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at Mount Airy Farm

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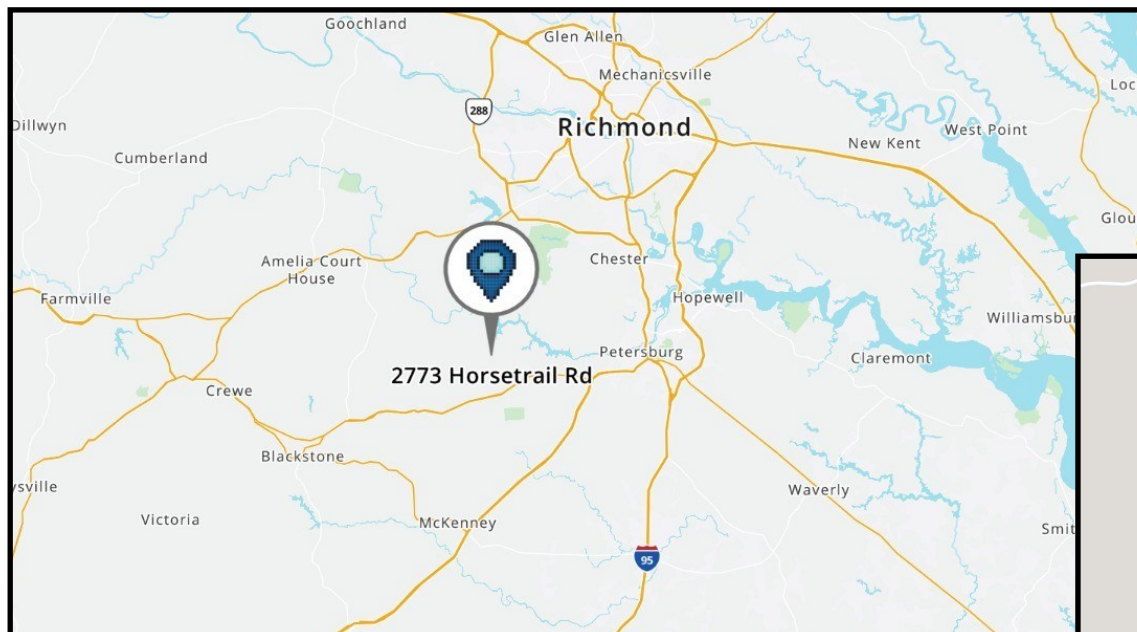
Editorials, Opinions and Other Stuff

Field Day of the Past is a “tucked away” treasure



We will be the first to admit that Field Day of the Past is no longer located on a “main drag.” Instead, Mount Airy Farm is tucked away in rural Dinwiddie County. You are going to be driving some backroads, no matter the direction from which you come or the route you take to get to us, but you will find that we are worth the journey once you arrive.

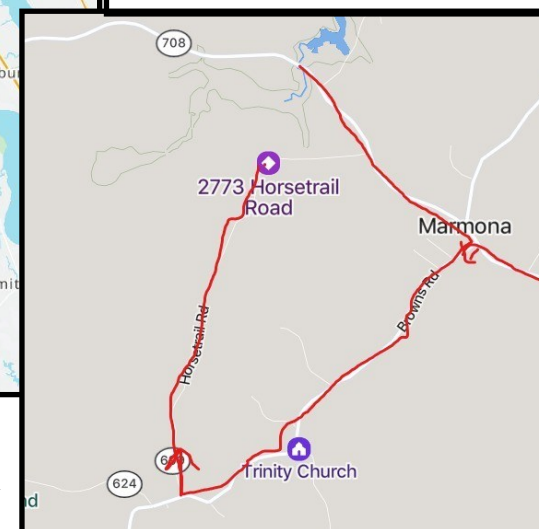
Church Road, VA is



and Horsetrail Rd. indicating the direction to Mt. Airy Farm.

When using GPS, plug in our address — 2773 Horsetrail Rd., Church Road, VA 23833.

It's a beautiful drive, so take your time. We will be waiting to welcome you!



bound by Rt. 360 on the north and Rt. 460 on the south. I-85 and I-95 run north and south on the east side. Traffic into the

grounds will be directed from Namozine Rd. (Rt. 708) to Browns Rd. (Rt. 611). Follow Browns Rd. until it intersects with Hor-

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Online Ticketing

Tickets for the 2025 Field Day of the Past are available on our website-fielddayofthepast.net.

Online tickets are less expensive than purchasing them at the gate. This year we will be using Humanatics for online ticketing. The result is you will be paying a lesser surcharge when purchasing your tickets.

COVER PHOTO: Horse and Mule Pulls were reintroduced on the Field Day of the Past schedule in 2024 after being absent for a number of years.
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Lawn Mower and Garden Pulls return to Field Day

The Hanover Quarter Scale Pullers will bring lawn and garden tractor pulling back to Field Day of the Past for the 2025 show. We are excited to add this event back into our schedule.

The Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Participants can compete in several classes, which are

Youth (12 and under)
Stock Single Cylinder
Sport Stock 10 to 12 hp
Sport Stock 14 to 16 hp
Limited Single Cylinder
Altered Twins
Class NQS 50.5

All those wishing to participate in the lawn and garden tractor pulls should pay at the gate, enter the grounds and proceed to the track.

Following is a brief overview of the rules. Please visit our website for complete information.

General Rules

1. Judges/Flagman decisions will be final. Any disagreement on their decision on any point of controversy will result in disqualification for that class for the day.

2. Track Operations

A. Driver must put tractor in a neutral position when being hooked or unhooked.

B. No portion of the tractor shall interfere with the sled hitch during the pull.

C. Any portion of the tractor touching the boundary line during the pull will result in disqualification.

D. Two attempts will be allowed to start sled except in pull-offs. One attempt only in pull-offs.

E. Second attempt line

will be observed as 25 ft. in all classes except 50 ft. in open super stock, NQS, and modified classes.

F. The first puller in each class has the option to keep or turn down that pull and come back immediately or drop to last place.

G. If the sled is changed after the 1st hook the

Safety

A. Tractor must meet all safety and shielding requirements prior to hooking, or driver will not be allowed to compete and there will be no refund of entry fee. Helmets are mandatory in all classes and must be secured.

B. Tractors are required to have kill switch located within a range of 6"

Conduct

1. Sportsman-like conduct is mandatory.

2. No alcohol or drugs are permitted.

2. DOT approved helmets.

3. Drivers in sport stock classes must wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and substantial footwear.

4. Drivers using methanol must wear fire suits.

5. Driver's age limit will be 12 years and older for all classes, excluding the Youth Class. In 50.5 classes and higher — drivers must be 16 years or older.

6. For Youth Class, 12 years and younger, a parent, responsible adult or track official must walk alongside pull.

7. Drivers are expected to pay attention and line up in order.

8. No smoking while pulling, driving or in pit.

9. Tractors can only be started in staging area.



Hanover Quarter Scale Pullers will bring lawn/garden tractor pulling back to Field Day of the Past in September.

Hanover Quarter Scale Pullers Lawn/Garden Pull
Pulls begin at 9 a.m. on both
Saturday, Sept. 20 &
Sunday, Sept. 21
All Lawn/Garden Tractor pullers
should pay at the gate.
Visit www.fielddayofthepast.net
complete rules

next puller will become the 1st puller and all pullers who have already pulled in that class will come back in order after the last puller in that class.

H. If a puller has a mechanical problem he/she will drop to last place.

I. Driver will be disqualified if he/she delays contest.

J. Driver must remain seated during the pull with one hand on the steering wheel at all times.

K. Weigh transfer sled will be used, either self propelled or pull back, with 3-inch chain.

L. Tractor must be operated in a safe manner at all times.

M. All weights must be safely secured to the tractor.

of either side of center of the back of the tractor with a minimum 1.5" circle.

C. All tractors must be equipped with a dead man throttle.

D. A minimum 1-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher or equivalent with a gauge is required.

E. All exhaust must discharge vertically and be securely attached.

F. All tractors must have a safety device to prevent turn overs.

G. All engines must have a scatter shield opposite the cam side of the motor.

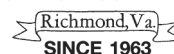
H. All tractors must be clean and painted.

I. All final drive belts or drive chains should be covered 180 degrees on top.

J. All tractors must be equipped with workable brakes.



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Field Day of the Past will be hosting Horse and Mule Pulls on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5:00 p.m. The power of these animals heaving against the weight of the sled, doing what they were bred to do, is a magnificent sight. If you are interested in participating in the pulls or would like to be a sponsor of them, please call Leslie Davis at 804-350-7752 or email fielddayofthepast@gmail.com.



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Field Day of the Past

2025 Truck Events

**Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. &
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We appreciate the support of all of our sponsors.

They are the ones who make it possible for us to continue to provide entertaining and educational events for our patrons. In exchange, we offer them exposure for their products and services.

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Friday — Sept. 19:	11am-10pm
Saturday — Sept. 20	10am-10pm
Sunday — Sept. 21	10am-6pm

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Field Day of the Past Survival Guide



Preserving the Past
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Welcome to Field Day of the Past!

We would like your visit to be a pleasant and fun one. We have designed these tips to provide information on what you are about to experience and some suggestions to help you make the most of your time with us. Browse through the guide before you leave home, and bring it with you.

Who, What, When and Where

Let us introduce ourselves. Field Day of the Past is an annual event sponsored by the Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc, a nonprofit organization operating under Section 501(c)(3) of the Codes of the Internal Revenue Service. The event is organized and manned by volunteers and we always welcome a new face.

The show grounds are located at Mount Airy Farm, 2773 Horsetrail Road, Church Road, VA in Dinwiddie County. The showgrounds can be accessed from Rt. 460 from the east and west and from I-85 from the north and south. Horsetrail Road is off of Namozine Rd. (Rt. 708). The best access off Namozine Rd. is by way of Browns Rd. (Rt. 611). From the south, take Namozine Rd. to Browns Rd., left on Browns Rd. until it intersects with Horsetrail Rd. (Rd. 699) and follow Horsetrail Rd. to the grounds. From the north, pass Horsetrail Rd. on the right and take Browns Rd., the next right, until it intersects with Horsetrail Rd. Follow Horsetrail Rd. to the grounds.

The best way to avoid the traffic is to arrive early, particularly on Saturday.

Show days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-21. The gates open at 8 a.m. and most exhibits shut down at 6 p.m. Truck events are held at 7 p.m. on Friday and 6 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adult admission is \$20 per person per day. Guests 65 and older and veterans will be admitted for \$15. Children 12 years and younger are free.

Tickets are available online at fielddayofthepast.net for \$15 daily and block tickets are available for \$125 for ten single day tickets. Block tickets will remain on sale until noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.

If you wish to leave the grounds and return on the same day, be sure to have your hand stamped. This will allow you to re-enter on the same day, only.

The Information Booth is located just inside the grounds, through the main gate. The booth is manned with volunteers armed with maps, schedules and other information. For information prior to the show, call 804-741-8468 or visit the website at www.fielddayofthepast.net. Pertinent information can be obtained from this number during show days, including changes due to inclement weather, but the phone is not manned. It will refer you to other numbers you may need to call. **Be aware, however, we receive a lot of calls on show days and, although we make every effort to answer you this is not always possible. We will do our best to update any changes on Facebook.**

Please Be Safe

First and foremost, make your trip a safe one. Observe all safety rules, adhere to staff requests, and keep track of the kids. Stay alert and let common sense be your guide. Advise children to be aware of moving equipment, machinery and animals. Many exhibits are "hands on" and

we encourage participation, but it is always best to ask before you touch. Please remain outside the pit area at the Tractor/Truck Pull track and watch for moving vehicles.

Review the Schedule of Events

A schedule of activities is posted on the website and can be found in this guide. Although we try to include as much as possible, this schedule does not list every event. Review the schedule and plan your trip in accordance to those things you wish to see. Most activities are scheduled more than once a day and many are ongoing. The Information Booth will have updates on any schedule or location changes.

Plan Your Visit

A map of the grounds is also available on the website and in this guide. Four photographic maps are also located on the field — one at the Information Booth, one near the carnival area, one near the Heritage Village, and one near the Pulling Track. These maps will allow you to place yourself in relation to other exhibits. Familiarize yourself with the grounds to save as many steps as possible. Trams make regular trips around the field. You may wish to catch one as soon as you arrive, take a circuit of the grounds and note our many exhibits. Select the ones you wish to revisit on foot. The tram makes regular stops around the grounds. You can get on or off at any of these stops. Note times for demonstrations and plan to visit the exhibits you like best early when they are not quite so crowded. Remember that the more crowded the grounds, the longer the tram trips.

Keep in mind, this is an outside event — rain or shine. There are some tents which provide shelter, but dress appropriately. It can be hot in September. Wear layers of clothing, bring a hat and wear comfortable shoes. No matter how much you intend to take the tram, you are probably going to have to do some walking, and this is a field. The ground is rough!

Also, please share your memories at Field Day on your social media.

Take Advantage of What We Know

Many of the volunteers manning the exhibits and demonstrations have first hand knowledge of the skills they are exhibiting. If you have questions, please ask. Our exhibitors will be glad to answer your questions.

Break Time

Field Day can be an overwhelming experience, particularly if this is your first visit. You cannot see everything in a few hours. Pace yourself and take into consideration the young and elderly in your party. In September, the weather can be variable — chilly in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon. Plan accordingly and set aside some "down time."

All members of your party will need to take a break, take time to eat and just chill out, especially the youngest and elderly people with you. Take everyone's comfort into consideration.

Approximately a dozen food vendors are located on the grounds offering a variety of foods. There are crowds at peak meal times, however, so schedule meals earlier or later to avoid lines. There are plenty of vendors selling snow cones, lemonade and bottled water for a little "pick me up."

Keep Track of Party Members

There are a lot of people on the grounds during the show, so be especially watchful of tiny tots. In the event you are separated from others in your group, have a plan. Make sure small children know their first and last names and the names of the people they are with. Consider pinning a contact phone number to your child. Volunteers need this information to help. If small children misplace their parents, please report it immediately to a staff member or the Information Booth.

As soon as you arrive, designate an obvious place to meet should you get separated. If members in your party go their separate ways, have a meeting time and place designated beforehand.

Restrooms are Available

Portable toilets and hand washing stations are scattered throughout the grounds. Please let staff know if a portable toilet needs tending so we can correct the problem.

Emergency Service

Emergency services are available on the grounds throughout the show. Although we hope no one will need their services, there are times when cuts, splinters or the heat can get the best of us, and it's good to know volunteers are there to help. Report any medical needs to a staff member who can help you.

Dinwiddie County Sheriff's deputies will be on the property as well, and the Virginia State Police have a presence at the event.

Tram Service

Trams are available inside the grounds. Handicapped Parking is available in the Parking Lot across from the Pedestrian Gate. You must have a Handicapped permit or plate to park here. Handicapped scooters and wheelchairs are allowed on the grounds, but personal ATVs are not, due to insurance regulations.

Contact with the Outside World

No public phones are available on the grounds, but most cell phone companies service the area. If you need to meet with someone during the day, make arrangements outside the gates. Also make sure you have all medications and other necessary items before you leave home.

Available Cash

Credit card machines are available at Gate C only. ATM machines will be located outside of the main gate (Gate C).

Lost and Found

Any items found on the show grounds should be turned in at the Information Booth. If you lose something, check with these volunteers throughout the day. After the show, check with the Field Day office.

Souvenirs

The Souvenir Shop is located just inside the front gate. Be sure to visit there for a memento of your trip to Field Day of the Past.

Have a wonderful time and thanks for coming!

2025 Field Day of the Past Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 19, 2025					
8 a.m.	Gates open	Noon	National Anthem	10:30 a.m.	Wild West Medicine Show
9 a.m.	Souvenir Shop Opens		All exhibits shut down	11 a.m.	Virginia High School Rodeo
10 a.m.	Rocking M Regulators	12:15 p.m.	Virginia High School Rodeo		Woody's Woodcarving
	Cowboy Skit		Mountain Highway		Civil War Musket Demo
	Cruise-In	1 p.m.	Bluegrass Music		CANNON WILL BE FIRED!
11 a.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		Mountain Highway	Noon	National Anthem —
	Civil War Musket Demo		Bluegrass Music		All Exhibits shut down
	CANNON WILL BE FIRED!		Woody's Woodcarving	12:15 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Dreamland Amusements open		Auction	1:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
Noon	Wild West Medicine Show		Civil War Musket Demo		Wild West Medicine Show
2 p.m.	Rocking M Regulators	2:00 p.m.	CANNON WILL BE FIRED!	2:00 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving
	Cowboy Skit		Mountain Highway		Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Woody's Woodcarving		Bluegrass Music	3:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Civil War Musket Demo		Rocking M Regulators		Civil War Musket Demo
	CANNON WILL BE FIRED!	2:30 p.m.	Cowboy Skit		CANNON WILL BE FIRED!
2:30 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show	3:00 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show	3:30 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show
4 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		Mountain Highway	4:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
4:30 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show	4 p.m.	Bluegrass Music	4:15 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving Auction
6 p.m.	Exhibits shut down		Mountain Highway	5:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
7 p.m.	Field Day Truck Events begin		Bluegrass Music	6:00 p.m.	2025 Field Day of the Past closes
		5:00 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		
			Horse & Mule Pulls/Equestrian Events	.	
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025					
8 a.m.	Gates open		Mountain Highway		The music for the Sound Stage was incomplete as of press time. Entertainment acts will be posted on Facebook and we will update the Schedule of Events on the website: fielddayofthepast.net
9 a.m.	Souvenir Shop Opens		Bluegrass Music		
	Field Day Lawn/Garden Pulls		Wild West Medicine Show		
	Woody's Woodcarving	6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Shut Down		
10 a.m.	Dreamland Amusements open		Field Day Truck Events Begin		
	Cruise-In				
	Rocking M Regulators		Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025		
	Cowboy Skit	8:00 a.m.	Gates Open		Field Day of the Past is still working on events for the 2025 show. An updated Schedule of Events will be available both on Facebook and our website, www.fielddayofthepast.net prior to the show.
10:30 a.m.	Wild West Medicine Show	9:00 a.m.	Souvenir Shop Opens		
11 a.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		Field Day Lawn/Garden Pulls		
	Civil War Musket Demo		Woody's Woodcarving		
	CANNON WILL BE FIRED!	10 a.m.	Dreamlands Amusements open		

ONGOING ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arts & Crafts Blacksmith & Coppersmith Leslie Davis' Animal Exhibit
Antique Photography Display Antebellum Costumes Presentation Knitting & Handmade Crafting Tatting
Chair Caning Spinning Ride the Hide Mechanical Bull Rocking M Regulators (Friday and Saturday)
Richmond Discoveries' Civil War Encampment Cruise-In Cowboy Camp
Broom Making Demonstrations Virginia Dept. of Wildlife Resources Display
36th U.S. Navy Construction Battalion "Seabees" World War II Living History Presentation
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Grasberger's Spoon Machinery Wild West Medicine Show 1849 Pioneer Camp
Small Engines Tractor Displays Antique Lawn Mower Displays
Admission does not include cost of Carnival Rides & Games, Mechanical Bull, Pony Rides
and any food or arts and crafts items you choose to buy.

Food is located throughout the grounds Parking is free

**** Times and locations may change on show days. Please check with the Information Booth if you have questions.**

Field Day of the Past is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be made.

2025 Field Day of the Pas



*Locations are approximate. Changes made for some locations. Check for information on show days.



BUILDINGS

1. Ticket Booth
2. Ticket Booth
3. Souvenir Shop
4. Information Booth
5. Exhibit Building
6. Bill's BBQ
7. Log Cabin

2025 FOOD VENDORS

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| F1 B52 Smokehouse BBQ | F6 El Taco Loco |
| F2 Whistle Stop Grill | F7 Croaker's Spot |
| F3 Dan Bolt Milling | F8 Hey Chop South African |
| F4 Denas II | F9 Deep Fried |
| F5 Papa Johns | F10 JuneBees Ice Cream |
| | F11 Food At Rodeo —TBD |

ATTRACTIONS

HERITAGE VILLAGE

John Bottoms — Blacksmithing
Chair Caning, Spinning, Knitting, Tatting
Cowboy Camp
1849 Pioneer Camp
Native American Camp, Artifacts & Demonstrations
Antique Photographic Display
Broom Making
Louisa County Historical Society's "History of Handspinning"
Colonial Woodworking
Antebellum Costuming
Civil War Encampment
Rocking M Regulators
Rope Making
Wild West Medicine Show
World War II Living History

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Ride the Hide!, Hay Fun!, Face Painting,
Va Wildlife Resources Backyard Bass, Corn Shelling



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1849 Pioneers to make camp at Field Day

Luke Conner, his family, and his oxen will be returning to this year's Field Day of the Past to once again demonstrate what life on the trail west would have been like in 1849 — the year after gold was discovered in California. That year, 25,000 people left their homes in the east and headed toward the promise of gold and a new life on the west coast. Conditions along the trail were better than normal that spring and summer of 1849, but as the pioneers progressed, grass and water became less plentiful. Diseases such as cholera took a toll, as well. The pioneer camp you visit at Field Day of the Past would have been typical of the wagons one would have seen traveling along trails such as the California Trail, the most heavily used trail west at the time.

VHSRodeo Youth come return to compete

Each year the Virginia High School Rodeo welcomes both new and tried and true young competitors to the Field Day of the Past rodeos.

They start them young in the Virginia High School Rodeo Association. Despite the inclusion of "High School" in its name, VHSR, which begins teaching competitors at a young age, is a non-profit organization introducing families to the sport of rodeo and giving our student athletes a chance to compete in the western sport they love that preserves the heritage of our nation's western roots. The youth compete in four divisions — PeeWee (beginning at age 4), Maverick, Junior High and High School (through 12th) grade. These young athletes put on a darn good show. This year, the VHS Rodeo will begin at noon on Saturday, Sept. 20 and at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21 on the Equestrian Field at our new site, Mount Airy Farm, 2773 Horsetrail Rd., Church Road, VA.



McKenny Cruisers host Field Day Cruise-In



The McKenny Cruisers will be hosting a Cruise-In at this year's Field Day of the Past on Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20. Gates will open at 8 a.m. and the Cruise-In will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. Admission to the Cruise-In is free for the car and two people until 2 p.m. After that, the full admission price of \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors will be charged.

Door prizes will be given away on 1:30 p.m. Friday only. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 cars which come through the gate on Saturday only at 1:30 p.m.

Cruise on in and enjoy both the cars and the other events Field Day of the Past has to offer!

History of Handspinning

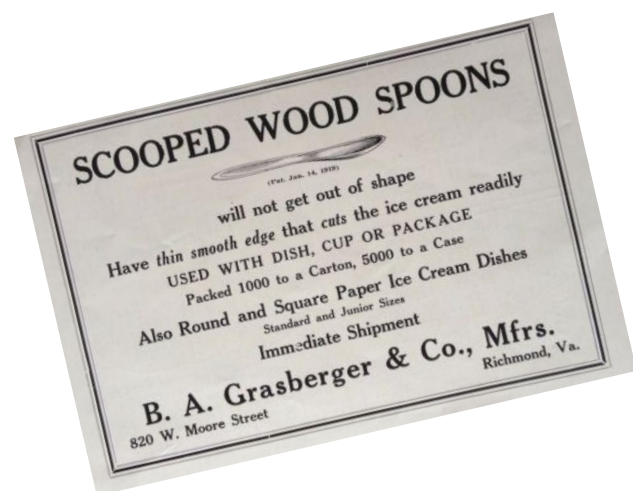
The Louisa County Historical Association will present a "History of Handspinning" during this year's Field Day of the Past. This comprehensive presentation takes listeners from the first stages of fiber production in historic times to the Industrial Revolution. Using antique spinning equipment, this talk includes static hands-on displays and demonstrations to provide a bright perspective on the development of fiber, its uses today, and importance in history. Please be sure to visit this demonstration in Field Day's Heritage Village.



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"Seabees" and 29th Bomb Group — Army Air Force

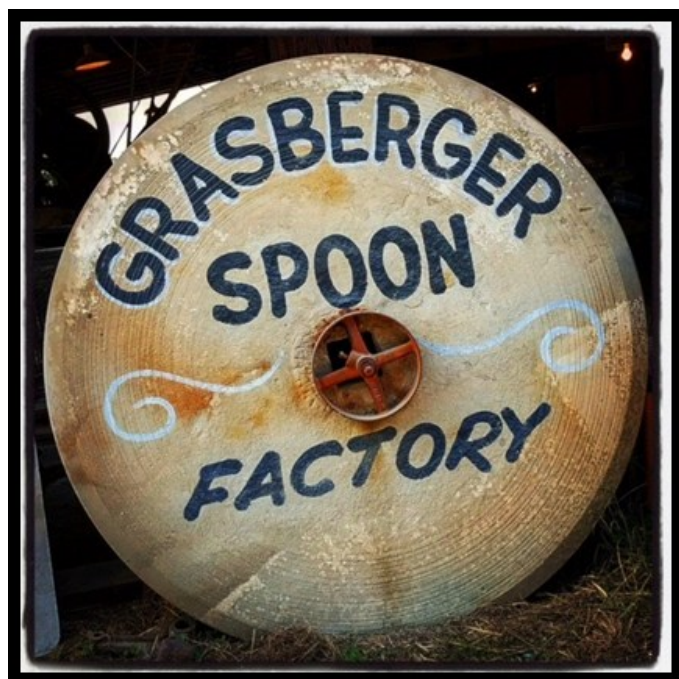
The 36th U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, known as the "Seabees" played a vital role in World War II, particularly in the Pacific Theater. The "Seabees" built harbors, roads, airports and other infrastructure to support Allied military operations. The 29th Bomb Group, Army Air Force, also played a crucial role in the war. Both units will be represented at this year's event. Learn the impact these military units had on both U.S. and world history. See them in Heritage Village.



One of Field Day of the Past's treasure is the machinery which once operated in B.J. Grasberger's Spoon Factory near Bumpass, VA. The equipment produces wooden ice cream spoons, a once-popular commodity whose existence is hardly remembered now.

As the crowds group tightly around the volunteers as they feed blocks of green sweet gum wood into the machinery, few realize that this very equipment once operated on a daily basis, feeding ice cream spoons and other wooden food products into markets across the eastern seaboard and even into Canada.

Boniface Grasberger arrived in Virginia from Pennsylvania in the mid 1800s. In 1909, he founded B.A. Grasberger & Co., a paper and wood products manufacturer and distributor on West Broad St. in Richmond. The company specialized in scooped wooden ice cream spoons, paper sundae dishes, popsicle sticks, cocktail forks, and metal sundae dish holders. (The company also produced wire garment hangers.) Grasberger's brother,



Grasberger's Spoon Factory

Benedict Joseph (B.J.) Grasberger was responsible for the wood products which were produced by the company B.J. founded—as the B.J. Grasberger Co. This company operated near Bumpass.

The production line work was apparently designed jointly by Boniface and his brother Lawrence, both of whom patented various inventions related to their businesses. It was B.J. who patented a device for the manufacture of wooden spoons, most specifically, spoons for “ice cream and the like”, according to the patent.

In addition to wooden spoons, Grasberger's also produced wooden cocktail forks, and wooden and paper plates and other items, providing these items for ice cream stands, amusement parks and commercial vendors.

The Grasberger Spoon Factory operated from the 1920s until the early 1940s.

Folklore holds that Grasberger shut the factory down because he refused to pay his employees minimum wages. The truth of this is speculation, but it is fact that the Fair Labor Standards Act, which was signed into law in 1938, established the minimum wage at 25 cents an hour. A part of the act also mandated that minimum wage would be 40 cents an hour by 1945.

The spoon factory equipment operating at Field Day of the Past is only a small portion of the operation and is used as a mobile display. This operation uses a cutter to carve the spoons from a small block of wood. Belt and pulley driven machinery owned by Field Day includes a veneer machine which sheers sweet gum logs. The veneer is fed into machine which stamps out flat ice cream spoons, much as a cookie cutter cuts cookies from dough. Spoons were dumped into a larger tumbler which tumbled the spoons dry before they were packaged and shipped out for use.

Field Day of the Past maintains the original equipment which made the spoons, as well as the tumblers.

These items are in storage awaiting the construction of a building to house them.

The Field Day of the Past collections also include many original samples of products made in Grasberger's Spoon Factory., as well as advertisements, statements, invoices, various boxes

Watching the Grasberger's Spoon “Factory” in operation is like stepping back in time. It is a rare look into our past and few will ever see it again. You will only find this at Field Day of the Past.



Dennis Powell was one of the operators of Grasberger's Spoon Factory equipment during the 2024 Field Day of the Past. Dennis and Greg Williams have been demonstrating the making of wooden ice cream spoons for many years. The equipment used to make scooped wooden ice cream spoons is currently used in a mobile application at the annual event. It is a portion of a large belt driven operation which includes a veneer mill, cutting machines, and a tumbler, which dries the spoons. Green wood from sweet gum trees is used for making the spoons. Sweet gum wood does not leave a taste in the spoon.

2025 Field Day of the Past Food Vendor Menus

Dan Bolt Milling Co.	
Old Fashioned Ice Cream using a Hit & Miss Engine date 1910.	
Flavors: Chocolate, Vanilla, Butter Pecan, Peach, Strawberry, Cookies & Cream	
Small: \$6.00	Large: \$9.00

Croaker's Spot	
<i>Boats served with French Fries & Cornbread</i>	
Eggleston's Fried Fish Boat	\$18.00
(2 pieces of fried fish topped with peppers and onions)	
Eggleston's Fried Wing Ding Boat	\$18.00
(5 Fried Wing Dings)	
Eggleston's Shrimp Boat	\$19.00
(6 pieces of fried shrimp)	
Eggleston's Fish & Chicken Boat	\$18.00
(1 piece fried fish topped with peppers & onions, 3 wing dings)	
Eggleston's Fish & Shrimp Boat	\$19.00
(1 piece of fried fish topped with peppers & onions, 3 fried shrimp)	
Eggleston's Chicken & Shrimp Boat	\$19.00
(2 Fried Wing Dings and 3 fried shrimp)	
Eggleston's Combo Boat	\$25.00
2 pieces fried fish topped with peppers & onions, 2 wing dings, 2 fried shrimp)	
Eggleston's Beef Hot Dog Boat	\$18.00
(2 grilled all beef hot dogs with peppers & onions)	
French Fries	\$ 5.00
Cornbread	\$ 3.00
Bottled Water	\$ 2.00
Canned Soda	\$ 2.00
Cup of Ice	\$ 2.00
Extra Container	\$ 1.00
32 oz. Southern Peach & Mint Tea	\$ 5.00
32 oz. Lemonade (when available)	\$. 5.00

Deep Fried, Inc.	
Roasted Corn	\$ 5.00
Fresh Squeezed Lemonade	\$ 8.00
Brewed Ice Tea	\$ 8.00
Kettle Korn	
Small: \$6.00 Medium: \$10.00 Large	\$12.00
El Taco Loco	
Tacos (4)	\$12.50
Quesadillas	\$ 8.00
Burritos	\$14.00
Nachos	\$15.00
Cheese Burgers	
Hot Dogs	\$ 3.99
Meats: Steak, Chicken, Pastor, Chorizo, Birria, Choripollo, Campechano, Shrimp, Cow Head Meat	
Desserts: Brownie Bites, cut watermelon	

Dena's II	
Greek Platter	\$15.00
(Tiropita, Spanakopita, Dolmades, fried zucchini with tziki sauce)	
Dena's Hummus Platter	\$15.00
(Traditional chick pea hummus with soft pita, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes & bell peppers)	
Beef & Lamb Gyro	\$17.00
(Sliced gyro meat topped w/ tziki sauce, lettuce, tomato, grilled onions. Greek chips)	
Chicken Gyro	\$17.00
(Sliced gyro meat w/ tziki sauce, lettuce, tomato, grilled onions, Greek chips)	
Chicken Parmesan Sub	\$18.00
(Served on hoagie roll with fried Greek chips)	
Steak & Cheese Sub	\$17.00
(Steak with onions, peppers, mayo & melted mozzarella cheese, lettuce & tomato. Greek Chips)	
Chicken & Cheese Sub	\$17.00
(Chicken w/ onions, peppers, mayo, melted mozzarella cheese, lettuce & tomato. Greek Chips)	
Cheese Pita Pizza	\$10.00
(6" soft pita, marinara & mozzarella cheese)	
Pepperoni Pita Pizza	\$11.00
(6" soft pita, marinara, mozzarella cheese & pepperoni)	
Greek Salad or Wrap	\$13.00
Mediterranean Salad or Wrap	\$13.00
Ceasar Salad or Wrap	\$12.00
Pick Your Protein: Add Chicken or Shrimp	\$ 5.00
Tiropita	\$ 9.00
(3 flaky phyllo dough pies filled w/ feta cheese)	
Spanakopita	\$ 9.00
(3 flaky phyllo dough pies w/ spinach, dill, feta cheese)	
Dolmade's	\$ 9.00
(4 grape leaves with seasoned rice, lemon wedges)	
Mozzarella Sticks	\$10.00
Fried Greek Chips	\$ 9.00
Fried Zucchini	\$10.00
Desserts: Cannoli, Baklava	\$ 8.00
Drinks: Canned soda, bottle water, juice box	\$ 2.00

Hey Chop South African Food			
Loaded Fried			\$14.50
Boerewors (Hot Dog)	\$12.50	w/side	\$16.50
Vetkoek	\$12.50	w/ side	\$16.50
(Sloppy Joe in a donut)			
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	\$12.50	w/side	\$16.50
Grilled Chicken Salad			\$15.35
Durban Samoosas	\$11.35	w/side	\$15.35
Vetkoek & Jam—South African donut			\$ 5.00
Side Salad/Side French Fries			\$ 5.50
Lychee Fruit Lemonade			\$ 4.50
Drinks			\$ 2.50
Bottled water			\$ 2.00

JuneBee's Ice Cream	
1 scoop/2 scoops/3 scoops	\$4.25/\$6.25/\$8.25
Waffle Con	Add \$ 1.00
Sundae Buzz	\$ 5.50
Milkshake	\$ 6.75
Nana's Split	\$ 9.75
June's Nachos	\$11.00
Bee's Flight	\$11.00
Bottled Water	\$ 1.00
Pup Cup (Pup must be present)	Free
Flavors: Cookie Dough, Vanilla, Strawberry, Chocolate, Peach, Banana Pudding, Birthday Cake, Cookies & Cream, Butter Pecan, Coffee, Cotton Candy, Peanut Butter Cup, Strawberry Cheesecake, Green Mint Chip	
Toppings:	Add \$ 1.00

Papa John's Pizza	
8" Individual Cheese Pizza	\$10.00
8" Individual Pepperoni Pizza	\$10.00
Boneless Chicken Wings	\$10.00
Drinks	\$2.00—\$3.00

Whistle Stop Grill	
Breakfast	
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	\$ 5.00
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	\$ 5.00
Country Ham Biscuit	\$ 6.00
Country Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	\$ 8.00
Lunch	
Rib Eye w/ grilled onions	\$15.00
Maple Bacon Burger	\$10.00
Cheeseburger	\$ 8.00
Hot Dog	\$ 4.00
Chilli Dog	\$ 5.00
Fries	\$ 5.00
Footlong Corn Dog	\$ 8.00
Lemonade	\$ 8.00
Water/Soda	\$ 2.00

B52 Smokehouse BBQ	
Menu not available at press time	



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Two-Day Pass available; tickets prices hold steady

This year Field Day of the Past is re-introducing the Two-Day Pass. This pass, which is available both at the gate and online, can be used for a single admission any two of the three show days. Cost for Two-Day Passes is \$35. A savings of \$5 over tickets purchased at the gate.

The good news this year is that Field Day of the Past ticket prices will remain the same as they were last year — across the board. That means that no matter how you purchase your ticket — at the gate, online or by blocks, you pay the 2024 price.

Gate tickets will cost \$20 per adult per day. Senior citizens and veterans can purchase tickets for \$15. Senior and veterans tickets are only available at the gate.

As always, children 12 years and younger are admitted free.

Online tickets are available on the website. They will remain at \$15 each. We encourage you to purchase your online tickets before you arrive at the gate as the new system

will not allow you to buy them once you arrive. Take advantage of this deal in advance.

Block tickets are sold in sets of ten tickets. Each ticket is good for one admission any one day of the event. The ten tickets do not all have to be used on the same day.

Block tickets are available now and will remain on sale until Thursday, Sept. 18 at noon. They must be purchased in advance. You can mail your check or money order to Field Day of the Past, P.O. Box 29643, Richmond, VA 23242. Please include your address, and allow time for us to receive your payment, process it and mail your tickets to you. We CANNOT hold block tickets at Will Call.

Admission tickets to Field Day of the Past include admittance to all attractions and exhibits, as well as the horse and mule pulls, the lawn and garden tractor pulls, truck events, the Virginia High School Rodeo and music, including performance's on the sound stage, and performances

by Mountain Highway on Saturday and Sunday.

The cost of admission does not include the cost of carnival rides and games, the mechanical bull, or other items which may be sold by our vendors or participants.

Online and block ticket purchasers, as well as those with complimentary or day tickets, will enter the grounds through the Pedestrian Gate (Gate C) across from the main parking lot.

Gates open at 8 a.m. daily. Most exhibits and arts and crafts vendors shut down as 6 p.m. (Some remain open by choice). Never fear, the carnival remains open until 10 p.m. and the grounds are open until all scheduled events are finished on Friday and Saturday. Gates close at 6 p.m. Sunday.

We will be making updates to the schedule in the next months. Changes in schedules, locations, and attractions can be found on Facebook and on our website; fielddayofthepast.net

FIELD DAY PATRONS — PLEASE NOTE!

This year the Ticket Booth at Gate C (Pedestrian Gate) will have a credit card machine and can accept cards as well as cash.

ATMs will also be located outside Gate C

Electronic Passes are accepted at Gate C only

Online tickets are available at

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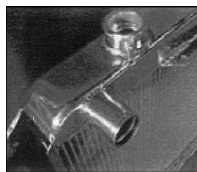
Block tickets are available by contacting us by phone: 804-741-8468 or

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VA Dept. of Wildlife Resources joins Field Day of the Past '25



The Virginia DWR Backyard Bass fishing program is fun, educational and appropriate for the entire family. The younger members of the family will love it and also learn some of the techniques and safe fishing practices. Visit Wildlife Resources at Field Day for other resources as well.



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Field Day of the Past tractor displays trace our agricultural history.

Tractors are not just tractors; they are our agricultural past

The static displays at Field Day of the Past are not just a bunch of old stuff that people have collected and brought out to the event to show off. In fact, that's just one of the benefits for those who bring these pieces of history to Field Day of the Past. Each tractor, from the oldest on display to the most modern, is a physical piece of history. If you take your time and walk slowly down the lines of this machinery, you just may notice a pattern. As you move from older to newer tractors, innovations become obvious. Each improvement made in the development of the tractor had an impact on America's agricultural history. Out of the days of horse-powered equipment came the steam tractor, which gave way to the gasoline powered tractor. There was the introduction of four wheel drive tractors and hydraulics. Each new development made farming, quicker, easier and more efficient.

As manufacturers introduced improvements, they also began to develop tractors for specialized uses. Today there are row crop tractors, designed to cultivate and grow crops in

rows. Orchard tractors are built with bodies high off the ground and with small widths to be used for a variety of purposes in orchards and vineyards. Garden tractors were developed for cutting grass or use in small spaces.

The point here is that the tractor has undergone many transformations since its introduction to the agricultural community in the early 19th century. Keeping this in mind, as you stroll down the rows of tractors at this year's event, know that a tractor is not just a tractor. Each serves as an artifact in the

timeline of the nation's agricultural development.

If you have a treasure you wish to display, please bring it and show it off!

If you wish to show off your tractor, or small engine, or other treasure, visit the Registration Trailer. Exhibitor registration opens at 6:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20. Registration closes at 6 p.m. on Friday and noon on Saturday. No exhibitors will be registered on Sunday.

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- ☐ Tractors (show only)
 ☐ Gas Engines
- ☐ Steam Engines
 ☐ Models
- ☐ Other (specify below)
 ☐ Lawn Mower (display only)

TRACTOR PULLERS DO NOT REGISTER ON THIS FORM!

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)

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.

Field Day of the Past, the Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assn., its staff, Board of Directors, members, volunteers and landowner will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage and assume no liability for bodily injury or property damage caused by or to the exhibitor.

Signature: _____

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Description of Merchandise: _____

No Raffles will be allowed at the event



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_____ 15' X 15': \$75.00 for all three days — **NO VEHICLE PERMITTED IN SPACE**

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PROPER PARKING PASSES ARE REQUIRED TO PARK WITHIN YOUR SPACE. PLEASE DO NOT RENT A SPACE SIMPLY TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE(S).

SPACES ARE RENTED ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS. RETURNING VENDORS WILL RECEIVE PREFERENTIAL PLACEMENT IF THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY MAY 15. DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1. IF AVAILABLE, SPACES RENTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 WILL INCUR AN ADDITIONAL \$25 CHARGE.

ALL VENDORS MUST PARTICIPATE FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M. FOR ALL THREE DAYS! ANY VENDOR NOT MANNING HIS/HER SPACE DURING SHOW HOURS ON ALL DAYS WILL NOT BE INVITED TO RETURN FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

Please register early. All space requests must be accompanied by payment to confirm the reservation. Please send completed application and payment to Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc., P.O. Box 29643, Richmond, VA 23242-0643. Should you have any questions, please call Melinda Gammon 804/741-8468 or email fielddayofthepast@gmail.com.

EACH REGISTERING VENDOR WILL RECEIVE TWO PASSES PER DAY WITH SPACE RENTAL. ADDITIONAL PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE GATE FOR \$20 PER PERSON/PER DAY.

Please remember, this is an outdoor event, rain or shine. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

FIELD DAY OF THE PAST, THE ROCKVILLE-CENTERVILLE STEAM & GAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS NOR LANDOWNERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS, THEFT OR DAMAGE AND ASSUME NO LIABILITY FOR BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXHIBITOR OR TO THE EXHIBITOR. PLEASE SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IF APPLICABLE.

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