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**Old Jail Site Has New Purpose in Fredericksburg**

(Fredericksburg, VA) – Thanks to the help of local businessman, Joe Wilson, and his company, Perma Treat Pest Control, the old Fredericksburg jail site, adjacent to Lafayette Boulevard, will have a new purpose. The Gladys H. Oberle School, a division of Employment Resources Incorporated, a local non-profit business who owns the property, is turning a section of the old jail site into a ball field for the Oberle School. “We have been sending our students to the YMCA and to local parks for years as part of our school’s physical education program,” said Joan McLaughlin, President of ERI. “By building a new ball field on the old jail site we purchased in the fall, we can provide physical education to our students, right here on our downtown campus,” added McLaughlin.

In 2013, the Gladys H. Oberle School expanded their vocational program to students with disabilities at The Wilson Center for Vocational Studies. A state-of-the-art commercial

kitchen was built and a new Culinary Arts Program began due to a generous donation made by the Wilson family. “There is nothing more important, in my opinion, for a child’s future than to provide them with a good, quality education and training,” said Joe Wilson, Owner of Perma Treat Pest Control, “and nutrition and physical education plays an important part of a child’s education and their overall health,” said Wilson.

In order to build the new ball field, which is the first phase of the Oberle School’s new physical education complex, ERI must raise the money for the construction of the field. On May 30, Perma Treat Pest Control will serve as the *Title Sponsor* for the **2014 Oberle School Open Golf Tournament** at Lee’s Hill Golf Club to raise money for the construction of the school’s ball field. “Perma Treat supports a lot of great causes in the region and we are happy to help raise money to build a new ball field for a non-profit school,” said Wilson.

“We feel we have put together a very unique golf tournament;” said Raymond Slaughter, Chairman of the tournament’s planning committee, and Chairman of the Board of ERI. “Our tournament includes a steak dinner by Outback Steakhouse, complimentary beer from J.F. Inc., a wine tasting by Total Wine & More, complimentary cigars from Hogshead Cigar Lounge, cupcakes and sweets from Love & Cupcakes, great gifts like golf towels for all the golfers, and we even have four hole-in-one contests and prizes for golfers to win including an antique car from Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg,” Slaughter added.

The golf tournament will be a Captain’s Choice/Best Ball format and will have a shotgun start at 1:00pm. For more information on the tournament, golfers can contact ERI at 540-372-6710, or register online at Lee’s Hill Golf Club’s web site at [www.leeshillgc.com](http://www.leeshillgc.com). “We want to invite local golfers to come out, have a lot of fun, and support our students by playing in our first annual golf tournament,” Mclaughlin added.

Employment Resources Incorporated is a private not-for-profit organization with offices located in Fredericksburg, Virginia that serves the city of Fredericksburg and multiple cities and counties in the region. ERI operates the Gladys H. Oberle School in Fredericksburg, an accredited alternative private special education day school for middle and high age children which includes The Wilson Center for Vocational Studies programs. Its mission is to provide youth and young adults with the education and skills they need to become successfully employed, self-sufficient and contributing members of their community. ERI also provides employment training programs and services to the adult workforce and employers in their service region.

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