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William Cullen Bryant said "Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." Many New Market residents say "What a wonderful time to live in the Shenandoah Valley". Of course, folks who don't live in the "Valley" may look at fall differently. David Letterman described fall saying "Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles, watching the birds change color and fall from the trees." It's obvious David Letterman doesn't live in the Valley. Oh well, we are lucky to be in such a great place this time of year and to be able to welcome so many visitors.

If you can, take the time to walk the "Story Book" Trail off Chrisman Hollow Road. This trail has a spectacular view of Page Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains. For those of you with more time and energy, the Bird Knob Trail, which begins at the Visitors Center at the top of the Gap, brings you out to an unsurpassed view of the Shenandoah Valley and New Market. And please, don't forget we are extremely blessed to have the Shenandoah National Park just around the bend where you will find many fine hiking trails to take up a day or even an entire weekend. However if you're short on time or energy, just sit on your front porch or visit our town park and watch the leaves turn and wave to your neighbors. Whatever you do, be sure to take time to enjoy the season.

As you know the Town, along with the contractor, have been very busy working on the new water line along Cadet Road. It should really improve the water service in that part of town. A big thank you goes out to all of the residents for your patience while this project is being completed.

By the time you have read this the ground will have been broken for the "Force Main Project" to Broadway (what we call the sewer upgrade). It is exciting to know that we were one of the first projects to get off the ground. Once again, kudos to the Town Staff for their hard work to

make this project a physical and economic success.

Speaking of water, if you are interested in investigating a way to conserve water and reduce your water bill at the same time, you might want to speak with a company in Waynesboro that produces a water saving kit for \$25.00. The company is Vector Industries (www.vectornva.org) and the contact person is Ginger Quillen at 540-943-3444 ext. 16. The company was featured on the news and the kit "sounds" like it will really help you save on your water bill. I haven't personally tried the kit and am not necessarily endorsing it but would like to hear any opinions if y'all do try it. I will be glad to pass the opinions along to your neighbors through this column.

If any of the businesses in town are interested in taking advantage of the many services offered by the Small Business Development Center (Federal Agency) they have an office located in Harrisonburg and have courses, guidance, etc... all free of charge. Contact individuals are Joyce Krech or Henry Reeves. It may be just the thing some of us need in this tough economic time to help with computer skills, marketing or general information.

You will be glad to know that the Mayor and Town Manager's "complaint booth" at Heritage Days was a resounding success. We raised over \$100.00 for the Library and heard some great comments and ideas from you, the town residents, about our town. It was nice to see y'all out supporting the Heritage Days event and being involved in the town.

In keeping with my desire to keep you informed, I will hold my next Mayor's Forum on Thurs. Oct. 15th, 7:00 p.m. in the New Market Chamber Room. Hope to see all of you there with your questions, concerns or comments.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST LEXINGTON AND BEDFORD BUS TOUR

The New Market Historical Society is inviting members and guests to join our bus tour to Lexington and Bedford, Virginia on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**. The bus will depart New Market at 6:45 am and return at 9:00 pm.

Stops in Lexington will include Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, guided tours of Stonewall Jackson House, Lee Chapel and Museum, the Virginia Military Museum and George C. Marshall Museum. The bus will then proceed to Bedford for a guided walking tour at the National D-Day Memorial. The events of June 6, 1944 and the symbolism of the Memorial will be emphasized.

Cost per person will be \$55 for 2009 NMHS Members and \$65 for all others. A box lunch is included in the registration and dinner will be on your own. Reserve your place on the bus tour early or no later than **October 7th**. Mail checks (payable to NMHS) to: NMHS, P.O. Box 141, New Market, VA 22844. For information call Jim or Carroll Douglas at (540) 740-2740 or visit our website at www.newmarkethistoricalociety.org.

BB & T MISSION

A significant part of the BB & T Mission is "Making the Communities in which we work better places to be." One way of reinforcing this is by participating in community service projects.

The New Market Branch has chosen for their projects **Loaves and Fishes**, the local Food Bank located at Manor Memorial Methodist Church in New Market, and **The New Market Community Park**. On Tuesday, September 22nd, three maple trees were planted around a playground area to provide shade for the youngsters and their parents. We will also be collecting new or slightly used shoes during the week of October 5 - 9, 2009 which has been designated "National Client Appreciation Week. The shoes will be donated to local charities.

The Partnership is part of BB&T's companywide community service initiative in August and September called the BB&T Lighthouse Project. The philanthropic effort is the largest in BB&T's 137 years history.

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.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce thanks the Town, the Police Department and all the volunteers who help make our HERITAGE DAYS a great success.

WINNERS IN THE HERITAGE DAYS PARADE:

- Walking Group:** 1st Place - Art Hegeman, Alpenhorn
2nd Place - Shentel Pages Man
- Float:** 1st Place - Smith Creek Baptist Church
- Civic Group:** 1st Place - Democrats
2nd Place - New Market Community Center
- Commercial Entry:** 1st Place - Holtzman Vehicle
2nd Place - Agri of Virginia
- Antique Cars:** 1st Place - Sinclair Gas Car, Mr. Holtzman
- Animal Group:** 1st Place - Democrat's Donkey
- Band:** 1st Place - Stonewall Jackson High School
- Fire Departments:** 1st Place - New Market Fire Department
2nd Place - New Market Fire Department
- Rescue Squad:** 1st Place - New Market Rescue Squad
- Antique Tractor:** 1st Place - 1941 Tractor, Mr. Strickler
2nd Place - 1951 Tractor, Mr. Strickler
- Grand Prize:** Smith Creek Baptist Church Float
- Judges Award:** Stonewall Jackson High School Band

Members of the New Market Area Chamber will be representing and promoting our Town at the Clear Brook Welcome Center on October 9, 2009.

Chamber volunteers will participate in the WALK FOR BABIES, sponsored by the March of Dimes, on October 4, 2009 in Woodstock. Line up will be at the Massanutten Military Academy, sign up at 1:00 pm. The March will start at 2:00 pm. For more information call Kathy Boyles at 740-3673.

The Chamber is planning their next event, NEW MARKET AUTUMN DAYS, to be held October 24 & 25, 2009 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm along the sidewalks of Congress Street. Come out and support your local shops, vendors, and town. We are sure you will find that perfect Christmas gift on the streets of New Market.

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of August the Police Department responded to 401 calls for service. There were 6 physical arrests, 3 DUI's 1 open container while driving, 1 possession of marijuana and 1 assault & battery. Officers worked a total of 9 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 40 mutual aid requests to other agencies. The Police Department made 145 traffic stops and issued 28 summonses for traffic violations. The Auxiliary Officers volunteered 52.5 hours for the month.

Once again the Police Department has started "Operation Stop" to aid the school bus drivers with motor vehicle operators who fail to stop for the buses which are loading and unloading your children. At different times you will see a police vehicle following the buses during their route.

I am pleased to report that Officer Mike Miller received an award from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for his outstanding enforcement efforts for 2008. During that year he removed 38 impaired drivers from the roads to make them safer for everyone.

September 14th - 19th was Child Safety Seat Week. During this time Chief Peery and Sergeant Rinker conducted seat checks at Discoveryland Early Childhood Center and at the day care at Reformation Lutheran Church for the parents. Then on Friday, Sept. 18th they held another seat check at the New Market Fire Department. If anyone needs to have a Child Safety Seat checked, please call the Police Department, 740-3776, and we will be happy to check it for you.

The October meeting for the New Market Area Neighborhood Watch will be October 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

As you are driving around Town, always watch out for the children, especially when they are leaving for or returning from school. Sometimes they forget to look for cars when crossing the roads. **Please remember to "Buckle Up"**.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Manor Memorial Methodist Church, located at 9320 N. Congress St. sponsors a Food Pantry on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm. This is open to community residents who have an address of New Market, Quicksburg, or Forestville. Please use the rear entrance off of John Sevier Road. The next Food Pantry distribution will be on October 15, 2009.

LIBRARY NEWS

From time to time people ask how things are going at the new library. Take note of some comparisons between July of 2008 and July of 2009. Every category shows significant growth.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Circulation	944	1739
Volumes	5754	9722
PC Users	102	379
Visitors	555	1117
Active Patrons	713	777

Kudos to those who have contributed to the growth and success of the new library! To help keep us growing, donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

What's happening at the library in October?

- Monday and Wednesday evenings - GED classes
- October 14 - New Market Book Club meets at 7:00 pm to discuss Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
- October 15th - Preschool Story Time - "A Pumpkin Party!"
- October 30th - Friday Night Game Night at the Library - Fun for all ages!

Don't miss our annual *FALL BOOK SALE*! The sale will take place Friday, October 23rd from 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Saturday the 24th from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, and Sunday the 25th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. During the Saturday Sale the Grace Brubaker Room will be transformed into "Starbooks Cafe" where coffee and pastries will be available for purchase.

New Best Selling Books on the shelf by October:

Homer & Langley by E.L. Doctorow
Vanishing Act by Fern Michaels
Little Bird of Heaven by Joyce Carol Oates
The Missing by Beverly Lewis
The Spire by Richard North Patterson
The Tale of Applebeck Orchard by Susan Wittig Albert
Drawn in Blood by Andrea Kane
Spartan Gold by Clive Cussler
The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks
Day after Night by Anita Diamant
The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown
A Change in Altitude by Anita Shreve

The Lost Art of Gratitude by Alexander McCall Smith
Nocturnes by Kazuo Ishiguro
Hardball by Sara Paretsky
Hothouse Orchid by Stuart Woods
The Year of the Flood by Margaret Atwood
Capitol Offense by William Bernhardt
13 1/2 by Nevada Barr
Rough Country by M.C. Beaton
The Perfect Christmas by Deborah Macomber

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Shenandoah Valley Banjo and Fiddle Club will be at the Center at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 2, 2009. Admission is free. Their "picking parties" are held at the Center every Friday night from October through June.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on October 9, 2009.

Reservation forms for our 15th Annual Craft Show, on October 24th & 25th, 2009 have been mailed. Should you wish to participate, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Prices for two days are: 8X8 space for \$35.00 and 8X10 space for \$45.00. Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth Group will be selling food in the cafeteria. We are expecting the model railroad exhibit this year. The Craft Show will be open from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Door prize drawings will be held every hour beginning at 11:00 am.

Weight Watchers 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. Please 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. This is offered to assist those organizations needing a large meeting area.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The American Legion will be having their last BBQ chicken the 2nd Saturday of October. Come on out and enjoy. It is also very good frozen, so you might want to pick up some extras to freeze for future cravings!

We will be hosting our Annual Craft Show October 24 & 25, 2009 in conjunction with the one at the Community Center. There are still a limited number of spaces available to rent. Just call 740-4189.

Don't forget to dispose of those tattered flags properly. We have a box at the top of the parking lot for that purpose.

We continue to have steak suppers the 2nd Friday of each month. You need to call ahead to order -740-8653. The 3rd Friday of the month features shrimp dinners beginning at 5:00 pm. These are all open to the public.

Anyone interested in joining the legion please call 740-3437. To join the Sons of Legion call 740-4189, and those interested in joining the ladies auxiliary can call 740-3032.

Remember all those who gave so much that we might be free.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting September 21, 2009 in the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Ingrid Flowers and Ethel Garber. The program, "Making a Flower Garden", was presented by very talented and enthusiastic Ginger Randell. Ethel Garber gave gardening tips for the fall season.

Plans were made to attend the fall Shenandoah District meeting in Staunton, VA on October 8, 2009. President Virginia Thompson will be our delegate.

Ingrid Flowers was awarded a blue ribbon for an artistic arrangement and Virginia Thompson for her African violet. Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Ingrid Flowers, 5, Dot Johnson, 5 and Virginia Thompson, 3.

PARENTING RESOURCE FORUM

Struggling to keep your family afloat during these hard times?

Come to the New Market Town Hall on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm to have your questions answered by professionals.

Free Child care will be provided.

NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Market Fire Department ran 20 calls for the month of August as follows: 1 brush fire, 5 MVA, 5 public service calls, 3 vehicle fires, 3 EMS assists, 1 smoke investigation and 2 fuel spills.

Matt Hughes and Mike Sager attended a Tornado Drill which was a combined training session with Life Care Center. Jamie Bowman, Matt Hughes, Robbie Smith and Richard Hallman attended an HTR (heavy, tactical, rescue) class. Upcoming training for October is an LZ (helicopter) class with AirCare on October 14th.

Bingo has been doing very well. The crowd is slowly getting larger. We would like to thank all those who come every Saturday night to help support us.

The Auxiliary, for the month of August, had a balance of \$7762.73. We are very proud of the members helping with all of the fundraisers. The Auxiliary is trying to help pay the small bills that are incurred at the building. The Board of Directors is keeping a very close eye on spending and ensuring that all of the bills are getting paid on time.

There are several upcoming events that we would like for everyone to attend. October 4 - 10 is Fire Prevention Week, and we will be doing a Fire Prevention Day for the kids on October 10th. **Our Annual Ham Pot Pie Dinner will be held again this year on Election Day, November 3, 2009. This year the cost will be a free will offering.** We hope to see everyone at one of these events.

The Fire Department accepted 1 new Junior membership for the month of August. His name is JT Thomas. We are still receiving membership applications and our membership committee has been screening the applications and getting them to the Board of Directors for review. If you are interested in joining, stop by and talk with one of the members. They will explain the different types of memberships we have. We would enjoy having you in our organization.

The New Market Fire Department would like to say "Thank You" to all of the citizens that help support our organization.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

Our annual cookout at Shenandoah Valley Village was held on September 14th. Approximately 40 residents enjoyed a menu of hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni salad, baked beans, homemade cookies, and soda. We always look forward to this event and how much pleasure it brings to the residents. A good time was had by all. We want to extend a special thank you to Ana Sherrill and Matthew Meadows, students at Shenandoah Valley Academy, and citizen Dick Lamma for helping us on the serving line.

On October 10th, we will be conducting our semi-annual road cleanup on route 211 west from the 7-11 to the county line and Academy Road.

The club will have a booth at the New Market Community Center's 15th Annual Craft Show on October 24th and 25th. We will be selling our famous brooms and we'll have information available on our club and Lions Clubs International. Make it a point to stop by our booth and visit with us.

Our thought of the month for October is taken from our Lions Code of Ethics: *WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

Should you have an interest in joining our club, Membership Chairman Harry Lam (540-740-3977) is eager to talk to you. Visit Lions International at www.lionsclubs.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2009

1	Neighborhood Watch Meeting At the Town Hall	7:00 pm
2	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
5	Council Committee Meeting in the Following Order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation	6:30 pm To 7:30 pm
5	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
9	Leaf & Grass Pickup	
12	Town Office closed in Observance Of Columbus Day	
12 - 16	Heavy Trash Pickup	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
15	Mayor's Forum	7:00 pm
16	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
23	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
26	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm
30	Leaf and Grass Pickup	

November 2009

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2	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
3	Election Day	
5	Neighborhood Watch Meeting At the Town Hall	7:00 pm
6	Leaf and Grass pickup	
11	Town Office Closed in Observance Of Veterans Day	
13	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
19	New Market Historical Society Meeting At the Town Hall	7:30 pm
20	Leaf and Grass Pickup - Last one for this year	
26 & 27	Town Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

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