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Stella and Bella Gibson have selected piglets for the ag fair's Bottle Babies exhibition.

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Dickinson's Store: Reinvented and Thriving

By Carol Barfield
Correspondent

With the growing lake population and influx of summer visitors, the landscape, and the lifestyles of local citizens are changing rapidly. Some local talent can still claim to be homegrown, and W.A. Dickinson, a graduate of Louisa High School, and his wife Bettye, of Orange County are firmly in that category. Having re-planted their family at the original Dickinson's homestead in Mineral, they own Dickinson's Store, a thriving local landmark that has been reinvented more than once and is delightful to visit!

It is THE destination for gas, groceries, growlers and good food, giving guests an old-store feel, but with every convenience of modernity.

W.A. (Warren Ashley) grew up in a home attached to the original Dickinson's Store. His father Curtis was an electrician, plumber and rural mail carrier. His mother, Marie Payne Dickinson Baker, originally from Spotsylvania, moved to Louisa and attended Belmont School. Together, they helped W.A.'s grandmother, Elizabeth Ware (of Wares Crossroads) run Dickinson's Store for about 15 years. The store is located on land that belonged to W.A.'s Grandma Elizabeth and dates back to the 1860s. It served the community of sulfur miners and iron ore producers at Crenshaw Mine in the town of Mineral.

Located four miles northeast of Mineral, the mine was the primary customer, purchasing dry goods at the family store. Sugar, beans, flour, huge wheels of cheese and railroad ties were some of the offerings.

Elizabeth Ware was an independent woman for her time, and in the late 1800s, she met and married the original W.A. Dickinson, a farmer with a homestead named "Renfrew", located near the present-day North Anna nuclear power plant. Elizabeth must have agreed with Katherine Hepburn, who famously said, "Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then," because that is just what Elizabeth and her husband did. She lived with the children at the Dickinson's Store, and he lived at the farm. There were eight children between them, so it seems to have worked out nicely. Their large eight-bedroom home, located at Wares Crossroads, is listed in the Old Home Places of Louisa County.

Many of W.A.'s earliest memories involved the store. "I remember playing as a child under the huge wooden counter. It was heavy and ancient, more than a hundred years old, and I incorporated it into the current store



W.A. Dickinson and Bettye in front of the store. All photos by Carol Barfield



W.A. Dickinson and Bettye behind the 100 yr old counter.

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Cover Story



Stella Gibson shows off her lamb Cookie Dough, which as a pre4-H Cloverbud, she will take to the Louisa County Ag Fair.



The Gibson children have won numerous costume competitions thanks to the creativity of their mother Natalie.

Off to the Louisa Ag Fair

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent



Ella the sow welcomes pats and scratching from Bella, Stella and Eli Gibson.

Harley and Davidson are going to the Louisa County Agricultural Fair and Tyler Gibson hopes one of the two will reward his efforts with a championship in the market lamb division. Since mid-May, the Louisa County High School senior has been caring for the pair as his 4-H Livestock project and plans to show them in weight, pairs and senior showmanship classes at the late July event.

“Lambs are hard to show because you can’t use a harness or halter, but just your hands to control them,” he said. “I’m also raising a doe goat for the breeding classes which allows you to use a collar.”

The 4-H projects require that Tyler keep accurate digital records of his care and expenses including feed and medications. He handles them so they will stand correctly for judging and walks them to increase their muscle tone. Before the show, Tyler will shear and bathe the market lambs.

“I’m hoping to have one in the heavy weight class and the other in the middle weight class,” he said. “I’ll sell them at the fair’s livestock auction and any profit will go into a savings account for college.”

His father Chris, the 2019 ag fair president and, who along with his wife Natalie, has been a previous livestock club leader, added, “It is through the generosity of the businesses and individuals in the community that the kids can enjoy a profit from their projects.”

To be eligible for the county fair, Tyler had to meet the yearly requirements of the club which includes attending at least seven meetings, making a presentation to the members, participating in two group community service projects and helping with fund raisers. The young man combines those efforts with helping on the family farm.

The Gibsons live east of Mineral on a 65 acres family farm which Chris returned to after college. His focus has always been beef cattle. Today, the family keeps small herds of beef cattle, goats and sheep as well as, at a nearby location, contracts with

Tyson's Food to raise chickens. While Chris works as an IT specialist for Virginia Community Bank, Natalie handles the poultry operation.


When ten years old, Tyler became interested in 4-H after attending the week-long Camp Holiday and then joining the Louisa County 4-H Livestock Club, it was natural for his parents to consider his raising a heifer.

"I was always a cow man," said Chris. "But others recommended that for younger members lambs or goats were much easier, so we purchased two lambs."


The next year the Gibsons purchased a flock of seven ewes from John Purcell, a 4-H club member who was leaving for college. Over the years, the herd has expanded to 35, and it is from among those that Tyler selects his project lambs.

"I look for ones that have good structure and muscle. You learn what the judges are looking for," he said. "I've had success at the fair with champions and reserve championships" with Natalie adding, "He has won the showmanship class every year but one and then he was second."

Tyler's resume includes wins on **See Ag Fair page 6**




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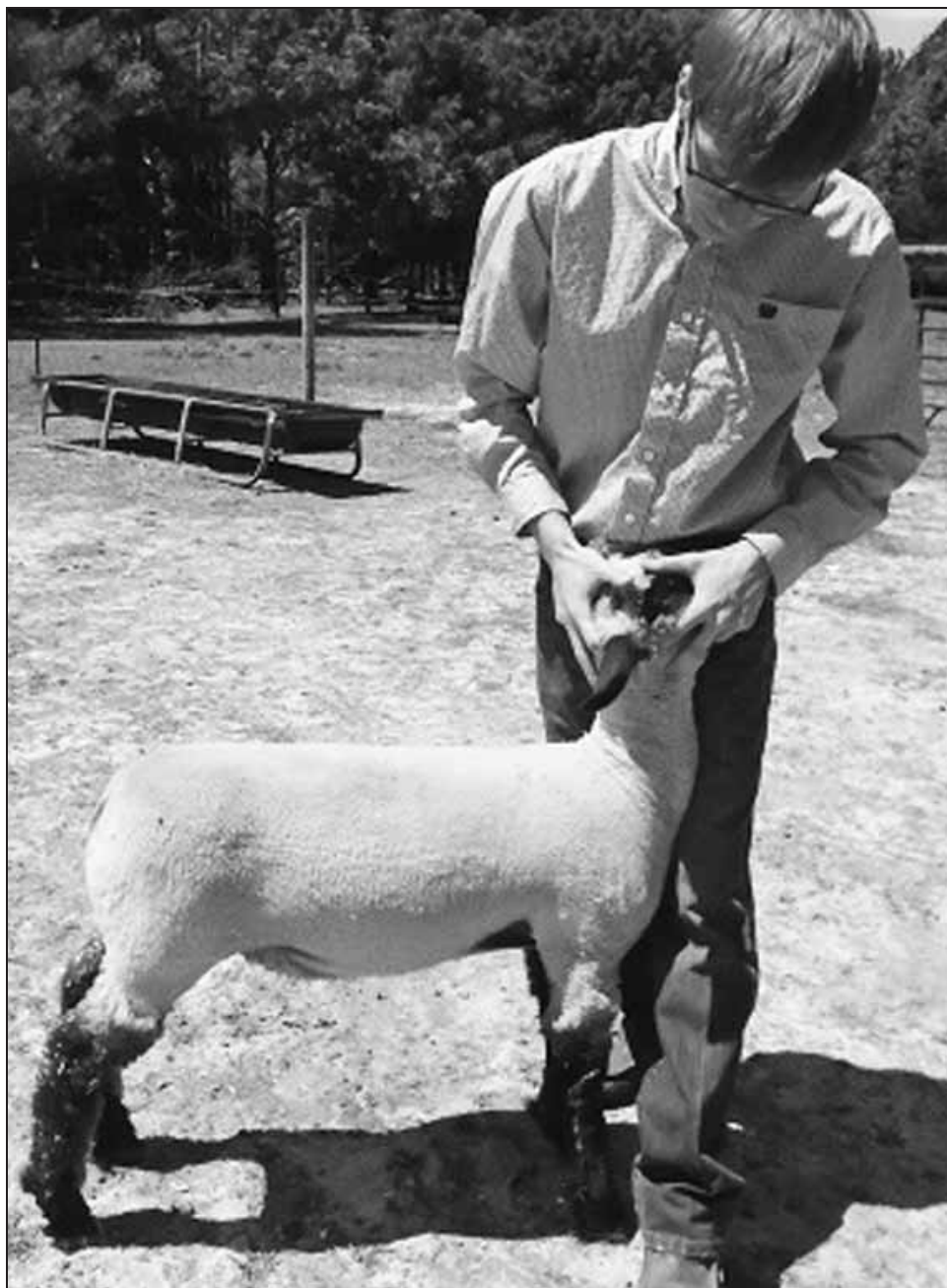


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Tyler Gibson works with his 4-H lamb projects for three months prior to the ag fair, teaching each to stand correctly.



Some animals are more cooperative than others ... a fact proven as Eli and Bella Gibson attempt to stand their kid goats.

livestock judging teams which require knowledge of the conformation of goats, lambs, hogs and steers. The senior is president of the high school chapter of Future Farmers of America. In Mid-June he attended the FFA state convention

Not to be outdone, the younger Gibsons – eight-year-old Stella and six-year-old twins Eli and Bella – will participate at the ag fair with other Cloverbuds, a pre-4-H group for children eight and younger. The twins work with kid goats, Peewee and Coco, while Stella has a lamb, Cookie Dough. The three have attended youth judging camps to learn skills, as did Tyler in previous summers.

“We even got to help pick out our animals,” said Stella. “I picked a friendly one.”

For Friday’s Bottle Babies class, Stella and Bella will each select a piglet from the litter the Gibsons’ sow carried. Eli will show a calf from the family’s herd.

“We encourage participation for younger kids to increase their interest in 4-H and FFA activities,” said Chris. “Their activities are not competitive, but give them a chance to show off their skills and hard work.”

The Gibson youth also show on the Virginia Showmasters Circuit which provides youngsters the opportunity to exhibit lambs and goats. The organization offers nine competitions during the spring and summer, with the top ten finishers awarded prizes at the Virginia State Fair in October.

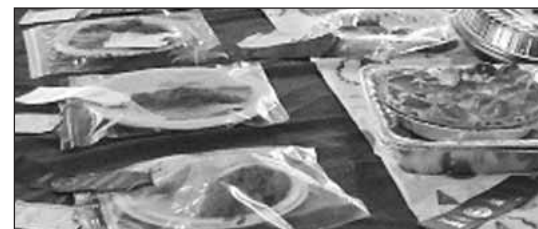
“The circuit has events from Virginia Beach to Abington. Tyler can accumulate points on how well he does in showmanship and animal management classes. The first show of the year had 42 youth in his 15 – 19 age bracket, so the competition is tough,” said Chris then with a smile added, “We take most of our vacations pulling a livestock trailer.”

A bonus for the Gibsons is that some shows offer a peewee division so Stella, Bella and Eli can show young lambs and goat kids. They especially enjoy the costume classes and Natalie’s creativity becomes obvious. One year the three youngsters were the Three Little Pigs and a lamb was the Big Bad Wolf, of course. Last year Stella and Bella were Virginia Tech cheerleaders, Eli was a football player and the lamb was the referee.

This fall, Tyler will exhibit at the 4-H show at the state fair and if successful on the VSC will compete in those events as well. The three youngsters will take their projects for a costume class. Another family road trip pulling a stock trailer!

2019 Ag Fair Theme - Hog Wild for Agriculture

Returning to the Firemen’s Fairgrounds in the town of Louisa, the annual agricultural fair celebrates the country-style traditions of rural Virginia. **On Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27**, visitors can enjoy watching youth exhibit their livestock projects, browse among the booths of vendors and community organizations, watch on-stage entertainment and marvel at the skills of local bakers, artists, quilters and crafters.



In the judged exhibits building, ribbons indicate the skills of Louisa County bakers.

Throughout the fair, displays will focus on wooden spoons, a portable sawmill, beekeeping and antique tractors. Children’s activities will include tea with the fair queen, a Hen House Egg Hunt and a cornhole tournament. Adults are not forgotten with numerous chances to compete in events such as hay bale tossing, husband calling, hog calling, watermelon seed spitting and nail driving along with their own cornhole tournament.

“We will select Miss Louisa County Ag Fair and other younger princess at a pageant at the Louisa Arts Center on Saturday, July 20. They will then help with activities and hand out awards throughout the fair,” said Christ Gibson, 2019 fair president. “On Friday afternoon, new county teachers will come to the fair for a scavenger hunt and some fun games.”

For those who prefer to be spectators, numerous bands will perform including Sauna Mountain Valley and the popular Skystone. A Candidates’ Hour will give fairgoers the opportunity to hear the platforms of those vying in local and state elections. And don’t forget to watch the pig races, a magician and the Elite Revolution Cloggers.

The fair board will honor longtime supporters W. C. Taylor and the Louisa County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee. The women will again man the welcome booth just inside the main gate where visitors will be able to pick up information and schedules.

A complete fair schedule, along with additional information, is available at the website, www.louisacountyagfair.com. Gates open at noon on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Daily admission is \$5 with children 10 and under free.

Judged Exhibits

Crafters, needle workers, bakers, gardeners and photographers, both adult and youth, are encouraged to show off their skills in the judged exhibits categories. A complete list of classes is available at the fair website and entries can be taken to the fairgrounds on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

when we rebuilt in 1985." He was also required to help on his grandad's farm, a family affair where the work was never-ending. The farm left the family's possession in 1968. The house was condemned, and the land was absorbed by Virginia Power since it was located within a three-mile radius of the incoming power plant.

W.A. was a senior in high school when a major shift occurred in his life. His father died suddenly, and the store was rented out. With a typical "I'm getting out of here" 18-year old attitude, W.A. set out for Fayetteville, NC, to attend Methodist College and earn a degree in accounting. Ironically, W.A.'s new employer upon graduation was Stone and Webster, a sub-contractor for Virginia Power, which was now occupying his ancestral homeland.

Living in Fredericksburg and commuting to Virginia Power, W.A. loved to come to the lake with his buddies to relax and frolic. And their beer stop? Dickinson's Store, of course! His friends were quick to tell him, "Man, you should take that store back!" Perhaps the seed was sown then, because after a fire damaged Dickinson's Store in early 1977, W.A., then 25, decided it was time to re-engage with his legacy. Although much of the original character of the store was destroyed in the fire, the huge ceiling beams were preserved and made into furniture that the family still owns.

He chose his aunt, Doris Schreiber Payne to manage the re-opened store, and she took up residence there with her two children, working hard to make it a successful enterprise. Soon thereafter, a mutual friend introduced W.A. to Bettye Gilbert, a fresh-faced young teacher living in Fredericksburg, and things started moving along quickly. "1979 was a big year for us...Bettye and I married, we had a son, built a house across from the store, and I changed jobs." Time and maturity had cast a different light on the town of his youth, and W.A. and his aunt began to re-connect with the customers, shaping his second career. "I used to know everyone at the lake. They would leave in the fall and return in the spring, but that changed with so many new people and lake properties being rented out – a lot of changing faces."

Bettye graduated from Radford University, taught in Florida and then in Orange, Roanoke and Stafford counties in Virginia. She took a break to educate and raise their son W.A. Dickinson II, ("Ash"), and their daughter Tyler. Bettye relates, "We lived opposite the store for several years until the day our two-year old Tyler went missing. We found she had toddled across the street to the store!" This tempting proximity to the store was one of the reasons the family decided to move to the lake, where they live currently.

In 1985, W.A. built a new structure further from the road, and on Thanksgiving Day, demolished the old store, which stood where the gas pumps are presently located. One year later, Bettye returned to teaching at Louisa Elementary to help out after a 4th grade teacher had suffered a heart attack. Bettye taught for 38 years, adding Mineral, Thomas Jefferson and Jouett Elementary schools to her credits. For 21 of those years, and armed with a master's degree from UVA, she taught gifted and talented students from the ages of 5 to 11. Her motivation? "I loved watching and witnessing the creativity of my students." The students she taught were not the only creative children in her life – son Ash went on to graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University, and their independent, wandering two-year old daughter Tyler is now a doctor who teaches classes in diversity at George Washington University. She also instructs teachers on the best strategy for being effective educators.

Both Tyler and Ash live in Richmond. Ash commutes, and is intimately involved in the business of running the store. With the earthquake and the arrival of Food



Ash Dickinson working behind the deli counter.



The Beer Cave was added in 2011.

Lion to the area, W.A. was

spurred in 2011 to do a total renovation of the store. Ash contributed the idea for "The Beer Cave, being attuned to what millennials want from a lake store. He stocks IPAs, Virginia and craft beers, and is on call to make special orders of kegs and local Coyote Hole ciders to those planning special events. He also runs the store's Facebook page.

Dickinson's is renowned for its fresh BBQ pork, homemade donuts, in-house egg dishes and salads, and new milkshake and smoothie machine. It is a landmark for lake visitors, motorcycle groups, school bus loads of sports teams, and of course faithful locals, who W.A. considers to be the lifeblood of his store. Bettye says of her husband, "W.A. has customers of 20-year standing, and he cherishes the legacy of those connections. He takes care of them with his old-fashioned way of relating to customers." W.A. was especially excited when one of his long-time customers bought a \$100,000 winning lottery ticket from his establishment!

Running a store is not an easy thing. W.A. is tied to the store and has challenges maintaining a committed team. He would love to clone the old-style employee, like the late Wanda Madison Sharpe, who worked for him for 12 years and treated the store as if it were her own. W.A. has dealt with burglaries, two in the daylight hours and several at night, with cigarettes and lighters the primary target. The cameras were often damaged, and steel window bars and an advanced alarm system had to be installed to prevent repeat incidents.

The traffic congestion at the corner of routes 522 and 208 where the store is located is also of concern to W.A., both for the safety of his customers and the future of his business. Plans to construct a roundabout have been proposed by VDOT, but the larger trailers towing boats and the logging and trucks that frequently travel through that zone seem to pose a potential safety hazard. Also, W.A. says Mansfield Road is not incorporated into the plan and would dump drivers onto the road just as they reached the roundabout. Also problematic to his customers, there would be no access to the store traveling north from Mineral towards Dickinsons. Business traffic is essential to Dickinson's, and the responsiveness of VDOT to these concerns is imperative.

Since retirement is not imminent, W.A. and Bettye strive to balance work with enjoyment. Bettye treasures time with family, friends and her flowers. She loves tennis, book club and her Bible study, and is a member of both DAR and LOLA (Ladies of Lake Anna.) She is grateful for the community of people who include her and is thankful for her teaching career and friends. W.A. has won the Merchant Grocers of Culpeper competition for 13 consecutive years and enjoys the free travel they have earned as a result. Their favorite vacation was to Ireland, land of Bettye's heritage. They also experienced a small world coincidence this year while in the Turks and Caicos. W.A. and Bettye noticed the star of the TV program "Young Sheldon", Ian Armitage, playing by the pool. They began talking with Lea, his mother, and were also introduced to Ian's grandmother, Laura Armitage. The following conversation ensued:

LAURA: Where do you live?

BETTYE: I live at Lake Anna Virginia.

LAURA: No kidding – we used to live in Anna Coves at Lake Anna!

Do you know where Dickinson's Store is?

BETTYE: We OWN Dickinson's Store!

LAURA: Oh, is W.A. here? We took a picture of our family in front of your store years ago!

(Author's personal note: Laura Armitage sold us our lot in Anna Coves in 2000!)

Come by Dickinson's Store, located at 5072 Zachary Taylor Highway in Mineral. Soak up the ambiance, take in the delicious aromas, and meet the friendly people with an old-fashioned way of relating to customers. Perhaps you will even find Ash's three-year old daughter Willow Allison Dickinson (W.A.D.) playing under the counter, continuing the family story.

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By Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A 2012 Spotsylvania High School graduate and Mineral, Virginia, native is participating in a rigorous training process that transforms officers into U.S. naval aviators.

Lt. J.G. Maggie Suhling is a student pilot with the "Golden Eagles" of Training Squadron (VT) 22, based in Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. The squadron flies T-45C Goshawk aircraft.

A Navy student pilot is responsible for learning the procedures and skills needed to fly naval aircraft both effectively and efficiently for the fleet.

"The best part is being allowed to go out and apply what you've learned on solo flights," Suhling said.

Suhling credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Mineral.

"I learned how to be responsible and handle many time commitments which has been crucial in dealing with an ever changing flight schedule," Suhling said.

The T-45C Goshawk is a tandem-seat, jet trainer aircraft powered by a twin-spool non-afterburn turbofan engine with 5,527 pounds of thrust and airspeed of 645 mph.

VT-22's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete many phases of flight training in order to graduate, including aviation pre-flight



Lt. J.G. Maggie Suhling. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David Finley.

indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Hornet fighter attack jet aircraft or the F-35 Lightning joint strike fighter jet. They are later assigned to a ship or land-based squadron.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Suhling plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support

of National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Suhling is most proud of graduating from the University of Virginia and commissioning from the ROTC program in 2016, becoming a naval officer.

"Everything I did in college lead me to where I am in flight school," Suhling said. "ROTC gave me the opportunity to grow and learn, and how to be a leader."

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Suhling, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Suhling is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"Both of my grandfathers served in the military and my dad was a Navy jet pilot," Suhling said. "I grew up with three sisters and it felt important to continue this tradition, especially following in my dad's footsteps in becoming a naval aviator."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Suhling and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"It's a very humbling and rewarding experience to be able to serve our country and live out my childhood dream of being a Navy pilot," Suhling said. The sun is shining, and white tents are set up in a grassy field. It is a heartwarming and pic-

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By Carol Barfield
Correspondent

The sun is shining, and white tents are set up in a grassy field. It is a heart-warming and picturesque rural scene, one that makes you want to jump out of your car in excitement and anticipation, and become part of the vibrant atmosphere.

Once again, area vendors are out in strength, selling fresh produce, herbs and spices, berries, hanging baskets, farm-raised products for your table, fresh eggs, and delicious baked goods.

Feast your eyes on the artisanship! There are metal workers, woodworkers, jewelry makers, knitters, container artists and candlemakers, and they all are easy to talk to and fun to be with. They are hopeful that the pride and care they take in their craft will be appreciated by the people coming to examine their work.

Collecting business cards from your favorite vendors provides another avenue for ordering one-of-a-kind gifts for birthdays, Christmas and special occasions. Many of us like to armchair shop, and the email addresses from these artists open an enormous array of choices for you, and helps the artists make a living from their talent.

Everyone has become very aware that what we eat and how it is produced, makes a huge difference in our health and the health of our planet.

Do yourself a favor; bring a recyclable bag (or four), head down any **Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm** to Louisa Avenue in the town of Mineral near the old train station, and prepare to have a fabulous time!

Come and meet David and Pat, Tom and Donna, Mike and Katernya, the Honaker family, Griff and Cindy, Paul and Simone, Alicia and Braulia, Kathy and Susi, the Mirick Family, and Sue and Becky. These are only half of the vendors which were covered in this article. Save the planet, yourself, save gasoline and come BUY LOCALLY!!



Pat Gordon- "I've been sewing all my life, and am self-taught." Retired from Navy, Teacher of the Jr. ROTC in Maryland.

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Fizzy drink
- 5 Toned down
- 10 5:1, e.g.
- 14 Large-scale
- 15 Join together
- 16 Medic or legal starter
- 17 Take it easy
- 18 Something to recycle
- 20 Completely surround
- 22 Back out (on)
- 23 Rudimentary seed
- 24 Net-surfer's stop
- 25 "War of the Worlds" star
- 27 James Garner title role
- 31 Like some criticism
- 32 On the wagon
- 33 Woman with a habit
- 34 One who raised Cain
- 35 "Grab ___!"
- 36 Bring on board
- 37 Newton fruit
- 38 "Humble" dwelling
- 39 Adorable sort
- 40 Period of unbridled activity
- 42 Day spa offering
- 43 Fail to mention
- 44 Winter wear
- 45 Radio noise
- 48 Guiding light
- 51 Free-market proponent
- 53 Scrabble draw
- 54 Furthermore

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| 55 In need of a massage, maybe | 7 Bad thing to blow | 32 Young hog |
| 56 Divisible by 2 | 8 Posting at JFK | 35 Give up the throne |
| 57 "___ there, done that" | 9 Like the needy | 36 Shoddy goods seller |
| 58 Like a beaver | 10 First game of the season | 38 Fess up (to) |
| 59 "It's a Wonderful Life" actress Donna | 11 Social outing | 39 Be concerned |
| | 12 Type of race | 41 Skin soother |
| | 13 After-Christmas event | 42 Hesitate |
| | 19 Coin collector? | 44 Outlaw chasers |
| | 21 Football play | 45 Healing sign |
| | 24 Fine fur | 46 Saga |
| | 25 Like the needy | 47 Cathedral recess |
| | 26 Diameter halves | 48 Metallic sound |
| | 27 Prone to sulking | 49 On the safe side, at sea |
| | 28 Ambition | 50 Tear |
| | 29 Vatican tribunal | 52 Pastoral setting |
| | 30 Prepare to be dubbed | |



Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Tom and Yvonne Horvath of New Carlisle, Indiana had a family reunion at Lake Anna including a stop at the MooThru Lake Anna to buy ice cream for their grandchildren.



Brandy Nester hands Nicholas Hovey the two root beer floats he ordered at Frosties Rail Stop.

Nothing Better – A Summer Favorite

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent

On a hot summer day or a cool evening, the craving for ice cream is easily satisfied for Louisa residents. Numerous locations offer cones, sundaes and other specialties to appease the desire for the refreshing sweet.

Was it the Persians, ancient Greeks, Chinese or Roman emperors who first added fruit juices to shaved ice? Historians claim different origins for what would later be called sorbet, frozen custard, frozen yogurt or creamed ice. At first, a luxury only shared among royalty or the wealthy, refrigeration made ice cream an inexpensive delight in the late 1800s. Today, in its myriad of selections, ice cream is enjoyed by all!

Frosties Rail Stop

Soft serve ice cream options are the specialty of Frosties Rail Shop at the corner of West Main Street and Cutler Avenue in the town of Louisa. Chocolate and vanilla flavors cones or cups with or without one of an assortment of toppings are always available along with a variety of sundaes or banana splits.

“Each week we feature a third flavor such as strawberry, peanut butter or lemon,” said server Andrea Jovel.

Other menu choices include shaved ice in a multitude of flavors from cherry to blue Hawaii as well as hot dogs and nachos. The friendly staff prepares orders as requested by customers at the walk-up window from 11 a.m. into late evening.

Joe-Joe’s

Customers can select among the 12 flavors of Hershey’s ice cream at Joe-Joe’s Super Heroes and Pizza in the Mineral Town Square, and then relax at one of restaurants tables.

“Cappuccino crunch, blue panda and classic butter pecan are among the favorites this summer,” said owner Joe White. “We also make sundaes, milk shakes and slurpies in a variety of syrups.”

Opening at 11 a.m. daily, Joe-Joe’s offers a lunch and dinner menu including its



Dillon Nelson fills a sugar cone with cappuccino crunch ice cream, one of the favorites at Joe-Joe’s Super Heroes and Pizza.



Lesly Esorca dips her scooper to fill a sugar cone at Stella’s.

signature heroes, assorted melts, barbeque and salads. Pizza options range from Powerful Pepperoni to Loco Taco. In addition to dine-in, customers can call (540-894-5858) for a take-out option.

“Year round, first responders, like firemen and policemen, and veterans can get a free drink or cone with a meal purchase,” said White.

Lake Anna’s MooThru

Arriving on foot from the parking lot or by boat docked in the cove, customers to the MooThru Lake Anna can experience ice cream named Best in Virginia. The shop offers a wide selection including sugar free and dairy free options. Located on Boardwalk Way off Zachary Taylor Highway at the Louisa/Spotsylvania border, summer hours for the fran-

chise vary from in the early afternoon to late evening.

“On weekends, the crowd is often lined up out the door,” said employee Mason Walter.

The ice cream is churned at a nearby farm where a herd of family-owned Holstein cows provides the milk. Be sure to check out the business’ Facebook page for special events throughout the summer. Or, just stop in, meet Buttercup, the mascot, and enjoy a treat while resting at lakeside tables.

Stella’s Homemade Ice Cream

Recently opened on Davis Highway just west of the town of Mineral, Stella’s offers 24 varieties of homemade ice cream. Serving the traditional cones, cups, milkshakes, sundaes, floats and banana splits, Stella’s also has a variety of toppings including Oreo and cheesecake. In addition, the business features other desserts.

“We have cheesecakes, brownies, flan, puddings and chocolate-covered straw-

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berries as well as ice cream by the quart," said employee Lesly Esorca. "All home-made, right here."

Stella' opens at 11 a.m. with daily hours until 9 p.m. except on Sundays, closing at 8 p.m. Customers can enjoy their specialties at indoor tables or relax at outside benches. A sign over the counter at Stella's explains the feeling of most people as the warm summer weather continues ... We All Scream for Ice Cream.



Clay Vineyard dishes up one of the 17 flavors available daily at the MooThru Lake Anna.



The sign at MooThru reminds customers to ask about the daily specials.

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