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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

"Several stories are passed around to show how the month of May was named. The most widely accepted explanation is that it was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Her name related to a Latin word that means increase or growth."

New Market must be another name for May as the 2010 census shows that the town is growing. We now have 2,146 residents, up from 1,732 in 2000. The growth rate is on track with our 40 year plan and we expect the town to keep growing in accordance with that plan at about the same rate through this decade.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to **Donna Linski** for organizing the clean up on Rt. 211 coming down the mountain toward New Market. On Sat., April 9th volunteers who live both in town and out of town answered Donna's call and picked up trash along the mountain roadway. A big thanks also goes out to all the volunteers! Due to Donna's organizational skills, the group was able to complete the job in a couple of hours, get some exercise and have a good time in the process. Take a drive over the mountain and see how nice the roadside looks. Hopefully this will become an annual, if not semiannual, event. The **New Market Rotary Club** was also doing a much needed clean up job that Sat. morning. Their project was located along Chrisman Hollow Road. They have been doing this clean up for several years and really deserve a pat on the back and thanks from the entire community.

Mark your calendars for **Sat., May 7th** for the opening of the **New Market Farmers Market**. As many of you have already heard, the Market will be in the Town Parking lot next to Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant and will be open from 8:00 am until 12 noon every Saturday through October. In addition to fresh produce, baked goods and crafts, the market organizers have planned a different activity for each Saturday. On opening day **The Christmas Shop, The Home Store, Valley Sports Connection, The Gingham Cottage** and some of the other local merchants will be offering specials to celebrate the opening. Be sure and visit all the New Market merchants and shop locally whenever possible.

The reenactment of **The Battle of New Market** will be held on Sat., May 14th and Sun., May 15th at the New Market Battlefield Park. There will be battles reenacted both days and a real plus is **free admission for New Market residents** (be sure to bring valid ID). On Sun., May 15th **The Women's Memorial Society** will conduct their annual wreath laying ceremony at 4:00 pm in St. Matthew's Cemetery, located directly behind Reformation Lutheran Church. This ceremony is conducted at the monument which honors the memory of the Southern soldiers and the VMI cadets who fought in the battle.

The **4th of July Committee**, headed by Councilman Harry Durret, has been meeting to plan for this summer's celebration. If you belong to a non-

profit group and would like to be part of the celebration, let Harry know by calling Donna Lohr at the town office.

By the way, now is a great time to get your season passes for the **Town Swimming Pool** that is scheduled to open on Sat., May 28th. This year the season pass will be \$45 for ages 11 and under and \$50 for ages 12 and over. The daily cost for entrance will be \$2.50 for ages 11 and under and \$3.00 for ages 12 and over. Ages 5 and under get in free with a paying adult. The pool is a great place to spend those lazy days of summer, so get your passes now and be sure to review the pool safety rules with your children and grandchildren. Even though there are life guards on duty it is up to the parents to ensure their children are aware of the rules and to assist in the enforcement of the rules so everyone will have a safe swimming experience.

*"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."
- Rogers Hornsby*

The month of May also means that the Rebel and Shockers baseball seasons will soon be starting. **The New Market Rebels** will have Cory Paluga returning as Head coach. Cory has recruited another group of great young men to wear the Rebel uniform. You can visit their website www.rebelsbaseball.biz to view and download the 2011 season schedule. You can also call Bruce Alger, President and General Manager of the Rebels (540-740-4247), for season ticket information. For those of you with Little Leaguers don't forget to check into the **Rebel Baseball Camp**. It's sure to be a winner with Coach Paluga at the helm. **The New Market Shockers**, managed by Smokey Veney, are members of the Rockingham County Baseball League and also hold their home games at Rebel Field. Be sure to visit their website www.newmarketshockersbaseball.com for their season schedule and ticket information.

The Grand Opening of a new restaurant in New Market is scheduled for May 1st, 2011. Be sure and visit Kathy's Home Cooking Café at 9478 S. Congress Street, open Tuesday through Sunday. Stop by and enjoy country meals that taste like home cooking.

I hope all is well with the citizens of New Market and the surrounding area. If not, be sure to let me know. Per usual, I'll be holding my summer (June and July) office hours at Rebel Field during the Rebel home games and at their opponent's home fields during the away games. For now I need to get my arm in shape to throw out that first pitch of the season. It seems the older I get the greater the distance from the mound to home plate.

4TH OF JULY PARADE PARTICIPANTS

The New Market 4th of July Committee invites you to participate in our parade on Monday, July 4th, 2011. The parade will start at 4:00 p.m. Parade Entry Forms can be obtained at the Town Office at 9418 John Sevier Road, New Market, VA, or on the Town website, www.newmarketvirginia.com, under the Community Events section. All Parade Entry Forms can be returned to the town office during normal business hours, M-F 7:30am - 4:00pm, or can be put in the drop box at the Town Office after hours, or you can mail in your entry to: Town of New Market, P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844. Forms should be completed and returned by June 20th, 2011.

Women's Memorial Society

Battle of New Market - 1864 Organized 1867

On Sunday, May 15th at 4 :00 pm The Women's Memorial Society will hold its annual commemorative ceremony at St. Matthew's Cemetery, honoring the anniversary of the 1864 Civil War Battle of New Market. Beginning in 1867, the tribute is held each year at the Confederate Monument in St. Matthew's Cemetery located behind Reformation Lutheran Church on Congress Street in New Market, Virginia. A memorial wreath will be placed in remembrance of the Southern soldiers who participated in the May 15, 1864 Battle of New Market. The casualties included ten young soldiers from the Virginia Military Institute. Jeff Sonafelt, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church will provide the invocation and benediction.

The public is cordially invited to attend this historic ceremony which was organized in 1867 by a group of ladies from New Market whose purpose was to honor their fathers, husbands, sons and betrothed who gave their lives during the War Between the States, 1861-1865. Originally named The Women's Memorial Society of the Lost Cause, the society was initially organized for the purpose of raising a fund to erect markers for Confederate soldiers and to care for their graves. On May 12, 1898, a monument at St. Matthew's Cemetery dedicated to the memory of the Southern soldiers and the VMI cadets was unveiled.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the social hall of Reformation Lutheran Church.

CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!

NEW MARKET LIGHTNING SWIM TEAM

The New Market Lightening is a summer recreation swim team that's been teaching and improving competitive swimming skills (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly) for more than a decade. If you're between 5 and 18 years of age and can swim just one length of the pool - we want you! We practice and compete over an 8 week period from May 31st through July 22nd. There are 4 practice opportunities each week - 3 in the evenings and 1 Tuesday mornings. We swim 4 regular season meets against teams in Mt. Jackson, Edinburg, Woodstock, and Strasburg and 2 post-season meets. Registration is \$55 per swimmer and includes all instruction, meet fees, and a team t-shirt. Come be a part of this family-oriented fun that's healthy and positive for both kids and families. Contact Rebecca Daugharty at 740-8443 for a registration packet or more information.

The Swim Team is offering beginner swimming lessons at the New Market Community Pool over a four week period. The lesson dates include June 21st, 23rd, 27th, July 5th, 6th and 11th with July 12th, 2011 as a rain date. Session 1 is from 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Session 2 is from 7:15 - 8:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per student for all seven lessons. Spaces are very limited and will be reserved only with pre-payment. Call Paula Ford for details at 540-896-5295.

LIBRARY NEWS

If you are a patron working long week day hours and have trouble getting free on Saturday morning, we want to remind you that the library is open on Thursday evenings from 7-9 and on Sunday afternoon from 2-5. Our library, the only one in the area to offer Sunday hours, is operated by volunteers eager to serve you.

Our DVD collection is growing. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this effort. If you have DVDs in good condition that you would like to donate, they may be dropped off at the library during open hours.

The May Story Time will be held Friday the 20th at 10:00 am. The theme will be "Beautiful Butterflies." You and your preschooler are invited to come learn about the life cycle of the butterfly, and to enjoy stories and a craft.

The library has a nice selection of new books this month. Be sure to come in and see what's available.

WHAT'S YOUR WATERSHED ADDRESS?

When asked this question, some folks might first ask "what's a watershed?" The answer to this question according to Webster's Dictionary is: the land area drained by a river or river systems. Others might answer - the Shenandoah River watershed, which is one correct answer. Another correct answer would be the Smith Creek watershed, which is actually considered one of several sub-watersheds of the Shenandoah River. It also is notable that Smith Creek is a "headwaters" watershed of the Shenandoah River, which means the water that flows into Smith Creek gives the Shenandoah River its very beginning. Ultimately the water in Smith Creek flows from its originating springs to the Shenandoah River to the Potomac River and all the way to the Chesapeake Bay.

All of the citizens of New Market live in the Smith Creek watershed. New Market is located in the heart of the Smith Creek watershed, which is a large, linear land area of 67,335 acres that begins at the edge of Harrisonburg and extends northward through Rockingham and Shenandoah counties along the US 11/I-81 corridor to the creek's confluence with the North Fork of the Shenandoah River at Meems Bottom just south of the Town of Mt. Jackson. The watershed includes the main stem of the creek as well as many smaller streams, called tributaries, including Dry Fork, Mountain Run, War Branch and Gap Creek. The main stem of Smith Creek forms part of New Market's southern boundary for about one mile.

The Smith Creek watershed is the focus of major efforts to improve the quality of the water in the creek and its tributaries. Unfortunately in 2004 Smith Creek and some segments of its tributaries were designated as "impaired" because water quality monitoring information provided by the VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) shows that the creek does not meet water quality standards for *E. coli* bacteria and for aquatic life uses. The sources of *E. coli* bacteria are warm blooded animals, including humans, livestock, pets, and wildlife, and can pose a threat to human health including severe illness and infection. The primary cause of the aquatic life impairment is sediment, which is soil and other material that runs off of farms, building sites, and roads.

A plan for cleaning up Smith Creek, called the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan was completed in 2009 that includes clean-up goals, techniques for goal achievement, and funding sources. The plan can be viewed on DEQ's website:
<http://www.deq.state.va.us/export/sites/default/tmdl/implans/smithpubdoc.pdf>

This is the first of a series of articles about our watershed - Smith Creek. For more information about what you can do to improve water quality impacts from your property contact Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah: <http://www.fnfsr.org/> or contact Faye Cooper at faye.cooper@dcr.virginia.gov phone: 540-414-5495.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

We will hold our annual auction on July 4th at the New Market Community Park in shelter house #2. We are accepting donations for the sale, and ask that donated items be in working and/or useful condition. All donations are greatly appreciated. Funds raised in the auction are used to support local, nationwide, and worldwide Lions activities. Those with items to donate should call 540-740-4257 to arrange for delivery or pickup.

The club welcomed Mr. Tom Reiss to our membership in March. Lion Tom is the owner of Shenandoah Valley Village of New Market.

We held our semi-annual road cleanup activity April 18th. Our responsibility in this activity is Route 211 from the 7-11 west to the county line and Academy Road.

If you would like more information on our club's activities or are interested in becoming a member, please call our membership chairman at 540-740-3754 or club secretary at 540-740-4257. You can also visit the Lions International website at www.lionsclubs.org or read about Lions activities around the world in the *LION Magazine* at the New Market Library.

THE FARMERS MARKET

The opening day for the Farmers Market is May 7, 2011 from 8 am until noon. There will be some special Mother's Day activities taking place. We will have flowers for children to plant in pots that they decorate for their moms. These decorations, pots and flowers will be given out for Free while supplies last. The Girl Scouts will be there to provide help with planting, decorating, etc. where needed. Also, the Home Store and the Christmas Gallery have graciously donated prizes for a Mother's Day drawing. Come on in and register your Mom for this free drawing.

In addition, some of the businesses in town will be having a sidewalk sale this same day! There's lots to choose from for your Mom in New Market.

The Girl Scouts will also be selling hot dogs and Nachos. We would love to see you come out to support your local Farmers Market and the Girl Scouts and, at the same time, do a little shopping for that special Mom.

Following are the special events taking place at the Farmers Market for the rest of May, 2011:

- May 14th - We will be having a Seed Swap...so if you have some seeds that you would like to swap for other types of seeds, then we would love to see you there.
- May 21, 2011 the Red Cross & LifeCare Rehab Services will each be there. LifeCare will be doing a Senior Fitness & Fall Prevention program.
- May 28, 2011 the American Legion will be selling barbecued chicken at the Farmers Market.

We hope to see you all there!

THE NEW MARKET REBELS

The New Market Rebels will hold the annual Shenandoah Valley Grandstand Managers Club Banquet on Saturday, May 14 at the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant in New Market. Cocktails begin at 6:15 pm with a buffet dinner at 7:00 pm. If you did not already receive a notice and you are interested in attending, please contact Bruce Alger at 540-435-8453 or 540-740-4247 by Friday, May 6th to make reservations. The price for the banquet is \$25.00 per person. The banquet begins the countdown to Opening Day and Head Coach Corey Paluga will be on hand to talk about the 2011 team. Come out and enjoy good food, good company, and a chance to win prizes depending on your knowledge of Rebels trivia!

The Shenandoah Valley Grandstand Managers Club is an organization dedicated to the support of the New Market Rebels as well as the New Market Shockers and the Mt. Jackson/New Market Little League.

The Rebels open their regular season on Friday, June 3rd against the Harrisonburg Turks at Mauck Stadium at 7:30. The home opener will take place the next evening, June 4th against Luray. This game will also start at 7:30 pm, as will all home games.

Several exciting promotional nights have been planned for this season including Full Moon Night on June 14th. Check next month's newsletter or the Rebels website for the complete promotional schedule.

NEW MARKET REBELS 2011 SCHEDULE

THROUGH JUNE 30TH

The schedule for the remainder of the season will be in the June Newsletter. All home games played at Rebel Park at 7:30 pm

JUNE 2011

1 New Market, Shockers	12 Harrisonburg	22 @ Haymarket
3 @ Harrisonburg	14 Staunton	23 Front Royal
4 Luray	15 @ Waynesboro	24 @ Winchester
5 Woodstock	16 @ Strasburg	25 @ Luray
7 @Luray	17 Luray	26 Harrisonburg
8 @ Harrisonburg	18 @ Harrisonburg	28 Woodstock
9 Woodstock	19 Winchester	29 @ Luray
10 @ Covington	21 @ Woodstock	30 Harrisonburg
11 Rockbridge		

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Robert (Bob) C. Rinehimer is now a member of our Board at the Center. Bob is the former Headmaster of the High Croft School in Williamstown, MA. He is a member of the Independent Educators' Association. He taught English and reading at the secondary level and is a member of the International Reading Association and The Orton Dyslexia Society. We look forward to working with Bob and know he will be a great asset in the operation of the Center and the preservation of this great old school building.

The Center will sponsor a yard sale at the Park on the 4th of July this year. The yard sale will be located on the grass "outside" the tennis courts, making for easier unloading of items. The cost will be \$10.00 for two tables. No pre-registration required. Fees will be collected at 8:00 a.m. on the 4th. Hours will be from 7:00 a.m. -until? For further information, please call Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257.

The New Market High School Alumni will hold their bi-annual meeting at the Center on September 30 and October 1, 2011.

Thank you for your contributions to the New Market Community Center, Inc. We cannot continue to maintain this historical facility without the assistance of the Town of New Market, its citizens and members of the surrounding communities.

2011 SHOCKER BASEBALL SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 30TH

Note: Home Games in Bold Print

May 28	New Market Shockers at Elkton Blue Sox
May 31	New Market Shockers at Stuarts Draft Diamond Backs
June 3	Montezuma Braves at New Market Shockers
June 5	New Market Shockers at Clover Hill Bucks
June 7	Stuarts Draft Diamond Backs at New Market Shockers
June 8	Broadway Bruins at New Market Shockers
June 11	New Market Shockers at Broadway Bruins
June 13	New Market Shockers at Bridgewater Reds
June 14	New Market Shockers at Montezuma Braves
June 16	Stuarts Draft Diamond Backs at New Market Shockers
June 18	New Market Shockers at Broadway Bruins
June 21	Clover Hill Bucks at New Market Shockers
June 25	All Star Game at Bridgewater Reds
June 28	New Market Shockers at Montezuma Braves

NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

May Police Blotter

During the month of March the Police Department responded to 430 calls for service. There were 3 physical arrests. Officers handled 4 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 25 Mutual Aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 163 Traffic Stops, and issued 53 summonses for traffic violations.

The next New Market Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on June 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the New Market Town Hall.

Crime Prevention tip: Phone scams. It has been brought to our attention that local residents have been receiving phone calls that the New Market Police Department is taking donations. This is a scam. The Police Department is not asking for donations over the telephone. Do not make donations over the telephone or give personal information over the phone. Please remember if it is too good to be true, it is!!!!

Just a reminder that May is "Click It or Ticker" month and the Police Department will be conducting extra checkpoints and roving patrols during this event, so please remember to "Buckle up".

Please contact the New Market Police Department at 540-740-3776 to have your car seat checked by a National Certified Child Safety Seat Technician.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2011

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| 2 | Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,
Economic Development & Historic
Preservation | 6:30 pm |
| 2 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 6 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 13 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 14 & 15 | Battle of New Market Reenactment | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 16 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 20 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 26 | New Market Historical Society
At the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 27 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 30 | Town Office Closed for Memorial Day | |

June 2011

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| 2 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 3 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 5 | Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes
Due | |
| 6 | Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel,
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,
Economic Development, & Historic
Preservation | 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 10 | Leaf & Grass Pickup | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 17 | Leaf & Grass Pickup | |
| 20 | Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 24 | Leaf & Grass Pickup | |

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