

# Marshall Minute

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November 2007



## Vintage Ridge: A New Place to Taste Just Up the Road

A new vineyard has opened in the Marshall area. Vintage Ridge is a micro winery specializing in the production of small lots of luxury, handcrafted wines. With a total production of just, 1500 cases, Vintage Ridge focuses on viticulture and winemaking practices that offer maximum expression of the Virginia Piedmont terrior. They have seven acres in vineyard plantings and lease additional nearby vineyards. The varietals of grapes include Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, Syrah, Mourvedre, Vidal Blanc, and Pinot Gris.

**Vicki and Bill Edmands** established the vineyard in 2000 to complement their desire to start a new spirited adventure and create a hub for the gathering of family and friends. The outcome of their enthusiasm for the agricultural lifestyle has resulted in taking the grapes full circle to embrace winemaking.

Their respect and affection for

our beautiful area has led both of them to be active members of Friends of Rectortown, the Goose Creek Save Our Stream monitoring program and now the Marshall Business and Residents Association. Together Vicki and Bill enjoy seven children and nine grandchildren, time for golf, gardening and travel. Fortunately Lindsey Charles, their niece and recent Syracuse University graduate, has relocated from Santa Barbara CA to work with the Edmands and develop the tasting room as well as help with the harvest and wine making.

The wine and the tasting room are both ready to receive guests. The tasting fee for wine sampling at the bar is \$5. For an additional fee with a Saturday or Sunday reservation, the presentation includes a flight of wines, plus an assortment of tasty morsels that are specially chosen to pair with each wine. This provides a fun and educational activity for sharing with family and friends. The wines



range in price from \$18 to \$34 per bottle.

Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5 are the open times, but with a reservation guests can make appointments for private tastings at other times. Vintage Ridge is located at 8517 Maidstone Rd, Rectortown, VA 20140. (From Marshall, take Rectortown Road north, turn left at Maidstone Road and keep an eye out for the Vintage Ridge Vineyard sign on the left.) The phone number is 540-364-3371. The website is [www.vintageridgevine.com](http://www.vintageridgevine.com).

## October MBRA Meeting Draws Crowd

All seats were filled and the remainder of the audience stood at the MBRA meeting on October 16th. First, Fauquier Board of Supervisors representative **Harry Atherton** told us that the Northern Sports Complex would not have its grand opening until at least spring of next year, as progress has been held back until entrance permits and road-crossing easements were procured, and electric and phone lines buried. School Board Representative **Duke Bland** said that work on the county's third High School and Greenville Elementary School is going as scheduled. He also mentioned the new portrait of W.G. Coleman now on display at Coleman

Elementary School in Marshall.

**Jack Whiting** presided over the final Candidates' Forum of the year, with the aid of **Henry Baxley** as timekeeper. Each candidate had two timed opportunities to speak and answer questions. The candidates for Fauquier County Sheriff went first. **James A. Horton** (R) wants to bring accountability back to the Sheriff's department and wants to see more police on foot, talking with the public. **Charlie Ray Fox** (D) said that we've become reactive instead of proactive when dealing with crime, and that more officers are needed. **Toussaint E. Summers, Jr.** (I) has had 31 years of law enforcement experience, and wants to see the community act as advocate to

the sheriff's department and vice versa to nip gang activity in the bud. **Raymond E. "Duke" Bland** (unopposed Marshall District County School Board candidate) feels that the School Board needs to partner with business organizations in order to fund the growing school budget without raising local taxes. **R. Holder Trumbo, Jr.** (unopposed Scott District County Board of Supervisors candidate) stressed conservation and wants to protect the character of our area while acknowledging change. **Peter B. Schwartz** (unopposed candidate for Marshall District County Board of Supervisors) felt that growth management is the most important issue, and that we need to establish a

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday,  
November 18  
at 7:30 pm  
at the  
Marshall Community  
Center**

**David Cabbage**, resident engineer for VDOT will speak about road issues and plans.

**Jerry and Bill Jackson** of Tri-County Feed will talk about their new location and what it offers.

**Want to talk about a specific topic related to the Marshall area? Want to hear from a local leader or speaker? Let us know! Please contact MBRA President Joan Fries at (540) 364-1688 with your requests and suggestions for topics and speakers.**

MBRA meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month in the Marshall Community Center.

better plan for where and how we want and don't want to grow.

These are only a few of the points made at the forum. The MBRA does not endorse any of the candidates, but would like to encourage all registered voters to **please vote on November 6th!** Marshall residents may vote at the Marshall Ruritan Club, 8400 Salem Ave., Marshall (behind the IGA). Please remember to bring federal, state or local government issued ID, driver's license, social security card or Virginia Voter ID.

# Around Marshall



**A Big Thank-You** goes out to the **Marshall United Methodist Church Youth** headed by **Candy Glascock** for their recent roadside beautification efforts on Fall Cleanup Day. Many bags were filled with litter collected from Marshall's streets. We appreciate all their hard work!

**Volunteers Are Needed** to help primp up the lit wreath decorations that make Marshall's main streets festive for the parade on December 1st and all during the winter holidays. If you can spare a couple of hours to help test and re-wrap lights, please give Joan Fries a call at 364-1688. Thank you.

**Six Days of Dinner Raffle** - For just \$20. you could win dinner for two at six local restaurants: The Ashby Inn, Hunter's Head, Mojitos & Tapas, McMahan's, Applebee's and Outback Steakhouse! 100% of the proceeds go toward sending all of Claude Thompson Elementary school's 5th graders on a team-building, three-day camping trip this spring, a trip they couldn't take last year due to lack of funding. So help the kids and you may find yourself on a gastronomical adventure this holiday season. The deadline for tickets is November 20th, and the drawing is November 30th. Each raffle ticket is \$20. To purchase yours, please make checks payable to Claude Thompson PTO (put "dinner raffle" on the memo line) and mail to: Claude Thompson Elementary School, 3284 Rectortown Road, Marshall VA 20115. For more information contact CTE PTO President Susan McCorkindale at 540-592-3233.

**11th Annual Beastie Bazaar** Friday and Saturday November 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday November 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ayrshire Farm, 21846 Trappe Rd., Upperville VA. Holiday fine art and gift fair, hayrides, baked treats, silent auction, raffle and pet adoptions. Admission is a bag of cat or dog food or other pet supply, or cash donation. Proceeds benefit The Virginia Animal Welfare Fund. See the Ayrshire Farms Web Site at <http://www.beastiebazaar.org/> for further information.

**Fauquier County Cemeteries** - Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the John Kenneth Gott Library, 4110 Winchester Road in Marshall. The Fauquier Heritage and Preservation Foundation, Inc. presents a program by Lory and Larry Payne which explores Fauquier County's buried history. Free admission.

**Claude Thompson Elementary School PTO Meeting** Wednesday, November 14th at 4:30 in the school Library. For details contact Susan McCorkindale at [susan@themarketingdirector.net](mailto:susan@themarketingdirector.net).

**Holiday House and Country Christmas at Mt. Bleak House** November 23, 24 and 25 and December 1 and 2, 2007 from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Avoid the frenzy, step back and smell the cider. Rest in and around historic Mt. Bleak House and enjoy music and stories as you pick out a live tree. There will also be unique made-in-Virginia gifts. For more information call Sky Meadows State Park at (540) 592-3556 or email [SkyMeadows@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:SkyMeadows@dcr.virginia.gov)

**MadCap Farm Pre-Christmas Shopping Bazaar and Santa Visit**  
Saturday & Sunday, Dec 8th and 9th from 1pm-6pm, Santa from 1-3pm, Wine and cheese from 4-6pm. This outdoor event features-Clothing, Jewelry, Accessories, Photography, Gift items, Art, Antiques, Massage, Vintage Items, Aura-photography on Sat and much, much more. Madcap Farm is located just east of Marshall at 7306 John Marshall Hwy. Vendor applications still open. Contact Jeanne Blackwell at 540-253-5606 or [madcapfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:madcapfarm@earthlink.net).

**Marshall Christmas Parade** Preparations are under way for the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st at noon. (Rain/snow date is Dec. 8th) on Main Street. If your group would like to participate, please contact Candy Glascock at 540-364-1796 by November 23rd.

**The Marshall Volunteer Rescue Squad** presents their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Parade Day, December 1st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Rescue Squad garage. Rummage, craft and bake sales featured. Donors and vendors interested in renting a table may call Debbie at 540-364-2104.

## Marshall Event Announcements

Are you an MBRA member that has an upcoming meeting or event that you would like published in the Marshall Minute newsletter? We'd love to hear from you! Deadlines for publication are the 15th of the month preceding the event. You can send your event information by email [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com). Please include the name of your organization, date and time of your event, any pertinent information on the event or your group, as well as a name and contact number if any of our readers have any questions. Due to space constraints, events must be in or around the Marshall area.

## Electronic Version of the Marshall Minute Now Available

If you are an MBRA member and you would like to receive this newsletter faster than in the mail, we can deliver this right to your email box. Please send an email request with your member name, mailing address, and email address to [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com) and we will add you to the list.

## Renewed and New MBRA Memberships



Whether you are in business in the area or call Marshall home, or both, you can help shape what happens in this community by continuing to be or becoming a MBRA member.

If you would like to re-new your membership or join, please complete this form and mail it to:

Treasurer, MBRA  
P.O. Box 533  
Marshall, VA 20116

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email (If you want to receive this newsletter through email) My \$20 check for my 2007 Membership is enclosed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Have News?

To contribute to the newsletter, please contact [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com). The deadline is the fifteenth of this month for next month's newsletter.

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