



Assistant Branch Manager William Orth, teller supervisor Laura Farris and the rest of the staff at the Bank of Clarke County are excited to be part of the Round Hill community. The Round Hill branch, at 21 Main Street, opened for business April 18, with an official ribbon cutting on April 28.

## POSTAL PATRON

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Round Hill National Bank opened in 1920 in the building that now houses Copeland House Antiques. Several years later it built and moved to the current "Bank Building" across the street, where it remained for nearly 60 years.

— From "A Story of Round Hill"  
by Ann Whitehead Thomas

Additional information on subjects covered in this issue can be found at [www.NewsARoundtheHill.org](http://www.NewsARoundtheHill.org).

## Upcoming Events

The following events happen monthly:

- ▶ **Literary Jams** **First and third Sundays**  
Round Hill Arts Center, 1-3 p.m., with special guest artists every first Sunday
- ▶ **Celtic Music Jam Sessions** **Second Sunday**  
Round Hill Arts Center, 1-4 p.m.
- ▶ **RHVFD Membership Meeting** **Fourth Monday**  
Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.
- ▶ **Planning Commission** **First Tuesday**  
Town Office, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.
- ▶ **RH Business Association** **Third Tuesday**  
Savoir Fare, 5:30 p.m. New members welcome. The yearly dues are \$25.
- ▶ **Town Council** **Third Thursday**  
Town Office, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.
- ▶ **RH Jr. Women's Group** **Second Thursday**  
Savoir Fare, 7 p.m. New members welcome.
- ▶ **Open House** **Third Friday**  
Round Hill Arts Center, 6-9 p.m. Artist demonstrations, live music, exhibits.
- ▶ **Third Friday Event** **Third Friday**  
Gateway Gallery, 6-9 p.m., special events, shows, artists receptions.
- ▶ **Bluegrass Jam** **Fourth Friday**  
Old Furniture Factory, 6:00 p.m.-12 a.m. Dinner for sale by Savoir Fare.

## ON THE AGENDA

Issues the Town Council and Planning Commission will address in the coming months include:

- Approve FY12 budget and fee schedule
- Work with the County to co-design Franklin Park Trail and Main Street improvements
- Negotiate water and sewer agreement with county for Western Loudoun Sheriff's Substation
- Negotiate lease agreement with SPRINT for cellular array on water tower
- Construct Hayman Lane water line project
- Review the B-1 Zoning District (including accessory structures and compatibility of commercial uses with residential)
- Review and revise the lighting ordinance or lighting section in the zoning ordinance
- Evaluate possible boundary line adjustment
- Install welcome signs at northern, southern and western Town entry points
- Review preliminary plat for the Lake Ridge Estates subdivision, located along Airmont Road

# News aRound the Hill

A Community Newsletter for Round Hill, Virginia

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## Round Hill Post Office Carriers Moved to Purcellville

By **ADRIENNE LYNE**

News aRound the Hill

Round Hill has enjoyed being a town with a post office since 1858, when it opened in the Guilford Gregg Store and Post Office in the stone house at 20 East Loudoun Street. Since then it has been in three other locations before moving to its current site in 1967, and has seen numerous changes along the way. It's currently undergoing yet another significant change.

According to a letter the Town received from the US Postal Service in February, the Round Hill Post Office has been selected as part of the Delivery Unit Optimization initiative, which was implemented to

increase operational efficiencies by relocating delivery operations into "hub facilities."

Hourassa Hosseini, who has been Postmaster of the Round Hill Post Office since 2002, confirmed that Purcellville's post office is now Round Hill's hub facility. All carrier operations have been relocated there.

The Round Hill Post Office will continue to maintain its retail operations and post office box services, and delivery addresses will retain the "Round Hill, 20141" distinction.

Most likely, many residents have not noticed the change; mail is still delivered to homes, but maybe a little earlier or later than before.

But for the many residents who stop

by the post office as part of their daily routine, the changes are obvious.

"Not only were the carriers relocated, but two of the Round Hill Post Office clerks were moved to Purcellville as well to help with carrier operations," said Hosseini.

As a result, at times the lines may be a little longer, since Hosseini now handles every aspect of every transaction. During these times, "I appreciate everyone's patience," she said.

While it appears that this is the only change for the post office at this time, resident Lisa Cammarota said, "One of the things that attracted my family to move to Round Hill was the old post office in walking distance from

See **POST OFFICE**, Page 9

## July 4 Planning Includes Pig Roast, But No Parade

By **KIM RAMSEY**

Member, Round Hill Junior Women's Group

A pig roast, live music and games all play a prominent role in preliminary plans for Round Hill's Independence Day celebrations this year.

The Round Hill Business Association, Round Hill Junior Women's Group and the Town of Round Hill will co-sponsor the event, which will be held in the Town Park on Loudoun Street on Monday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The whole point is to get the community together to celebrate," said RHBA member Mark Albright.

The lunchtime event was conceived as an attempt to increase attendance and participation in the Town's July Fourth activities, and is scheduled to complement other local events, such as the festivities at Franklin Park.

The event will be held in lieu of a parade, which members of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department have decided is "not something we can manage this year," according to RHVFD Vice President Jack Frear.



KIM RAMSEY—NEWS aROUND the HILL

**Children put together craft projects at last year's Independence Day activities in the Round Hill Town Park.**

The organizers are still working out many of the details of the event. Other local community groups are invited to participate as well. As plans are finalized, they will be posted on the Town website, [www.roundhillva.org](http://www.roundhillva.org). To participate in the planning, email [info@rhjwg.org](mailto:info@rhjwg.org).

## RH Baptist Church Chooses Corbin as New Senior Pastor

By **SHAUNA PLOEGER**

News aRound the Hill

Round Hill Baptist Church has a new senior pastor, Dr. Chip Corbin.

Pastor Corbin came to RHBC in December of 2010 at the conclusion of seven months of talks to retain a permanent pastor for the church.

Corbin is no stranger to Virginia, having served as the senior pastor for Alexander Baptist Church in Chesapeake for 11 years and as transitional pastor in 2009 for Hamilton Baptist Church.

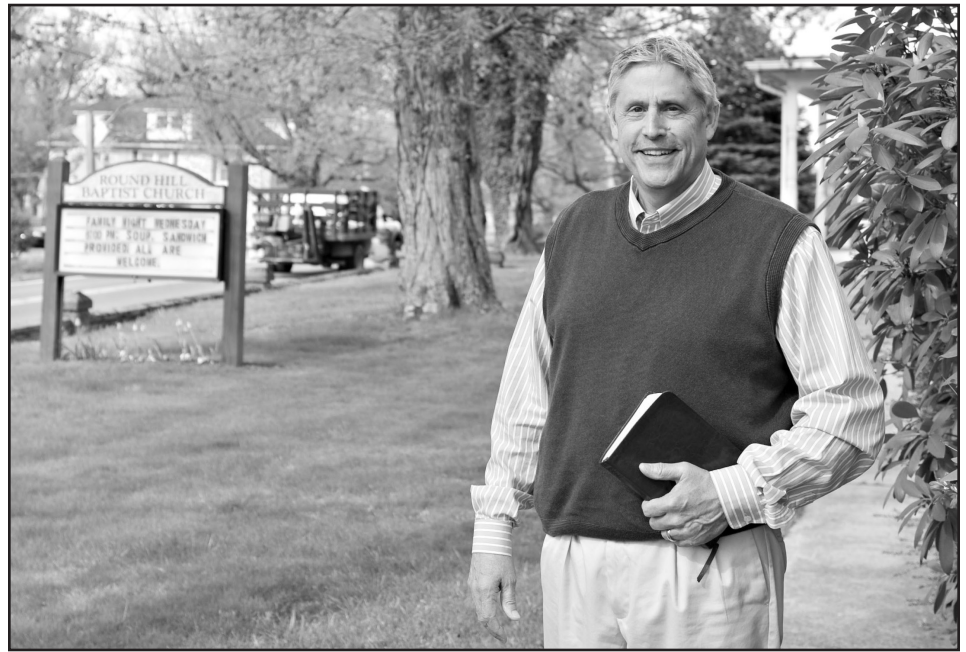
In choosing Round Hill, Corbin remarked, "I like that it has that small-town feel. It's a very nice close-knit community."

The focus of the RHBC at this time is "multiplying disciples and multiplying His word, coming from Acts chapters 6 and 12," he said.

"The emphasis of the Church has gone from a ministerial to more of a missional approach because we are going out into the community more," remarked the pastor.

Along with this, the RHBC has developed a Great Commission Team "to be able to fulfill the great commission, which is the last mandate of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and teach all nations and all people," he stated purposefully.

The Great Commission Team con-



SHAUNA PLOEGER—NEWS aROUND the HILL

**Chip Corbin, senior pastor at Round Hill Baptist Church since December, says he likes Round Hill's "small-town feel" and "close-knit community."**

sists of members called to focus on specific needs in the community.

Getting in touch with the community and discovering their needs is a top priority for Corbin.

The Church is developing its youth and children's ministry.

"Wednesday night is family night," Corbin said. "Looking at what the needs in the community are—like the weekday preschool—we are trying to reach out to children."

The Church just called a summer intern to help run its backyard Bible clubs and vacation Bible school. Registration for the preschool is ongoing.

Currently the RHBC is looking for community members who have experience working with children with special needs to help develop programming, including a Sunday ministry, for this population.

The Church is also part of an Angel Food Ministry program that provides food for a week for families in need.

"So that's a possibility for com-

munity members to let us know of people that may have a special need for that," Corbin said.

Another way the RHBC seeks to get involved in the community is by having small, focused study groups that meet in homes.

Topics covered may include "financial studies, looking at the economy, Bible studies, health, marriage and the family, raising kids God's way, even leadership for those in management."

Another area for community involvement is in expanding the Church's music program.

"We are looking for people that love to sing," Corbin remarked.

Currently the Church holds a traditional service, but they are hoping to develop a "praise-centered service that would be at another site," said the pastor.

Corbin would like to extend an open invitation to come and visit the Round Hill Baptist Church.

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**The Round Hill Planning Commission is seeking new commissioners, as well as citizen members for a subcommittee to revise the B-1 zoning district. Residents and business owners with ideas of how to best achieve responsible business in Round Hill are invited to attend the subcommittee's monthly meetings on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office.**





KIM RAMSEY—NEWS aROUND the HILL

## Renovation Underway; Bluemont CC Stays in Round Hill Next Year

By RICK GLEASON

Manager

Bluemont Community Center

While the renovation of the Bluemont Community Center is in full swing with construction crews working on all parts of the building, the Center will continue to operate out of its temporary Round Hill home through the 2011-12 school year.

The new wing has been started and the walls are going up. Renovation of the original portion of the building is ongoing with the usual surprises one would expect to find in a building of its age.

Progress is going well and the contractors hope to have the building complete by February of 2012 barring any unforeseen problems or extensive weather issues. Programs are scheduled to resume in Bluemont in June of 2012.

In the meantime, Bluemont is currently accepting registrations for next year in the preschool and after-school care programs in its Round Hill location, the Round Hill Center on High Street.

The preschool program offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. The after-school program offers care for children kindergarten–5th grade. Bluemont also offers a full- or part-time child care program.

For more information on any of Bluemont's programs call 540-338-4485 or stop by for a visit.

## Extra Food Harvest Helps Feed the Hungry

By GINA FABER

Founder, Round Hill Community Garden

While growing vegetables and fruits from one's own plants is very rewarding, sometimes gardeners may find themselves with a little more harvest than they can handle. Sometimes, fruit trees yield all at the same time. And sometimes, families or churches may want to try a little gardening this year as a service project.

What can be done with that extra harvest? That's where "Plant a Row for the Hungry" comes in!

Loudoun Plant a Row is currently encouraging all individual gardeners, farmers and agri-businesses to donate their surplus fresh produce directly to Loudoun Interfaith Relief food pantry in Leesburg. It's easy to donate: produce can be dropped off locally or taken to Leesburg.

Harvests ready on Friday or Saturday morning can be dropped off in bags at the Round Hill Community Garden on Falls Place between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. any Saturday morning. Items should be left in the white cooler. A local volunteer will bring that cooler directly to Loudoun Interfaith Relief where the fresh produce will be distributed that same day to hungry families.

To receive a receipt (donations are tax-deductible), take produce directly to Loudoun Interfaith Relief (LIR) off of Sycolin Road in Leesburg just about any day of the week. Consult [www.feedloudoun.org](http://www.feedloudoun.org) for LIR hours and directions, and for other drop-off points.

**feed loudoun  
plant a row**



[www.feedloudoun.org](http://www.feedloudoun.org)

IMAGE FROM WWW.FEEDLOUDOUN.ORG

## Post Office

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our home. I hope the relocation of the distribution facility for our mail is not the first step to relocating other services in the future."

Round Hill Mayor Scott Ramsey echoed that sentiment. "The Round Hill Post Office is not simply a check point for the mail," he said. "It also provides a community gathering place for our citizens and is an integral part of Round Hill's identity."

Ramsey also noted that the presence of the post office in the Town's commercial district helps drive daily traffic to other local businesses as well.

The USPS is authorized by the United States Constitution. In 1971, under the Postal Reorganization Act, it was established as an independent agency of the United States government, responsible for providing postal service in the United States.

Since then it has been self-sufficient and has not directly received taxpayer-

dollars since the early 1980s, with the minor exception of subsidies for costs associated with disabled and overseas voters.

According to its website ([www.usps.com/strategicplanning/futurepostalerservice.htm](http://www.usps.com/strategicplanning/futurepostalerservice.htm)) the USPS "is at a tipping point due to the combined effects of the economic recession, increased use of electronic communications, and its obligations to prepay Retiree Health Benefits. The Postal Service has developed and begun implementing a range of cost-reducing and revenue-generating initiatives."

Times have brought many changes to the Postal Service, said Hosseini, but she hopes that the Round Hill Post Office will remain a community institution for years to come.

"My customers are my family, and I am here to serve them," she said. "I love this town and hope that my customers will continue to come in and support me."

# Local Artists Show Their Skills During Spring Events

By MEREDITH HILT

President, Gateway Gallery Artists Co-operative

Area artists will be demonstrating the process of their work at the Gateway Gallery and during the Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour.

The Gateway Gallery Artists Co-operative, featuring locally made fine art and fine crafts, is holding the Art in Bloom celebration of spring for its third Friday event on May 20, from 6-9 p.m.

New and continuing member artists will demonstrate their creative skills in and around the gallery, as well as throughout the Round Hill Arts Center and outside on the loading dock.

"We are so grateful to have all this space to spread out in, to show things like wood turning and hot glass bead-making that couldn't be done in other places," said co-op member Mary Kenesson.

Other techniques demonstrated during this free event will include metal jewelry fabrication, Temari weaving, pottery throwing, photography and more. Refreshments and wine tasting will be available.

The Gateway Gallery and the RHAC are located in the Hill High Orchard Building, on Route 7 just west of Round Hill. More information is available at [www.TheGatewayGallery.com](http://www.TheGatewayGallery.com) or by calling 540-338-3001.

Seventeen of the Gateway Gallery's 28 artist members will also be participating in the 6th Annual Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour, June 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The public is invited to visit more than 50 working artists in studio settings, and like Art in Bloom, "the public is guaranteed to meet the artist, which makes these events stand out from other venues," according to Deb Keirce, co-op member and first-time WLAST artist.

In addition to individual studios on the tour, partner organizations Franklin Park Arts Center and the Round

Hill Arts Center, as well as ArtSquare in Leesburg, will all have guest artists.

Tour maps will be available soon; see [www.wlast.org](http://www.wlast.org) for more information.

**Local artists will be demonstrating their skills at the Gateway Gallery during Art in Bloom in May and the Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour in June.**



## Spring Spruce-Up



KIM RAMSEY—NEWS aROUND the HILL

**The Round Hill Junior Women's Group is holding its annual Town Park cleanup on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. With the help of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, local Girl Scout troops and other volunteers, the group will be planting spring annuals, picking up trash, and spreading mulch donated by Blake Landscapes. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to come. Volunteers should bring their own garden gloves and hand tools if possible. See [www.rhjwg.org](http://www.rhjwg.org) for more information.**

## Debt Strategy

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The Town Council is pursuing the planning and engineering for significant sidewalk and stormwater upgrades to Main Street, but is attempting to fund these projects solely with grants and accumulated capital reserves.

Round Hill has grant funding for 80 percent of the original Phase I plan, but the full project cost is not yet known and availability of future matching funds is uncertain.

Lovettsville recently adopted a capital plan to borrow over \$3M in general-fund debt to finance sidewalk and stormwater improvements, and Purcellville is carrying almost \$17M in general-fund debt from past projects. This means Purcellville has over \$6 thousand in general-fund debt per household in addition to the aforementioned \$16 thousand utility debt.

To address its sidewalk and stormwater issues, Round Hill has a choice between new debt or continuing the current "pay-as-you-go" course, which only allows progress as quickly as capital reserves and new revenue sources (such as the proposed cigarette tax) allow.

As both the true costs to fix these problems and the available grant funding become evident, citizen voices will be needed to help the Town Council choose which course best meets the needs of Round Hill's residents.

**COUNCIL CORNER**

## Round Hill Pursues “Pay-as-You-Go” Strategy to Fund Town Improvements

By **SCOTT RAMSEY**

Mayor, Town of Round Hill

During the annual budget season, the Round Hill Town Council establishes the fiscal direction for the town for the coming year. Residents are invited to add their voices to the discussion on this year's budget during a public hearing on June 2.

Two principles that have been constant during my experience with town government have been avoiding debt and equalizing property tax rates. Equalization refers to lowering or raising the nominal per \$100 rate to keep property tax revenues flat.

When assessments and population began to rise in 2005, the county and some towns did not equalize rates. Instead they chose to increase tax revenues and accumulate debt to pursue needed or desired capital projects.

Round Hill instead chose to lower its rate from \$0.24 in 2004 all the way down to \$0.14 in 2006 and has continued to equalize its rates since.

The advertised rate for next year will be \$0.215. When considering inflation and the rise and fall in housing values, Round Hill's property taxes in real dollars have been going down steadily since 2004.

On the subject of debt, the town has accumulated \$7 million in utility debt by building out its system. When calculated as a ratio to user accounts, the debt is only \$6 thousand per utility household. As new users come into the system, associated availability fee revenue will help retire that debt.

The Town Council recently removed a central water treatment facility from its capital plan due to cost concerns and has just completed a frugal \$1.8M major expansion of the wastewater treatment plant from 0.5M to 0.75M gallons/day that will meet the newer tougher biological nutrient removal standards.

The Town of Purcellville, whose utility system serves nearly three times the number of customers, completed a similar project to expand its treatment facility from 1M to 1.5M gallons/day at a much higher cost of \$30M. Their utility debt now stands over \$47M, approximately \$16 thousand per utility account, which is contributing to large increases in their user rates.

Round Hill currently has no general fund debt, but the Council is aware of the deteriorating condition of local sidewalks and the major stormwater problems that exist throughout Town.

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## Town Council Proposing \$0.15/ Pack Tax on Cigarette Sales

By **JOHN BARKLEY**

Administrator

Town of Round Hill

The Round Hill Town Council is considering the imposition of a cigarette tax in fiscal year 2012.

On April 21, the Town Council authorized Mayor Scott Ramsey to send a letter of interest to the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board (NVCTB) requesting the Town of Round Hill's participation as a full member.

This request is expected to be considered at the NVCTB June 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

If approved, NVCTB would collect and distribute the cigarette tax revenue for the Town of Round Hill.

A public hearing will be held on May 19 to hear public comments regarding an ordinance required to establish a cigarette tax.

A proposed cigarette tax rate of \$0.15 per pack has been included in the advertised budget and tax rates for fiscal year 2012, with a public hearing regarding all Town tax rates scheduled for June 2.

The Town Council is then scheduled to officially adopt the fiscal year 2012 budget and tax rates at the June 16 Town Council meeting.

Of the seven Towns in Loudoun County, only Round Hill and Hamilton do not currently have a cigarette tax. Loudoun County also does not currently have a cigarette tax.

### CIGARETTE TAX INFORMATION BY JURISDICTION

	LOUDOUN COUNTY			STATE TAXES (2010)	
	2010	Proposed 2011	Average Packs/Month		
Hillsboro	\$0.05	\$0.05	10,477	Virginia	\$0.30
Leesburg	\$0.50	\$0.75	136,330	Delaware	\$1.60
Lovettsville	\$0.40	\$0.40	5,280	D.C.	\$2.50
Middleburg	\$0.55	\$0.55	5,480	Maryland	\$2.00
Purcellville	\$0.55	\$0.65	33,201	New York	\$4.35
Round Hill	—	\$0.15	18,674	Pennsylvania	\$1.60
				West Virginia	\$0.55



# Students and Organizations Both Realize Value of Internships

By LISA ZIMMER-CHU

Editor, News aRound the Hill

While employment issues remain high on the national agenda, local student interns are gaining valuable work experience and providing beneficial service to regional organizations in a variety of fields.

Jaclyn Horn of Round Hill interned last summer with the non-profit Student Conservation Association (SCA) at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. There she helped develop and deliver science-based family and youth programs for the education branch. Horn is a student at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va.

"The experience was literally life-changing," said Horn, who was between college courses when she checked out what was available through SCA. She now knows "exactly what I want to do with my career and life."

"I was giving programs, leading kids and families on hikes, and learning how to be a teacher and interpreter," said Horn.

***"The experience was literally life-changing."***

**— Jaclyn Horn**

the service of student interns who sometimes are paid but often not.

Last summer Lauren Hart, a photography student at Shepherd University, curated a juried exhibit, "The Beautiful World," at the Round Hill Arts Center.

RHAC manager Carolyn Christensen noted that "having student interns enables us to expand the opportunities we provide, not only because of the extra manpower, but because of the vision the student brings."

Christensen is seeking to establish a relationship with Shenandoah University's Master's in Arts Administration Program, from which she recently graduated.

As a student, Christensen initiated the National Children's Museum's internship program.

"My internship experience was one of the most valuable in my entire education," said Christensen. "It took the philosophical to the real world, and nothing else prepares you like that."

Now working on the organizational side, Christensen will provide interns with professional supervision, space to work and a performance evaluation.

"I'm excited to be part of the network that offers that real world experience to others, because I know how valuable it was to me," she explained.

"Internships are a great way to gain experience, net-

"I'd taught before, but this was the first time I really learned how to teach in the field—with a totally progressive, open, dynamic office."

Non-profits, which frequently depend on volunteers, recognize and value

work and to basically make sure you are in the career field you will want to be in in the future," agreed Jamie Sapp, a senior majoring in Recreation and Leisure at York College, Pa., who will be interning at Tarara Winery this summer. She will earn 9 credits for helping plan and conduct events, while also learning about wines. This is the second internship for the Bluemont native who helped with weddings last summer at Great Country Farms.

"I have learned so much through my internships, and they have allowed me to gain confidence in knowing what I am doing," Sapp said.

Area newspapers regularly provide journalism students with the invaluable opportunity to be published. Most frequently they have summer interns, when local kids are home from college, but they sometimes have them year-round, and also take high school students.

According to Purcellville Gazette editor Kim Weber, "Young people bring a different perspective and a fresh eye to the stories they write. They bring energy."

Though not technically internships, the Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce offers 10 fellowships a year in the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program. Students from all over the world live on site and conduct research alongside University of Virginia faculty.

"Many graduates of the program have gone on to become researchers and teachers, because this is 'real' science," says Tim Farmer, Round Hill resident and Blandy's marketing director.

Christensen's advice to students who would like to get some on-the-job experience in their career choice is to "find an organization you're interested in, and call them!"

To Horn, who is taking the idea of service to yet another level by pursuing the Peace Corps, the value of her internship to her future is clear: "It showed me what I wanted to be and the passion I had."



PHOTO COURTESY JACLYN HORN

**Student Conservation Association interns attend a Junior Ranger program at Antietam as part of their training.**

# paws4vets Founder Wins Grand-Prize in IKEA Contest

## Kyria Henry to Use Money to Fulfill Foundation's Vision for Growth

By ANNE McDONOUGH

News aRound the Hill

Round Hill native Kyria Henry and her father, Terry Henry, have put their hearts and souls into the paws4people™ and paws4vets™ programs, which Kyria began in 1999 when she was 12. Both programs use specially-trained assistance dogs to enhance the lives of individuals. Despite putting in at least 40 hours per week at paws4people with no paid staff, both Kyria and Terry have had to work part-time jobs to allow for the growth and development of the foundation.

However, that situation may change thanks to the Life Improvement Sabbatical Contest held by IKEA. Out of nearly 2,000 applicants, Kyria was chosen to receive \$100,000 to help their vision for paws4vets move forward.

Now, the foundation has plans to hire two full-time dog trainers, finance a medical director and evaluation team, and finance dog acquisition and breeding, among other things. In addition, as the grand-prize winner, Kyria will receive a spa trip to Phoenix, Ariz., and be featured in two issues of O, The Oprah Magazine.

Kyria masterminded paws4people when, after doing some "arm-twisting" to get her first puppy, she was given the bulk of the responsibility of training and taking care of her dog. She loved it.

After bringing her dog to visit a local nursing home, Kyria saw that a dog could be so much more than a pet.

"I could appreciate that he was lighting up their lives in a way that was different than what any person could



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**Round Hill native Kyria Henry's paws4vets™ program will benefit from the IKEA contest's grand-prize award.**

do," Kyria said. With the help of her father, paws4people was born.

"The Mission of paws4people foundation is to enhance the lives of special and regular education students, seniors, and the seriously ill or disabled, by utilizing the 'Special Powers' of canine companionship displayed by highly trained Assistance Dogs; including Service, Educational Assistance K-9s, Rehabilitative Assistance Dogs and Social Therapy dogs in specialized educational, private placements and therapeutic visitation programs," according to [www.paws4people.org](http://www.paws4people.org).

As the foundation grew, Kyria saw needs that were more specific. In 2008, paws4vets became a subprogram to paws4people.

Veterans hold a special place in Kyria's heart, as her father is one of them.

"My father is a veteran with PTSD and has used dogs in his recovery," she explained. Based on her father's first-hand experience and with the help of a Board Member who is a retired Air Force Colonel, the paws4vets™ program was formed.

"We are different in that we do not simply give a veteran or service member a dog to help their lives," she continued. "Our Medical Evaluation Team works with their medical treatment team to utilize the dog as an adjunct intervention tool in their Cognitive Behavior Therapy and Exposure Therapy."

Even with her contest earnings, the foundation still encourages the participation of volunteers.

"We are always looking for volunteers and try to focus their time based on their talents and interests," Kyria said. "We can often use temporary short-term foster homes for dogs, collection of specific dog products, and help with fund raising."

For more information, visit [www.helpkyria.com/ask-kyria](http://www.helpkyria.com/ask-kyria).



PHOTO FROM HELPKYRIA.COM

**The paws4vets™ program uses dogs as a part of veterans' and service members' medical therapy treatment.**



# 9th Annual *Round Hill* *Hometown Festival*

Saturday, May 28, 2011

## 5K FESTIVAL RACE

### ½ MILE KID FUN RUN

8:00 a.m./\$25 registration fee

Got what it takes to get up early and race through the streets of Round Hill? All age groups welcome. Register early. Complete registration forms and more information available at the Town Office or on the web at [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org).

NO FEE FOR KIDS' FUN RUN!



## PARADE

10:00 a.m.

The parade will start at Woodgrove Park, proceed south down Main Street and end at the Town Park. Participation is welcomed and encouraged for local organizations, especially any with musical talent! If you would like to participate, email [moriartyrh@yahoo.com](mailto:moriartyrh@yahoo.com) for details.



## MEMORIAL CEREMONY

10:45 a.m.

Come to the park for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to take a few moments to honor our local veterans through music, a flag-raising and wreath-laying.

## MUSIC AND STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

All Day

The Round Hill Arts Center will host a day of entertainment on both the main stage in the Town Park and a second stage in the Patterson Building parking lot. Come see local favorites and a few surprises, including a rockin' after-dinner concert to wrap up the day's festivities.



## CHILDREN'S RIDES AND GAMES

11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free except for some rides. Sponsored by Western Loudoun Community Church and the Town of Round Hill, enjoy three-legged races, hula-hoop contests, human tumbler and more!



## FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Log on to [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org) to order your Festival T-shirts!

All shirts are \$10. Order early to ensure sizes and availability.

Volunteers are needed to help make the day a success!

Email [moriartyrh@yahoo.com](mailto:moriartyrh@yahoo.com) to find out how to help or to sign up for an hour or two shift.



## PIE-EATING CONTEST

**1:00 p.m.**

Dare to go face-down in a chocolate creme-filled pie and take home a free T-shirt and hopefully a medal! There will be rounds for local celebrities, adults, teens and children. Everyone participating must stop by the T-shirt table and sign up the day of the event. Permission slips for anyone under 18 will be available online and at the Town Office ahead of time.

## DOWN HILL DERBY/SCOOTER RACE

**3:00 p.m.**

\$5 registration fee through May 29  
Build your own derby car and race it down N. Locust Street! There will be heats for scooters as well. Races are open to drivers who can safely operate their vehicles. Racers must follow the rules found at [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org).



## COMMUNITY FEAST IN THE TOWN PARK

**5:30 p.m.**

\$15 adult/\$5 child by May 20; \$17 and \$7 thereafter  
Join your neighbors for a gourmet dinner in the Town Park catered by Savoir Fare. The number of tickets available after May 20 will be highly limited, so reserve your seat at the table early!



## EVENING CONCERT IN THE PARK

**7:30 p.m.**

Rock'n'rollers **Julia and the ReadyBoys**, featuring Julia Kasdorf of One Horse Town, top off the evening with a concert sure to please all ages. Bring a blanket or chairs to kick back and enjoy the sights and sounds, or bring your dancing shoes to dance the night away! Come early for hometown favorites **Acoustic Burgoo**, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

### **Hungry?**

**Try one of the following options:**

RHVFD Pig Roast

Tammy's Diner

Round Hill Grocery

Round Hill Mini-Mart

Savoir Fare

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS TO CHECK OUT:

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE AND PIG ROAST**

**10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Visit with Loudoun's finest service organizations at the firehouse and grab a delicious pork sandwich afterward!

### **OLD FURNITURE FACTORY'S TASTE OF THE VINE**

**1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Local vintners offer samples of their finest wines. The \$10 admission fee includes a commemorative glass.

**PLEASE**  
drive slowly  
and carefully during  
the Festival. Also be alert  
to temporary road  
closures through the day  
as part of the 5K run,  
parade and  
derby.



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# Don't miss the fun!