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History balances the frustration of "how far we have to go" with the satisfaction of "how far we have come." It teaches us tolerance for the human shortcomings and imperfections which are not uniquely of our generation, but of all time.

~ Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

On September 6th, I had the honor of representing the town at the Virginia Military Institute ceremony at the New Market Battlefield. This is a ceremony in which the 1st year cadets (RATS) swear their oath to the Institute and then reenact the 1864 cadet charge up to the "field of lost shoes". Watching the charge of these young cadets brought to mind how important our ties to the past are and how this past gives us hope for the future. Understanding the history of New Market is like looking at a complex quilt made up of families, individuals and events. Not just events on the battlefield but events dealing with commercial enterprises along the Valley Pike and throughout New Market. Most of us are familiar with the names of the families that have been in the valley from the beginning of its settlement and are still here today farming the same land, tending the businesses and caring for their neighbors. They, along with many who came after, have carried on, welcoming new neighbors and preserving our treasured tapestry of history. A history we strive to teach our children in order to keep it safe for future generations.

Yet, with all of this said I quote Thomas Jefferson: "*I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past*".

I believe it is time for us, while we remain rooted in our history, to start to dream about the future of New Market and make some of those dreams into a reality. It is time for New Market to take the best of our history and to reinvent the town, as it has done in the past, into a commercial and tourist center of the Valley. We can do this if we support our local businesses, schools and neighbors, get involved in the town

government and get to know some of our new neighbors, even if they may speak a different language or still embrace another culture. If we do all of these things we will have a bright future. I realize that I am continually asking all of you to support local businesses, schools and neighbors and to get involved in the town government. Please know that as long as I am your Mayor this plea will not stop. We are blessed in the United States to have a government that is "of the people, by the people and for the people". These words said so long ago should not be taken lightly.

This past summer we have heard about and of course have taken pride in the well deserved awards of our police department and again I have the privilege of publicly adding my thanks and congratulations. On September 9th **Officer Mike Miller** was honored by *Mothers Against Drunk Driving* and the *Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program* for his dedication and hard work in helping to stop drunk driving and underage drinking. Mike's hard work has gone a long way in making our streets safer for all of us. Many thanks!! I would also like to single out a recent act by another one of our own, **Officer Marty Breeden**. On September 5th there was a house fire on Cadet Road. Officer Breeden was first to arrive on the scene and without thought to his own safety, he entered the burning home where he believed there were people trapped. Luckily there were not, although he was able to free one dog and our fire personnel later located and freed another. Marty makes us all proud to know him. Such acts of courage are the norm for Officer Breeden.

To quote Robert Francis Kennedy: "*It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.*"

Thank you to all who unselfishly work to make our town a better place to live!

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please note on the Calendar of Events that the Council Committee meetings and Planning Commission meetings for October and November have been changed to **Wednesday, October 6th and Wednesday, November 3rd**.

LIBRARY NEWS

In these days of budget cuts and some library closings in the area, the New Market Library continues to provide quality library services with an all volunteer staff. All funds generated from donations, book sales, and fines go into our operating costs and toward paying our mortgage. We appreciate all the hours that our volunteers serve and the generous support of the community. Donations can be mailed to the library at P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

The Fall Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the town's Heritage Days Celebration, October 23 - 24, 2010, during the regular open hours on those days. Saturday morning we will reopen the popular "Starbooks Café" serving coffee and pastries.

The preschool story hour will be Friday, October 15 at 10:00 am. We'll be hearing about bats, "Fun and Facts!"

The library is open Mondays 9:00 am - 6:30 pm; Tuesday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm; Thursday nights 7:00 - 9:00 pm; and Saturdays 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

New Books

I'd Know You Anywhere

by Laura Lippman

Sourland: Stories by Joyce Carol Oates

Getting to Happy by Terry McMillan

Portobello by Ruth Rendell

The Tale of Oat Cake Craig

by Susan Wittig Albert

The Thorn by Beverly Lewis

Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks

Wicked Appetite by Janet Evanovich

Bad Blood by John Sandford

My Lost Daughter by

Nancy T. Rosenberg

A Nose for Justice by

Rita Mae Brown

Santa Fe Edge by Stuart Woods

Don't Blink by James Patterson

Call Me Mrs. Miracle by

Debbie Macomber

Fall of Giants by Ken Follett

Legacy by Danielle Steel

The Fort by Bernard Cornwell

NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Company 23

CHIEF'S REPORT

August 2010

26 Calls in Shenandoah Co.

Structure fires	2
Auto-fire alarms	1
Outside fires	2
Vehicle fires	3
Motor vehicle crashes	8
Landing zones	1
Fill-ins	1
Public service	4
EMS assist	4

7 Calls in Rockingham Co.

Structure fires	1
Motor Vehicle Crashes	4
Fill-ins	1
EMS assist	1

If you or someone you know would like to be a volunteer, stop by the firehouse, or you can call us at 740-8904. Volunteers are needed both for firefighters and fundraising help. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

The club held their annual cookout for the residents of Shenandoah Valley Village on September 13th. We look forward to this event every year and the sense of satisfaction that goes with it. Everyone had a good time. A special thanks to Shenandoah Valley Academy students Ana Copaceanu, Emely Umana, Anastasia Sherrill, Kaiti Laughlin, and Diana Sohn for assisting us on the serving line.

Lion Julian Jenkins was presented an award for eight (8) years of perfect attendance. Lions Tommy Foltz, Paul Wiseman, and Julian Jenkins were presented 100% Attendance pins for Lion year 2009-2010.

We welcomed new member Wayne Morris to our club on August 9th.

Do you want to give Lions a try? Call our membership chairman at 540-740-3754 or club secretary at 540-740-4257 for membership information, meeting dates and locations. We expect to have our own Web site up and running within the next month. Visit the Lions International website at www.lionsclubs.org.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

It's that time of year again. Craft Show time is October 23 and 24, 2010. The Legion is again sponsoring our Annual Craft Show. We will have our famous apple butter, both regular and sugar free, for sale as well as homemade pork skins.

There is still limited indoor space available and plenty of outside space. To reserve a space for this special event you may call 540-740-4189.

We continue to have steak suppers on the 2nd Friday of each month. Call evenings for reservations at 740-8653. On the 3rd Friday we offer shrimp and crab legs suppers, no reservations needed. These meals begin at 5:00 pm and are open to the public, so ya'll come!

Don't forget Bob Branner's famous barbecued chicken which will be available Saturday October 9, 2010. On the same day, we also have a breakfast buffet from 7:00 am - 9:30 am at the Legion.

If you have a U.S. flag to be disposed of, we still have the red, white and blue box at the top of the parking lot for this purpose.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from October 12th thru October 15th, 2010. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. Crews will pick up trash by item type during the week and will have all trash picked up by the end of the day on Friday, October 15th. Brush and limbs must be bundled in piles no longer than four feet in length. To ensure removal, all heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday, October 15th, by 12:00 noon. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old tires. Please contact the Town office for questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on October 12th and November 3rd. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. Ladies, call and schedule your mammogram and save yourselves a trip to Harrisonburg.

Our 16th Annual Craft Show will be held October 23 & 24, 2010. Hours of operation will be 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Door prize drawings will be held every hour in the gymnasium. The model train exhibit will be located in the cafeteria. Food will be sold at the Center by Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth. Remember that the American Legion Craft Show is the same weekend.

The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club resumes their Friday night "Picking Sessions" at the Center at 7:00 pm on October 1st and continues each Friday night through the end of May.

Weight Watches meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. You may call 800-651-6000 for further information.

Kathy Hurd-Corillo operates a dance studio Monday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Center. Her telephone number is 540-856-2214. New students are welcome.

For rentals at the Center please contact **Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257**. We rent the cafeteria/kitchen and the gymnasium as well as the classrooms. Check with us before you book your party elsewhere. We have a family-friendly atmosphere at the Center. Call for rental prices. The cafeteria will comfortably seat 100. For an additional fee, the kitchen is also available.

The Board Members have voted to offer, on a limited basis, space for public-service organizations to hold special events. The Center Board must approve these events in advance. Requests for meeting space are to be mailed to the Center at P.O. Box 1377, New Market, VA 22844.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Heritage Days will be October 23rd & 24th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the festival for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The pot is currently up to \$166.00. The tickets are available at many shops around town including Gingham Cottage, Casual Friday & The Home Store as well as at the Chamber office. For more information please call the Chamber of Commerce at 540-740-3212.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking everyone to help in decorating our town to make it look festive during Heritage Days. We are having a decorating contest this year, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded. You **MUST** have a scarecrow as part of your decorations in order to be judged. If you would like your decorations to be part of the contest please call the Chamber office and let us know so we don't miss out on your display! Judging will be the 3rd weekend in October, which is October 15th and 16th. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Chamber of Commerce office.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT DSD INTERIORS BY DESIGN

Deborah Dralle
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"Making the most of your treasures...
Rearranging...Recreating...Starting Anew"

Whether your need is to rejuvenate a room in your home, to renovate or redecorate your entire home, or custom build a new home, I can meet your need. I will help you choose a color palette, make fabric selections, design and fabricate window treatments, bedding, throw pillows and upholstery, arrange furniture floor plans to best accommodate the room, and accessorize for the final finishing touch. Like framing a beautiful painting, accessorizing can take an unadorned room and transform it into a beautiful haven for you to welcome your family and friends.

Your home should be your castle. Whether you prefer a simple and minimal look, casual elegance, contemporary, traditional, or the cottage/cabin look, I will work with you, taking your wishes and desires, and designing for you your dream room or home. If you are thinking of making a change, let's start with an Initial Consultation and design your dreams into reality. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

POLICE BLOTTER

For the month of August there were 345 calls for service. There was 1 motor vehicle crash and 4 physical arrests for DUI/DUID. During the month 177 traffic stops were made. Of those, 49 resulted in summonses being issued. Officers responded to 18 mutual aid calls from other agencies.

This month's crime tip: As fall approaches there always seems to be an abundance of con artists around trying to take your hard earned money. Paving driveways and installing "energy efficient" windows and doors seem to be the most prevalent right now. If someone shows up at your door, ask for references or a business license. Don't give them money up front. Most reputable contractors don't ask for money before hand. If you are alone don't allow more than one person in your house. One will distract you while the other goes through your house to take your belongings. Never leave anyone you don't know alone in your home. There are more good, honest contractors out there working than there are people that want to take advantage of you. So if you need work done, talk to your friends and family for suggestions and get help from people you can trust. If at any time you feel uneasy about somebody that is at your house please call the police. We can help check them out for you.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held October 7, 2010 at the Town Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Officer Breeden and Deputy Cowart have worked hard at putting together an interesting program for everyone. Please come join them and your friends for a lot of good information.

Please remember to "Buckle up" and Drive Safely!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2010

- 1 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 6 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel, 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, to
Economic Development, & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting
at the town hall 7:00 pm
- 8 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 11 **Town Office Closed in Observance
of Columbus Day**
- 12 - 15 **Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 15 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills due**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 23 & 24 Heritage Days/Annual Craft Shows
- 29 Leaf & Grass Pickup

November 2010

- 2 Election Day - Voting at the Town Hall
- 3 Council Committee Committees in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel, 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism to
Economic Development, & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
- 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5 Leaf and Grass pickup
- 11 **Town Office Closed in Observance
Of Veterans Day**
- 12 Leaf and grass pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills due**
- 15 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 18 New Market Historical Society meeting
At the Town Hall
- 19 Leaf and Grass Pickup - Last one of the
season
- 25 - 26 **Town Office closed in observance of
Thanksgiving**

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TOWN COUNCIL

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Mary Alice Burch • Gary D. Comer • Harry Durrett • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Evan L. Vass <i>Town Manager</i> Charles Peery <i>Police Chief</i> Jeanne K. Rinker <i>Town Clerk</i> Chad Neese <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i>	Michael Ritchie <i>Public Works Director</i> Teresa Green <i>Treasurer</i> Donna Lohr <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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