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GORDONSVILLE HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Orange County, VA – The Town of Gordonsville will once again be host to a festival that beckons back to a significant part of the Town’s history and heritage. Gordonsville is famous for its fried chicken and the heritage of local African-American women, known as “chicken vendors”, who brought platters of the delicacy to rail passengers stopped in Gordonsville during the 19th century, a renowned activity that, in 1869, prompted a local newspaper editor to bestow upon the village the title “Chicken-leg Centre of the Universe”.

To celebrate this unique cultural heritage, the Town of Gordonsville is holding its 3rd Annual Famous Fried Chicken Festival. This event will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2015**, from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at the **Gordonsville Fire Company Fair Grounds** and is a “rain or shine” event.

Mayor Bob Coiner commented, “Well, I know last year’s Fried Chicken Festival was a smashing success! There’s nothing better than lots of delicious fried chicken and other tasty treats, with live music and arts and crafts vendors ... all enjoyed with friends on a beautiful spring day! This is a fun, old fashioned community get-together, and we hope everyone in the area will come out and enjoy the day and enjoy our hospitality at this wonderful Gordonsville festival!”

Town Manager Debbie Kendall added, “Each year, Gordonsville’s Fried Chicken Festival continues to grow in popularity, and it is a great way to celebrate the Town’s heritage. While we’ve moved the event this year to the Fireman’s Fairgrounds due to streetscape project construction downtown, we’re still open for business downtown and I hope everyone will spend part of their day in Gordonsville visiting our local shops.”

This festival will feature cook-off contests for fried chicken and pies. Artisan crafters will also be on hand to sell their wares and there will be a wine garden for wine tastings and purchase.

The Town of Gordonsville, located in western Orange County, is a charming town of quaint shops and galleries, a noted Civil War museum and critically acclaimed restaurants in the heart of historic central Virginia. For more information on the Town of Gordonsville, please visit www.townofgordonsville.org and for information on tourism in Orange County, please visit www.visitorangevirginia.com.

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