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Happy New Year to all and welcome to winter. This is the time of year that most of us stay in and try to stay warm but as an old Japanese Proverb says *"One kind word can warm three winter months."* (**Japanese Proverb**)

The kindest word that can be said this winter doesn't always have to be spoken. As it is said, actions speak louder than words and the action that all of us can take is to stop in and visit our local businesses, shop and say a kind word to the owners. Winter is the toughest time to make it in business in New Market. However a recent article in the editorial section of the Daily News-Record (*Wednesday, December 9, 2009, "Remember; Shop Locally, it Makes Good Sense"*) outlines a grass roots program of "3/50" which asks residents to think about which businesses they would miss the most if they were gone and then spend \$50.00 a month not only at these local establishments, but also others like them around the town. The writer states that "for every \$100.00 spent in such a fashion, \$68.00 returns to the local economy via taxes, payroll, and other expenditures". The writer goes on to say shopping at a national chain only returns \$43.00 while shopping online returns \$0.00. If we want businesses to thrive (and survive) in New Market, and new businesses to locate here, we need to support them. The act of utilizing our local businesses is the "kindest word" you can speak. SHOP LOCALLY, it makes good dollars and cents. Thanks Tom Linski, Jr. for pointing this article out to me so I could share it with others in town who might have missed it. Even if you can't spend \$50. at each of the three businesses you would hate to see gone, try them first before you go to the national chains or online as every little bit helps. If there are any others of you out there in New Market who have or happen to see good ideas be sure to share them so we can pass them along.

Another kind word might be passed on to the hard working employees of our town. When you see them out there working on these cold winter days and nights be sure and wave and say THANKS!! They are the ones that fix the leaks, keep the traffic flowing and generally keep the town running smoothly regardless of the weather. If you have any problems, don't hesitate to call the town office if you think we can help.

Hopefully the winter will give us just enough snow for the children to make those whimsical snowmen and then the groundhog will cooperate and spring will arrive early in all of its glory.

Stay warm and I hope to see you around town supporting your local businesses.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club hosted the New Market Family and Community Education Club and the Cohee Club at their annual Christmas luncheon in the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall on December 8, 2009.

Donna Hughes, Children's Librarian of the Handley Regional Library in Winchester, entertained with music and stories. She was accompanied by Micheal Edington on the organ. The program was enjoyed by all with the Clubs joining in the singing with her.

Members brought wrapped gifts for the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center. The wrappings were judged with Lois Coon winning for the prettiest package and Janice White winning for the most unusual.

The Club sponsored the Christmas decorating contest this year. Out of town judges viewed all homes, churches, and businesses that requested to enter. Their selections were:

Homes - (Traditional with Greens)

- 1st John & Carol Rosenberger
- 2nd Thomas Brower
- 3rd Mary Ann Rhodes

Homes - (Modern Lighting)

- 1st Ripley & Pat Click
- 2nd Nancy Smith

Homes - (Creative Lighting)

- 1st Larry & Tina Roberts
- 2nd John & Nancy Zupo

Businesses - (Modern Lighting)

- 1st Wee Bit Consignment Shop
- 2nd Life Care Center

Businesses - (Creative Lighting)

- 1st Faye's Flowers
- 2nd Water Wheel Square
- 3rd Nifty-Gifty Second-Hand Shop

Happy New Year!

LIBRARY NEWS

We hope the winter winds will blow you in to the warm, inviting New Market Library in January! On January 16, 2010 at 2:00 pm the Library is proud to sponsor the inaugural book signing event for author, Austin Gisriel. His book, *Safe at Home*, a Season in the Valley, chronicles the 2009 season of our own New Market Rebels baseball team. Mr. Gisriel captures the heart of the team, the game and our community. Lovers of New Market and the Rebels won't want to miss this "first pitch" of the book tour.

Game night is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Players of all ages are welcome to come join the fun. The library provides a variety of board games and snacks. *Attention Pinochle players*! An interest has been expressed in playing pinochle and lessons will be available for those who would like to learn to play.

Children's story hour will be the 3rd Thursday, January 21, 2010. Mrs. Karen Whetzel, former school librarian, current school board member and a volunteer at the library, will present the program for preschool children. If you would like to be on an email list to receive announcements of children's programs, call or leave your email with a volunteer at the desk.

New Best Selling Fiction for January:

Too Many Murders by Colleen McCullough

Deeper Than the Dead by Tami Hoag

Deadly Deals by Fern Michaels

Trial by Fire by J.A. Jance

U is for Undertow by Sue Grafton

The Paris Vendetta by Steve Berry

I, Sniper by Stephen Hunter

La's Orchestra Saves the World by Alexander McCall Smith

Kisser by Stuart Woods

The Honor of Spies by W.E.B. Griffin

Days of Gold by Judy Deveraux

Fired Up by Jayne Ann Krentz

For Younger Readers:

The Lost Conspiracy by Frances Hardinge

Hook by Ed Young

Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated
by Florence Parry Heide

The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis by Barbara O'Connor



NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the month of November 2009 the New Market Volunteer Fire Company responded to 15 motor vehicle crashes, 10 auto fire alarms, 2 vehicle fires, 3 structure fires, 5 smoke investigations, 2 emergency medical assists, 2 outside fires and 5 inside Haz-Mats.

The Fire Department holds Bingo every Saturday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the games start at 6:30 pm. Our kitchen opens at 4:30 pm and closes after half time - around 8:30 - 8:45 pm. We serve a variety of foods and also try to have a "Special" each week. All of our desserts are donated from the community which is greatly appreciated.

Our Annual Banquet which was held on December 11, 2009 was a huge success. We thank our supporters who came out to celebrate with us. Our Firefighter of the Year is Travis Harmon. He is a young enthusiastic firefighter who is on his way to having a great career in fire service. Top runner for the year is Dale Dodson, our president. Congratulations to both of you! It was a great night for recognition and time to relax and enjoy the time together. A big thank you to Stephanie Seekford and Michelle Biller who helped get the food ready and served it.

On December 18th Santa visited the firehouse. There were treats and goodies for the kids. Everyone loves the big man in the red suit. Thanks for all the help and donations that made this event possible.

The volunteers of the Department are looking forward to January and a great start for 2010. We are still looking for new members and anyone who wants to help our organization in any way. You can call 740-8904 for more information on being a member.

We cannot stress enough how grateful we are for the community's support. Everyone and everything is greatly appreciated.

FREE CLOTHING

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering free clothing for needy people at the SDA Community Services Center, 62 West Lee Hwy. The hours are Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:30 am until noon. Questions? Call 740-2995.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

In 2010, the RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on April 9, June 22, September 7, October 12, and November 30. Ladies, call and schedule your mammogram and save yourself a trip to Harrisonburg.

Our annual Fund Raising Campaign is now underway. Letters have been mailed to area residents and the Alumni Association. Please remember the Community Center as you make your end-of-the-year donations. We depend on your generosity to assist us in keeping the doors open for New Market and the surrounding area. You may mail your tax-exempt donations to the Center at P.O. Box 1377, New Market, VA 22844. A receipt will be mailed upon request.

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

Shenandoah Valley Banjo and Fiddle Club will be at the Center at 7:00 pm on Friday nights. Admission is free and refreshments are available for a donation. Their "picking parties" are held at the Center every Friday night from October through June.

Kathy Hurd-Corillo operates a dance studio Monday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Center. Her telephone # 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.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are now in the process of planning our annual banquet that will be held on March 11, 2009. We will begin the Banner Slice program in January and also start working on our Fall Festival. 2009 has been a busy year for the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members for their support and all the chamber members for their VOLUNTEER work. There were hundreds of hours put in by our members to make 2009 a very successful year. Without all your hard work we could not have accomplished our goals, i.e. our annual banquet, Fourth of July booth, two festivals, Yard Crawl and Christmas Along the Old Valley Pike, just to name a few.

Your President,
Judith Delaughter

POLICE BLOTTER

In November, the New Market Police Department responded to 467 calls for service. There were 4 physical arrests, 2 DUI's, 2 Intoxicated person(s) in Public. Officers worked 11 motor vehicle crashes. The Auxiliary Officers volunteered 62.25 hours for the month.

If anyone needs to have a Child Safety Seat checked, please call the Police Department at 740-3776.

The next New Market Area Neighborhood Watch meeting will be January 7, 2010 at 7:00pm at the New Market Town Office.

"Please Remember to Buckle Up"

NEW MARKET REBELS

The New Market Rebels' 2010 roster is taking shape as twenty-two players have been signed to play for the Rebels this coming season, including returning outfielder Kenny Mickens (UNC Pembroke) who was a Valley League and Mid-Atlantic Classic All-Star in 2009. Though not yet listed on the official roster, reliever Jake Guengerich will also be returning, according to Head Coach Corey Paluga.

"I'm very excited about the players that we have signed so far," notes Paluga. "We are committed to bringing skillful and quality college student-athletes to New Market to help us compete for a championship this summer, as well as to build experiences and relationships for the players and the community."

The Rebels will oppose Harrisonburg in their new park on June 3rd, 2010 in the Valley League's first "Opening Night". This contest will be the only game scheduled for that day.

In other Rebel-related news, General Manager Bruce Alger will serve as Vice-President of the Valley Baseball League for a one year term. For more information on players signed to this point please visit <http://www.rebelbaseball.biz/html/roster.html>.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Third Annual New Market Historical Society Dinner will be held at the Quality Inn on **Thursday, January 28, 2010** at 6:30 pm. The Dinner Buffet will feature two main hot entrees, vegetables, salad, assorted deserts, and beverages. The cost will be \$20.00 per person payable at the door. Reservations are requested by **January 22nd**. Following the dinner, Philip Crown will present another documentary in his "**Yester-Years in the Shenandoah Valley**" series. This one will be "**The Olinger Farm**", featuring Jeanette Olinger Richman telling her story of growing up in the New Market area. For more information or to RSVP for the dinner call Jim or Caroll Douglas at 740-2740 or e-mail our website at nmhs@newmarkethistoricalociety.org. Guests are welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2010

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Years Day**
- 4 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm
Following Order: (1) Finance & Personnel
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety To
(4) Tourism, Economic Development
& Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 4 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance Of Lee/Jackson Day**
- 18 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day**
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
(This is Tuesday, not Monday)
- 28 New Market Historical Society Annual 6:30 pm
Dinner Meeting at Johnny Appleseed Restaurant

February 2010

- 1 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm
Following order: (1) Finance & Personnel
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety To
(4) Tourism, Economic Development
& Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 4 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance Of President's Day**
- 16 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday) 7:30 pm

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