

Hair it is...



Roy Cunningham (left) recently opened Cutrate Barber Shop on the corner of Center and Battle Streets in Old Town Manassas. Professional barber Shawn Lewis (center) cuts customer Steve Millard's hair during the shop's first month in business! Comb through the details on page X.

SPOTLIGHT on Local Businesses

When **The Bone** opened its doors last July 4, the self-described “honest, no frills BBQ” was met with great enthusiasm. A state-of-the-art on-site smoker finishes certified Angus brisket, dry-rubbed St. Louis pork rib racks, turkey, and more with a perfect moisture-to-smoke ratio. “It hasn’t turned off since we opened,” says owner Chase Hoover. “The pork smokes all night. Meaty ribs take their place in the morning and are ready



by dinnertime.” The pulled pork is hand shredded and tossed in a thin vinegar-based sauce; it is served on a platter with tantalizing, classic sides, in a sandwich, or even in street tacos, by request. A respectable menu of local IPAs, ales, hard ciders, and wine complemented iced tea, fresh-squeezed lemonade, and sodas—including bottled Dominion root beer and Fanta’s birch beer “on draft.”

The Bone has a fun, family-friendly vibe that intensifies during special events in town. The family has a sister restaurant in Gainesville called Bad to the Bone Smokehouse operated by Chase’s best friend, Virginia Tech roommate and fraternity brother—and stepbrother—Bobby Lytle. Chase and Bobby both graduated with degrees in hospitality and tourism management. The restaurant endeavors bode well for a bright, if somewhat smoky, future! Happy one-year anniversary to The Bone!

May 1 marked the ribbon-cutting ceremony for **Totally Vintage Design**, a unique, colorful shop with things for her and for the home.



Vintage painted furniture serves as inventory and displays the home décor items and a line of mineral paint available for D-I-Y projects. The mother-and-daughter owner team of Faye Brooks and Melissa Harris inherited a penchant for restoring old furniture. Now that painted furniture is all the rage, the process has become streamlined and simple enough for novices to achieve on their own. “I have always wanted to go into business with my mom,” says Melissa. “Our store really complements the other shops here in Old Town.”

GreyHunt Interiors offers its interior design services through **Totally Vintage Design** and plans a grand opening celebration on June 20 from noon-3:00 p.m. Also partnering with the shop is **Style Ride Boutique**, a versatile clothing line for women. “These are virtually one-of-a-kind pieces,” says Melissa. The “magic pants” somehow flatter every figure and can be shortened to the perfect length using scissors—no hemming needed. Jewelry by Lenny and Eva rounds out the shop’s offerings. A handmade jewelry trunk show on June 21 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. will feature the opportunity to customize pieces. “We are so excited to be here,” says Melissa. “The support for local businesses in Old Town Manassas was a huge draw for us!”

On the corner of Center and Battle Streets is **Cutrate Barber Shop**, easily recognizable by its rotating barbershop poles in each window. Owner Roy Cunningham’s vision for the past decade was to open his own customer-centric shop, but it wasn’t until he spent a year in Afghanistan that he put his vision down on paper. Upon his return in November 2014, he finalized his business plan and designed his shop through the lens of a customer. Cutrate’s grand opening was held May 9.



The inviting aura at Cutrate is achieved thanks to a team effort. An interior decorator highlighted the large windows framed by gray walls opposite a distinctive, mirrored red wall. The barber shop chairs are top-of-the-line, as are the three professional, licensed barbers on staff. “They have 50 years of experience combined!” says Roy. “This is a community shop. People spend time here because they enjoy it.” Haircuts and close shaves with a straight razor and hot towel service inevitably give way to conversation and camaraderie in a comfortable environment. A custom-built shoeshine stand awaits the hire of a shoe shiner. Two stylist stations are ready for the right hairstylists to join the team and serve female clientele; there are also three additional barber chairs for the right professional barbers. The ribbon-cutting is scheduled for July 4 at 2:00 p.m. 