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The leaders of Loudoun's wine industry will gather at Lansdowne Resort Oct. 24 to celebrate their best creations.

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Drink In Some Loudoun
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BY DOUGLAS ROGERS

Visit Loudoun

Movies have the Oscars, music has the Grammy's and Loudoun has the Loudoun Wine Awards.

The most glittering annual event on the county's social calendar takes place at Lansdowne Resort on Oct. 24 with some 35 Loudoun wineries vying for medals in categories ranging from best Albariño and Sauvignon Blanc to best Viognier and Vinifera. On top of tasting medal-winning wines, guests who purchase tickets will get to see the announcement of the 2025 Loudoun Wine-maker, Winegrower and Wine Ambassador of the year during a three-course gala dinner.

"It's such a special occasion," said Aimee Henkle, board member of the Loudoun Wineries

and Winegrowers Association. "The whole goal of the competition is to elevate and celebrate Loudoun wines and we see the quality of the wines increase every year."

For the first time since the inception of the awards in 2017, entries in the competition were required to be made 100 percent from Loudoun-grown grapes. It turns out that it didn't reduce the number of participants.

"Typically, we see 140 to 150 wines each year. This year we got 168 across 35 wineries, which was a record," said Henkle. "To be 100 percent Loudoun for the first time and to have all these wines showcase so well is a celebration in itself."

Of course, the wine awards are not the only Loudoun event to celebrate this October.

From Oct. 9-12, Morven Park hosts the

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2025 Morven Park International & Fall Horse Trials and the US Equestrian Open Eventing Final. Televised on ESPN3, the US Equestrian Open Eventing Final will feature athletes from across the world vying for \$200,000 in Olympic-level competition. Witness riders tackle the “equestrian triathlon” of dressage, cross-country and showjumping up close.

Halloween is also upon us and Loudoun has local fright seekers covered.

The Loudoun Museum stages its annual Hauntings on Oct. 16-18. Walk historic downtown as guides share spine-tingling tales of some of the homes, buildings and past inhabitants of the town. Hauntings is the largest annual fundraiser of the year for the museum, so it’s for a good cause, too.

For a kids Halloween experience, take the little ones to “Halloween in Franklin Park” on

the evening of Oct. 24: pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating, games, face painting, live animals, inflatables, vendors and more.

Over in Lovettsville, meanwhile, Milltown Haunt 2025 features three “haunted houses” on a historic farm on Milltown Road. Walk the creepy halls and corridors as actors in macabre costumes leap out to scare you.

From farm haunts to farm tour. On the week-end of October 18-19, Loudoun celebrates its rich agricultural heritage with the annual Loudoun Fall Farm Tour where more than 30 participating farms showcase what it means to be Loudoun made, Loudoun grown.

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COCKTAILS

Middleburg Barrel Company Launches Provenance Bourbon Offerings



Norman K. Styer/Loudoun Now

Middleburg Barrel Company founders Viyas Sundaram and Jay West stand in a rickhouse surrounded by more than 500 barrels of aging whiskey.

BY NORMAN K. STYER

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The Middleburg Barrel Company launched its newest whisky brand last month during a special event in Georgetown. While the celebration was held in the city, the flavor of Provenance Bourbon was curated in the barns of a two-century-old Loudoun estate.

Serial entrepreneur Viyas Sundaram founded the Middleburg Barrel Company earlier this year, building on experience gained with another of his companies, The Bourbon Concierge, that specializes in the sale of rare whiskeys.

For the new enterprise, he teamed up with whiskey maker and co-founder Jay West to collect and age the best offerings from distillers across the country and craft special blends for release under their own label.

While the 1787 Provenance Straight Bourbon

Whiskey and its 14-year premium expression represent the company's move into the retail market, a primary goal of the Middleburg Barrel Company is to share a deep experience in the world of crafting spirits.

The project has allowed Sundaram to merge his experience in digital transformation and entrepreneurship with his passion for historic preservation.

"My hobby for years in DC was restoring old historic buildings, usually commercial, a couple residential, and then renting them. But there's just so much history that gets glossed over in modern-day society," Sundaram said.

He and his family fell in love with Virginia's Hunt Country during the pandemic, leading to the purchase of Mortgage Hall two years ago. The 121-acre estate near Middleburg includes a bed and breakfast operation housed in an 1850s Georgian manor as well as barns that once served as rehabilitation facilities for hors-

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es from the nearby Middleburg Training Track.

Today, those barns are filled with hundreds of barrels of whiskey that are constantly evolving through the aging process.

"We want to really tie the history of American whiskey to the amazing tradition of this area and from Mount Vernon to Georgetown to Middleburg. There's just centuries of history in this corridor. We wanted to marry the two together," Sundaram said.

The company is a non-distilling producer. West said most in that segment of the industry operate on a micro scale, purchasing a barrel or two at a time.

"Our goal was to acquire tons of whiskey," West said. "Our novel idea was to take that at scale, so we have a wide breadth of whiskey from day one to select for our releases.

In a recent inventory, there were 512 barrels aging in the main rickhouse.

"There are hundreds of thousands of barrels aging across the country, and it's my job to pick the thousand that we're going to build the brand on, and to keep this place full, but also keep it interesting and engaging," West said.

For West, decisions about which barrels to acquire—and which whiskey to release—are based on years of experience and learning from some of the best blenders in the country.

"I have always been a curator first. I go to whiskey distilleries and taste hundreds of barrels and say we're going to purchase these five, or these six, or these four, these two barrels," he said.

Many elements of whiskey contribute to the way it smells and tastes—and how it makes you feel, he said.

"I've always been very in tune with the sensory

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TUNES

At left: Cowpoke's guitarist Kalman Weinstein

Below: The Cowpoke trio, Kalman Weinstein, Isaac Madrid and Brian Cambrel, perform for a packed crowd at the Crow's Nest in Leesburg.

William Timme/ Loudoun Now

Cowpoke's New Album

Culminates Years of Performing for Leesburg Locals

BY WILLIAM TIMME

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For the past few years, the Cowpoke trio's original music has resounded atop Leesburg's Crow's Nest rooftop bar, thrummed from within the King's Tavern, and reverberated throughout Green Tree.

The band captured those experiences with the release of its debut LP, "Clementine (Live)."

"We've been playing these songs for at least a year, some of them four years now," lead singer and guitarist Kal Weinstein said. "What you hear on the album is a culmination of these songs growing over time."

The evolution of Cowpoke's music mirrors their album's lyrical themes of growth and transformation. On the premier track, "Cowpoke," Weinstein sings, "growing old and going broke, it won't be easy on me – I turned 24 and I stopped counting." On the final track, "Seven Seas," he sings "I'm no child now, but



people see my beard and expect a man to lend his hand."

"Clementine's" 10-song progression explores Weinstein's and the other members' tales of self-discovery, ferried by a refusal to lose faith or give up on their dreams.

Stripped down folk instrumentals give the lyrics on "Clementine" room to make a statement while complimenting them musically. A dynamic, shifting focus between Weinstein's

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vocals, Brian Cambrel's saxophone, Isaac Madrid's drumming and the harmony of the trio lends structures and narratives to the songs, Cambrel said.

"I have to make sure that I'm actively listening to when [Weinstein] starts singing and to when he stops singing, so I don't step on his toes," Cambrel said of their process.

"It's like a painting," Weinstein added.

The group toys with those structures on the fly regularly, thriving on spontaneity during their live shows. Cambrel said his mind runs a mile a minute during those performances, writing compositions in his head while playing.

"He's got this ear, and this is when we play, too. B has such an ability to be able to play what he's thinking," Weinstein said.

Alton Readon, a Cowpoke fan since their

earliest performances at King's Tavern, said the group blends rock, country, Americana and jazz.

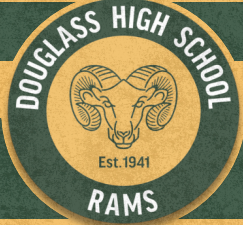
"They have all of those elements, but they're not any of those things," he said. "It's a unique sound. They pull songs that people know, but play them in a way that, in many cases, I think is a better sound."

The trio taps into the vibe of any crowd they played for, assessing whether to play originals or covers. Those covers garnered a reputation for being "Cowpoked."

"We create the Cowpoke version," Madrid said. "Those are the versions I now know of those songs." Those "Cowpoke versions" can change from gig to gig, based on the trio's reading of the crowd.

The earliest of the young band's live per-

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BREWS

BY NORMAN K. STYER
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There's a new destination in Loudoun's craft beverage scene with the opening this month of Loco Lion Brewery near Hillsboro.

For founders Laura Starego and Nigel Rourke, it is the culmination of six years of work.

As their two children grew up and left for college, the Ashburn couple found time to explore Loudoun's rural wineries and breweries on weekends. Then it turned into something more.

"When we were empty nesters, I got bored and said I wanted a project," Starego said of when she first broached the notion of starting their own brewery. "Nigel humored me and said, 'Yeah, that sounds like a fun thing.' That was 2019, and we started looking for land."

They found it in 2023: a 26-acre tract along Heskett Lane that had been in the Potts family

since the mid-1700s. Two years—and what Starego described as "a million permits"—later, the brewery is ready to welcome the public.

The grand opening was held Oct. 1, showcasing a two-story tasting room designed by Leesburg architect Tom O'Neil and a lineup of beers crafted by Jose Ayala, a veteran brewer whose career began in research and development with Boston Beer Company nearly 40 years ago.

The brewery serves a mix of American and English flavors—both on tap and on the tasting room menu.

"We will have the menus kind of divided in half, Nigel being British, me being American. It's half American and half British on the menu," Starego said. "The British menu will be kind of unique and we also have some British beer, an English bitter in particular. So, we're offering a little bit of a unique kind of culinary experience with a very pleasant place to spend the afternoon."

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The experience they want to create for patrons at their brewery was built from their own time exploring venues in western Loudoun.

"We're going to have amazing beverages, but what we're trying to do is make this a place where you want to come and spend the afternoon," Starego said. "We're family-friendly. We're dog-friendly, to include dogs in this room. We have the good views."

"What I noticed when I went to a lot of the other places is people tend to live in more congested areas and want to come out to the country for a pleasant afternoon in a peaceful environment. And we've got that in spades," she said.

Roaming turkeys and deer are common sights from the tasting room. And they plan to install owl boxes around the property as an environmentally friendly approach to rodent control. Bee hives on the farm will be used to add mead to their offerings.

While the symbology of lions has meaning for both Starego and Rourke—she as a Penn State

graduate and he as a Brit—the brewery's name is inspired by the story of Justin and Jezebel, African lions buried on the property.

"In the late '70s, they were part of the petting zoo in Fairfax County, Starego said. Because local rules at the time prohibited lions older than six months, their caregiver brought them to live nearby in the Neersville area. "They were the local novelty going into early '80s."

When they died, the lions were buried on the Potts farm property. A plaque on the tasting room wall tells their story.

Loco Lion Brewery, at 36577 Heskett Lane west of Hillsboro, is open Wednesday through Sunday starting at noon. There will be live music on Saturdays and Sundays.

The brewery's British traditions will be on display Nov. 1 when Rourke will host a Guy Fawkes party to commemorate the failed Gunpowder Plot against King James I in 1605 by burning an effigy over a large bon fire. ●

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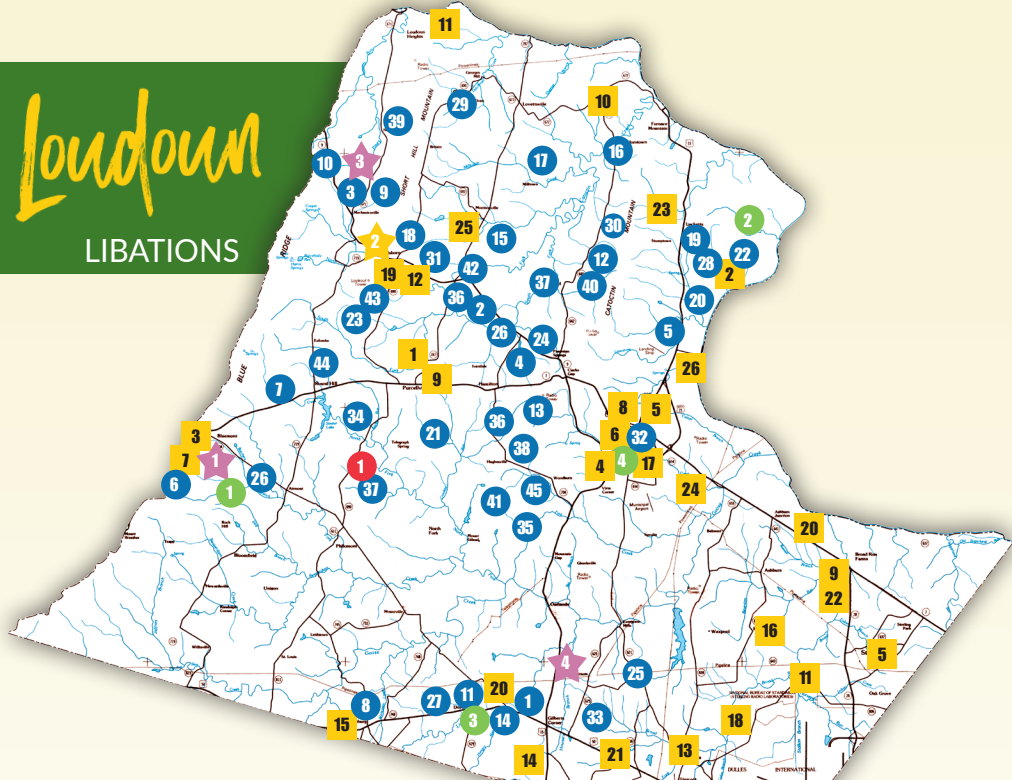
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WINE

15 Wineries Score Gold at Loudoun Wine Awards

Twenty-four Loudoun wines won gold rating during the 10th annual Loudoun Wine Awards judging. Another 120 silver medals were awarded during the competition that included entries from 35 wineries.

The top award winners will be announced during the Loudoun Wine Awards Dinner on Oct. 24 at Lansdowne Resort.

The competition took a leap this year by requiring that all entries be made with 100% Loudoun-grown fruit, up from 75% in previous years.

"This competition is exactly what we wanted all along: a showcase of Loudoun County wines, grown, made, and produced right here, event chair Aimee Henkle said. "We continue to see Loudoun excel with Bordeaux-style blends, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Chardonnay, but it's equally thrilling to see newcomers like Albariño, Sparkling,

and Tannat thriving and taking hold in our region. These wines show the breadth and promise of Loudoun as a world-class wine destination."

Walsh Family Wine set the pace, scoring gold with three wines: Bethany Ridge Cabernet Franc 2022, Chenin Blanc 2023, and Paeonia Red 2022.

OTHER GOLD MEDAL WINNERS WERE:

- 868 Estate Vineyards Cabernet Franc 2023
- Breaux Vineyards Equation NV
- Cana Vineyards & Winery Unite Reserve 2021
- Carriage House Wineworks Tannat 2022
- Domaine Fortier Vineyards Petit Manseng 2021
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See the full list of winners at loudoun-wineawards.com.

The judging process was managed by Competition Director Neal Wavra, owner of Field & Main Restaurant in Marshall. This year's judges were Erin Scala, owner of Market Street Wine Shop; Booth Hardy, proprietor of Richmond's Barrel Thief Wine & Provisions; Travis Vernon, founder of Well Crafted Wine & Beverage Co.; Michael Scaffidi, a sommelier with experience at The French Laundry, Jean-Georges, and The Jefferson; Kenny Grandon, a master sommelier candidate who previously served as wine director at Goodstone Inn and sommelier at the Inn at Little Washington; and Kasia White, educator at the Capital Wine School.

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CONSIDER IT COSMIC AT THE BYRNE GALLERY

The Byrne Gallery in Middleburg will showcase the abstract paintings of Joe LaMattina and Anne Marchand, as well as the metal sculptures of J-P Müller during its October exhibit: Consider It Cosmic.

These works illustrate the powerful impact of form and color on emotion and intellect, seeking to evoke a moment of personal spiritual reflection. This exhibit invites the viewer to consider the unseen causes of everyday reality and appreciation of the present moment.

The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 2.

A reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. An artists' talk is planned Sunday, Oct 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Learn more at thebyrnegallery.com.

TOWN HALL EXHIBIT PREVIEWS PURCELLVILLE ARTISAN TOUR

The Purcellville Arts Council is pleased to present an art show featuring Purcellville Artisan Tour participants.

The show in Purcellville's Town Hall features more than 30 pieces by 14 artists. A meet-the-artists reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Works in the exhibit include paintings, fabric, paper, metal, photography, pottery, and jewelry by artists Sean Adams, Amy Beringer, Blooming Hill Lavender Farm, Geoff DeMark, Lori DeMark, Christine Dinger, Dana Eddy, Ren Feliz-Durishin, Melinda Gretsinger, Lizzy B. Javier, Dawn Martin, Kayl Martin, David Painter, Diane Painter, and Eric Wickstrom.

The Purcellville Artisan Tour will be held Nov. 1-2.

Learn more at purcellvilleva.gov/669/Purcellville-Arts-Council.

ART SCENE CONTINUED ON **17**

ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS BLACK AND WHITE

The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee is featuring a new visual art show titled "Black and White," showcasing selected works from a variety of artists within the county's art collection. The exhibit will be on display Oct. 7-31 at Gallery One, located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, in Leesburg.

"Black and White" is a grouping of monochromatic art, appreciating the subtle nuances and bold contrasts within each piece of artwork. The exhibit consists of intricate pen and ink drawings and vivid photographs. The artwork highlights the artistic excellence in the county's collection and demonstrates the ability of each artist to master their craft, evoking profound meaning and emotion, all

while using a limited color palette.

The public is invited to view the work Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Learn more at loudoun.gov/advisory-art.

SKETCH CLUB PLANS MEMBERS SHOW AT OATLANDS

The Loudoun Sketch Club will hold its annual Members Show at Oatlands starting Oct. 18.

Member artists were invited to submit up to three paintings to be shown and offered for sale during the show, which runs through Nov. 16.

A ticketed sneak-peak preview reception will be held Friday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Register for that event at oatlands.org/event/art-show-opening. ●

Learn more about the club at loudounsketchclub.com.



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formances arrived at the tail-end of Virginia mask mandates. Cambrel said he and a few others worked to keep downtown music alive. Part of that effort, self-described “Cowpoke’s dad,” Lucas Mason volunteered to host open mic nights during the pandemic, including Cowpoke’s first performance. Mason gave Weinstein his guitar for a year.

It’s the same guitar heard on “Clementine.”

When the Town of Leesburg held a public hearing on proposed changes to its noise ordinance in April, more than one Cowpoke supporter spoke up to support downtown’s live music scene. Leesburg resident Carolina O’Connell told the council that the music on Crow’s Nest was the sole reason her and friends went to support the establishment.

Weinstein said the trio tried recording “Clementine” in a few different places. Unsatisfied

with the result each time, they released singles instead. Gordon Davies, sound engineer at the Clementine Café, told them he would record the album if they played live for the café.

“I think it turned out better because we, like I said, that’s how we perform,” Weinstein said. “We’re not really a studio band.”

“I’ve been listening to the album since we put it out,” Weinstein said. He added that many of the songs on the album are about growing up and learning, shepherded by the things he found most important at the time – “following the heart and following God.”

“I don’t want to be cool; I want to do what’s right,” Weinstein said.

“Clementine (Live)” is available for on stream- ing services. ●

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side of whiskey. Originally, my journey started with unlocking the sensory side of whiskey and making it accessible to people,” West said.

Sharing that experience with others also is a primary goal of both Sundaram and West. At the farm, guests are invited in small groups to take a deep dive into the world of whiskey and even work with West to create their own blend with custom-labeled bottles to take home. The tours can be a few hours or expanded into overnight experiences curated at the bed and breakfast.

In a world where people are swamped with digital engagement, he said there is a strong demand for experiences—experiences they

want to offer on the farm.

“What you’ll experience here is the intention that we want you to go on a sensory journey that will create indelible memories,” he said. “You’ll actually see how the whiskey is made, from the touch of the barrels to the smell of the whiskey, to the feel of it on your palate, to actually the taste of the whiskey. It’s all intentional.”

The inaugural releases of 1787 Provenance feature a 7-year and a 14-year bourbon priced at \$69.99 and \$259.99. ●

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LOUDOUN FARM TOUR PLANNED OCT. 18-19

The Loudoun County Department of Economic Development presents the annual Fall Farm Tour on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The free, self-guided experience invites families, friends, and visitors of all ages to explore the bounty and charm of Loudoun's working farms.

This year's tour offers opportunities to meet furry animals like llamas, alpacas, goats, and donkeys; taste local food and beverage offerings from dairy treats to honey, craft beverages, and fresh produce; explore a wide diversity of farm operations, including apiaries, dairy farms, fiber farms, produce growers, horse rescues, and vineyards; and spend an autumn weekend in the rolling



countryside of western Loudoun.

"Touring the farms and seeing the excitement firsthand every year, I can tell you this weekend is pure fun for everyone," states Buddy Rizer, executive director of Loudoun Economic Development. "From kids to grandparents, whether you're a Loudoun resident or visiting from out of town, you'll find a unique adventure on the 2025 Loudoun Fall Farm Tour.

Participants can use the interactive map at LoudounFarmTour.com to plan their route across 42 farm stops.



CELEBRATE PURCELLVILLE FESTIVAL RETURNS

Join the Town of Purcellville and the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the

fifth annual Celebrate Purcellville event Oct. 11-18

The weeklong program includes a passport to encourage residents and visitors to explore 60 businesses and organizations in town, a town-wide scavenger hunt, a nature trivia walk, and other special events.

From 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, the Celebrate Purcellville Fall Festival will be held in Dillon's Woods and will feature music, activities, and a chance to win prizes.

Learn more at purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville.

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HOSPITAL RUMMAGE SALE RETURNS TO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The 86th annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale is back and bigger than ever, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 18, and Sunday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds.

Bargain hunters from near and far are invited to discover thousands of hidden gems across dozens of departments during the region's largest yard sale. Shoppers will find an expansive selection of treasures including designer fashion, furniture, antiques, collectibles, tools, children's items, lamps, artwork, household goods, books, electronics, toys, holiday décor, jewelry, sporting goods, and more. New this year is curated artwork from several art dealers presented by Loudoun Cares; a clawfoot table; a working Victor Victrola with a matching Victor dog figurine; an entire forest of holiday trees in various shapes and sizes; and raw wood pieces—including a striking 16-foot live-edge slab

While entrance to the sale is free, organizers offer VIP tickets for pre-opening shopping on Friday and for premier parking.

All proceeds from the annual sale support Inova Loudoun Hospital and nursing scholarships. *Learn more at ladiesboard.org.*

CAR ENTHUSIASTS GATHERS FOR RALLYE MIDDLEBURG

A new road rally will cross the finish line in Middleburg and provide a celebration and street festival on Oct. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Rallye Middleburg 2025 will showcase 25 vintage automobiles. Prior to the street festival, the vintage car experience will have drivers competing in a mix of on-track sessions at Summit Point Race Track, where endurance of the cars from the last century will be tested. The track session will be followed by a rally through Loudoun County's scenic horse country where drivers will test their navigating skills as well as their cars' ability to meet specific time measured points with precision. Drivers will complete the daylong competition upon crossing the finish line on West Federal Street in Middleburg and will then display their cars during an evening street festival.

The event benefits Seven Loaves, a local nonprofit food pantry.

Attendees are encouraged to join in the experience and wear vintage attire from the 1920s to 1970s. Awards will be presented for best outfit. In addition, there will be children's activities including a kids grand prix race on scooters provided by the Playroom. Swing/jazz band Linda Andersen and Friends will be on the street to entertain the crowds. King Street Oyster Bar, Nomad, Lost Barrel Brewing and Boxwood Winery will have tents with food and drink for sale. ●

For more information go to rallyemiddleburg.com.



FRANK SOLIVAN & DIRTY KITCHEN

Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.

Franklin Park Arts Center

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Multi-Grammy nominated Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen perform their massive sound and show-stealing bluegrass with influences of country, jazz, blues, southern rock, and soul. \$25.



ELI YOUNG BAND

Friday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. (doors)

Tally Ho Theater

tallyhotheater.com

Eli Young Band perform heartfelt ballads with high-energy anthems with their signature Texas roots sound. \$56.

NEW POTATO CABOOSE

Friday, Oct. 24

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tallyhotheater.com

Jam band favorites New Potato Caboose return to the stage with their signature blend of rock, funk, and improvisational grooves. \$39.



RALPH STANLEY & THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS

Sunday, Oct. 26, 3 p.m. matinee

Lucketts Community Center

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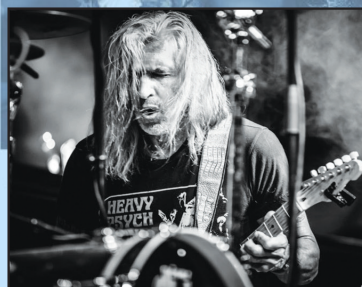
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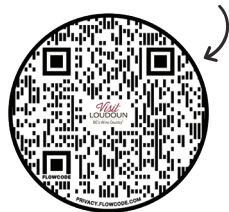
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