

SOCIETY SET UP DISPLAYS IN COUNTRY FAIR CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 30 2017

Two members of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Charles Belfield, Color Guard Chairman and Mike Lyman, Past President, set up War of 1812 displays in Richmond County's "Farnham Country Fair" from 10 am to 3pm on September 30, 2017. The location was at the Commonwealth Senior Living at Farnham facility. Large crowds throughout the day attended and many visitors came to see our displays. Our War of 1812 displays included mockups of James Monroe's birthplace house being built, a display of the battle of North Farnham Church and of the Battle of the White House that took place at now Fort Belvoir on the Potomac River. Also displayed were War of 1812 artifacts of cannon balls, and other items retrieved from the grounds around Farnham Church, War of 1812 muskets and swords and many books, research aids and manuscripts about the War. Several visitors showed an interest in joining our society. Also in our display area, Revolutionary War items were displayed including a makeshift tent and a copy of the Leedstown Resolutions document.

Below are news releases of the event from the local newspaper and some photos that were taken.



Country Fair helps others

Commonwealth Senior Living at Farnham holds fair to raise money to help employees in need

By Travis I. Sivart

The end of summer inevitably comes, but we still have time to enjoy warmer weather and activities. Like the Country Fair at Commonwealth Senior Living at Farnham on Saturday, September 23rd. The day was in the mid-80s and the sun shone down, making the breeze welcomed. The smell of kettle corn and fresh cut grass wafted across the lawn as people sat in lawn chairs gossiping and visiting. The buzz of insects blended with the hum of the generator from Bright Eyes Concession & Catering, as people walked their dogs through the throng of vendors and visitors.

A pavilion dominated one side of the makeshift square, housing the Dove Brother's Band as they sang hymns for the crowd, and vendors completed the other three sides. Pony rides were available behind the Northumberland Animal Shelter's tent; that, by the way, had at least two kitties adopted that day. Richmond County Emergency Services displayed a couple vehicles near where the Trolley stopped to let folks on and off. Three Great Danes stood out, as Rick and Candice Anthony from 101Danes.

com walked Cowboy, Samsung, and Bingo around the lawn to meet and mingle with anyone who wanted to pet the gentle giants. In contrast to the dogs, there was Jorie Bramblet and her miniature horse, Biscuit, who was training to become a therapy animal also.

This country fair was set up by Commonwealth Senior Living at Farnham to help raise money for their Commonwealth Cares program. This program was set up to provide assistance to employees in need during times of hardship, and according to Joan Horne, Executive Director of Commonwealth Senior Living, Commonwealth Cares, all proceeds from the fair goes to this program.

So as people walked around with a fresh squeezed lemonade and kettle corn in hand, they browsed vendors who displayed clothes, jewelry, books, containers, essential oils, health insurance, and organizations such as; Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services, Revolutionary War Reenactors, and American Cancer Society Bark for Life. Antique cars stood in a row, shining and polished in the end of summer weather people strolling past or stopping to ask questions of the enthusiasts who restored the vehicles. All in all, a perfect way to spend one of the few remaining warm weather days.

Commonwealth Senior Living at Farnham is located at 511 Cedar Grove Road, Farnham, VA.



















