



THE FACES

of Main Street

The Luray Downtown Initiative was formed to facilitate rehabbing the town through the Virginia Main Street program. This feature is an introduction to some of the folks that form the fabric of Luray's Downtown ...

WHO: Robert A. Downs

WHAT: Attorney-at-law, specialties are family law, adoptions and divorces, and criminal law

WHERE: 127 W. Main St.

HOW LONG: In Luray since 1998. Graduated George Washington University Law School in 1975. Went to law school on the G.I. Bill. Started practicing in Fairfax. In 1990, moved to Harrisonburg with the firm of Julias, Blatt and Wolf. Then to Luray.

DID YOU KNOW?: Bob was born and raised in Los Angeles. He received his undergraduate degree from Wichita State University. In 1965, he served as an infantry soldier with the First Air Cavalry division in Vietnam and returned to the states in 1966. Among the reasons Bob was lured to Page County was his love of hunting and fishing. Additionally, his wife, Diane, is a physical therapist at Page Memorial Hospital.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT DOWNTOWN LURAY?

I think the sense of community is important in downtown Luray. I walk regularly and see so many people waving and tapping their horns to greet one another. These are things you never find in a big city. In my younger days of practicing law in Northern Virginia, there was much more collegiality among the attorneys. That spirit still seems to exist among the judges, court personnel and attorneys in Luray. A small town such as Luray still allows me to be a servant of the law as well as a servant of the people.

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