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BY DOUGLAS ROGERS

Visit Loudoun

One of my wife's favorite pieces of jewelry is a gorgeous DeMarkwear sterling silver necklace hung with a pendant soldered into an ornate concentric spiral, like a gleaming snail's shell. She didn't buy it at Tiffany & Co or Harry Winston but at a blacksmith's forge in Lovettsville. The designer in question, Lori DeMark, a middle school art teacher from Purcellville who works with silver, brass and copper at her home studio, hammering and embossing delicate shapes into each item.

"My pieces are inspired by designs and textures found in nature and woven into everyday life," DeMark said. "I often adorn them with glass beads, stoneware or porcelain clay."

You can find DeMark's stunning work online or, along with her ceramist husband Geoff's pottery, at various art shows across Loudoun including this month's Catoctin Holiday Art Tour (Nov. 15-16) where she will once again be showing her work at the Creek Hollow Forge of local blacksmith Greg Metzler – site of my wife's precious purchase.

With the holidays upon us there's no better time to pick up locally made art and crafts for unique holiday gifts. Now in its 15th year, the Catoctin Holiday Art Tour features some 22 local artists displaying work in glass, wood, jewelry, fiber, painting, photography, sculpture and more in 10 studios in and around Lovettsville. Aside from the DeMark's work, don't miss Metzler's decorative metal pieces, Jill Evans-Kavaldjian's beautiful prints and cards and the colorful paintings and holiday ornaments of Kaarin Nelson at the Whimsy Studios.



The works of jeweler Lori DeMark will be featured during the Catoctin Holiday Art Tour on Nov. 15-16 in western Loudoun.

If you can't make the Catoctin tour, mark your calendar for the 35th annual Leesburg Fine Arts & Crafts Show at Ida Lee on the weekend of Dec. 6-7. Here, more than 100 local and regional artisans sell exquisite hand-made items from candles, stained glass and carved wood to jewelry and table linens. Admission is free to the public.

Then there are all the locally owned shops throughout the county. Artist Mauren Alvarez's Chunk of Happiness in Round Hill sells local crafts as does the nearby Gateway Gallery. In Ashburn, CIY Pottery has a showroom to purchase pieces but also offers workshops and classes while The Global Local in Leesburg has a curated selection of stunning handcrafted items including local artist Lisa Holliday's decoupage oystershell jewelry dishes.

And if seeing all this local art gets the creative juices flowing, here's an idea: book yourself (or a loved one) a spot at Lori DeMark's Earrings Workshop at the Round Hill Arts Center on Dec. 13. Maybe you can be making your own exquisite sterling silver jewelry one day.

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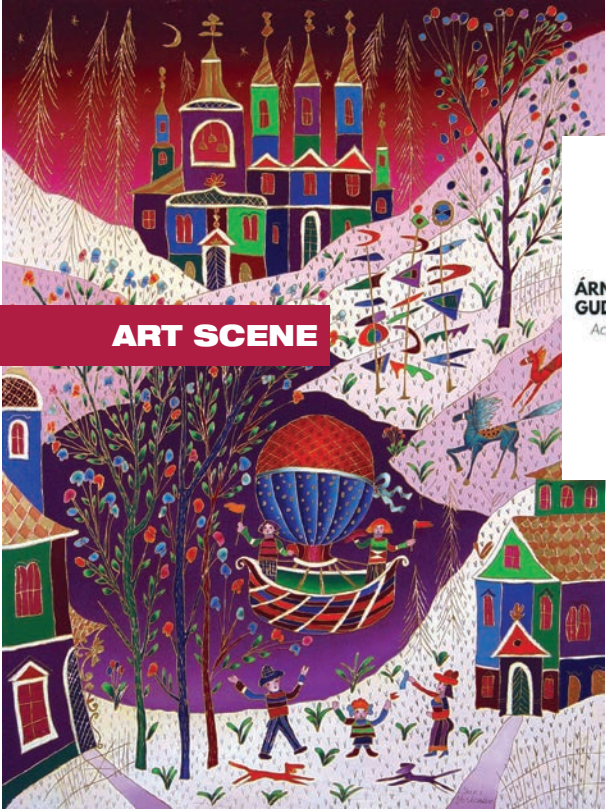
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Accidental Sculpture



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Local art exhibits include the display of paintings by Yuri Gorbachev and sculptures by Arni Gudmundsson.

Gorbachev Exhibit

Returns to Byrne Gallery

The Byrne Gallery in Middleburg is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an exhibition of vivid oil and enamel paintings by internationally acclaimed artist Yuri Gorbachev.

The gallery has featured Gorbachev's work annually for more than two decades. This year's exhibit will include some of his classic paintings alongside new works from his 2025 museum tour that included shows at the Chang Gallery in Seoul, South Korea and at the Sed Arte Palace Gallery in Tallinn, Estonia.

Gorbachev has had more than 200 solo exhibitions worldwide. More than two billion people have seen his artwork in galleries, museums, on TV and in hundreds of magazines and newspapers like Elle, GQ, and The New York Times. Many of these also carried his famous advertisement for Stolichnaya Vodka.

The exhibition opens Nov. 4 and continues through Dec. 30. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition is open to the public.

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This year, a portion of the sales from the exhibition will be donated to the families of Ukraine through The International Rescue Committee for Ukrainian Refugees.

The Byrne Gallery, located at 7 W. Washington St. in Middleburg, is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday by appointment.

ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS ACCIDENTAL SCULPTURE

The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee will present the opening of a new visual art show titled Accidental Sculpture.

The exhibition showcases a site-specific installation where artist Árni Gudmundsson

uses discarded concrete and building materials to create a sculpture. The works will be displayed in the Gallery One space in the County Government Center. The artwork will be available for public viewing Nov. 6 through Dec. 5.

The Accidental Sculpture began with the demolition of Gudmundsson's basement, where an entrance had to be made through a six-inch concrete wall. He repurposed the discarded concrete blocks into sculptural material, creating art from chaos. The installation also features whirlpools within transparent tubes, symbolizing the infusion of life into the human condition.

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Building Agricultural Connections at **STOCKYARD BREWERY**

Norman K. Styer/Loudoun Now

A 19th century barn along Mountain Road near Lovettsville is home to Loudoun's newest brewery.



BY NORMAN K. STYER

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James and Melis Spears say that when they bought a 50-acre farm on Mountain Road near Lovettsville in January their primary interest was building a cattle herd that would better connect their young children to agriculture and the outdoors.

They envisioned converting the property's 1773 farmhouse to serve as a bed and breakfast and planned to welcome wedding parties by converting a large barn to event space. Added to the initial vision was converting a barn built in the 1890s into a farm brewery.

While the herd of angus and miniature

Highlands is growing and work continues on the B&B remodeling,

"The journey has been adventurous, educational, stressful—all the above," James Spears said, although the couple's deep experience in the construction business helped bring the vision to fruition.

The inspiration stems from his youth growing up in rural South Carolina.

"We had the opportunity to come back to my roots and be able to share it with our children," he said. "One thing I did notice up here in Northern Virginia is that the children are more removed from that kind of lifestyle. We wanted to make sure our kids

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James and Melis Spears restored a hay barn built in the 1890s to serve as the tasting room at their Stockyard Brewery.

have the ability to have a cow or a horse if we were able to do so.”

That's an experience they want to share with visitors to the brewery. Not only will kids be able to get up close to the cattle herd, but there's also a collection of goats, ducks, turkeys and chickens that will offer a petting zoo opportunity. And there is a huge playground.

Melis Spears said those amenities grew from



their own experiences visiting Loudoun's wineries and breweries with their young children along. At Stockyard, offering freshly

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brewed beer might even be viewed as ancillary to the family-oriented farm experience.

"I do feel like that a safe, clean, family farm environment with some food and beer and activities—petting zoos and things like that—is really what the big driver is," James Spears said. "We have been to places that have bad beer, but are really a good venue, and then you'll go back. Or it could be a really bad venue and great beer, and you won't go back. Not to devalue beer. You'll have your beer diehards, who will be come out, and they'll tell us what's good or bad. But I really feel like that the repeat customer day in and day out are going to be those families, and they're going to be the ones that want to come out and



Norman K. Styer/Loudoun Now

The petting zoo includes Gus, a Narragansett tom turkey, purchased from a youth farmer at this year's Loudoun County Fair.

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experience a farm.”

Some animals in the petting zoo collection—including Gus, a Narragansett tom turkey, and Auntie, a Wyandotte hen—were bought from youth farmers at this year’s Loudoun County Fair.

The Spears say they plan to do more to support youth in the 4-H program.

“The kids who live in an apartment or a townhome, and they don’t have the space. If they want to be a farmer or cattlemen and those type of things, maybe we can have support meetings here for different groups and things like that,” James Spears said. “For us, it’s giving back to the community, and it is a working farm,” James said. “That’s the key. We’re not just a brewery. I feel like that the laws and why they’re set up are tailored for what we’re actually offering here, which



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is access to a working farm.”

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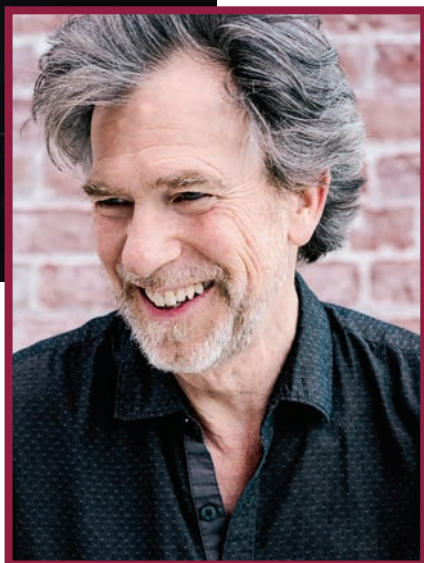
Can't Afford Not To

BY NORMAN K. STYER
GetOutLoudoun.com

Jon Carroll returns to his home turf on Nov. 6 for special concert at the Franklin Park Arts Center celebrating the release of his fourth solo album.

After honing his craft in Washington DC's 1970s music scene, Carroll was 18 when the Starland Vocal Band scored a No. 1 hit with "Afternoon Delight" and a pair of Grammy Awards. Since Starland disbanded in 1981, Carroll has built a career as a performer, composer, arranger, producer, songwriter and musician. His songs have been recorded by artists including Linda Ronstadt, Tom Jones and Kenny Rogers. He is the longtime keyboardist/vocalist with Mary Chapin Carpenter's band and has also toured with including Rodney Crowell, the Dixie Chicks, Peter Wolf, Eric Lindell and others.

For locals, Carroll may be best known for



Tracey Eller Photography

his work with the Jingle Jam Band that has performed sold-out holiday concerts at Leesburg's Tally Ho Theater since 2007. He'll be back on that stage this December.

But first, the special Franklin Park show will showcase the full breadth of Carroll's work, including works from his new album, "Can't Afford Not To."

His first release in 18 years features 14 songs that seek to empower and uplift listeners through rich layers of groove-laden Americana rock, R&B, soul, jazz, and gospel.

"It feels great to finish any project, especially one that required pretty painstaking tenacity to make sure it got done the way that I wanted it to be," he said.

The album was recorded in his western Massachusetts studio, with contributions

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Jon Carroll Celebrates New Album with Franklin Park Concert

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from a variety of collaborators.

"I don't put things together in an artificial way. I don't use loops. I believe in live performance, and I prefer any record that's played live," he said. "The tracks that are my favorites on this collection are ones that have at least more than one person playing simultaneously on it."

He also draws inspiration from the network of artists in his community.

"I really enjoy and am inspired by the artistic approach to composition where we live. There are a lot of painters that live here in this building and I just enjoy kind of approaching a sonic canvas like that," Carroll said. "It's just a fun way, but it is also more challenging because you really have to resist the urge to change everything or resist the

urge to add things—which I'm not very good at. If I hear a part, I want to try it to see if it works."

That approach can create deeper sonic tapestries—or lead to difficult editing choices.

"There was a good amount of that in this record," he said. "Why are there three keyboards? Let's do this with only one keyboard; that's totally superfluous. I'll probably listen to this record in a year or something and say I needed about seven eighths of that or three eighths of that. But it's kind of fun approaching the canvas like that."

"Roll A 7," one of two songs on the album written in Carroll's favored 7/4 time signature, is one he let stretch out, resulting in an eight-minute rocker.

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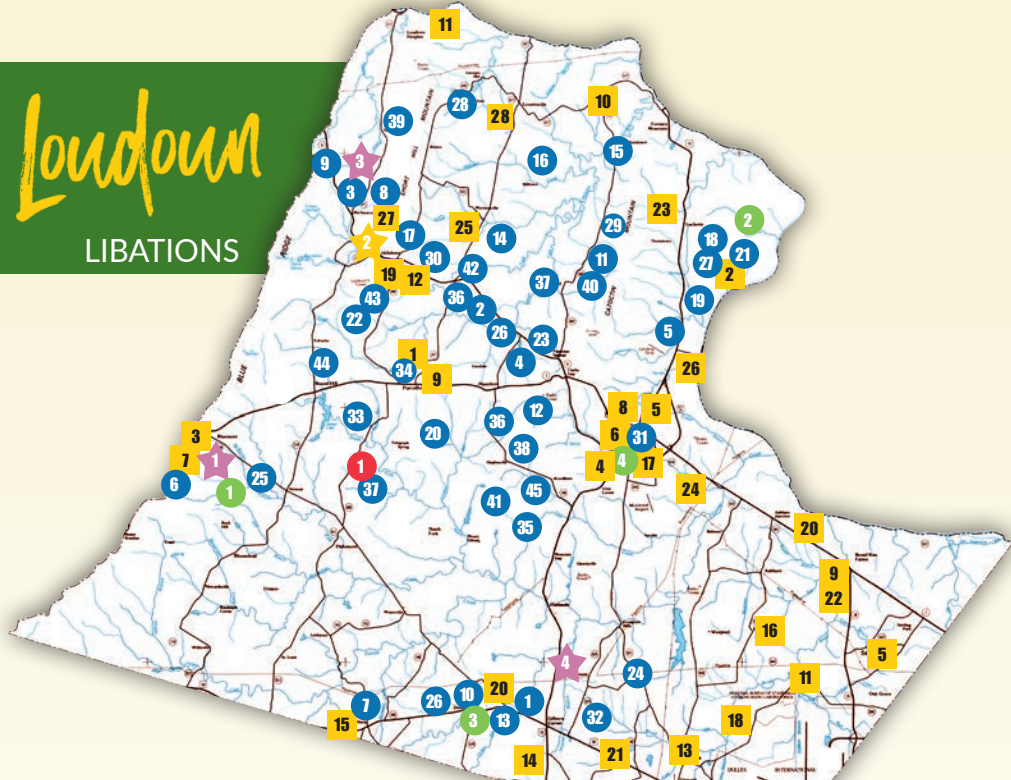
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WINE

Petit Domaine Sparkling Winery Opens

Loudoun's newest winery is looking to distinguish itself by offering sparkling wine to visitors and locals

BY HANNA PAMPALONI

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Petit Domaine is the brainchild of J Bradley Snyder, a Loudouner who returned to the county during COVID and was pleasantly surprised with how much the industry had grown since he had left.

"I was a huge fan of wine my whole life and have been to wineries all over the world, and loved those experiences," Snyder said. "... but I saw an opportunity for an experience like I've had in other places at sparkling wineries in a wine region."

That was five years ago and since then Snyder has been working to find the right location and right team.

He purchased a property the former Crushed Cellars property along Rt. 9 and set to work revitalizing the space to give visitors an experience designed to feel elevated but relaxed, celebratory and elegant.



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It's a resort day-club vibe, he said. "I was drawing on a South of France, San Tropez, or a Caribbean resort."

Snyder has been focused on the details as he's developed his business and his winery's name is no exception.

He connected with winemaker Shai Van Gelder, who got his start in the industry in California before moving to the Delaplane area to work with vineyards there.

"Winemaking came to me in a dream when I was at war in Lebanon in 2006 and it was so vivid, and it was so kind of realistic that I felt like it was prophetic," Van Gelder said. "I had no interest in wine other than Friday night

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Winemaker Shai Van Gelder holds a bottle of Petit Domaine's Blanc de Blancs sparkling wine.

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dinners occasionally.”

When he arrived back in the states, Van Gelder studied winemaking at Fresno State and began working at wineries. He moved to Virginia in 2015 and said he’s excited to join Loudoun’s close-knit winemaking community.

“Over the years I’ve been trying to do a lot of winemaker camaraderie projects like wine-maker roundtables and just getting out and playing well with all the quality winemakers,” he said. “I’m a firm believer that a rising tide raises all boats, and if we don’t have the shared and like-minded mentality, then only a few wineries will excel. But if we’re really trying to shine as a region, then we really have to come together.”

The duo is now undertaking the task of creating sparkling wine and running a successful tasting room.

While searching for land to grow more grapes and sources to buy grapes and preparing for their first vintage, they worked with a private label company in the Cote de Blanc region to provide their first wine offering.

“What we’re pouring right now ... is a private label product for the first couple of years,” Snyder said. “Because what we’ve harvested this year, that’s the beginning of a process that will take a couple of years, and like many wineries, we’re private labeling until then, in order to introduce ourselves to the market and really show that what we’re doing is something really unique.”

The sparkling winery will offer three options: a Brut that will be the flagship wine, a Blanc de Blancs made with 100% chardonnay grapes, and a Rosé.

Van Gelder said sparkling wines is the one part of the wine industry that is continuing

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to see growth.

"With any industry, there are pockets that people become more familiar with over time and maybe get tired. There was a moment for Merlot ... and then Pinot Noir had a huge run," Snyder said.

Sparkling wine has always been loved as a celebratory drink, but its growing to be appreciated outside of that as well, he said.

"What we're doing is introducing a sparkling specialist—a sparkling winery to a region that's already a strong wine region, it just didn't have a sparkling winery," Snyder said. "All of the other major wine markets in the U.S. have at least one sparkling wine-focused winery and Virginia did not," Snyder said.

Matched with the elegant aesthetic of the tasting room and private cabana-like outdoor seating areas, is an upscale

membership program.

"Our member events are really elevated," Snyder said. "We have a test drive experience with Ferrari for the very first event, followed by a really intimate watchmaking workshop with IWC, which is a high-end watch brand. These are brands that don't typically partner with just any group, but they've come to appreciate and understand just how unique our concept is and how thoughtful we are, and who they believe our membership is as well – people that would appreciate these things. ... Nothing we do here is to say that anything another winery does is not great. We are just trying to do something different that adds to the to the landscape here, that we thought didn't exist." ●

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WINE AWARDS

The team from Walsh Family Wines celebrates winning the 2025 Grand Award for its Chenin Blanc 2023.

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Walsh's Chenin Blanc Triumphs as Loudoun Wine Awards Celebrates 10 Years of Growth

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Amid a celebration of Loudoun wine-makers' best work with chardonnay, Albariño, and Tannat, it was a Nate Walsh creation with the little-used Chenin Blanc grape that took the top prize at the 2025 Loudoun Wine Awards.

The leaders of Loudoun's wine industry gathered at Lansdowne Resort on Oct. 26 to learn which of the 168 wines entered from 35 wineries in this year's competition would earn top honors. In judging this year, 24 wines scored gold-medal rankings and another 120 were awarded silver medals.

In its 10th year, this is the first time the competition required each entry to be made entirely with Loudoun-grown grapes, a milestone for the industry that celebrated its 40th anniversary last year.

The program also celebrates industry lead-



Norman K. Styer/Loudoun Now

Kent Arendt, of Walsh Family Wine, was named the 2025 Winemaker of the Year.

ers, with Casey Luther, tasting room manager at Two Twisted Posts Winery and Tavern, named Wine Ambassador of the Year; and Kent Arendt, of Walsh Family Wine, named Winemaker of the Year.

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Casey Luther the 2025 Wine Ambassador of the Year.

The competition's top-scoring wine—the Grand Award winner—went to Walsh Family Wine's Chenin Blanc 2023.

The Grand Award was presented by County Chair Phyllis Randall (D-At Large), who praised the cooperative spirit of Loudoun's wine industry.

She said in meeting with local government leaders from around the country, she knows sense of unity is special.

"What I've heard from them is the fierce competition within the industry," she said. "What I think is different about Loudoun County and why we are doing so well is that there truly is a belief in the wine industry, in the wine community and Loudoun County that a rising tide lifts all ships."

She also sees a strong future for the industry.

"More than any other year, I've noticed that there are a lot of younger people who are moving into growing and making wine. Kent is a perfect example. That is fantastic."

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- **Best White Hybrid:**
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- **Best Albariño:** Good Spirit Farm Albariño
- **Best Petit Manseng:**
Domaine Fortier Vineyards Petit Manseng 2021
- **Best Sauvignon Blanc:**
868 Estate Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2024
- **Best Chardonnay:**
Lost Creek Chardonnay Barrel Select 2023
- **Best Rosé:** Fabboli Cellars Rosé 2024
- **Best Viognier:** tie
Third Culture Kid Viognier 2024
Zephaniah Farm Vineyard 2024
- **Best Red Hybrid:**
Cana Vineyard & Winery Norton 2022
- **Best Red Vinifera:**
Greenhill Vineyards Zweigelt 2023
- **Best Merlot:** Breaux Merlot 2020
- **Best Cabernet Franc:**
868 Estate Winery Cabernet Franc 2023
- **Best Petit Verdot:**
Lost Creek Petit Verdot 2021
- **Best Cabernet Sauvignon:** October One Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2021
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"We just sort of kept playing, and the longer it went, the more places it went," he said. "The more I thought about chopping it down or making an edit, the more I thought of those great records, like "Traffic." You know that album that just has a lot of fun music on it. So, I figured if one cut did that, that's fine."

Some songs have been waiting years to be recorded. "Soldier On" has its roots in the second phase of the Afghanistan War two decades ago.

"I knew that this was a path toward something, that we would need to be vigilant about, and we'd need to be consistent in our soldiering through it responsibly," Carroll said. "What I enjoy about how people have been receiving this record is they realize that many of the cuts are political. I've never seen any difference between political beliefs and artistic expression. All the artists that I've worked with over the years have been voices for human interest and for social change or for social awareness at the very least."

The album includes two cover songs. "Color Him Father," a 1969 hit for DC-based R&B group the Winstons about the essence of found families and mentors, has special meaning to Carroll, whose father died when he was 10. The album closes with "Waiting for A Train," Jimmie Rodgers' classic tale of the struggles of the common man.

For the Franklin Park concert, Carroll will be joined some longtime Loudoun favorites including Todd Wright (who co-wrote two songs on the album), Gary Smallwood, Julie Lloyd, Johnny Kasun, and Coleman Williams.

"I love all these guys," he said.

Carroll still feels deep connections to Loudoun.



"I've always felt welcomed. I get a little misty, because I have kind of dual citizenship with where I live," Carroll said. "I talked to Mary Chapin about this just recently, because she was the one that said this to me at one point during the move. She and I were talking about all of the different families that we have and knowing that the time you have with certain families is finite. The quote she recited to me was home is where calls the loudest."

"I have many families, and my family in Virginia, and the community in in Loudoun County is near and dear to my heart as are our neighbors here where I live. And then you go on and you do a tour, and you're living up each other's nostrils on a tour bus, but you're doing magical things together.

"If they're magical people that you're doing it with, it's an amazing experience and I'm really, really lucky to be able to have multiple families and be able to do magical things with a lot of magical people and a lot of magical places. It's just a blessing. It really is. It's the gift of life." ●

Carroll's "Can't Afford Not To" album release concert will be held at the Franklin Park Arts Center on Thursday, Nov. 6 starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30. For details go to franklinpark-artcenter.org.

MARSHALL CENTER HOST VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Blake Hall, the co-founder and CEO of ID.me, will be the keynote speaker during the 21st annual Veterans Day Celebration at the George C. Marshall International Center on Nov. 11.

Hall was awarded two Bronze Stars for his heroism and exceptional performance during the war in Iraq where he led a reconnaissance platoon in Iraq on more than 450 combat patrols without sustaining casualties.

As a tech entrepreneur, his digital wallet platform is used by more than 150 million Americans to keep themselves safe and make their lives easier while they transact online. ID.me's portable login allows verified data to move with people so Americans can use a single login to



prove their identity and easily access hundreds of federal, state, and private sector websites. Blake is an inventor on 11 patents related to authentication and identity.

The program will be held at George C. Marshall's home Dodona Manor in Leesburg from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn more at georgecmarshall.org.

HISTORIC ENCOUNTERS DAYS AT THE FARM MUSEUM

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum will host the VA250 Mobile Museum during its Historic Encounters Days program Nov. 5-8.

The mobile museum's "Out of Many, One" exhibit



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Out Loudoun

offers hands-on, interactive experience to highlight the stories of Virginians who played foundational roles in the nation's founding.

The festival also will include a spinning demonstration, blacksmith forge, historic toys and games, historic cooking demonstrations, a soldiers' encampment, and more.

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is located at 21668 Heritage Farm Lane in Sterling. The event will be held 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 5-8. Tickets are \$10 per person with group discounts available.

Learn more at heritagefarmmuseum.org.

FIRST FRIDAY AT THE DONALDSON CABIN: DEAR DIARY

The Thomas Balch Library will open its collection of historic diaries for a Nov. 7 popup exhibit as part of Leesburg's First Friday events.

During the exhibit, visitors will learn about different types of diaries and what they have to tell us about the past.

The program runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Donaldson Cabin, at 14 Loudoun St. SW.

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACTS OF BLACK PATRIOTS AND LOYALISTS

The Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library will present the American Revolution Symposium: Honoring Black Patriots & Loyalists on Nov. 8.

The program will introduce attendees to the often-forgotten contributions of Black



patriots and loyalists who fought and died during the American Revolution. It will feature three presentations by experts in the field and a moderated discussion to help the audience better understand the need to commemorate all Americans throughout the celebratory activities of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the creation of the United States.

The program runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thomas Balch Library. Tickets are \$35 for Friends of Thomas Balch Library members, \$45 for non-members, \$60 at the door. ●

Learn more at leesburgva.gov/departments/thomas-balch-library.



11.06

JON CARROLL

Thursday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m.
Franklin Park Arts Center
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Mult-instrumentalist singer/songwriter Jon Carroll celebrates the release of his new album "Can't Afford Not To" with an all-star band of local favorites.

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Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.
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