office, open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The curtain will go up at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays. For more information or to become part of the troupe, visit [fourcp.org](http://fourcp.org).



### Sing the Story!

The public is invited to "Sing the Story!" at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Orange Baptist Church, 123 W. Main St., Orange. This musical journey celebrating three centuries of the local region's religious heritage, will benefit the Orange County Free Clinic. Although

## Appraisal Fair

**at The James Madison Museum  
of Orange County Heritage**  
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**May 19th, 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Appraisal Fair**

**Finders -Keepers** and other regional appraisers are holding an "Antiques Roadshow" style appraisal fair at The James Madison Museum of Orange County Heritage! Oral appraisals will be given for your antique or vintage items. \$20 per item or 3 for \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Museum. In line at 4 - you will be seen.

## On The Terrace

**Music and Wine at Sundown - Free Event**  
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admission is free, donations will be accepted. A musical prelude by Hart Strings will open the performance at 3:45 p.m., and the concert will feature the combined choirs of Hartland College and Orange Baptist Church. For information, visit [www.obcva.org](http://www.obcva.org).

**At the Madison Museum**

**An Appraisal Fair is planned for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19,** at the museum. Similar to Antiques Road Show, as seen on TV, local residents can take their antique and vintage items to the museum for appraisal. Cost will be \$20 per item (\$50 for three items). Proceeds will benefit the museum.

On July 8, historian and author of "The Articles of Confederation," Jayne E. Blair will speak. The Articles were our first constitution, and Blair will discuss how they were formed and their challenges.

On Aug. 19, Ann Miller, historian and author, will present "Virginia's Covered Bridges & Trusses."

The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information, visit [www.thejamesmadisonmuseum.net](http://www.thejamesmadisonmuseum.net) or call (540) 672-1776.

**Wraith Chasers are back!**

The Tennessee Wraith Chasers will return to the Exchange Hotel in Gordonsville, the second most haunted



location in Virginia, on **Saturday, May 12.** Join the for \$99 per person to hear the ghosts wandering the rooms and halls of the former war hospital and the mass grave nearby. For information, contact Exchange Hotel director Angel May at (540) 832-2944 or email her at [hgiexchangehotel@gmail.com](mailto:hgiexchangehotel@gmail.com).

**Concerts May 19-20**

The Orange Community Chorus will celebrate our country's rich heritage at a concert planned for

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Orange Presbyterian Church. This musical tribute to America will include America the Beautiful, Stars and Stripes Forever, America - Our Heritage, Salute to George Cohen and

more. Admission will be free. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of music that depicts America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. For more information, visit <http://www.orangechorusnband.com>, or check out the chorus on Facebook.

The Orange Community Band will celebrate our country's rich heritage in

musical reflections on America at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Orange County High School. Selections will include American Salute, Tom Sawyer Portrait, Thine Alabaster Gleaming White, Zydeco Cajun Crawdad Dance and more. Admission will be free. The public is invited to enjoy this evening of music which reminds us of yesterday, today and the hope for tomorrow. For more information, visit <http://www.orangechorusnband.com> or check out the band on Facebook.

**Tanner to be honored**

Retiring Orange County School

Superintendent Brenda Tanner will be honored by the Women's Diversity Forum on Sunday, May 20, at a community reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Arts Center in Orange. The event is open to the public.

**OVFC Fair set!**

The Orange Volunteer Fire Company's fair this year will run June 6 - 9, with the parade on Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. on Berry Hill Road. There will be ride matinees on Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Golf to support the homeless**

Support homeless mothers and their babies by participating in the Sixth Annual Golf Classic sponsored by the Paul Stefan Foundation at Meadows Farms Golf Course on **Friday, May 11.** Registration will open at 8 a.m. with a complimentary hot breakfast, and captain's choice will begin at 9 a.m. Cost will be \$75 per golfer or \$300 for a foursome. For information and registration, email [rjames@paulstefanhome.org](mailto:rjames@paulstefanhome.org), or call (540) 854-2300. All proceeds will benefit the programs of the Paul Stefan Home.

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Crowds eat up at the Chicken Festival.

# Fried Chicken Festival

## Celebrate a Tasty Bit of History

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

**T**here's no question that Orange County is up to its neck in history, having fig-

ured prominently in the founding of America and the terrible conflict that once tore it apart.

But, there is one particularly tasty bit of history that is recalled in Gordonsville each year.

Gordonsville is famous for its fried chicken and the heritage of local African-American women, known as "chicken vendors," who brought platters of the delicacy to rail passengers stopped in Gordonsville during the 19th century, a renowned activity that, in 1869, prompted a local newspaper editor to bestow upon the village the title "Chicken-leg Centre of the Universe."

To celebrate this unique cultural heritage, Gordonsville is holding its 6th Annual Fried Chicken Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Gordonsville Fire Company Fair Grounds and is a "rain or shine" event.

Concurrently, the town will also be hosting its 2nd annual 5K race through the streets and area around Gordonsville. The Chicken Run benefits the Dix Memorial Pool in Gordonsville, Orange County's only public pool facility.

Registration fee is \$15 per person through April 27; \$20 per person day after April 27. There are no refunds. Walkers ages 4 and under do not need to be registered.

Sponsors for the event are: Blue Green Resorts, The Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum, The Uphill House B&B, Ragged Mountain Running, and Walmart. Visit the town's website for more information at [www.townofgordonsville.org](http://www.townofgordonsville.org).

donsville.org.

Mayor Bob Coiner commented, "Well, I know last year's Fried Chicken Festival was a smashing success!

"There's nothing better than lots of delicious fried chicken and other tasty treats, with live music and arts and crafts vendors ... all enjoyed with friends on a beautiful spring day! This is a fun, old fashioned community get-together, and we hope everyone in the area will come out and enjoy the day and enjoy our hospitality at this wonderful Gordonsville festival!"

Town Manager Debbie Kendall added, "Each year, Gordonsville's Fried Chicken Festival continues to grow in popularity, and it is a great way to celebrate the Town's heritage. While we've moved the event to the Fireman's Fairgrounds, we're still open for business downtown and I hope everyone will spend part of their day in Gordonsville visiting our local shops."

Last year's festival was the biggest to date, with more than 2600 people entering the fairgrounds to stuff themselves on thousands of pounds of chicken and other culinary offerings in the first six hours of the event.

The festival will feature cook-off contests for fried chicken and pies. Artisan crafters will also be on hand to sell their wares and there will be a wine garden for wine and cider tastings and purchase.

Samantha Darling is the cook to beat, having captured the title for best fried chicken three times.

Judging will be fierce, according to David Solomon, who runs

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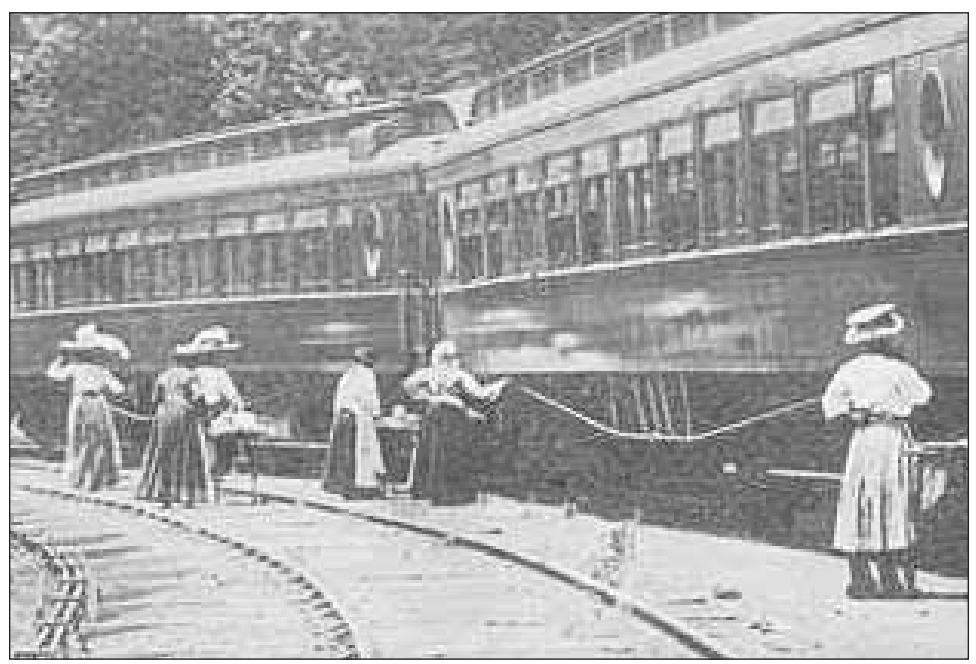
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Frying up the chicken for the festival.



During the mid-19th century, Gordonsville was a prime rail junction where the Virginia Central met the Louisa Railroad. Since trains did not have dining cars, passengers had to purchase food and drink from vendors that met the train.

Gordonsville's Visitor Center. "These people take their fried chicken very seriously."

But, it's not all about the chicken and the pies.

Gordonsville has been compared to the little TV town of Mayberry for its friendliness and southern style of easy-going life.

There will be friendly competitions in such time-honored community picnic events as three-legged races, sack races and corn hole. There will be face painting for children and fire safety information and demonstrations for young and old alike.

And, there will be no shortage of beverages with a wine, beer and cider garden available for the adults in the crowd, who will be able to take away a commemorative glass to remind them of the event.

The "official" t-shirt design for this year's festival will be chosen from the artistic

works of students from the Gordon-Barbour Elementary School, who have been invited to apply their artistic talents to the event. Their designs will be judged by Mayor Coiner and two local artists.

And, if the chicken and community picnic atmosphere doesn't fill your day, there are the quaint shops and galleries downtown and a noted Civil War medical museum to visit.

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**Crossword** by Margie E. Burke

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<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Freshwater fish</p> <p>5 Jeer</p> <p>10 St. John's _____ (herbal remedy)</p> <p>14 Part of a pot</p> <p>15 Christmas _____</p> <p>16 Kind of code</p> <p>17 Standing still</p> <p>19 Mr. Potato Head piece</p> <p>20 Hobby shop buy</p> <p>21 Orange container</p> <p>22 Frozen rain</p> <p>23 Whisk, for one</p> <p>25 "Peggy Sue" singer</p> <p>26 Mighty mount</p> <p>28 Boot tip</p> <p>30 Bread for gyros</p> <p>31 Yogi's nemesis</p> <p>32 Tree trickling</p> <p>35 Fabricated</p> <p>37 One who owes</p> <p>39 Sandwich bread</p> <p>40 Military greeting</p> <p>44 Diane of "Paris Can Wait"</p> <p>45 Muslim leader</p> <p>46 Golf score</p> <p>47 Repair, as software</p> <p>50 Pained expression</p> <p>52 Make giddy</p> <p>53 Gunpowder ingredient</p> <p>54 Prefix with born or found</p> <p>57 Tab</p> <p>58 Tomato's family</p>	<p>60 Just lying around</p> <p>61 Survey choice</p> <p>62 Kuwaiti ruler</p> <p>63 Lab procedure</p> <p>64 Fashionably dated</p> <p>65 Distribute</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Soak up the sun</p> <p>2 The "A" of ABM</p> <p>3 Oscar, for one</p> <p>4 Filming site</p> <p>5 Disdain</p> <p>6 Rummy relative</p> <p>7 Formal address</p> <p>8 Fido's front limb</p>	<p>9 Bothersome bug</p> <p>10 Clobber</p> <p>11 Built-out window</p> <p>12 Gross out</p> <p>13 Mouth-watering</p> <p>18 Like some drinks</p> <p>22 Wall Street purchase</p> <p>24 Eye drop?</p> <p>26 Boot attachment</p> <p>27 Elton John's "_____ Dancer"</p> <p>29 Turn over</p> <p>31 Bona fide</p> <p>32 Demi Moore, e.g.</p> <p>33 Top-notch</p> <p>34 Flies, to spiders</p>	<p>36 Linguist's concern</p> <p>38 Political coalition</p> <p>41 Low-grade coal</p> <p>42 Type of piano</p> <p>43 In that direction</p> <p>45 Serving of veal</p> <p>46 Watering holes</p> <p>47 Ledger entry</p> <p>48 Say "y'all," say</p> <p>49 Poolroom supply</p> <p>51 Subway in Paris</p> <p>55 Make revisions to</p> <p>56 "The Way We _____"</p> <p>58 Swe. neighbor</p> <p>59 _____ and haw</p>
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The Orange County Raider Team practicing for the Best of the Best Competition at Magna Vista High School in Martinsville on April 14. Only 12 teams compete.


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## JROTC Raiders Finish First in Manchester Raider Meet

Photos submitted by Kim Zara

**O**n Saturday, March 10th 2018 OC's JROTC Raiders won 1st Place Overall out of 20 teams at the Manchester Raider Meet. The team placed (1st) on the 5K Team run with 23 minutes, 28 seconds; and (1st) in Rope Bridge with a 1 minute, 19 second build, cross and break. The team won with the best overall quality placement point's with a (2nd) on the PT test with an average score of 273 out of 300, (2nd) in Stretcher Carry, and a (3rd) in Fireman's. The team heads to Magna Vista High School for a meet Saturday, March 17th. Back in November 2017, the team qualified 1st place in the Virginia State Competition that earned them a slot to the 7 State Championship hosted by 4th Brigade JROTC on Saturday, April 14th.

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David Dillard looks over a photo from the collection provided by the family of deceased comrade Van Alstine. Van took many photos while he was in Vietnam, and the family provided prints of some for the reunion.



Dillard spoke to the group of veterans and their families on March 18.

of Oregon, Columbia University, Yale. Our men became metal workers, oilfield drillers and tool pushers. We became physical therapists, physicians, supervisors in nuclear power plants, writers, teachers, superintendents of schools, ranchers, actors, musicians and truck drivers.

"While Hollywood portrayed us in every twisted form they could create from psychopaths to homeless drunks, we worked and did our very best to raise our families in peace.

"Many couldn't bear the burden and took their own lives, but we still stuck together and every now and then we have a reunion."

In his efforts to live a normal life in peace, Dillard went to school, was married and had children. He now lives on a ranch in Texas. But there isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't remember that night in 'Nam and the brothers who were killed and wounded there.

Battling his own Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, he decided to find the remaining veterans, the men who survived that night and to pay honor to the dead, the men who lost their lives that night. He visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington in 1983, then started finding comrades. What began as a handful of soldiers gathering culminated in this 50th anniversary observance, and more than 15 veterans from Delta Company gathered together in Orange.

Palmer, who has attended about 10 of the reunions, said the first — for the whole battalion — didn't happen until 2002.

"A lot of us just didn't want to be involved in anything about the war until that time," Palmer explained. "We were pretty angry about how we were treated when we came back and the fact that no one seemed to care about the sacrifices we made. Too many good men were killed and disabled."

The reunion helped to heal some of the old wounds, anger and frustration.

"These reunions have always been a healing time. Eventually the talk leaves the war and comes to the here and now," Dillard explained. "Today we talk about retirement and grandchildren. And we collectively reach out a helping hand to one another in need, whether it be emotionally or temporally or spiritually. Together we remember our lost comrades reading their names and renewing a covenant that we will never ever forget them."

Many Vietnam veterans have suffered from PTSD, and, in varying degrees, carry some level of "survivor's guilt," Palmer added, "about the fact that we made it home when so many good friends did not. That plus the anger was a tough combination. For me, our comradeship while we were in Orange and the ceremony on Sunday at the Wall somehow seemed to lift those burdens."

**For more information about Delta Company and the night of March 18, 1968, listen to "We've Never Been the Same: A War Story" by Adam Piore on NPR (at <https://transom.org/2015/weve-never-been-the-same-a-war-story/>) and "Rooster Crow in the Jungle," a moving recording by Dave Dillard for The Moth at <https://themoth.org/radio-hour/the-vietnam-war>.**



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