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Buffalo Do Play Tennis

Gunpowder Bison & Trading Ranch in Monkton is home to buffalo who look upon tennis courts every day. They play tennis to stay lean for us. Just joshing. It is a bucolic setting. Trey and Angela Lewis opened their store in 2005 on Trey's family property. In 2003 he wanted to do some type of farming, perhaps soybeans, corn, black angus, ennui, or paca. After a bit of research, he realized that bison produced good quality meat full of protein. They provide buffalo meat to local restaurants, and sell at farmers' markets. Please call 410-343-2277 or visit at 1270 Monkton Rd. 21111. Remember, do NOT pet the buffalo.

The Valley Inn

The Historic Valley Inn at 10501 Falls Road still serves traditional Maryland dishes after almost 86 years of being in business. It was originally called the Brooklandville Inn when it opened in 1830. The Inn was a junction stop for the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad. The Green Spring Valley branch was one of the first railroad lines in the United States. Its regular service was by horse drawn carriage for almost twenty years until steam locomotives came into use. The grounds were used for the finish of the 1897 Maryland Hunt Cup and later the Grand National race. So it was natural that the "after the race" festivities tradition was born at the Inn.

In 1921 Colonel John Hatfield bought the business and changed the name to the Valley Inn. Polo games were played there in the twenties. For a short time during Prohibition, the Inn was used as a tearoom and a small branch of Abercrombie and Fitch, the New York sporting goods store. Of course when Prohibition was repealed, the owners returned it to its original use as a restaurant and tavern. In 1965 John Hatfield, Jr. took over the Inn. Clark Gable, F. Scott Fitzgerald, H.L. Mencken and Alfred G. Vanderbilt are just a few well known people who have dined at the Inn.

The working fireplaces in almost all the rooms are very comforting on a cold winter day. Rooms are available for private parties. Many people hold their holiday cocktail gatherings at the Inn every year. One person I know always has the Inn's corn muffins dancing in his gastronomic memories. It is a hard decision to choose between the rich creamy crab imperial and the many other seafood items such as the seasonal soft shell crabs and fried oysters. The menu is evenly balanced with tender steaks, juicy lamb chops and seafood. The yummy stewed tomatoes are not found in many restaurants now. The easy to

Spring is Finally Here



These daffys returned to their natural habitat by the stream for their photo shoot one morning. The pair of geese, who come back every year, decided they did not want their photo taken and went for a swim with the muskrat.



find inn is charmingly located on Falls Road in Brooklandville. Call 410-828-8080 for dinner and private party reservations. The Inn opens daily at 11:30 am.