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# Editorials, Opinions and Other Stuff



## Brave New World

Perseverance has always been the catch word at Field Day of the Past. When the going gets tough you “suck it up, cupcake” and keep on. Never has this been more true than last year. With COVID dogging our footsteps, impending financial complications and the lack of a home, the beginning of 2020 was not the brightest. Finding a new home at Redfield Farm in Amelia

County was a step in the right direction. The logistics of hosting a show on virgin ground posed a new set of problems, however. Not to be defeated, Field Day staff, volunteers and a host of new friends in the Amelia area went to work to create a new venue, and work they did.

Dedication, hard work and doggedness also seem to be attributes of Field Day volunteers and supporters. In the face of all the reasons why a 2021 show would not work and could not happen, these individuals proved otherwise. With a lot of intense labor and sweat equity, the field was bushhogged time and time again. Roads were built, a pulling track was constructed, essential structures were put in place, and a program was



From left, Field Day representatives Melinda Gammon, Terry McNeely, Sam Long, and Pope Reed, Field Day volunteer and Amelia Chamber of Commerce member Patricia Archer, and members of the Chamber Eugene Poe, Stephanie Maybee, Pam Hood, Maudie Scott and Anita Williamson participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 17, 2021 welcoming Field Day to the Amelia.

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formulated. Still, it was a seemingly overwhelming task. As late as a week before the event, volunteers could be seen shaking their heads and heard muttering, “I don’t know.”

Three months, almost to the date after signing a lease for use of the Redfield Farm property, Field Day of the Past opened the gates on its 29th annual event. Yes, it was smaller.

No, many of the permanent structures which had been at the heart of the Rockville show were not in Amelia. There were a lot of new faces both in the crowd and among the volunteers. There were many patrons who had come to Field Day faithfully over the years in attendance and there were boatloads of happiness (and relief on the part of volunteers).

It was a tough year and all the obstacles have not yet been hurdled, but Field Day volunteers, supporters and the Amelia community had proven that nothing is impossible if you have a common mission and a determination to see a project to fruition.

My hat is off to all those who played a part in ensuring that Field Day of the Past is alive and well, and proving that some dreams are worth chasing and some goals are worth pursuing.

There is no way to thank each and every person who played a part, no matter

how seemingly small, in making the 2021 event a success. Our volunteers, the new friends and volunteers who came aboard, Amelia County officials, the Amelia community and especially John Mendel and Emma Moon, owners of Redfield Farm, who were willing to take a chance on Field Day of the Past, all supplied the energy, drive, time and talent to bring us to a 2021 event.

Thanks to the Field Day of the Past board members and, in particular, our president Terry McNeely who realized a need and stepped up to fill that need. should all be congratulated on all they did and continue to do.

The hard work is not over. It will take several years to regain our footing and realign our priorities and direction.. I believe, however, the future for Field Day of the Past is promising and will grow and thrive in this “brave new world.”

## Field Day of the Past™

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# Field Day efforts recognized at VAF annual conference



Field Day of the Past received several ribbons in the VAF Communication Awards program in Williamsburg in early January. Field Day won first place for promotional merchandise, radio advertising and black and white newspaper ad. We placed second in newsletter and fair booklet and third place in website, color newspaper ad and for our photo essay. Field Day also received Best in Show for our radio spot and for our black and white newspaper ad.

Field Day of the Past staff and volunteers returned to the annual Virginia Association of Fairs Conference in Williamsburg in early January and returned home with nine ribbons from its participating in the VAF Communications Competitions. Field Day brought home first place ribbons for its promotional advertising display, for radio advertising and for its entry in

black and white newspaper advertising.

The association also received second place ribbons for the newsletter printed last summer and for the fair booklet printed for the event in September.

Our website, color newspaper advertisement entry and our photographic display of the event earned us third place ribbons.

Field Day entries also placed Best in Show for our radio spot and for the black and white newspaper advertisement.

In other VAF news, Sam Long, Field Day's Show Director, was named Fair Person of the Year, VAF's highest honor. Sam served on the VAF Board of Directors for ten years. This year, Melinda Gammon was elected to the VAF board.

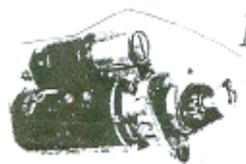


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Membership remains at \$10; \$5 for junior members younger than 18. The \$40 Gold Membership includes three single day passes.

# Field Day to host its first *Celebrate Independence*

*Celebrate Independence!*, the Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc.'s first Fourth of July celebration, is scheduled for July 2-3 at the organization's new site on Redfield Farm in Amelia County.

On Saturday, July 2, the Field Day of the Past property will open its gates to vendors who wish to participate in the annual Southside Virginia 100-mile yard sale, which encompasses the area from Moseley to Keysville and from Farmville to Blackstone. This yard sale attracts hundreds of visitors every year.

Spaces are available for vendors for \$35 for a 20 ft. x 20 ft. Please email

fielddayofthepast@gmail.com for an application or check the website. Gates will open to the general public at 7 a.m.

Vendors have the option of selling their merchandise on Sunday, July 3 for the same cost. On Sunday, gate will open at 8 a.m. for those wishing to visit the vendors, and our *Celebrate Independence* activities will begin at 2 p.m. Visitors entering the games early must purchase at \$10 armband at the gate. You can then return later in the day if you wish, as long as you have your armband. As always, children younger than 13 are admitted free.

Activities on Sunday will include music by South-

land Band and the band Daybreak.

Come see a Revolutionary War exhibit, view Redfield Farm from a helicopter take a stroll through the vendors, consume plenty of good food, enjoy the music. Milford Meadow Farm will bring their ponies along for pony rides and a mechanical bull for those who are brave enough to "go for 8". Stay for the fireworks.

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## Time Bandits Car Club to manage 2022 Field Day of the Past Car Show

The Time Bandits Car Club, based in Amelia, will assume the responsibility for overseeing this year's Field Day of the Past car show. Few changes will be implemented with the new management. One change, however, is that there will be no date limitation on years cars were manufactured.

According to Jeff Sedivy, president of Time Bandits, the club hosts many car shows throughout the year and usually 26 trophies are awarded. He said the top 20 vehicles will receive trophies. The top five will receive trophies and a Best in Show trophy will be awarded.

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An accessible, operating fire extinguisher will still be required in each vehicle which participates.

For those who would like to participate in this year's car show, please complete the adjacent registration form and return it

prior to the Sept. 16-18 event. Pre-registration is no required but does simplify the process when you arrive.

If you have questions, please contact Sedivy at 804/241-1785.



Some trucks participated in the 2021 car show including this antique Huguenot Volunteer Fire Dept. truck.

## Car Show Registration September 16, 17, 18, 2022

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Series: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Antique tractors, small engines are displayed at annual show

Thanks to Joe Fidd, chairman of Field Day's Small Engine Committee and Pope Reed and Jeff Duty who handle antique tractors and lawn mowers during the show, Field Day had a contingency of all these displays in place for the 2021 event.

The antique engines, tractors and similar displays are all testimony to the way our ancestors lived and worked. What looks like "just old stuff" to many of our young visitors once symbolized the most modern methods of working on farms, in houses and even in businesses. A trip through these displays offer a step into our pasts and are living reminders of how far technology has brought us in the home and in the workplace. Please take



Small engines were once employed on the farm, in homes and in businesses.

time to visit the exhibitors who take their time to bring these antiques so our visitors can enjoy them and learn from them.

If you have an antique tractor, small engine lawn mower or similar piece of

machinery, and would like to share it with Field Day during the event, please register on the adjacent form and join us for the 30th annual Field Day of the Past, Sept. 16-19 at Redfield Farm in Amelia.



This Farmall tractor on display at the 2021 drew the attention and captured the heart of one of the show's young visitors.

## 2022 Field Day Exhibitor Registration Sept. 16, 17, 18, 2022

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*Below, please provide a complete description of your exhibit, including model, make and any other pertinent information. All exhibits must remain parked during the event. Field Day reserves the right to decline any exhibit which is deemed not in keeping with the show.*

**Antique vehicles do not register here!**

### Description of Registered Exhibit(s)

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### Please submit a certificate of insurance.

All exhibitors must register either through early registration or at the show. Multiple exhibits can be registered on this form and copies can be made if need. **A maximum of two tickets per person or four per household will be issued.** Those wishing to renew or join the membership may send \$10 with this form.

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## Field Day of the Past 2021 in Review

From top left on facing page, patrons enjoyed Old Fashioned Soda Pop at Wild Bill's.

Field Day's Wally Wallow poses at the front gate with an antique truck. Greg Miller, Jerry Gammon and Luke Whittaker revved up the walking stick machine.

Cole Shows provided carnival games and rides to the 2021 event.

The Gospel House Chicken made the move from Rockville to Amelia.

Antique vehicle owners brought out their treasures for display. Sue Alvis and Evie Tobian have manned the Information Booth for many years.

An antique truck belonging to Norwood Nuckols was on display. (It runs!)

The trammel from the gold mining equipment was on display.

Dennis Gammon, Jerry Gammon and Dennis Powell worked on getting the kinks out of the engine powering the wooden spoon making machine.

(This page) Robin Brooking was among dozens of Arts & Crafts vendors in 2021.

The Central Virginia Gold Prospector's Association provided panning demonstrations.

The flag raising on Friday was handled by the American Legion with a little help from Kathy Williams and John Mendel.

Tom Tucker's tipi was the centerpiece of the Heritage Village.

Heritage Village reenactors posed for a group photograph during the event.

Lots of visitors enjoyed wagon rides provided by Bud Whitten during the three-day event.

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## Jeff Robbins for Field Day program

Much loved entertainer, educator and musician, Jeff Robbins, will rejoin the host of activities on the 2022 Field Day of the Past program. Although Jeff was unable to attend last year, we are delighted to welcome him back with his performances of Appalachian mountain music and instrument making. Those who have attended Field Day in the past will remember Jeff's unique program.

Jeff Robbins grew up in Marion, VA in a family of

musical talent. His father taught him how to make instruments from an early age. When he was in high school Jeff made his first banjo.

Most of the instruments Jeff plays are handmade, including mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, several banjos and one special homemade instrument — a One String Pork-n-Bean guitar, which he trademarked in 1984.

Jeff has performed at hundreds of fairs and festivals, in schools and other venues over the years.

During his shows, Jeff teaches the audience about American music and mixes story and song into an educational program. He also demonstrates how pork 'n bean guitars are made and offers them free to young members of the audience.

Jeff will be with us all three days at the 30th annual Field Day of the Past. Be sure to check the Schedule of Events in the fall edition of the paper and online for the times of his performances.



Jeff Robbins instructs some young visitors at a past Field Day of the Past show the art of playing a juice harp. See Jeff at the 2022 event

### Field Day of the Past Membership Application

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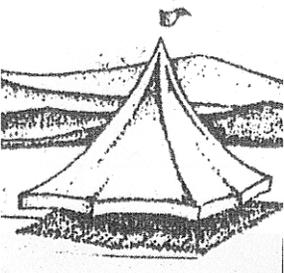
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# Field Day proceeds with moving collections to Amelia location

Field Day volunteers are working frantically to prepare and move buildings and collections from its Rockville location to the new site in Amelia. In late March, the group removed the stanchions from one of the diary barns on Redfield Farm at the Amelia site. Volunteers have also put the windmill and water tower in Rockville on the ground.

Field Day plans to move many items, however, limited resources will prevent us from moving it

all. Donations are welcome to help us in this endeavor. Thanks for your support.



In March, the windmill near the log cabin and the water tower at the sawmill were put on the ground in preparation for a move to Amelia.



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CVATPA pulls A-B-C in weight classes from 3,000 lbs. to 12,000 pounds. A list of all safety rules and regulations as well as class specific rules

can be found on the organization's website at [cvatpa.com/rules-regulations](http://cvatpa.com/rules-regulations).

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. each day and the pulls will start at 9 a.m.

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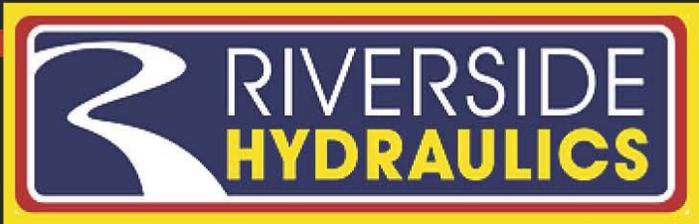
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Field Day sponsors are able to take advantage of the large number of visitors to our show and their many different interests. On Fridays, senior citizens, school groups and those who are fortunate enough to have the day off come to be entertained and educated by the various operating displays. By 4:00 p.m., the crowds shift and the younger generation and hard core truck pull enthusiasts flock through the gates in hordes. This young, more energetic crowd is looking for the noise, action and excitement the pulls provide.

Saturday morning brings a new wave of show goers, — an eclectic mix of young, elderly, children, grandmas and granddads, engine enthusiasts, those looking to enjoy the carnival rides and games, or the many historic offerings Field Day provides. They come to see the tractor pulls, eat some good food, or browse through the arts and crafts section of the event. The truck pull crowd reappears again in the evening.

On Sunday, families towing strollers and young children, visitors who are back for another day of fun and those who have just have a free day, come to see what

all the excitement is about.

There are many opportunities for companies to showcase their businesses. Sponsorships are available at every financial level, so if you are thinking your budget won't accommodate our offers, you will be surprised. If you don't believe Field Day of the Past has an opportunity to suit your needs, give us a call before you decide to spend your advertising dollars elsewhere. We probably have a niche which fits the bill.

Commercial and corporate spaces are now available for the 2022 event. Please call Sam Long at 804-240-4040 to discuss your needs. Sponsorship packets are available if you would like to view one, or if you would like to visit with us, just call the office at 804-741-8468.

We would like to thank all of those who helped to sponsor the 2021 show.

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# In Memoriam

Although these death notices may be dated, we reprint them in memory of Field Day volunteers who have passed away since the publication of the Summer 2020 Field Day of the Past newspaper, the last printing before COVID-19.

**COWARDIN, Gary Francis** passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020. Gary's mother passed away on Nov. 25. Shortly thereafter Gary suffered a stroke. Subsequently he developed pneumonia and did not recover, passing away soon thereafter.

With his vast knowledge of science, music, electronics and technology, Gary was involved in several clubs, projects such as the revitalization of The Byrd Theatre in Richmond. He was an active member in many organizations, and was the audio visual expert in the churches he attended.

Gary had been a Field Day volunteer since the 1990s. He was extremely talented, and lent his skills to the association in many ways. He was our sound man, took many of the photographs (along with his son Thanh) for the events we have hosted over the years, and was a electrical genius.

In the Summer of 2019 Gary was featured in our Field Day of the Past newspaper as one of our volunteers.

Gary was preceded in death by his father and mother, L. J. Cowardin and Annie Mae Cowardin, and his daughter, Rosemary Enders Cowardin. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Parker, his brother, Louis James Cowardin, Jr. and wife, Donna Schutte Cowardin in Hague, VA, his sister, Janet Cowardin Dresch and husband, Robert Conrad Dresch, Jr. in Williamsburg, VA. Also, Gary is survived by his son, Thanh Cao and wife, Xinh Cao in Richmond, and five grandchildren, Manuelle Cao, Michelangelo Cao, Logan William Francis Cowardin, Sheridan Kathleen Elizabeth Cowardin, and Lowry Anna Rose Cowardin.

**GAMMON, Garland Dennis**, a longtime Field Day of the Past volunteer and supporter, passed away Sept. 25, 2021. Field Day was a passion for Dennis.



Even before he retired, he would leave his job in the afternoons and head to the show grounds to work on a project. When you stood on the Rockville site and looked around, you were hard put to find something in which he did not have a hand.

He built the post office and worked on the announcer's stand. He erected the water tower and "planned" for the Bill's Barbecue sign to go up. Dennis was one of the major forces in constructing the sorghum complex. He supervised, planned, made drawings, nailed, and studied as each new project came up. Dennis worked on equip-



ment, was in on the construction of the Educational Building, helped reconstruct the Field Day office, and devised Grasberger's Spoon Factory. He planted cotton and tobacco, worked it, and harvested it for the show. He was Field Day's farmer, builder, mechanic, woodworker, electrician, and go-to man. Dennis pushed to host the annual Christmas event and was completely behind bringing young school children to the grounds for field trips. He adamantly believed in, and thoroughly enjoyed teaching children about the old ways. Field Day of the Past held his heart, and it became a second home. Of all his accomplishments, however, the moving of Springfield Baptist Church to the grounds, and its refurbishment was his pride and joy.

Dennis was the son of the late Claude and Lucille Gammon of Gum Spring. He is survived by his wife, Melinda, who he lovingly endured for 37 years; his children Karen Nicely (Kent), Patricia Lawson (Gary), John Gammon, Sarah McCurdy (Mike), Robert, Richard and Denise Gammon (Steven Hubbard); sisters Joan Lloyd and Shearin England; brother Jerry Gammon (Dorothy); sisters-in-law Mary Katherine Gammon, Joanna Gammon and Robin Brooking; seven grandchildren; an extended family and many good friends.

Donations can be made in Dennis' memory to Field Day of the Past, P.O. Box 29643, Richmond, VA 23242.

## PRUITT, Oliver Jackson "Jack"

"Jack Pruitt died. Tractors for sale". So began the obituary of one of Field Day of the Past's founders. Anyone who knew Jack can almost hear him say it. These are his words and they give life to both his wry sense of humor and his pragmatic outlook on life. An era ended with Jack's passing on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, not only for Field Day, but also for all those who knew him.

Jack was an astute businessman, serving as Vice President of F.G. Pruitt, Inc. for more than half a century. He had foresight and was always looking beyond the here and now. Many times when Field Day made a plan, Jack would ask, "What's Plan B?" He always wanted to be prepared when the plan you planned didn't work out as you planned. He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and collecting tractors.

He was also extremely proud of Field Day's success, an endeavor in which he was instrumental. He told many with whom he came into contact about the event and our mailing list included people from across the country because Jack told all of them about Field Day of the Past and the many things going on at his show.

Jack was a compassionate man who gave of himself. He was devoted to his wife and family and his community.



He was a charter member of Centerville Co. #3 Volunteer Fire Department and both he and his wife, Betty, served the organization for many years. He believed in education and people bettering themselves, whether it was through college or technical skills, and he anonymously funded many scholarships to enable young people to achieve their goals. No one knows just how many people benefited from Jack's kindness. Where he saw a need, Jack filled it.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick Gray Pruitt, Sr. and Petrella Pruitt Knoebel, his loving wife of 69 years, Betty Phillips Pruitt; his sisters, Virginia Mitchell, Lillian Cubbon, Marian Aranyos and Rae Courtney; and his brother Frederick Gray "Tom" Pruitt, Jr. He is survived by his brother, Richard Pruitt (Faye), his children Dale Wilkinson (Edsel), Julie Bryan, O.J. Pruitt, Jr., (Debbie Miller) and Carrie Emery; his grandchildren, Jennifer Bower (Dustin); Megan Wood (Ivan); Jay Pruitt, III.

**TARRANT Stephen Worth**, 81, of Richmond, passed away Jan. 15, 2022. Born July 13, 1940 in Dallas, TX, he was the son of the late Julian Werth Tarrant of St. Louis, Mo. and Sue Schooler Tarrant of Oklahoma City, OK. His father's ancestors settled in Essex Co., VA in 1685.

Steve's formal education was at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, where he majored in Architecture and Civil Engineering. He practiced as a detail designer in these fields and as a Commercial Fire and Casualty Insurance Loss Control Engineer.

From 1960 on, he became seriously interested in good music – symphonic, folk, Broadway and jazz – old-style jazz and blues – and in railway history. He had been an active member of the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and its Richmond Railroad Museum for 60 years and employed his education and experience as a professional consultant/designer for at least three operating railway museums/tourist railways.

Following his mother's death at 92 in 2002, after his retirement, he worked for two years as Nursing Supply Manager at Beth Shalom Home, where he was blessed to discover, and be discovered by, his partner in life, his wonderful wife, Sandra.

At Field Day of the Past, Steve was the driving force behind providing tours on the "Mt. Foraker" Pullman car. Each year he would organize shifts to ensure that someone was manning the car throughout the three-day show. Much of the information garnered about the "Mt. Foraker" over the years came from Steve.



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