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A fall scene on Old Waterford Road just outside of Leesburg.
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Halloween Happenings



Photo by Douglas Graham

The Leesburg Kiwanis Club's annual Halloween parade is one of the oldest in the nation, getting its start in 1957.

Loudoun Does Halloween

When it comes to Halloween, few communities can match Loudoun for the scale of its holiday happenings. We do it big.

The foundation is the **Leesburg Kiwanis Club's annual parade** through the heart of the historic district on Halloween night. The event began in 1957 when town leaders sought to direct the energies of mischievous youth to more productive pursuits. Since at least 1964, the Kiwanis Club has managed the parade, which has traditionally claimed the title of the longest running Halloween parade east of the Mississippi River.

The parade begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at Ida Lee Park and follows King Street through the historic district. Depending on the number of marching bands, floats, scout troops, sports teams, businesses, performance groups—and politicians—joining the march, the parade can last an hour or longer.

Don't forget to take a non-perishable food item to donate to Loudoun Hunger Relief. Every year the parade collects hundreds of pounds of food for the community food bank. Collection is at Ida Lee Field for entrants and along the route at the LHR van at the end of the parade.

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Another long-time tradition is the **Loudoun Museum's Hauntings tour**. For three decades, the museum staff and volunteers have helped thousands discover the real (spookier) night life of Leesburg.

Oct. 22 and 23, guides will take attendees on a downtown walking tour, telling stories about the historic homes and their inhabitants from the past—some highly ghostly in nature. This year, the tour includes stops at the historic Loudoun County Courthouse, the Eliza House, the Glenfiddich House, the Leesburg Presbyterian Church, and inside the museum.

The event is the largest annual fundraiser for the museum and supports future exhibits and programs. Tickets are \$30 and typically sell out early. For details, go to loudounmuseum.org/hauntings.

TWO NEWER EVENTS HAVE BECOME HALLOWEEN STAPLES.

Shocktober is one of the nation's most awarded haunted house experiences. Since its inception in 2010, Shocktober, a PG-13 tour through a four-story, 150-year-old mansion and its basement, has generated over \$3.5 million to support The Arc of Loudoun, a nonprofit caring for children with disabilities and their families.

After pivoting to a virtual event last year, the costumed crew will return to the Carlheim mansion in Leesburg for an in-person scare. Tickets will be limited, with advance purchase required. The house opens for tours each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through October. Tickets are \$40. For details, go to shocktober.org.

In Purcellville, the annual **Halloween Block Party on North 21st Street** features the county's largest costume contest, with participants putting their best creativity on display. This year, the party starts at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. For details, go to the event Facebook page.

MORE Happenings



Photo by Douglas Graham

The family-owned Georges Mill Farm near Lovettsville is a popular stop during the fall farm tour.

THE FALL FARM TOUR

After two years of virtual and hybrid events, this year's tour is planned to be in-person, the weekend of October 16-17.

The **Loudoun Fall Farm Tour** began in 1993 when it was called the "Loudoun Colors Tour," intended to showcase the stunning leaf-change scenery in the Loudoun valleys. Since then, it has grown into a business-centric event, annually drawing thousands of residents and visitors from all over the DC region.

During the weekend, dozens of farms and rural businesses invite in visitors for corn mazes, pumpkin patches, apple presses and other seasonal activities. There's also a virtual tour, showcasing farms that are part of the Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace, an e-commerce platform launched during the pandemic to help connect consumers with local products.

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“We are thrilled to offer a return to in-person visits this year after taking precautions against the spread of COVID-19 in 2020. Last year’s virtual Fall Farm Tour gave new farms a chance to participate and showcased Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown products to a global audience. We intend to keep that opportunity for farms this year while encouraging consumers to shop from your online stores and support local farming,” Loudoun Economic Development Executive Director Buddy Rizer said. “We have some exciting new features planned for this year’s tour and can’t wait to announce them to the public later this fall.”

For full details and tour maps, go to loudounfarms.org.

MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL

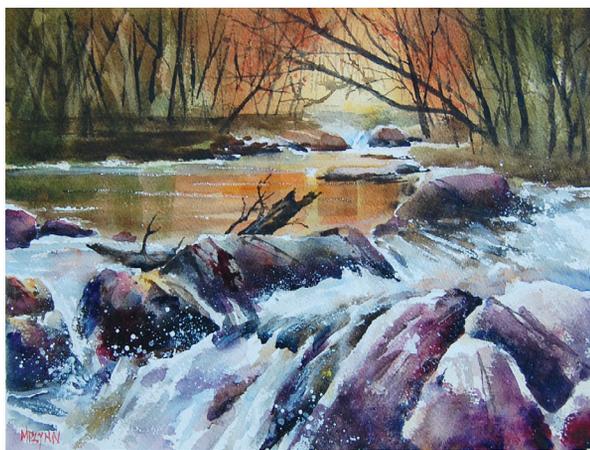
The Middleburg Film Festival features a carefully curated selection of narrative and documentary films screen in intimate theatre environments, followed by conversations with world-renowned filmmakers, actors, and other



special guests. Created by Sheila C. Johnson, the event showcases festival favorites, world and regional premieres, first-class foreign films, and Oscar contenders—as well as the Middleburg community,

Johnson and her team are planning for the festival to be fully in-person this year, with requirements for vaccinations and adherence to the CDC and Virginia Covid-19 health and safety protocols.

The festival runs over four days, Oct. 14-17. For the line up of screenings and special presentations and to secure tickets, go to middleburgfilm.org.



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Photo by Patrick Szabo

Owner Hadi Akkad pours a glass of Flying Ace Distillery & Brewery's award-winning bourbon.

Flying Ace Wins Double Gold, Silver in National Competition

Loudoun's newest distillery already is building a national reputation.

Flying Ace's Blended Bourbon Cask Proof was awarded Double Gold, and its Blended Bourbon at 90 proof was awarded Silver at this year's North American Bourbon and Whiskey Competition.

The Tasting Awards were held over three days of blind tastings in more than 60 categories. Awards for Double Gold and Best of Show were based on the highest score ratings.

"We are honored to accept these awards at this year's North American Bourbon and Whiskey Competition," said Greg Moore, master distiller at Flying Ace Distillery. "This was a team effort. We are all extremely proud of the awards and are excited to make Flying Ace Farm and the agricultural bounty Loudoun County, Virginia has to offer a major player in the nationwide bourbon distillery landscape."

Flying Ace opened in April on an 85-acre farm near the village of Taylorstown as a brewery, distillery, and popular live music venue.

It's the brainchild of Hadi Akkad, a Leesburg resident who in 2018 sold his financial technology firm to US Bank and decided he wanted to do something different completely different.

Akkad's team uses a custom-built still crafted by Louisville, KY-based Vendome Copper & Brass Works, along with two, 1,000-gallon fermenters to distill bourbon and rum. He also is reaching back to the roots of Virginia's distilling industry, growing 30 acres of Bloody Butcher heirloom corn, which was developed in the commonwealth in the early 1800s but has since all but died out.

For more information, go to FlyingAceFarm.com.

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MORVEN PARK

Morven Park is a 1,000-acre historic estate on the edge of Leesburg that was home to Virginia governor and agricultural pioneer Westmoreland Davis. Tours of the Greek Revival mansion include 16th century Belgian tapestries, Spanish cassones, hundreds of silver pieces, Hudson River Valley paintings, and Asian treasures. The estate also features the Winmill Carriage Museum, the Museum of Hounds and Hunting of North America, formal boxwood gardens, miles of hiking and riding trails, and athletic fields.

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Catoctin Creek Celebrates \$1M Expansion

BY RENSS GREENE

Business leaders and lawmakers from the local through the federal levels were on hand recently to help Catoctin Creek Distilling founders Scott and Becky Harris celebrate a \$1 million expansion that tripled the distillery's capacity to turn out Virginia's favorite spirits.

Their Roundstone Rye is Virginia's most-awarded whiskey, and their brandy, gin and whiskey have won fans and awards here and around the world. And in a few years, after the next batches are done aging, there will be plenty more of those good spirits to go around.

The Harrises were both engineers before deciding to follow their dream to open a distillery, the first in Loudoun since Prohibition—legally, at least—and one of only a handful in the state at the time in 2009. That journey took them from working with the county to start a business for which there was no precedent, to today selling in 40 states, Mexico, Canada,

Singapore and six European countries.

"In order to keep providing whiskey to all these places, we have to be sort of fortune tellers," Scott Harris said. With the years it takes for a whiskey to be ready to sell, distillers like Catoctin Creek have to anticipate where the market will be four or five years in advance. "So, it's a little bit of skin, it's a lot of bit of a scary thing, to basically build something for a market that's not actually there yet."

The distillery also uses all American or even local products as much as possible—from the grain, to the white oak barrels, even down to the glass bottles. Getting the bottles from Pennsylvania, while pricey to set up, turned out in their favor when the COVID-19 pandemic began and shipping lanes from China and Mexico, where many other glass bottles come from, shut down.

"The prosperity of any society or community is measured by how long it takes one dollar to circulate and leave that community," said Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser. "You make it

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▼ difficult for a dollar to leave the Town of Purcellville, and we thank you for that.”

The Harrises were advocates for making permanent a previously temporary reduction in federal excise taxes on alcohol, which became reality in 2021. And Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), with whom the Harrises worked for overseas sales, pointed out they accomplished their growth amid not only a pandemic and economic slump, but a trade war sparked by the previous presidential administration’s tariffs against Europe sparked retaliatory tariffs on American goods—including on whiskey.

“You guys are not only selling great whiskey everywhere, you’re helping local farmers stay in business, and what a great thing, because we know of the development and other pressures that can take small family farms and make them not economically viable,” Kaine said. “So something like you’re doing is keeping an industry alive, and a way of life alive, that we would miss very terribly if it were to go away.”

State Sen. John J. Bell (D-13) thanked Catoctin Creek for leading during the pandemic—which ranged from pivoting to making hand sanitizer for healthcare workers and first responders in the early days of the pandemic, to today when all of their staff are vaccinated against COVID-19.

“This is the way forward, so thank you for leading on that and allowing your business to prosper,” Bell said. “Thank you for being just a great example.”

“If you think about entrepreneurs and their success, there’s no such thing as overnight success. Instead, there’s a lot of hard work, there’s a lot of vision, there’s a lot of sleepless nights, and a lot that goes into this success,” said Loudoun Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Tony Howard. “So here today, celebrating today’s expansion, we’re really celebrating the last 12 or 13 years of the guts and the vision, the hard work, and everything that you have poured into this great, now Loudoun County institution.”

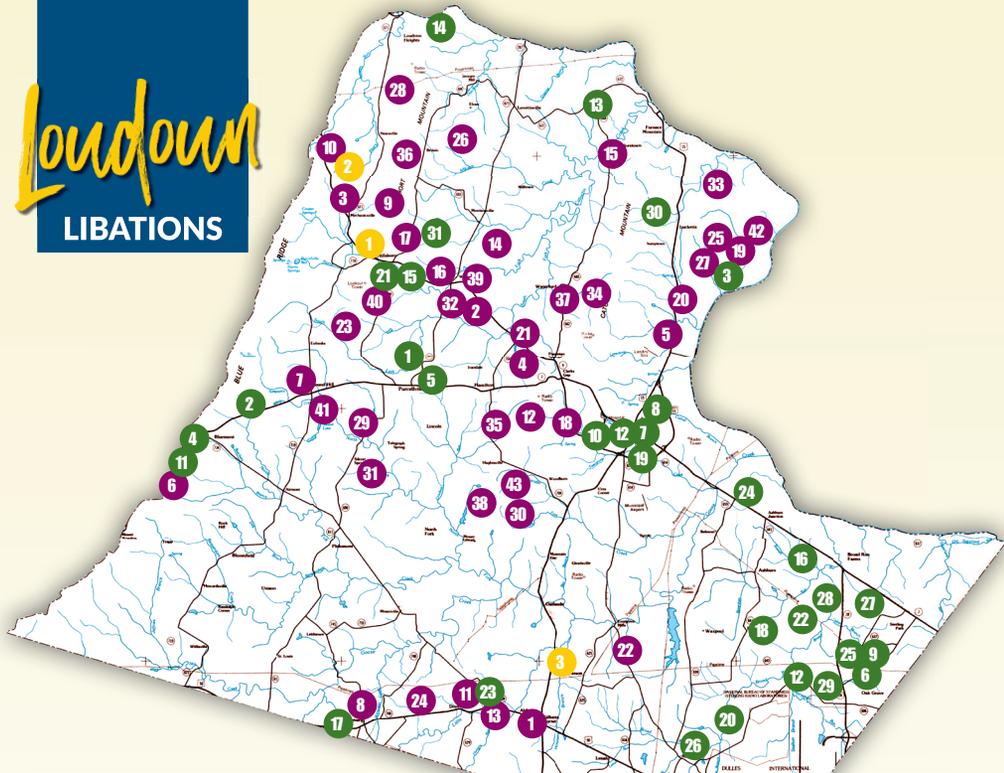
Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA-10) congratulated the Harrises on making their dream a reality—and on teaching the world to pronounce “Catoctin.”

What’s happening?

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50westvineyards.com
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38593 Daymont Ln., Waterford, VA
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- 3 868 Estate Vineyards**
14001 Harpers Ferry Rd., Purcellville
868estatevineyards.com
- 4 The Barns at Hamilton Station**
16804 Hamilton Station Rd., Hamilton
thebarnsathamiltonstation.com
- 5 Bleu Frog Vineyards**
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- 6 Bluemont Vineyard**
18755 Foggy Bottom Rd., Bluemont
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- 34 Terra Nebulo**
39892 Old Wheatland Rd., Waterford
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- 35 Three Creeks Winery**
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- 11 Dirt Farm Brewing**
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- 12 Dynasty Brewing Company**
21140 Ashburn Crossing Drive, Ashburn
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40950 Flying Ace Ln, Lovettsville
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- 14 Harper's Ferry Brewing**
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- 22 Old Ox Brewery**
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- 24 Phase 2 Brewing**
19382 Diamond Lake Dr, Lansdowne
Phase2Brewing.com
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TAKING THE
MYSTERY OUT
OF WINE

Meet Loudoun's "Wine Professor"

BY JAN MERCKER

When sommelier Kevin Chung was laid off from his job as a manager at a local winery, he was depressed and disheartened.

But Chung turned a negative plot twist on its head with the mantra "sip happens." In a classic COVID pivot, he followed his dream of launching a wine education business. The passionate, high-energy 29-year-old launched The Wine Professor LLC this spring and kicked off his offerings with a series of tastings at Fleetwood Farm Winery.

Chung is on a mission to demystify and put the fun in wine for consumers looking to learn more. As a master sommelier and wine educator, his role is to help people figure out what they like and why they like it and get to know their palates.

"It's really understanding what you like and dislike. ... Your palate is completely different from mine," Chung said. "For you to understand your palate, the fun part is to drink different types of wine, different styles of wine from all around the world—with me helping guide them."

Chung, who grew up in Ashburn, fell in love with wine in college and went on to become a master sommelier. But it's experiences around tables with friends that helped him hone in on the power of wine to bring people together—and that's what he hopes to share with the Loudoun community.

"It's the experience around wine that really drew me to it," he said.

While helping run the tasting room at Stone Tower Winery, Chung had a chance to meet one of his inspirations, the noted sommelier



The Wine Professor Kevin Chung leads participants on a tour of Italian wines during a recent program at Fleetwood Farm Winery in Ashburn.

Fred Dame, a godfather figure in the wine community.

"His rule of thumb is never open a bottle of wine unless there's at least four people to share because it's not the bottle of wine that you fall in love with, it's the stories that are shared around the bottle of wine," Chung said.

Chung's series focusing on Italian wines at Fleetwood Farm drew wine lovers throughout the month of July. He's planning more educational tastings focusing on different wine regions at local wineries and is also forging

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contacts with area chefs to offer fun and educational tastings at private parties and wine dinners.

Chung, a Broad Run High School grad, first got hooked on wine in an oenology class at Ohio Wesleyan College. As a student, Chung thought the class would be a fun excuse to sip wine in school but learned it was instead a deep and rigorous dive into the science, history and geography of wine.

"In my college-age mind, all I heard was: 'I get to study and drink wine for a class, sign me up!' But it was by far the hardest class I ever took," he said.

After college, Chung spent several years as a consultant in the healthcare industry but realized the corporate world wasn't for him. "It was so limiting," he said.

Chung left his consulting job and returned to his love of wine. He snagged an apprentice level job as a "cellar rat" with Fabbio Trabocchi's DC-based Fiola restaurant group and worked behind the scenes while studying for his Court of Master Sommeliers test. After earning a top score, Chung made it to the floor as a sommelier in his early twenties.

Chung, who also holds a Level Three certification through the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, wanted to return to Loudoun and tap into the burgeoning wine industry in the region he calls home. He worked for several years as a manager at Stone Tower, and his layoff during the pandemic was a big blow.

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The Wine Professor Kevin Chung preps the table for a recent tasting event exploring Italian wines at Fleetwood Farm Winery in Ashburn.

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"Hospitality took a very large hit during COVID," he said. "I remember vividly for a week not being able to fall asleep, questioning my talents, questioning where did I go wrong? What really pushed me through was calling my support group, my mentors across different industries and talking it out."

Chung considered a return to the 9-to-5 corporate world but decided it was time to finally launch the Wine Professor business he'd been dreaming about for several years. Chung reached out to mentors in the wine and business worlds to get thoughts on what was really needed in the region's wine industry.

"The resounding answer was the education piece—and in a way where it's less pretentious. Wine can be very intimidating, and it's a turnoff for a lot of folks," he said.



Chung helped participants explore six Italian wines during a recent Wine Professor program at Fleetwood Farm Winery in Ashburn.

For more information about Kevin Chung and The Wine Professor LLC, go to facebook.com/TheWineProfessor or [@thewineprofessor](https://instagram.com/thewineprofessor) on Instagram.

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Quattro Goombas' Piney River celebrates the Camden family's deep roots in Virginia's winemaking community.

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Honoring a Wine Legend

BY VISIT LOUDOUN

Visitors to the popular Quattro Goombas Winery this fall will enjoy superb Piney River Chardonnay and Piney River White alongside signature, home-made pizza. What guests may not be familiar with though is the female legend behind the wine they're drinking: co-owner David Camden's great grandmother Willie Thomas Campbell — "Mama Cam."

Born during the Civil War, months after her father was killed in action, she eloped to Washington, DC, in 1885 where she and her husband dined at the famous Hay Adams Hotel. It was there she tasted her first glass of wine. She was smitten. She returned to rural Bedford County, where she began to grow grapes and make wine, supplying friends, family and local churches with communion wine.

"She may be the first recorded female wine maker in Virginia," said Camden proudly of his great grandmother, "which is why we named the series Piney River—in honor of her birthplace."

Which wine to order? We feel the Piney River White, a bright and crisp Viognier and Vidal Blanc blend with hints of pear would win Mama Cam's approval.

From ancient Virginia wine legend to modern ones ...

October is Virginia Wine Month, which means the annual Loudoun Wine Awards dinner is upon us. The event, which is open to the public, takes place Oct. 15 at Lansdowne Resort & Spa with hundreds of entries and dozens of awards

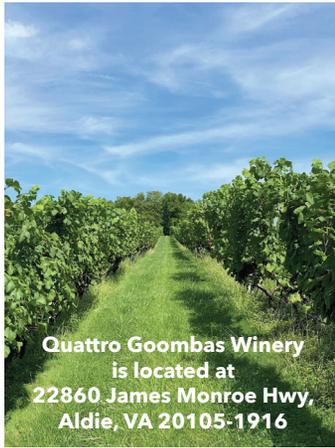
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to be won. Enjoy dinner alongside award-winning wines while celebrating Loudoun's rich wine country. Tickets for the event are available online.

But, it's not just about wine this fall.

October brings fall festivals and the return of one what has been deemed one of the scariest haunted houses in the country. After a hiatus last year, Shocktober is back: the spectacular haunted experience that raises money for the Arc of Loudoun. Join thousands of "fright fans" each weekend in October as they walk the dark and twisty corridors of the manor house built in 1872. Extra surprises this year include a whole new floor of the house, new secret rooms and



a 10-foot-tall character named Scarestalker. Sounds charming.

Of course, if a dark spooky house is not your idea of fall fun, you can stick to more cerebral pursuits.

The first weekend of October is the Waterford Fall Fair while the weekend of Oct. 16 is the annual Loudoun Farm Tour, which connects people to animals, farmers, demonstrations, pumpkin patches and more.

October 14-17 is also the annual Middleburg Film Festival bringing star-studded films, directors and actors to the historic town.

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Friday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. (doors)

Tally Ho Theater

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The Texas band is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a new tour powered by its breakout hit, slacker anthem “Novocaine.”



10.29

THE TUBES

Friday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

Tally Ho Theater

tallyhotheater.com

The San Francisco band pioneered theatrics in rock 'n' roll long before MTV and music video made it fashionable. On this national tour, the band is playing its hit 1981 album, *The Completion Backward Principle*, in its entirety.



Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. (doors)

Tally Ho Theater

tallyhotheater.com

Everclear wrote and recorded some of the iconic '90s alt-rock hits and the band's shows include deep dives into its 11 studio albums.

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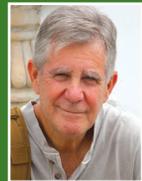
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2 Loudoun Stops Added to Civil War Trail



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Chris Brown, assistant director for Civil War Trails, Inc., lifts the new directional sign in place at Gilbert's Corner Regional Park.

NOVA Parks has installed two new Civil War Trails signs in Loudoun County, at the Aldie Mill Historic Park and Gilbert's Corner Regional Park.

The new sign at Aldie Mill orients visitors to the fighting which took place along Rt. 50 between Aldie and Upperville as part of the Gettysburg campaign in 1863. It is part of a series of Civil War Trails sites stretched across 15 miles that help visitors follow the troop movements and engagements that occurred during three days of engagements known as the Battle of Middleburg.

"This mini-Civil War trail is immensely popular with travelers



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Slashing Sabers, the new sign at Aldie Mill helps orient guests to the fighting which took place in the Rt. 50 corridor in the days leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg. The inset map on the new sign at Gilbert's Corner helps connect guests with the other resources in the region.

as they traverse not only the history but enjoy some of Virginia's most beautiful downtowns, shops and landscapes," said Drew Gruber, executive director of Civil War Trails, Inc. "Mt. Defiance Cidery, Hunter's Head Tavern, and the Little River Inn make this an ultimate destination for couples looking for a weekend retreat."

The sign at Gilbert's Corner Regional Park, titled "Neighbor Against Neighbor," tells the story of Alexander "Yankee" Davis and how his vote in May 1861 to stay in the Union led to his harassment by neighbors and his ultimate role as a guide for Union troops in the area. It is located at the trailhead for the 150-acre park.

The Civil War Trails network is designed as an open-air museum for visitors to explore by driving, cycling, or hiking. Loudoun County is home to more than two dozen Civil War Trails sites, linked to 1,350 other locations across six states.

For more information about Aldie Mill Historic Park or Gilbert's Corner Regional Park go to novaparks.com. For more information about Civil War Trails or to request a brochure go to civilwartrails.org.

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