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The Ross family sitting on the porch: Gladys, Hilda, cousin Jimmy, T.W., Tommy and Ann. Photos courtesy of Hilda Chiles

Growing up in Gordonsville

By Carol Barfield
Correspondent

In Gordonsville near the Barbecue Exchange, there is a curve in the road. Over the railroad tracks and past The Old Exchange Hotel, as you crest a hill, are four houses. Although some of the houses have seen better days, they once were in sterling shape, and connected by the families who called them home. In one lived an aunt and uncle; next door, a grandmother and grandfather; and nearby, more kinfolk—the Preddy Family.

In the year 1898, in the fourth house, Gladys Michie was born, the

youngest of thirteen children to be born in the house built by their father. As was usual during that time period, some of the thirteen did not survive to adulthood. It was in this house that Gladys spent her childhood playing with her older siblings, who eventually grew up and moved out of the family home.

Gladys was the tender age of 16 when her mother died, leaving her as head of the household. At school, Gladys met a young man named Thomas Wilmore Ross, "T.W.," who shared her love for horses, and they enjoyed one another's company, especially riding together. They later married, and their children, Ann Marcella, Hilda Virginia and "Tommy Jr." began the cycle of life again.

The Ross children lived a simple life. All were born at home, and what fun they had, they made for themselves. While the eldest sister loved baby dolls, the other sister was a complete tomboy. She once received a doll for Christmas and shut it in the chifforobe, never to be touched again. For entertainment, this daring daughter would head to her grandparents' house to climb the great big trees in their yard. She would clamber 12 to 15 feet in the air, then just drop straight down to the ground! Once the magic of tree climbing waned, she and her siblings would meet at the large side yard near their house. Other children in the neighborhood would join in for hide-and-seek, or get up a team for a baseball game, which they considered



Hilda and Ann Ross as children.

more wonderful that anything in the world. The girls were all in dresses—no pants allowed.

Momma Gladys made her girls' clothing by sewing machine. The children owned two pairs of shoes: Sunday best and every-day. When the shoes were outgrown or worn out, an expedition on foot was made to Bears, a store on Main Street owned by Mr. Henry and

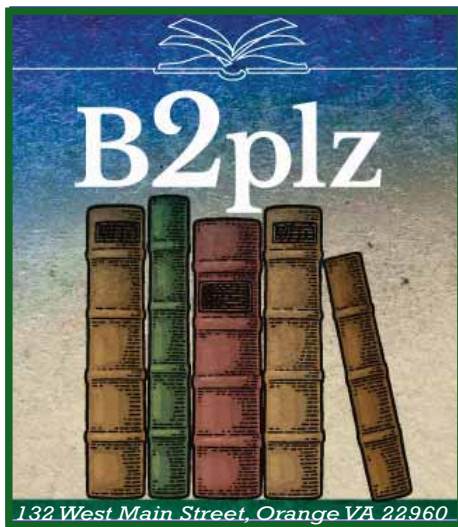
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Gladys and Thomas "T.W." Ross at home in Gordonsville.

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his sister. Located where Virginia Community Bank now stands, Bears sold fabric, shoes and clothing items. A nearby grocery store, Yowell's, was Gladys choice for ordering groceries. Purchased goods would be brought to the house via delivery boy. A hardware store with an apartment above and a restaurant were also on Main Street. Gladys' family, however, never ate out since she cooked three full meals every day.

She assigned the children light chores; one sister swept the sidewalk, the other was in charge of dusting and both set the table and dried the dishes. Little brother, being five years younger and male, was not expected to do housework, and so he had no chores.

Another fun aspect to life for the family was riding horses. After Gladys and T.W. married, he built a barn on the home place. Although Gladys became too busy after the children were born to continue



Hilda Ross the tomboy.

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T.W. (In the middle) was eldest of five brothers with parents Mattie and Jesse Ross (seated)

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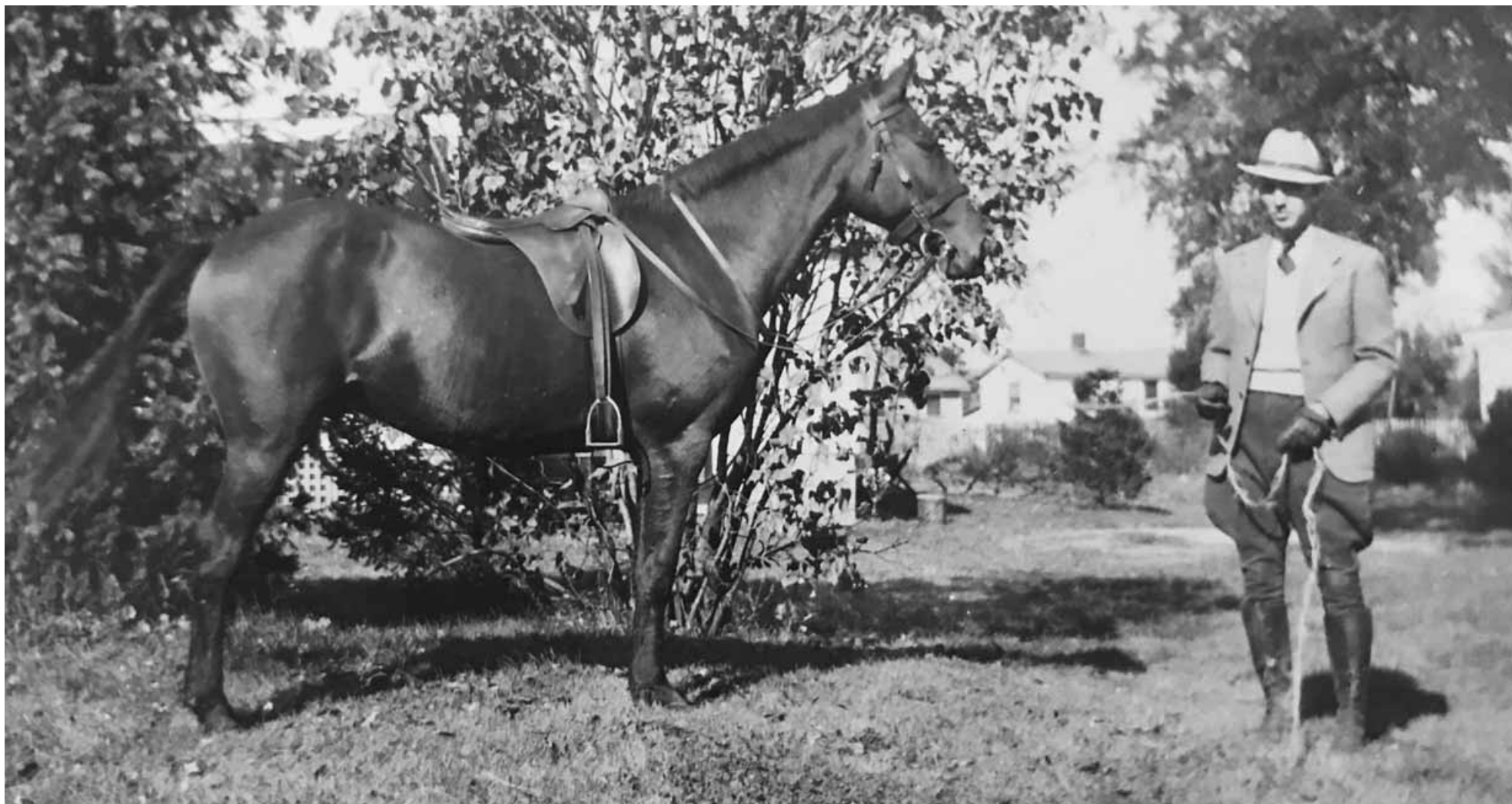
In the Gallery

Geometric Sandbox by Monty Montgomery



A native of Louisa, Monty Montgomery's work can best be described as emotional language created using his innate intuition about color and object relationships to connect with the viewer. His abstract work includes geometric shapes and vivid colors to combine urban sensory with his impressions of the natural landscape into pieces of art that capture attention and intrigue.

The artwork will be in our gallery from September 27-November 22. The Purcell Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday from 12pm-4pm



T.W. Ross and his horse Happy Day.

Another fun aspect to life for the family was riding horses. After Gladys and T.W. married, he built a barn on the home place. Although Gladys became too busy after the children were born to continue riding often, T.W. remained an avid horseman throughout his life, both as rider and as a judge in horse shows all over the state. The youngest two children would occasionally join their father on horseback.

Gordonsville School housed first through seventh grades and four years of high school, all under the same roof (In later years, the junior and senior high classes would be moved to Orange High School.) The Ross children walked one mile to school and one mile home each day. The older children were tasked with escorting the younger ones, breaking up scuffles and shepherding them on the way. There was no such thing as a snow day—get there if you could, and if you couldn't, the hill by the house was available for endless sledding fun. Afterwards, chilly children would come in and warm up by the big coal-burning living room stove. Only later was the luxury of radiator heat installed in the family home.

On Sundays, T.W. and the children headed to Gordonsville Baptist Church to enjoy fellowship, singing and 'The Word', while Gladys stayed behind to prepare the Sunday meal.

Visits to the doctor were rare—for one sister, a mastoid operation at the University of Virginia was a memorable exception. Measles and childhood illnesses were solved with chicken soup, bed rest and the attention of Gladys, who taught her

daughters how to crochet to pass the time. The healthiness of the children could be attributed to their high physical activity levels.

T.W. Ross drove the family car to Culpepper for his work, traveling extensively while buying up property for the highway department. He also served the community for several years as vice mayor of Gordonsville. Anything the family needed while he was gone had to be done on foot.

After the high school years, the daughters met their husbands-to-be through neighborhood friends. There was not much to do but porch-sitting and visiting, but the couples did go out to Talley's Theater in Louisa. Run by Nelson Talley's family, it was located in the strip of stores where Wells Fargo Bank is located today. Later, that section of the town burned down, and the Talley's built a drive-in (located near Southern States in Louisa.). It was usual to pack as many as could possibly fit into a car, as the cost was \$1.25 per vehicle, no matter how many people you brought! Then, everyone would spread blankets on the lawn to see the movie. The theme of the movie rarely mattered; it was spending time together that was the main attraction.

During World War II, some of the young men in Gordonsville were assigned to duty overseas, as were both of the Ross daughters' beaux. Luckily, both returned unharmed to Gordonsville, married their waiting girlfriends, and began their lives together. Today, members of the Ross family live all over Virginia. From the union

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T.W's Ross parents Mattie and Jesse Ross. Photos courtesy of Hilda Chiles



Gladys and T.W. Ross- 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

of Gladys and T.W. came forty descendants.

Growing up in Gordonsville in the Ross family shows a 'slice of life' of a bygone era, and the contrast of that long-ago lifestyle and the lifestyle of today is quite profound. Children see something they want now and often...they get it. It was customary in earlier times to receive only one present from parents at Christmas, and maybe something from an aunt and uncle. Today, for some children, rather than spending hours playing outside, the only active thing about them is their phone. The 'family car' has morphed into multiple cars for family members, and folks rarely walk anywhere which has contributed in part to a decline in health.

In honor of a slower, more reflective time, perhaps we should consider putting aside the car keys, dropping the remote, tossing down the cell phones and going outside for a while. Run around! Breathe fresh air! Experience life as it was... in a Gordonsville childhood.



Tommy on a trike as cousin Jimmy, sister Hilda and mom Gladys stand by.



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Open House & Family Fun Day
Saturday, October 12, 2019 at
9 AM – 3 PM

Orange Volunteer Fire Company
205 Caroline St, Orange, We are excited to announce that on October 12th we will be hosting an Open House at our fire station. There will be numerous events throughout the day for kids and adults. We will have food available, a silent auction of local items,

helicopters on display, car fires, extrication demonstrations, a fire safety house and more! Please mark your calendars and plan to come out and meet your local firefighters serving this community. We hope to see you there!

Do you know what PASS means? Come out on October 12th and have the opportunity to learn about this acronym and how it pertains to safe fire extinguisher use.

This is a great hands on opportunity for any adult to learn in a safe controlled environment. For more information, visit: http://orangevfc.com/apps/public/news/newsView.cfm?News_ID=77

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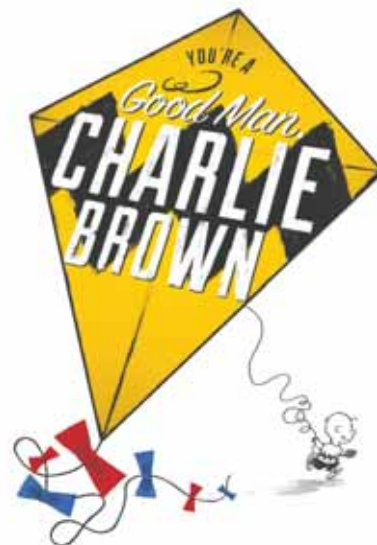
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Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 11 AM – 6 PM

Location: Orange County Fairgrounds

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Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 11 AM – 4 PM

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235 Warren St, Orange, Virginia 22960

Hosted by Emy Lou's Boutique

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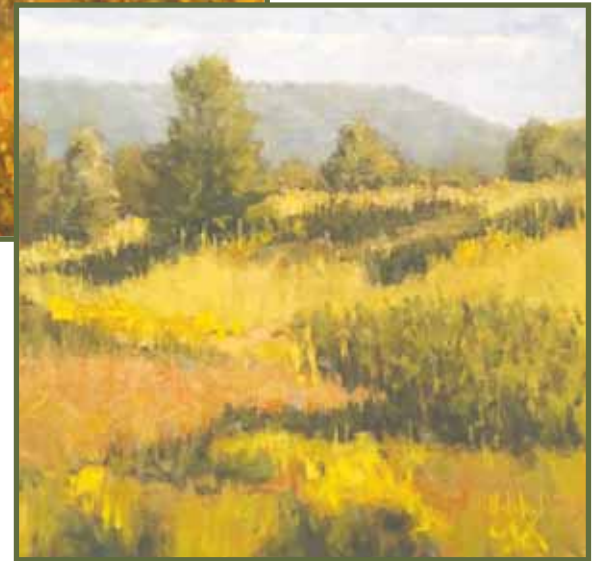
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Seven percent of Orange County students home-schooled

More Virginians Are Home-Schooling Their Children

By Judi Dalati
Capital News Service

About 1.3 million students across Virginia went back to school after summer vacation. But for Alison Hatter's three children, this didn't require getting on a bus or even going outside. Instead, their classroom is the kitchen of the family's home in Floyd County.

"We usually wake between 6-7 a.m., and we aim to start at 9 a.m. at our kitchen table, where we read our Bible, pray, then begin our table work," said Hatter, an artist who grew up and still lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Southwest Virginia. She home-schools her three children, ages 8, 11 and 14.

The Hatter children are among more than 43,500 students statewide who study at home instead of attending a public or private school. It's an increasingly popular option for families: The number of home-schoolers in Virginia has grown more than 20% over the past five years.

In Orange County, 388 students are home-schooled, up 16 percent from the 2013-2014 school year. A total of 5,044 students are enrolled in public schools in the county.

If home-schoolers were a school division unto themselves, they would represent the seventh-largest district in the state.

Statewide, home-schoolers make up about 3% of the total student enrollment. In some communities, the proportion is a lot higher.

Last year, for example, 315 students in Floyd County were home-schooled. About 1,975 students attended Floyd County Public Schools — so home-schoolers constituted about 14% of the county's total enrollment.

Floyd County is a politically and socially conservative community where many parents choose to home-school their children for religious reasons.

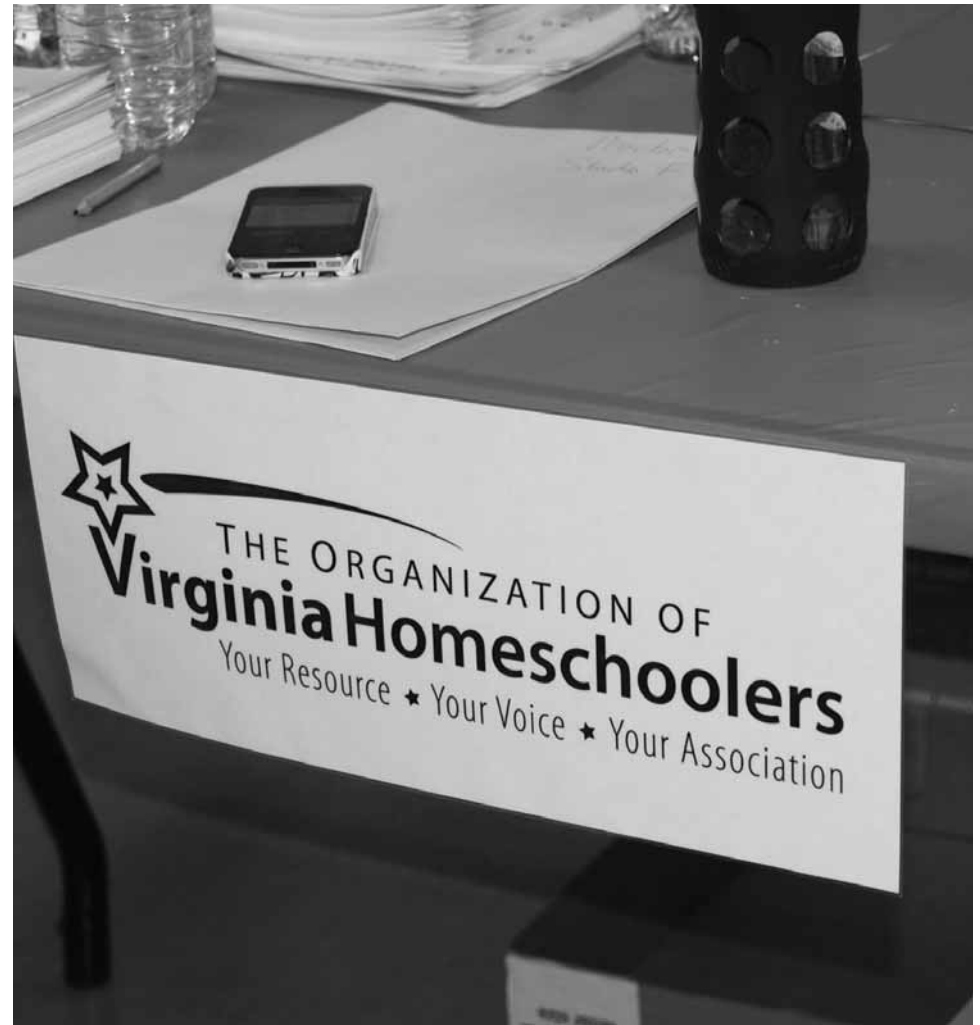
"The first and strongest reason is my husband and I are Christians," said Hatter, who graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1998 with a bachelor of fine arts degree. "And before we had children, we made it our goal to home-school or provide a private Christian education."

Floyd County was among seven school divisions in Virginia where at least 1 out of every 10 students was home-schooled last year, according to a Capital News Service analysis of data from the Virginia Department of Education. Other districts were:

- Surry County, at 14%
- Warren County, at 11%
- Bedford, Madison, King and Queen, and Clarke counties, at 10%

About 25 school districts have seen their numbers of home-schoolers surge by more than 50% between the 2013-14 and 2018-19 academic years.

For example, in Chesapeake City Public Schools, the number of home-schoolers increased by 72% — to 2,100 students. In Charlottesville, Scott County and



Petersburg, the number of home-schoolers doubled.

Several groups have sprung up to help parents home-school their children by providing teaching materials, organizing field trips and events, and offering legal assistance and other support. The groups include:

- The Organization of Virginia Homeschoolers
- The Home Educators Association of Virginia
- The Home School Legal Defense Association

Hatter is a member of the Home Educators Association and the Legal Defense Association.

"I've used my membership for teachers discounts, legal counsel, state requirements for school and diplomas, blogs, podcasts, education tips and providers, and curriculum previews," she said.

The Virginia Department of Education also has resources for home-schooling families.

Under state law, parents who want to home-school their children must notify their local school division by Aug. 15. By the following Aug. 1, the parent must provide "evidence of the child's academic progress," such as scores on a nationally normed standardized achievement test, a report card from a distance learning program or correspondence school, or an evaluation by a licensed teacher.

Virginia has relaxed its laws on home schooling over the past 15-20 years, according to Charles Pyle, the director of media relations at the Virginia Department of Education. For instance, a parent is no longer required to have a four-year college degree to home-school a child.

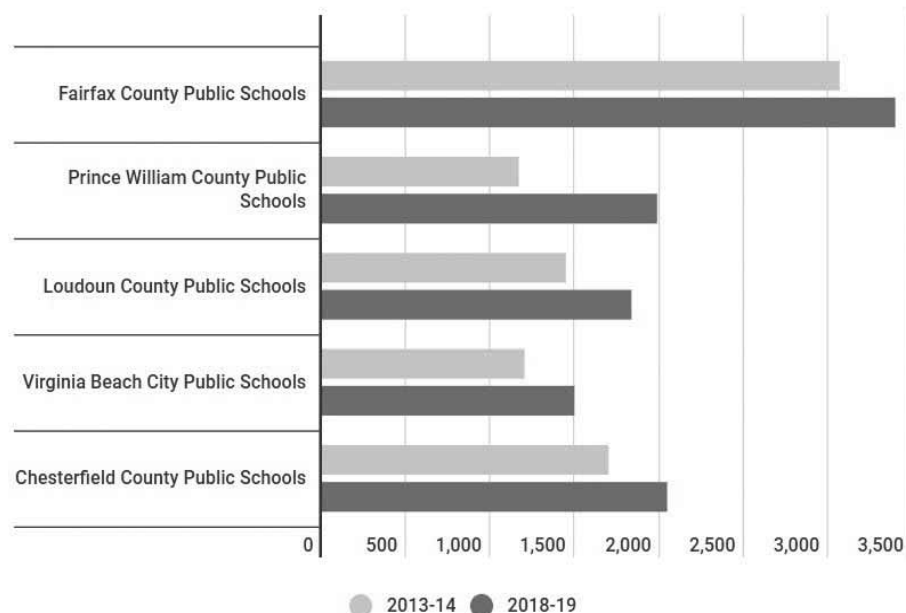
There can be disadvantages to home schooling. For one thing, home-schoolers cannot join the sports teams of their local public high school. The Virginia High School League, which oversees interscholastic competitions, forbids home-schooled students from participating.

For years, home-schooling advocates have pushed for a state law to let school districts decide whether local home-schooled students can play school sports.

"Legislation in the 2019 General Assembly to remove barriers to participation was defeated in the House Education Committee," Pyle said. "At present, the level of participation of home-schooled students is determined by the local school board and Virginia High School League rules."

Home schooling in Virginia

The number of home-schoolers in 2013-14 and 2018-19 in the state's five largest school districts





Reflections of Firnew Artists by John Berry.



Firnew Farm Artist's Circle

We meet weekly, and host: Review & Critique of New Works. We award The Tucker Hill Legacy Scholarship to a deserving high school student for further art studies in these Piedmont foothills. **Contact: Trish Crowe 540 948 3079**

7th Annual Group Art & Photography Show Open Until Oct. 27

Contributed by Deb Erickson, executive director

REFLECTIONS is the 7th Annual Group Art & Photography Show at Woodberry Forest School's Baker Gallery. Incredibly, it is the Firnew Farm Artists' Circle 17th year together. What started as a small group of local artists coming together to paint has become an established and thoughtful group of creative artists crossing all kinds of artistic boundaries.



We now represent not only oil, watercolor, acrylic and drip artists, photographers, but a ceramicist and jeweler. Over 70 pieces of artwork will be on display and for sale.

The Firnew artists took the theme REFLECTIONS both literally and figuratively. Reflections can be a watercolor image in a car's bumper, by Sue Linthicum, an oil painting reflection in Middle River by Richard Young or Gail Trimmer-Unterman's watercolor of her daughter in her boyfriend's sunglasses. It can also be a memory. Barb Wallace's painting of a woodland is sheer memory. I think this group show will both delight and surprise you. It will lift your spirit and make you smile when you look in a mirror or the pond.

Firnew founder and director, Trish Crowe said, "Jon Perry is this year's featured artist. Jon's paintings of Antonio Gaudi's (also known as God's Architect) La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, on display at the Baker Gallery, represent the four seasons and seemed perfect for this year's Reflections Exhibition.

Jon joined the Firnew Farm Artists' Circle in 2013. He was new to Virginia after many years at Cornell University serving on the staff of The Navigators, a student organization, mentoring international students and scholars. Fluent in Indonesian with a degree in architecture, Jon brings an unusual talent and perspective to our group. Thinking outside the box or the canvas, Jon dazzles us with his unique style and unorthodox manner of creating art. With his kind and gentle manner, he mentors fellow artists. Grounded in his background for architecture, there is always a

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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Short-legged dog
- 6 Charges
- 10 Scottish miss
- 14 Pretty up
- 15 Weak, as an excuse
- 16 E, to a pilot
- 17 Halifax's home
- 19 Surgery souvenir
- 20 Vocal vibration
- 21 Pair on the links
- 23 Growing business?
- 25 Affirm
- 26 Walk with attitude
- 30 Audience member
- 34 Private instructor
- 35 Scrooge's look
- 36 Quaint lodge
- 37 In awe
- 38 Catchall category
- 39 Misplaced
- 40 Trapper's ware
- 41 Intense dislike
- 42 Event location
- 43 Not a child of slavery
- 45 Brief promo
- 46 Samson's pride
- 47 Word before gas or drop
- 49 Soon
- 52 Circus staple
- 57 It may be proper
- 58 Mercy killing
- 60 Church nook
- 61 Sole anagram
- 62 Becomes tiresome

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- 63 Look narrowly
- 64 Palm reader, e.g.
- 65 Parched
- 11 Squeezeboxes
- 12 Pillow covering
- 13 Needing kneading
- 18 Like some pigeons
- 22 "Get ___ it!"
- 24 Subject of the 1993 film "The Fugitive"
- 26 Work group
- 27 Soothsayer
- 28 Depository
- 29 ___ wild
- 31 Overflow (with)
- 32 Follow as a result
- 33 Script direction
- 35 Recipe instruction
- 38 Scent-free
- 39 Rural sight
- 41 Final notice?
- 42 Covered balcony
- 44 Breadwinner
- 45 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
- 48 Anesthetic of yore
- 49 Ginger cookie
- 50 Crosby costar in "Road to Rio"
- 51 Type of log
- 53 Cowpoke's pal
- 54 Biblical birthright seller
- 55 Turns sharply
- 56 Vane direction
- 59 Nail holder

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linear quality, but his inspiration comes from a profound and humble belief in God. It has been our great joy to watch his development. He gives much credit to the Critiques and the friendships he has made at Firnew Farm."

A collaborative effort with the Virginia Master Naturalists will be on display. The Socrates Project: Poisonous Plants in Virginia, will feature educational information and Firnew artwork inspired by the project.

A People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the exhibit.

REFLECTIONS

7th Annual Group Art & Photography Show

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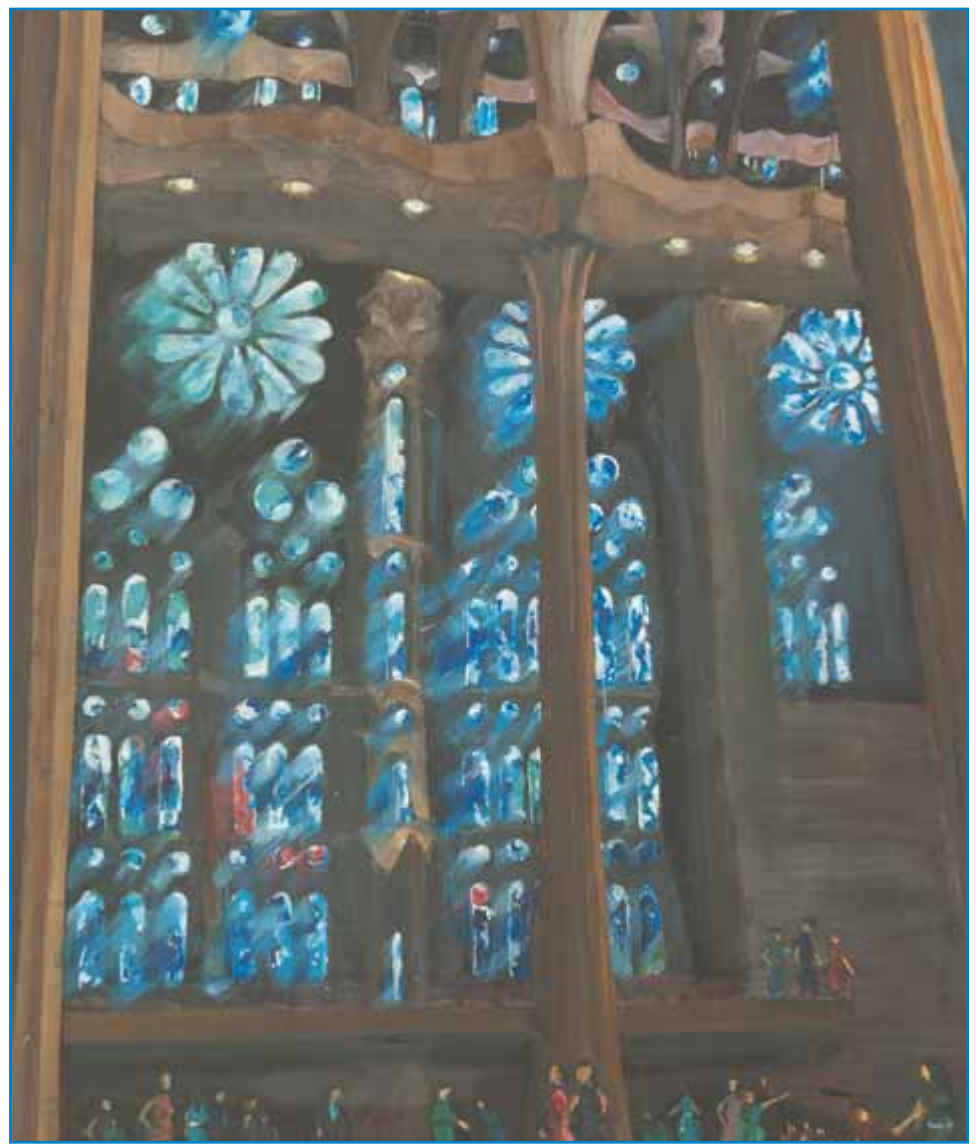
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The Church of the Incarnation in Mineral is the place to be on Saturday, October 12 to celebrate Oktoberfest! Enjoy the music, food and camaraderie that is the spirit of Oktoberfest in the Biergarten for brats, pretzels and German beer from 3:00 to 6:00 or come for a complete home-cooked German dinner at 4:30 or 6:30 (dinners are also available for take-out). Tickets are required for the dinner and are available at the Church's Front Porch Ministry every Saturday morning across from the Mineral Farmer's Market or call 540 894-0136.



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Louisa County 16th Annual Fall Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10 AM – 3 PM

Join Louisa County Parks, Recreation & Tourism for our 16th Annual Louisa County Fall Festival at Walton Park on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00am -3:00pm.

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Unemployment Drops in All Virginia Metro Areas

By Andrew Riddler
 Capital News Service

RICHMOND — The Staunton-Waynesboro area had the lowest unemployment rate in August of all metropolitan areas in Virginia — and one of the lowest in the country, according to data released this week by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unemployment in Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County was 2.5% in August. Of the approximately 390 metro areas in the U.S., only 21 had a lower unemployment rate.

All Virginia metro areas were below August's national unemployment rate of 3.7%. Unemployment was below 3% in the Charlottesville, Winchester, Harrisonburg, Roanoke, Richmond and Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford metro areas. The rate was 3.1% in the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News areas and 3.2% in the Lynchburg and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria areas.

All metro areas of Virginia saw their rates drop from August 2018 to this past August. The Harrisonburg area had the biggest decline — from 3.2% to 2.7%.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the metro-level data for August on Wednesday. That was a follow-up to an announcement on Sept. 20 that the national unemployment was 3.7% and Virginia's statewide unemployment rate was 2.8% in August.

Also on Wednesday, the Virginia Employment Commission released the August unemployment rates for the state's cities and counties. The data showed that compared with the previous year, unemployment rates went down in 124 of the 133 localities.

Even so, 27 cities and counties had unemployment rates at or above the national average in August. The localities were largely in the southwestern and southern parts of Virginia.

The highest levels of unemployment in August were in Buchanan County (5.7%), Petersburg (5.4%) and Danville and Dickenson and Wise counties (all at 4.9%). Emporia, Lexington and Lee County all had unemployment rates above 4.5%.

Arlington County continued to have the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 1.9%. The city of Fairfax was at 2%, and Alexandria and Falls Church were at 2.1%.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Friday that the national unemployment rate had dropped even lower — to 3.5% — in September. "The unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since May 1969 — over 50 years ago," the White House said.

Metro area details

Metro area	Labor force	Aug. 2018	July 2019	Aug. 2019
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	91,169	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%
Charlottesville	121,373	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%
Harrisonburg	65,879	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%
Lynchburg	125,276	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
Richmond	693,915	3.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Roanoke	159,906	3.1%	2.9%	2.8%
Staunton-Waynesboro	60,937	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News	871,370	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	3,468,998	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%
Winchester	74,886	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%

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