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Newsletter

**SHENANDOAH
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1776 
June 20, 2026

We Celebrate

Plans for our June 20th celebration for **America 250** have continued to grow. With a dedicated landing page, <http://sc250.shenandoahhistory.org> updates will be posted at You don't want to miss this one memorable day!

SCHS Annual Dinner Meeting Tuesday, May 19th

The Shenandoah County Historical Society will be celebrating another successful year at its annual meeting and dinner on Tuesday, May 19th at the historic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2447 in Edinburg. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person. A reservation form is included with this newsletter and the deadline for the dinner is Thursday, May 14th

Immediately after the dinner SCHS president, Barbara Adamson, will conduct a brief business meeting that will include a report of the Society's accomplishments during the past year. She will also conduct the election of members to the Board of Directors for the coming year. The proposed slate of current board members standing for re-election to a two-year term includes Dennis Atwood, Anne Dellinger, Suzanne McIlwee, Mary Redmon, Susan Walls and Karen Whetzel.

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Scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026, the event will be from 10am-5pm on and near Court St. in Woodstock. VA . The following is a sampling of the many events planned with updates posted on the website above .

- ✦ The day begins with an opening ceremony at the Historic Courthouse on Court Square. The schedule includes a community choir, 1776 Troupe from Theater Shenandoah, with remarks from Muhlenberg family members. It will include the presentation of the flags and march of re-enactors and Dragoons.
- ✦ Lectures and powerpoint presentations will be held at three churches nearby: Emanuel Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Woodstock Presbyterian Church and also at Bonfire Bookstore by: Gabriel Neville, Michael Cecere, Emily Sneff, Jeffrey Evans, Lisa Minardi. [Continued on Page 5]

New Members

David Falkenstein
Randall & Phyllis Shannon
Lawrence & Linda Bowers
Patricia Rea

PODCAST

A new SCHS history podcast, *The Shenandoah Valley Radio Program*, launched its first monthly episodes this past January. The audio production is a new venture for the SCHS, but it also has roots in an earlier SCHS project, the Moments in History series that had been featured on local radio several years ago. The Shenandoah Valley Radio Program was one of the very first podcasts about the region when it appeared in 2008, and could also be heard weekly on WSVG radio. It has now been revived as a monthly series streaming on all major podcast platforms.

The new version of the podcast was developed and is an ongoing effort by two SCHS Board members: host and producer Hank Zimmerman, and Historic Research Director, Dennis Atwood. This venture is a part of the Society's mission to develop effective and entertaining ways to reach a broader audience, while ensuring that

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Reminder

Heritage Day 2026

The 2026 Shenandoah County Heritage Day will be held in Woodstock at the Shenandoah County Government Center on April 11th. We are happy to report that we will have the VA250 Mobile Museum for everyone to enjoy that day. This event will also be our annual gathering of Shenandoah County historical museums and organizations, as well as the event for folks to bring and display exhibits of their own.

In 2026, our focus is to be "people". We encourage anyone who has information about a person, persons, family or group to bring that

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ATTENTION

ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

The date beside the name on your mailing label is the month and year your membership is due. Thank you for staying current. Rates on Page 6.

Please note new amounts.



From the: Shenandoah County Archives

By Zach Hottel, Archivist

Woodstock House is Moved in 1964

This 1964 Morrison Studio photograph shows a crew working to lift a house that was being moved due to construction of Interstate 81 through the Shenandoah Valley. Originally located just south of the North Street overpass, the house was moved to adjacent property and still stands at 717 W. North Street, Woodstock.



“House Being Lifted – Woodstock,” Image 029780, Morrison Studio Collection, Shenandoah County Historical Society/Truban Archives, Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, Virginia.

A crew of four men are working to stabilize the house on steel beams while three other men look on. All are unidentified, but they appear to be from the Valley-Supply Company and their vehicle has a Danville Virginia license plate. One of the men on the right may be the home’s owner.

During the 1960s the Interstate dramatically changed our communities. Numerous buildings were demolished or moved to new locations to make way for this highway and feeder roads. Construction crews from outside the area filled local hotels and sometimes boarded with local families while local contractors enjoyed the added business. When they were finished, the physical, economic, and social landscape of the Shenandoah Valley had been permanently changed.

The Truban Archives holds photographs and other items that document some of this transformation. Contact us at (650)984-8200 or zhottel@countylib.org to schedule an appointment to view these or to donate any historical items in your collection.

This Newsletter can be sent to you electronically. Many photos will appear in color, and it saves postage !
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Message from the President



Barbara Adamson

This year, 2026, will long be remembered by me, and I suspect by many people in Shenandoah County. At SCHS we’re busy planning for Heritage Day in April, and the SCHS annual dinner in May,

Shenandoah County Celebrates 1776 in June, and regular program meetings in September and November! In addition, all of the members of the History Council have planned a program or event to commemorate this special year. These events will be scheduled each month of 2026. We didn’t have space to list each of them in this newsletter but you can read about them at the SCHS website by going to: www.shenandoahhistory.org

You’ll see in the announcement about the annual dinner that this year’s program will be presented by Keith Rocco. Keith couldn’t make it last year but, as promised, he will be with us, in May, to talk about Woodstock and the WWII hero, Edward Gearing.

I’ve said many times that the Shenandoah County Historic Courthouse is a special place. And I’ve always thought we’re fortunate to also have Lawyer’s Row adjacent to the Courthouse. In the days before cars, telephones and computers, lawyers needed (or wanted) to be close to the courthouse. Many were located right next door in this interior courtyard. I was very pleased to see that we now have two lawyers who have located to the Lawyer’s Row buildings. It’s wonderful!



SCHS is Now on FACEBOOK

Visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SCHSVA or simply click on the Facebook icon on our website: ShenandoahHistory.org New information is posted regularly.

Annual Dinner - [Cont. from Page 1]

Presentation of the annual John H. Adamson Excellence in Preservation Awards will be made by Committee Chair, Karen Whetzel.

Following the business meeting, a program, will be presented by SCHS member and well-known artist, Keith Rocco:

A Woodstock, VA D-Day Hero

Edward Marcellus Gearing

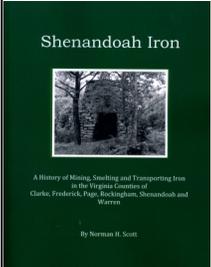
For his actions on that unforgettable day, Gearing was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross —the United States Army's second highest decoration for soldiers who display extraordinary heroism in combat.

D-Day - June 6, 1944 Almost 1,000 yds from shore, in the cold waters of the English Channel, Lt Gearing's landing craft swamped and sank. Leaving his men to be picked up by other crafts returning from the battle raging on the beach, Gearing began to swim for shore. He made it to Omaha Beach to discover all of his company's officers were dead or wounded. He was now in command of A Co., 116th Regiment, 29th Division. On October 13, 1944 in a small clearing in the woods of France, Lt Gearing was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Major General Charles H. Gerhardt for his actions on D-Day. His citation read, "...for reorganizing and preparing his platoon for attack after a beachhead landing, with complete disregard for his own safety, on numerous occasions exposing himself to direct enemy fire and then leading the men in a successful assault on enemy positions."

Edward Gearing grew up in Woodstock, the son of Dr. William Gearing, Sr. and Bertha Gearing. 1942. At 18 years old, he graduated with honors from Massachusetts Military Academy and enlisted, earning the rank of second lieutenant. 1944. After surviving two battles and wounded several times, he ended his service with the rank of captain and returned home to marry Elizabeth Zucca. 1962 Gearing died in Woodstock at the age of 38 of cancer. He was buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Ed Gearing – Woodstock’s Forgotten D-Day Hero

Edward Gearing commanded one of the first wave assault boats of Co. A, 116th Infantry Regiment, forever known as “The Bedford Boys” and who suffered catastrophic casualties. The story covers Gearing’s heroic story as well as his civilian life in Woodstock. Keith, who lives in Edinburg and is primarily known as a military artist, has vast knowledge of WWII and has done extensive research about Ed Gearing. This should be an interesting program.



Back In Stock

Shenandoah Iron, A very popular book by Norman Scott, is back in stock at the historic Courthouse Visitor Center or for purchase by email. The price is \$20 or \$19 for SCHS members.

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PODCAST

historical information is always relevant and historically accurate

The podcast features a clear, narrative style that pays tribute to earlier eras of radio broadcasting. Interviews with historians and authors authoritatively share historical topics. For listeners both inside and outside the Valley, the interviews and stories provide a thoughtful, accessible and entertaining way to understand the people, places, and events that shaped not just Shenandoah County but the entire Shenandoah Valley - all framed within the larger context of American history.

Hank Zimmerman’s history-related media production credits include co-producing the 2008 museum theater video, *The Burning*, that can be seen at the Museum at the Edinburg Mill. He also served as the technical producer of *The Valley on Fire*, a Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation video about the Civil War. He has been the SCHS webmaster since 2011 and owns Shenandoah Valley Productions LLC.

Dennis Atwood was a member of the Morrison Photo Collection processing team for many years and served on the Historic Barns of Shenandoah County program staff. He is also co-administrator of the SCHS Facebook page and manages print media advertising campaigns. Dennis continue to study multiple aspects of U.S. history.

The Shenandoah Valley Radio Program podcast currently streams (search: “Shenandoah Valley”) on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Pandora/SiriusXM, Amazon Music, iHeart Podcasts, and PocketCasts. Info about the podcast, including current and past episode listings, is available at: ShenandoahValleyRadioPrgram.com.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence

An important event of the 1776 celebration will be the reading of the Declaration of Independence by County Archivist, Zach Hottel, on Wednesday, July 8 at 6pm at the Shenandoah County Historic Courthouse on Court Square in Woodstock.

This commemorates the reading of the Declaration of Independence for the first time at locations throughout America during the summer of 1776.

In Memory of C.F. Wagniere



When CF and Janet Wagniere moved from Edinburg to Winchester in 2024 and gradually gave up most of their responsibilities with SCHS, we knew we’d miss them. Fortunately, Janet has continued in several roles.

CF, with his passing in December, is doubly missed. After capably serving as treasurer of SCHS for many years, he passed the torch to Laura Zimmerman several years ago and she has done a wonderful job. CF’s knowledge of the Morrison Collection and the ins and outs of producing those wonderful photographs was enormous. Luckily Zach Hottel and volunteer, Tracy McMahon, continued to preserve and bring the vast collection to the world.

Did you know that CF printed some of the books we sell? He had a “printing press” in their basement and produced soft cover books! He was largely a behind-the-scenes person, always offering computer technical assistance to those of us in need and was always a dependable set-up/take-down helper at events.

Charles F. Wagniere III passed away December 17, 2025 and was buried in Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg. His daughter, Aleesa Easterly, lives in California with her husband, Jesse, and CF’s three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Sue Harshman and her husband, Dan and Paula Goyins and her husband, Roger.

CF was educated as a civil engineer and worked on many projects throughout the US. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Thanks to those who made donations to SCHS in memory of CF. These funds will help to further his work. Those of you who knew him well would know that he was very modest and would not have wanted us to extol his many accomplishments. But we’re pleased to do so, anyway. Finally, CF and Janet received the 2024 Mary Ann Williamson Award, which you can see on the wall in the front courtyard of the Edinburg Mill. A much deserved recognition.

Do You Remember when?

Phone numbers used to start with letters.

Long before everyone's phone fit in their pocket, phone numbers began with letters — specifically, the first two letters of the telephone exchange name. These exchange names, sometimes drawn from local neighborhoods or landmarks, served as mnemonics to help people — operators and callers alike — remember and route phone numbers.

For example, the Ricardos' phone number on *I Love Lucy* was MU 5-9975. "MU" was for Murray Hill, which evoked a familiar locality and was used for the whole east side of Manhattan's telephone exchange. When an exchange name was written out, the first two letters were usually capitalized, as in, "MUrray Hill 5-9975." The corresponding digits for "M" and "U" on the telephone dial were 6 and 8, so the operator could reach the Ricardos at 68 5-9975.

The first phones were connected to one another with wires, but as the number of phones grew, that became less practical, so phones were connected to telephone exchanges — those central switchboards you may remember from movies. When you dialed a number, you were actually dialing the exchange first, and they would connect your phone line to the person you were trying to call. Each exchange handled calls in a particular region or neighborhood. Referring to your phone number by the exchange name simplified things — "CEntral 6-0123," "MArket 7032," or "ENglewood 3-1234" were common formats. (Some phone numbers only had six digits, or even five in small locales.)

However, as cities and telecommunications systems expanded, this scheme began to strain. Exchange names and letter prefixes limited the number of combinations available. With the advent of automatic dialing (which required every line to have a unique, machine-readable number), long-distance direct dialing, and the need for more capacity, the industry eventually shifted to phone numbers with digits only in the mid-20th century.



People protested the switch to numbers-only dialing.

When the phone company began phasing out lettered prefixes in favor of all-numeric dialing in the 1960s, not everyone welcomed the change. Many people felt that exchange names such as "PENnsylvania," "TRafalgar," or "YUkon" added a sense of place and personality to the act of calling someone. Replacing them with just numbers, critics said, stripped away the literary charm of the phone system and made communication colder and more difficult. In San Francisco, a group calling itself the Anti-Digit Dialing League mounted a witty, if ultimately futile, campaign against what it called the "dehumanization" of the telephone system, and even filed lawsuits to stop the conversion. They were soon joined by the more grandly named Committee of Ten Million To Oppose All-Number Calling, which voiced similar complaints on a national scale. These groups knew that 736-5000 simply didn't have the ring — or the romance — of "PENnsylvania 6-5000," the phone number for New York City's Hotel Pennsylvania immortalized in the Glenn Miller song. But practicality eventually won out. As telephone networks expanded and automation advanced, the alphanumeric system simply couldn't keep up with demand. The letters faded, and the digits took over.

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Nick Powers, John Settle and Brett Walker. Topics will include: the 8th VA Regiment and Shenandoah County Patriots, the Declaration of Independence, Colonial Period furniture, a virtual tour of Historic Trappe, PA, life in the Shenandoah Valley during and after the Revolutionary War, and Colonial Era shoe making!

✦ Professional reenactors who will wander about the area of Main & Court Street and interact with visitors include those depicting Peter Muhlenberg, Marquis de Lafayette, Patrick Henry, William "Billy" Lee, and Daniel Morgan.

✦ A variety of artisans will demonstrate 18th Century work to include surveying, weaving, basketry, blacksmithing, leather-working, silversmith, woodworker, shoe/boot making, medicine and the healing arts, longrifles, swords and weaponry, and rug hooking.

✦ Emanuel Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church will have a selection of original Muhlenburg relics.

✦ There will be a drummer, fifer, and fiddler during the day to entertain with 18th Century music.

✦ 18th C. dancing will take place at Court Square. And a dulcimer concert will be held at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church.

✦ A number of activities for children are planned and include a scavenger hunt, craft and souvenirs, 18th century children's games, an introduction to family history and genealogy, and face painting from 11 am to 1 pm.

✦ The 8th VA Regiment Revolutionary War encampment re-enactors and the Dragoons and their horses will be present all day on Court St.

✦ Local businesses will play a part of the day's activities with the Woodstock Museum and the Wickham House both open to the public.

✦ Keith Rocco's paintings that were used in the Ken Burns documentary about the Revolutionary War will be on display at VECCA.

✦ There will be a display of 18th C. regimental uniforms.

✦ Visitors will also be invited to participate in a glass mosaic project for the event designed by the Collaborative Arts Council.

✦ Dr. William Rickman, early American "Surgeon General" will be portrayed by Ralph Ryer MD.

✦ A demonstration of Revolutionary War drumming will take place and will include children in the activities

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Life Members

Each year we list our Life Members to say Thank You for your support:

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www.ShenandoahHistory.org

✦ Continuing Series on Building History in Shenandoah County ✦

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

The early history of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church is uncertain as to when it was established in Mt. Jackson. What is known is that Daniel Gray, a Revolutionary soldier who is buried in the Union Church cemetery, attended the Lutheran church prior to his death in 1845 according to his obituary. In 1884, Mt. Calvary first appears on the Register of Lutheran Churches as being in a parish with Zion Lutheran (Hamburg, VA), Solomon's (Forestville, Va.) and St. James Church (Hudson's Cross Roads) with Rev. Anders Rudolph Rude as pastor. In 1846, Rev. John Philip Cline became the pastor of Mt. Calvary. The congregation met in the "old brick church" (Union Church) since there was no structure designated for Mt. Calvary at that time. During Rev. Cline's pastorate a plan was developed to build their own church. Church records reveal that a frame building was constructed on the east side of the road (opposite the site of the current church). The cornerstone was laid April 21, 1860 with the Dedication Service being held December 16, 1860.

On October 18, 1882, a fire was discovered in the store of Mr. John P. Lonas about half past twelve o'clock in the morning. The church, located on the south side of Mr. Lonas's store, was also destroyed by the fire. The church's chandelier, organ, altar and pulpit furniture, plus anything easily moved was saved. Fortunately, through the advice of Rev. J. S. Moser, minister at the time, the building had been insured for \$2500.00 the previous December by the Ladies Aid Society. NOTE: In the Dec. 14, 1882 Shenandoah Herald newspaper, an acknowledgment from Rev. Moser that a check for \$2500.00 had been received from the Petersburg Savings & Insurance Co. for the loss of the church in the Oct. fire.

The church was rebuilt, this time being brick. Dedication of the new building was held Sunday May 4th, 1884. On October 10th of the same year, another fire struck the town again. This fire started across the street in the store of J. W. Miller & Co. and quickly spread to surrounding businesses in the immediate area. The fire in the church started in the frame tower. The rear wall collapsed and the remaining walls were severely damaged. The organ, pulpit furniture and several lamps were saved. Insurance, this time, was \$4500.00. Under the present pastor, Rev. William E. Stahler, the decision was made to rebuild across the street where the current church now stands. A Victorian Gothic-style church with large stained glass windows on three sides was built. A Dedication service was held in 1886 with Reverend John Gottlieb Morris from Baltimore conducting the service. The stained glass window on the north side was donated, by church members, in memory of Pastor Benjamin Copenhaver who died, in 1918, while serving the church. The stained glass window on the south side is in memory of Mr. & Ms. I. P. Weatherholtz, long time members of the church.

In 1883 after the resignation of Pastor Jacob Moser, the Mt. Jackson Parish was formed composed of Mt. Calvary (Mt. Jackson), Bethel Church (Hamburg), and St. James (Hudson's Cross Roads). The Mt. Jackson Parish continued with the 3 churches until 1949. In 1950, Mt. Calvary became an independent parish under Pastor Virgil Moyer. In 1965, the Parish House was added on the south side of the church at a cost of \$65,000.00

In 2019, Mt. Calvary celebrated its 175th anniversary (1844-2019) in a variety of ways including an Anniversary Banquet at The Yellow Barn event center (Shenandoah Caverns) November 16, 2019. On Sunday November 17, 2019, the service's worship liturgy was based after the liturgy from the "*Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church*" of 1917.

The first church parsonage was built on Gospel Hill (now Gospel Street) in 1879 on the hill across the railroad tracks from the Wilson Hotel and the train depot. Another parsonage was built in 1889 on the same street and served the church ministers until 1951 when the parsonage was sold and another one purchased on Shannon Ave. This parsonage was then sold in 1989 and the home of Jim & Elizabeth (Lib) Shannon also on Shannon Ave. was purchased. Jim was a lifelong member of Mt. Calvary. This parsonage continues to be used today. (Jim was the town postmaster for many years and the eldest son of C. M. Shannon, prominent town businessman or whom the street was named).

In October 1963, Charles Cash, President of People's Bank (later First Virginia Bank) was cleaning out items on the 3rd floor of the old bank (J. I. Triplett's Mt. Jackson National Bank building). He found a box marked "This Communion Set belongs to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church". Wrapped in newspapers dated Nov. 24, 1921 was a flagon (large ornate pitcher for holding unconsecrated wine) and two chalices. The age of the set is unknown but is possibly early 19th century. Speculation was that maybe due to germs being spread (it was the time of the Spanish flu epidemic) by parishioners drinking from the same chalice, that the set was stored. Mr. George Geary, a bank employee, was a member of Mt. Calvary. This set is on display in the narthex of the church.

Some of the early ministers serving Mt. Calvary were Philip Cline William Stahler, Jacob Moser, Luther Mann, Edward Folk, Benjamin Copenhaver, Paul Royer, Collie Rice, Bradshaw Castor, Virgil Moyer, Franklin Senger & Glenn Shackelford. Later ministers were Lee Hudson, Bill Balance, Sid Roden, Scott Paradise and most recently Matthew Diehl who recently resigned, after 15 years, to become pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio. Vicar Steve Povlish is now providing pastoral services for Mt. Calvary in addition to his duties at St. Mary's Pine Church, west of Mt. Jackson, until a new pastor will be called.



April 18th: Used Book Sale

Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum - Winchester, VA

Come to the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum (20 North Loudoun St, Winchester, VA from 10AM - 5PM on April 18th for a Used Book Sale sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. Shop for discounted Civil War Books and explore the historic 1840 Frederick County Courthouse right in the heart of Downtown Winchester! 540-740-4545

April 18th - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

A Photographic Study of three important Valley of Virginia Rifles

The rifles include the earliest in the group. The earliest with a brass box and date. The earliest with a signature. Speaker: Richard Sullivan, Master Gunsmith at Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. Sullivan is celebrating his 40th year working at his trade and stocked his first rifle as a teenager.

The event, sponsored by the Winchester - Frederick County Historical Society will be held at the Handley Regional Library 100 W Piccadilly St. in Winchester VA Info: 540-662-6550

July 4th Open House - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

George Washington's Office Museum

32 W. Cork Street, Winchester, VA

In honor of America's 250th birthday, George Washington Office Museum will be hosting an open house. Free admission all day.

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Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters

415 N Braddock Street, Winchester, VA

Join us in celebrating America's 250th birthday! Free Admission all day.

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Abram's Delight Museum

1340 S. Pleasant Valley Road, Winchester, VA

Join us in celebrating America's 250th birthday! Free Admission all day.

Traveling Exhibit: April 27 - June 7

Give Me Liberty: Virginia and the Forging of a Nation

This exhibit, produced by the Virginia Museum of History and Culture will be at Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown VA. It is made possible through a sponsorship from the Winchester-Frederick County VA250 Committee. The plantation is located in Middletown at 336 Belle Grove Road. For more information and hours, call or(540) 869-2028 or www.bellegrove.org

162nd Battle of New Market Commemoration

Virginia Museum of the Civil War
New Market Battlefield State Historical Park
8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market, VA

Saturday May 16th - 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday May 17th - 10 am to 3 pm

Come as we remember the Battle of New Market that raged across Jacob Bushong's farm and the soldiers that struggled there. Special emphasis will highlight the role of the Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute that were asked to fill a gap in the Confederate battle line and helped to turn the tide of the battle.

Activities and cooking demonstrations at the Bushong Farm, military drill, live black powder demonstrations, and camp life. Special guests the Society of Civil War surgeons will conduct multiple medical demonstrations over the course of the weekend. More Info: 540-740-3101 or nmbshp@vmi.edu

New Bird Haven Exhibit at Courthouse Visitor Center



The Exhibit Case at the historic Courthouse Visitor Center is now displaying objects from Bird Haven. The exhibit features objects produced at the Shenandoah Workers factory at Basye during the first half of the 20th Century.

Known as Bird Haven, the factory was created to provide work for those living in a remote section of Shenandoah County who often found it difficult to find jobs. These objects have become popular collectibles and part of the history of Shenandoah County.

The Mount Jackson Museum has a large collection of these objects and information about Bird Haven which they're sharing with us. Stop in the courthouse to see some favorites such as kitchenware and toys. They will be on display through June.

1776 Event - [Cont. from Pg. 5]

- ✦ There will be a demonstration of creating yarn from fleece in the 18th manner of spinning wheel use.
- ✦ Traditional gunsmith's skills will be demonstrated and will also include children's activities.
- ✦ A national expert on boot and shoe making of the 17th, 18th and 19th century, will demonstrate his trade from that period.
- ✦ Downtown restaurants will be open and food trucks will be on site.
- ✦ A 250 Celebration Ale will be available at the Woodstock Brewhouse.and more!
- ✦ Be sure to check the SCHS website for further details:

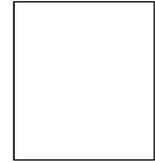
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<p>Woodstock Museum 104 S. Muhlenburg Street Woodstock VA</p> <p>May through October Friday & Saturday 1pm to 4pm -Open ANYTIME by Appointment - For information: woodstockmuseumva@yahoo.com Visit our Facebook Page for Changes to Hours.</p>	<p>Heritage Day - [Cont. from Page 1] information to share. Exhibits do not need to be elaborate. Binders of infor- mation or photos, tri-folds, or any ob- ject or book that tells the story of peo- ple is encouraged. There is no fee to participate and we will furnish tables and chairs. Time is from 11am-3pm. Call 540- 459-1795 and leave a message. Or call Library archivist, Zach Hottel, at 540-984-8200 to learn more.</p>	<p>Would you like to join the Historic Courthouse Visitor Center Volunteer Staff?</p> <p>The Museum / Visitor Center / SHS Bookstore is open every Friday and Saturday from 11-4, March thru December. We have now added Sun- day [1 to 5 PM] so we need additional volunteers. If you would like to join our Visitor Center group, call 540- 459-1795. Leave a message and we'll get back to you.</p>
<p>Strasburg Museum</p> <p>May thru October 440 East King Street, Strasburg, VA Info: 540-465-5884</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">More Upcoming Events</p> <p>Are posted on the website: www.ShenandoahHistory.org</p>	<p>Donated Books Accepted</p> <p>SCHS also sells se- lected "previously owned" books in the Visitor Center Bookstore.</p> <p>If you are downsizing your book collection, or have just run out of room, the Society will accept Shenandoah County History books and anything relating to local events and history. NO TEXT BOOKS, please. Books can be brought to the Historic Courthouse, in Woodstock, any Friday or Saturday between 11 & 4.</p>
<p>Fort Valley Museum 8631 Fort Valley Road Fort Valley, VA May 23 thru October</p>	<p>Museums Open Year-Round</p> <p>Edinburg Mill Hupps's Hill Mt. Jackson Museum Museum of the Civil War</p>	