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**\*\*\*\*REMEMBERING LONGTIME ODH WHIP AND FRIEND CLARE PALMER:** Gerald Keal and his daughter Vanessa are hosting a celebration of the life of the late Clare Palmer 3-7 p.m. on Sunday July 31.

The event is at their house just north of Hume – address:  
11546 Hereford Court  
Markham 22643

According to Vanessa, “There is no formal plan. We just ask you to join us with your favorite sayings by Clare, stories, pictures and memories of her, so that we can share the light she brought into all of our lives. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice.

“We will provide plates, utensils, cups and ice.

“If you are unable to attend, please email or text or facebook Vanessa your favorite sayings, stories, pictures and memories. She plans to make a memorial book which she’ll share online.”

Email Vanessa with any questions: [vgirl@rocketmail.com](mailto:vgirl@rocketmail.com).

**\*\*\*\*ODH HACK AND YACK TRAIL RIDE SERIES:**

July 21

August 4

August 18

Rides begin at 6:30 p.m. from the hunter trial field just north of Orlean. (Intersection of Leeds Manor Road and Thumb Run Road.) Rides are 60-90 minutes, slow paced and carefully controlled or young horses. If 100% agreement, there may be some optional jumping, some trot and canter, some hunt field exercises.

There is **no charge** for the rides but hound-kibble-fund donations are welcome and encouraged.

Please bring a snack and drink to share for after the ride.

Text joint master Debbie Welch for details: 540 631 8607.

**\*\*\*\*WARRENTON HORSE SHOW HUNT NIGHT TAILGATE SPACE:** ODH will purchase and set up a tailgate space for Hunt Night at the Warrenton Horse Show. Hunt Night is Labor Day Saturday – Sept. 4. Hunt classes run all afternoon and night, but the “party” will begin around 5 p.m.

**\*\*\*\*LANDOWNERS’ PICNIC SAVE THE DATE:** The annual landowners’ picnic is Sept. 11 at Marriott Ranch near Hume. 5 pm dinner, open bar and music.

**\*\*\*\*KEAL HORSE BLANKET CARE SERVICES:** Vanessa Keal reminds horse owners that summer is the perfect time to take care of horse blanket repairs and waterproofing. Vanessa lives in Hume, and she’s available for horse blanket washing and waterproofing and works with a repair person.

Email [vgirl@rocketmail.com](mailto:vgirl@rocketmail.com) or call 540.364.7624.

**\*\*\*PLANNING CALENDAR:**

- July 21 – 6:30 p.m. walk and talk trail ride – 60-90 minute slow paced training/fun ride. Free (but donations are warmly accepted.) Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- August 4 – 6:30 p.m. walk and talk trail ride – 60-90 minute slow paced training/fun ride. Free (but donations are warmly accepted.) Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- August 18 – 6:30 p.m. walk and talk trail ride – 60-90 minute slow paced training/fun ride. Free (but donations are warmly accepted.) Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- September 11 – Landowners’ picnic.
- October 23 – ODH fall hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- October 29 – ODH opening meet. High Meadow, Flint Hill.
- November 27 – Photos with Santa. ODH kennels, Orlean.

**\*\*\*THE WELL-READ RIDER:** “The horse.

Here is nobility without conceit, friendship without envy, beauty without vanity. A willing servant, yet never a slave.

— Ronald Duncan

**\*\*\*FUN FOX FACTS:** (Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send fun facts.)

Foxes appear to be (and are reported in children’s books to be) cuddly, friendly small dogs but they’re wild animals, guided by instinct.

Witnessed this evening – two young littermates (appear to be 10 weeks old) were genially sharing some leftover chicken set out by a landowner for the woodland critters. Suddenly, one of the kits turned on the other one, rearing up and boxing at his sibling. They cried and yelped at one another and lunged for each others’ throats until one sibling said uncle and turned tail.

(Photo below shows the placid scene just before the fight broke out.)



(sticky-notes)

\*\*\*ODH FIXTURE MAP: With helpful navigation and parking information for all current ODH fixtures. \*\*Please understand some of our fixtures have no actual 'address' since a lot of them are just random hayfields or back gates, and maps and GPS doesn't properly 'see' some of the addresses, so READ THE NOTES for each fixture. ODH Fixtures

\*\*\*\*DOG-PALOOZA WEEKEND: The Virginia Foxhound Club show at Morven Park is Memorial Day Sunday, May 29, on the lawn of historic Morven Park in Leesburg.

And, new this year, add Saturday, May 28 to your calendar – plan to attend the fabulous Dog Daze at historic Glenwood Park in Middleburg.

Host: Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America

A full day of demos and competition by working dogs and hounds.

Retrievers – Labs, Pointers, Spaniels

K9 Demonstration

Beagles and Basset Hounds

Sheep Dogs

Search and Rescue

Terrier Races

Lurcher Races

Agility

Guide & Companion Canines

Foxhound Parade

Plus, shopping, food-trucks and canine-focused activities and presentations.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Billie-Jo Pearl at (540) 883-0883 or office@mfha.com

\*\*\*\*OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY: The Old Dominion Self-Serve Food Pantry is located behind the post office in Orlean. The easy-access assistance system is for families who need a little help to get through the next meal. ODFP partners with Fauquier For Immediate Sympathetic Help (FISH) to get the word out about the pantry. FISH is in Warrenton near the Salvation Army and is a privately funded food bank. FISH arranges for needy children to take home backpacks of food every week through the elementary schools. Here's how you can help:

1. Place donations directly in the white shed behind the pantry.
2. Go by the pantry any time to check on it. If it's empty or needs attention, e-mail ODFoodpantry@gmail.com

\*\*\*\*SEND any news, or notes, photos, interesting items or upcoming events to be included in this ODH online newsletter. Feel free to forward this to friends and family and anyone you think might be interested in ODH happenings. Send current/updated email addresses if you'd like to be included on our direct newsletter list.

\*\*\*\*WANT MORE? If you can't get enough ODH news, check out the regularly updated and ongoing newsfeed on our Facebook page. Or dive deep into club history, photo galleries and more on our newly-refreshed website – theolddominionhounds.com (\*don't forget the 'the' at the beginning of that website address.) Or call the hunt monitor for up-to-the-minute hunting information and changes – 540.364-7457.