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Verona—Erling to discuss agricultural preservation: The public is invited to Smith's Transfer Room-West at Augusta County Government Center at 7 p.m. Sept. 24 to meet Todd M. Erling, executive director of Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corp. in Hudson, N.Y. Erling will describe how counties in that area work together to support agriculture. That valley is very similar to the Shenandoah Valley region, and development pressures are challenging that area's agricultural sector's future. The HVADC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing agriculture and related industries in the region. Erling will talk about how the HVADC has successfully enhanced the bottom line of farm businesses and strengthened the local agricultural industry as a whole. Meetings also are planned for 1 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Valley Farm Credit Conference Room in Winchester and at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Rockingham County Government Administration Center Board of Supervisors Room in Harrisonburg. The meetings are sponsored by Shenandoah Resource Conservation and Development, Shenandoah County Farm Bureau, Valley Conservation Council and the Committee to Preserve Rural Life in Frederick County. For more information, call 248-3321.