

Caroline County Sheriff's Office Receives LEPCSC Accreditation



Sergeant A. W. Lambert, Deputy Sara Harper, VALEPSC Director Gary Dillon, Sheriff Lippa, Lt. Col. M. W. Hall, Admin Asst. Ms. Wimmer and Major Moser pose together at the VALEPSC Board meeting following the accreditation award.

Caroline Sheriff A. A. "Tony" Lippa is pleased to announce that accreditation of the Sheriff's Office by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) has been granted. This 187 step process involves assessors verifying all aspects of the sheriff's office operations to see that standards for efficient and effective agency operations are met. The stated goals of VLEPSC include: to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth through the delivery of services; to promote cooperation among all components in the criminal justice system; to ensure the appropriate level of training for law enforcement personnel; and to promote public confidence in law enforcement.

Achieving accreditation is one step farther than state certification, which the Caroline County Sheriff's Office was awarded in 2006. Accreditation standards are more comprehensive and stringent than those involved in certification. "Certification was akin to the agency getting its high school diploma. State accreditation is like receiving our bachelor's degree," said Sheriff Lippa. The Caroline County Sheriff's Office was recommended for accreditation by a team of reviewers who report to the VLEPSC Board of Directors. At its regular meeting on October 16th, the Board of Directors voted to grant accreditation

status to the Caroline Sheriff's Office. The board remarked that Caroline County had "one of the best" initial accreditation surveys they had ever conducted. The Board also stated that it was wonderful to see representation and support from County Government, as Sheriff Lippa was joined at the accreditation award ceremony by County Administrator Percy Ashcraft, Assistant Administrator Alan Partin and Sheriff's Office Citizen Advisory member Bob Gordon.

Sheriff A. A. "Tony" Lippa remarked, "I am both pleased and proud to announce that your Caroline County Sheriff's Office has been granted accreditation for the first time ever. I am extremely proud of the men and women of this agency who have worked long and hard to see that these standards were met. Becoming accredited at the state level is yet another step to bring your sheriff's office to the forefront of modern law enforcement." Mr. Ashcraft remarked, "On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to commend Sheriff Lippa and his staff for their hard work and dedication in achieving this significant milestone. This accreditation puts the Caroline County Sheriff's Office in an elite group of law enforcement professionals. It is a proud day for Caroline County and the citizens we all serve."

Bridges Dedicated to Fallen State Troopers

Two fallen Virginia State Troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of Caroline County citizens were honored at a special bridge dedication ceremony held October 4 at the new Visitor Center in Carmel Church.

The ceremony officially dedicated the Route 207 bridge at I-95 in Carmel Church to the memory of Trooper



Relatives of Trooper Lohr with the highway sign and resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors

Robert Tinsley Lohr and the Route 639 bridge in Ladysmith in remembrance of Trooper Robin Lee Farmer. Trooper Lohr was struck and killed while assisting a motorist on I-95 near Carmel Church in the early morning hours of July 22, 1978. Trooper Farmer was killed on September 3, 1981 in a two vehicle collision while in pursuit of a driver who refused to stop at a safety check detail.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution petitioning the Virginia General Assembly to name the bridges after the fallen troopers at the suggestion of County resident Roger Cavendish. Mr. Cavendish was assisted by Caroline County Sheriff Tony Lippa, himself a former State Trooper.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Floyd Thomas presided over the ceremony, which featured remarks by Virginia Secretary of Public Safety John Marshall, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Hall of the Caroline County Sheriff's Office and Lieutenant Colonel Bobby Northern of the Virginia State Police. Representatives of the Lohr and Farmer families were on hand to receive a rendering of the signs dedicating the bridges to the fallen troopers and a copy of the Board resolution to the General Assembly. Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeff Sili, Madison District Supervisor Wayne Acors, Port Royal District Supervisor Bobby Popowicz and Reedy Church District Supervisor Maxie Rozell were all in attendance.



Relatives of Trooper Farmer following the ceremony.

Special guests were Delegate Bobby Orrrock and Delegate Chris Peace, who introduced the resolution in the Virginia General Assembly.

Visitor's Center Opens



The Board of Supervisors hosted a grand opening for the Caroline County Visitor Center on Route 207 near the I-95 Interchange in Carmel Church November 12. The new 6,954 square foot state-of-the-art center, expected by many in the tourism industry to be the best in the Commonwealth of Virginia, also includes new offices for the Department of Economic Development & Tourism.

Many of the planned features are up and running. Work will continue on others after the building officially opens.

Highlights of the center include multi-media displays and an interactive, user-friendly information system (known as Map Network) that will allow visitors and County citizens to find any attraction or business in Caroline. The Map Network system is also accessible from home computers. The center will also house a retail store being developed with Caroline businesses and artisans that should be operational during the Christmas shopping season.

To provide a unique experience to the traveling public, the center will feature a life size replica of an ancient whale native to Caro-

line County in pre-historic times. The gray whale, known as Eobalaenoptera, was 28 feet long (the length of a school bus) when it roamed the waters near Carmel Church some 14 million years ago. At certain times in the earth's history, the ocean covered eastern Virginia as far inland as Richmond. At one site in Caroline County in 1991, paleontologists from the Virginia Museum of Natural History found a skeleton of one of the world's largest whales from that time period at what is now Carmel Church, two miles west of Interstate 95. Caroline is considered to have the most important prehistoric dig east of the Mississippi River.

There are only two other casts of this unique find. One is at the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the other at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC (not displayed). Caroline's display will not only provide information about the whale and the paleontology, but like no other display, will also demonstrate physical context for the find, i.e., the landscape where Eobalaenoptera

was discovered. The Visitor Center also acts as a site for the VMNH interpretation of their dig in Carmel Church.

The approximate cost of the whale project is \$125,000, which is being paid for through private donations. Like the Visitor Center that will house this unique display, there is anticipated to be no Caroline tax dollars used for the project. The Department of Economic Development & Tourism is still raising funds for the whale display, so any Caroline business or citizen who would like to help fund the project is encouraged to do so.

Donors to date include:

- The Litt and Kath Thompson Foundation
- VSE, Inc.
- Herlong Associates
- MC Dean
- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

The center will also include community meeting space.

Call the Department of Economic Development at 633-4074 for more information.

Employee News and Community Recognition



Employee of the Quarter

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Josh Carson was recognized by the Board of Supervisors on October 14 after being named Employee of the Quarter by County Administrator Percy Ashcraft. Carson, who has been employed by the County since 2002, was selected for his initiative in learning the Utilities Department's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) computer system. Carson's actions resulted in thousands of dollars of savings to the County in consultant's fees and enabled him to troubleshoot problems and gain first hand knowledge of the software programs and operating systems. Carson is pictured above with Board of Supervisors Chairman Floyd Thomas.



Goforth places 4th in International Competition

Water Operator John Goforth was recognized by the Board for his achievements in utility locate rodeo competitions this past summer. For the second year in a row, Goforth finished first in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the "Buried Treasure" competition at the Virginia Chapter of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Rodeo held in Newport News. The first place finish again entitled him to compete in the International AWWA "Buried Treasure" competition in Atlanta, Georgia where he placed fourth in the world.



Former Superintendent of Schools Stanley Jones was recognized by the Board of Supervisors for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Caroline County.

Womble named Fire & Rescue Training Officer

Newly Created Position will Train Both Volunteers and Career Staff

Mr. Travis Womble has been appointed to the newly created Training Officer position for the Department of Fire-Rescue & Emergency Management. Womble is a Virginia EMT-Intermediate and fire instructor. He began his Fire and Rescue career in Hanover County in 1996 and has remained an active volunteer in their system. He also worked for the Richmond Ambulance Authority achieving the rank of Sergeant and Field Training Officer. Womble joined Caroline in 2007 as a Medic/Firefighter.



Travis Womble (l), with Director Ed Fuzy

The Training Officer is a new position created by the Board of Supervisors to help support our system's volunteer and career fire and EMS agencies. The position is responsible for the countywide coordination of training for both career and volunteer personnel. It will allow greater coordinated training opportunities for all providers. The Training Officer will also identify future training needs as the County grows.



Food Lion Recognized for Work with Disabled - Susan Poirer of the Bowling Green Food Lion accepts a resolution from Chairman Thomas commending the store for its work with employing people with disabilities. Food Lion received an award from the Rappahannock Regional Disability Services Board for making special efforts on behalf of people with disabilities. In nominating the store for the award, Rappahannock Goodwill Industries cited management's efforts to provide an opportunity for a disabled employee to experience the value of work and feel like an important part of a team.

County Administrator Percy Ashcraft stated "This position will help lessen the burden on our valuable volunteers, so they may focus on emergency response and meeting the needs of our citizens. It helps fill a previously identified gap in services the County provides in support of volunteer emergency services providers and career personnel. Mr. Womble's personal energy and professional knowledge will help us meet this mission. I know that Mr. Womble will be asset to our team."

For more information, contact the Department of Fire-Rescue & Emergency Management at (804) 633-9831.

Curran Named Treasurer of the Year by Peers



Caroline County Treasurer Elizabeth B. Curran was selected as "Treasurer of the Year" for 2008 by her peers at the 78th Annual Treasurer's Association of Virginia Conference held July 13 - 16 at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The mission of the Treasurer's Association (TAV) is to enhance professionalism and fiscal leadership among treasurers and their staff through education, networking and performance standards.

Curran was selected for the award by the TAV Awards Committee in recognition of her years of dedicated service, which includes a term as TAV President in 2004/05, Chair of the Compensation Board Committee and service on the Education, Futures and Legislative committees.

Curran is serving her fifth term as Treasurer for Caroline County since taking office in January 1992.

Four Fire & Rescue Employees Promoted to Lieutenant



L-R - Mark Garnett, Deputy Director, Ms. Erin Southworth, Mr. Edward Bonham, Mr. Travis Womble, Ms. Leigh Doucet, Ms. Michelle Chewning, Director Ed Fuzy

Caroline County Administrator Percy C. Ashcraft is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Edward Bonham, Ms. Michelle Chewning, Ms. Leigh Doucet and Ms. Erin Southworth to the newly created position of Station Lieutenant with the Department of Fire & Rescue.

Mr. Bonham is a Paramedic and Fire Instructor. He began his fire and rescue career as a volunteer in West Newberry, Mass. in 1992. He joined Caroline in 2003 as a Medic/Firefighter. Bonham and his wife live in Ladysmith.

Ms. Chewning is a Paramedic and Firefighter. She is a native of Caroline, beginning her EMS career at the Bowling Green Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1994. She joined Caroline in 2003 as a Medic/Firefighter. Chewning and her family live in Sparta.

Ms. Doucet is a Paramedic and Firefighter. She began her fire and rescue career as a volunteer with Fredericksburg Vol. Rescue Squad in 2001. Prior to joining Caroline in 2006, she worked for Spotsylvania County Fire and Rescue. Doucet and her family live in Ladysmith.

Ms. Southworth is a Paramedic and Fire Instructor. She began her fire and rescue career at the Bowling Green Vol. Rescue Squad in 1992 before becoming one of the first County career medics in 1997. Southworth and her family live in Ladysmith.

These Station Lieutenant positions were created by the Board of Supervisors to help support the growing demands of the Caroline County emergency

services system. In addition to their normal medic / firefighter duties each officer will provide supervision and quality oversight of our career fire and EMS staff.

Ashcraft stated "These positions will help with the overall management of our system and help us assure quality delivery of emergency care and services. They bring a wealth of talent to these positions and a strong belief in caring customer service. I know that they will all be an asset to our team."

For more information, contact the Department of Fire-Rescue & Emergency Management at (804) 633-9831.

Board Members and Staff Visit Congressional Representatives in Washington

Board of Supervisors members Wayne Acors, Maxie Rozell, Bobby Popowicz and Economic Development Director Gary Wilson visited Capitol Hill on September 18 to meet with Congressman Rob Wittman, Congressman Eric Cantor, Senator Jim Webb and the staff of Senator John Warner regarding issues affecting Caroline County.

Included in the topics of discussion were requests for funding for a possible Phase II of the Dawn Wastewater Project, an emergency shelter program through assistance from the Homeland Security Department, bike trail funding, allowing Caroline to capture more of the estimated \$44 million in fuel taxes generated annually at the Carmel Church I-95 Interchange, discussion of possible cooperation between the County and Fort A.P. Hill on water supply issues, funding for historic preservation and a Dawn youth center and after school program.

North Anna Drill A Success

The Caroline County Department of Fire-Rescue participated with the North Anna Power Station and surrounding localities in an emergency drill on July 22-23, 2008. The training exercise, which is evaluated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), evaluates how well the power station and public safety workers within a 50-mile radius coordinate emergency efforts.

FEMA evaluators study evacuation plans, traffic access and control as well as the emergency notification systems. This training includes the opening of the County's Emergency Operations Center, setting up an evacuation shelter, and staging fire-rescue and sheriff's personnel at different locations in the western part of Caroline. The final report should be available in November but FEMA concluded it had "no issues or concerns" with Caroline's response.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this drill!

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Is your Dog's Rabies vaccination up to date?

The Code of Virginia requires that each pet owner has a duty to provide adequate food, water, shelter, space, and veterinary care to each and every one of their pets. State law also requires that every dog or cat that a person owns, keeps for someone else, or holds for someone, must be vaccinated, if it is over the age of four (4) months. The first vaccination is only valid for one year, and subsequent vaccinations are valid for three years.

Caroline County code specifies that the owner of any dog over the age of four months must pay an annual license tax to the County Treasurer by January 31st. There is no requirement to license cats in Caroline County, but they must be vaccinated.

There is a new law in Virginia as of July 1, 2007, that requires all veterinarians to notify the local treasurers whenever they vaccinate an animal. Within 90 days of receiving the information, the Treasurer's Office verifies whether the dog has a current dog license. If the Treasurer's office can not confirm the owner has purchased a dog license for that year, the office will mail a reminder and application for a dog license to the dog owner. If a current dog license has not been purchased within 30 days of the notice, the guidelines state that County Animal Control should be notified of all dogs receiving rabies vaccines and not having a license.



Dog licenses are available at the Treasurer's Office located at 119 Ennis Street, Bowling Green. Applications are also available at Caroline Animal Hospital and Animal Clinic of Caroline which can be mailed to the Caroline County Treasurer, PO Box 431, Bowling Green, VA 22427. State law requires that the owner provide satisfactory evidence that their dog has been inoculated or vaccinated against rabies by a currently licensed veterinarian. Therefore, proof of the rabies vaccination will expedite processing. The license tax is \$5.00 for each spayed or neutered dog. If the owner of any dog cannot provide evidence at the time of payment of the tax that the dog has been spayed or neutered, the license tax shall be \$10.00. Kennel licenses are also available for 20 dogs or 50 dogs. Please call the Treasurer's office 804-633-5291 for more information.



Caroline Animal Control sponsors a rabies clinic at area fire departments and rescue squads, typically held the last Saturday in October and the first Saturday in November.

For more information on the location near you, please check the county website, www.visitcaroline.com and local newspapers. The Treasurer's Office will be in attendance also to issue county licenses for the upcoming year. If anyone needs more information, they may contact the Caroline County Animal Shelter or the Caroline County Treasurer's Office.



SAVE GAS, POSTAGE – PAY BILLS AUTOMATICALLY OR CLOSER TO HOME

During these uncertain economic times, the Caroline County Treasurer's Office wants to let utility customers and taxpayers know all available means of acceptable payment methods. Many utility customers mail their payments each month to either Caroline County Public Utilities, PO Box 447, Bowling Green, VA 22427 or to the Treasurer's office at PO Box 431, Bowling Green. Utility bills can also be paid 24 hours a day, seven days a week with your credit card (Including Master Card, VISA, American Express and Discover) by calling 1-800-272-9829 or accessing the web at www.officialpayments.com. When prompted, enter the information requested; be sure to select utilities, enter your customer number and use Jurisdiction Code 1064 for Caroline County and your payment amount. A convenience fee will be added to your transaction.

To save fees, please consider that these payments can also be made in person at the Treasurer's office, 119 Ennis Street in Bowling Green, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. There is also an after hours mail slot at the Treasurer's office for payments. Utility payments may also be made at Union Bank and Trust branches in Bowling Green and Ladysmith.

Another option for paying your utility bill is to sign up for an automatic draft from your checking or savings account

through ACH. There are no fees to sign up for this service or for the monthly draft, and the best part is that your bill is always paid on time. We will charge your account a few days before the due date and you do not have to worry about sending the monthly payment. Please contact the Treasurer's office at 804-633-5291 for more information.

All of the above options are available for real estate and personal property taxes which were due on December 5 as well. Details are included on the tax bills for payment by mail and by credit card. Payment must be postmarked or processed on or before midnight of the due date. Payments may also be made at Union Bank and Trust branches in Bowling Green, Port Royal, and Ladysmith, in person at the Treasurer's office or by utilizing the after hours mail slot.

You may also want to consider the automatic drafting of your account on the due date for the real estate or personal property tax due. If you would like to set up an automatic draft to prepay your 2009 tax in monthly installments, we can help determine your monthly payment. The payments will be shown as a credit to your bill in April 2009. Please contact the Treasurer's office for more information.

Real Estate Tax Relief Program for Seniors (65 and Older) & Permanently Disabled

To receive important information, fill out the form below.

Mail this back to Relief, P.O. Box 531, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427
Or Call: Irene C. Gray (804) 633-9834

NAME: _____

CAROLINE ADDRESS & PHONE: _____

Caroline County
Commissioner of the Revenue

Support for Dawn Wastewater Project

Bill Wright and Hope Cupit of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project present a check in the amount of \$100,000 for the Dawn Wastewater Project to Chairman Floyd Thomas. The funds will be used to help pay for Phase I of the project, which connected approximately 180 homes and businesses, many of which are low to moderate income.



FUZY PART OF REGIONAL TEAM FOR HURRICANE IKE RELIEF

Caroline County Director of Fire and Rescue Ed Fuzy took part in a regional emergency management team that spent two weeks in Cameron Parish, Louisiana helping victims of Hurricane Ike. The primary focus of the team, which included officials from the City of Fredericksburg, was to help the community recover from flooding and related storm damage.



"Through Ed Fuzy and his assistance, this was an opportunity for Caroline County government to assist in the clean-up effort," noted Percy Ashcraft, Caroline County Administrator. "Ed's experience with storm-related incidents was very helpful."

A large portion of Fuzy's expenses is expected to be reimbursed by FEMA, according to Ashcraft. Fuzy has been Director of Fire and Rescue services since 2000.



Have You Signed Up For Caroline Alert?

This emergency notification is a free service brought to you by Caroline County to provide you with severe weather information, school and government closings, and more. The alerts go to the wireless device you choose. Simply log on to www.CarolineAlert.com and enter your information in less than 5 minutes. Have vital information at your fingertips 24 hours a day. For more information, contact Caroline Fire-Rescue@ 633-9831.

FIRE & RESCUE AWARDS CEREMONY

Caroline County Volunteer and Career Emergency Services personnel, were honored at the annual awards banquet held on November 1 in the Community Services auditorium.

Retired Department of Fire & Rescue Captain Brady Grim receives congratulations from Delegate Bobby Orrcock of the Virginia General Assembly as Board of Supervisor Jeff Sili looks on. Grim who retired in November as the result of a near fatal car accident, was honored for his service to Caroline County.



Animal Control Now under Sheriff's Supervision

All Animal Control operations were placed under the supervision of the Caroline County Sheriff's Office effective July 1, 2008. The transfer from the County Administrator's Office, approved by the Board of Supervisors during the Fiscal Year 2009 budget process, is designed to improve service to the public.

"We're excited about the opportunity to take on this new responsibility at the Board's request," said Sheriff Anthony A. "Tony" Lippa, Jr. "All three current Animal Control Officers are certified in law enforcement. This training,

combined with the ability of Sheriff's deputies to respond to animal control related calls, gives us the versatility to provide more effective public service. Animal Control can assist our deputies with law enforcement calls and vice versa".

The primary point of contact for Animal Control continues to be Chief Animal Control Officer Kenneth Harris. Officer Harris can be reached at the Caroline County Animal Shelter at (804) 633-9041. Questions or concerns should be directed to Sheriff Lippa at 633-1120.

New Sheriff's Satellite Office in Ladysmith

The Caroline County Sheriff's Office has established a new satellite office at the old Ladysmith Library on Rt. 639 adjacent to the old Ladysmith Elementary School. The office replaces the former Sheriff's Ladysmith substation on Route 1 behind the Ladysmith Post Office.

The satellite office is used for the following purposes:

- Office space for deputies to complete reports, make phone calls, and interview witnesses, which reduces response time for calls in the area.
- A community meeting room for crime prevention meeting.
- Saves money on fuel cost driving back and forth from Bowling Green main office.
- Park police cars for deputies who live out of the County. All deputies who live out of the County are not allowed by Sheriff's policy to take the vehicle home.
- Fax machine and e-mail for department business.

For more information, contact the Sheriff's Office at 633-1120.

Collins Collection to be Displayed at Bowling Green Library

A one-of-a-kind collection of Caroline County history will soon be on display at the Bowling Green branch of the library thanks to the generosity of historian and Caroline native Herbert R. Collins. The "Herbert R. Collins Virginia" collection consists of approximately 3,000 volumes and includes rare books and manuscripts, files concerning Caroline County families and history, maps, photographs and other materials.

Mr. Collins, who was the long-time curator of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., has been building the collection for years. It is perhaps the largest privately owned collection in Virginia and would be impossible to assemble today. He previously donated the original Queen Caroline coronation portrait that hangs in the Circuit Courtroom and several other portraits by the well-known artist Sidney King, also a native of Caroline County.



The historic collection will be maintained and displayed at the library where proper steps can be taken to ensure its safekeeping. In a letter to Mr. Collins, Board of Supervisors Floyd Thomas expressed the County's profound gratitude for his generous gift and community minded spirit.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Caroline County World War II Veterans were honored for their service at a special ceremony held Veteran's Day at the Community Services Center.



Ladysmith Area Planning Advisory Committee Receives Award

The Citizens Planning Education Association of Virginia, Incorporated (CPEAV) has recognized the Ladysmith Area Community Planning Advisory Committee (LACPAC) for its development of the 2008 update to the Caroline County Comprehensive Plan. The Village Community Concept Plan for the Ladysmith Area was prepared after two years of public meetings, data analysis and citizen, business and developer input. The committee represented a broad section of community interests.

The award recognized the committee for "Use of an Innovative Process by Citizens and Planners". The CPEAV was particularly complimentary of the Transportation section of the Plan.

"I am extremely proud of the work of this committee" said Wayne Acors, who represents the Ladysmith area as the Madison District Supervisor to the Caroline County Board of Supervisors. "This award is a tribute to both the hard work of the committee and the plan they developed"

The award is the second for the County from the CPEAV. The Carmel Church Community Plan was recognized in 2007.

CPEAV is a volunteer, nonprofit association of Virginians dedicated to furthering throughout the Commonwealth public understanding and awareness of the need for excellent community planning as a means of making localities better places to live, work and do business.

Committee members are Purcell Clark, Don Cotter, Ivan Cowger, Walter Davis, Bob Dix, Sheryl Finucane, James Fullem, Evelyn Garner, Frank Hammon, Paul Leiss George Rung, Evan Stout, George Weiber and James Womack.



Parks & Rec News

Football: Due to the success of the previous season, the participant level for the fall season increased by 50%. We are excited! Kickoff began September 6th.

Summer Series Golf Clinics: This was the first year that we have offered this program and everyone was excited to see it take off! The clinic was held at the Pendleton Golf Club in Ladysmith. There were 11 participants in the youth clinic and 5 participants in the Ladies Clinic. We send a BIG thanks to Pendleton Golf Club professional instructors and staff for allowing us the opportunity to provide these clinics.

Soccer: Soccer began its fall season in September. This program has really grown over the last few years and is coming off an all time high from the previous season with at least 300 participants.

Summer Camp: We would like to thank every parent, child, and summer staff who helped us to provide a fun and safe environment for about 240 children. The children had a great time doing fun activities, going on exciting fieldtrips as well as getting to know new people.

New Programs

B.A.L.M (Becoming A Leading Man): Mentoring program for boys in grades 4th-6th. We are seeking volunteers.

Kids Power Hour: This fun class is set to energizing music, highlighting a variety of fitness formats such as aerobic activities and silly drills. This course is geared toward all kids ages 7-11 and is a great confidence and team builder that will also improve your child's fitness level.

Library News

The Caroline Library is embarking on another journey to enhance the library system. Since August, 2007, the Dawn Advisory Committee has been meeting monthly to plan for a new Dawn Branch facility. Land has been donated, an architect has been hired and plans have been drawn for our new Library with a target date for completion of October, 2009. We now need to involve residents and businesses to raise the needed funds to furnish this wonderful resource for our area. The Committee has partnered with the Friends of the Caroline Library to achieve this goal and any contribution is tax deductible.

"Dawn of a New Library" will build and furnish a new five-thousand square foot facility for the community that will provide ample space for a larger collection of books and materials for patrons of all ages, infants to senior citizens. There will be areas for casual reading, reference and research, children and young adults as well as a meeting room for library programs and community use. There will also be a state-of-the-art computer lab networked for internet access that can be used for computer training, online job searches, and job skills and resume training.

Become an eternal part of the Dawn Library's history and support the effort. You can either have your personally engraved brick added to the Walkway and Memorial Courtyard or contributed to one of the many Named Gift Opportunities and honor loved ones by naming a room, reading area, collection, patio, bench, walkway or lamp post after them. Either will make a wonderful gift for all occasions from holidays and graduation to weddings and anniversaries forever linking your name to the Dawn Library! Proceeds from these projects will support the construction of the new library.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the "Dawn of a New Library" Project, please stop by any Branch library and pick up one of these forms. You can also mail a check to the Friends of Caroline Library – Dawn Project, P. O. Box 1574, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427. They have set up a special account for this project but if you should have any questions, please call the Caroline Library at 633-5455.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CAROLINE LIBRARY

The following table contains statistics for the Caroline Library, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. **B** stands for the Bowling Green Branch; **L** for Ladysmith; **D** for Dawn; **P** for Port Royal; and **Bo** is for the Bookmobile. Since January 1, 2008 we have been tracking hits on the library's webpage www.carolinelibrary.org

Through June 30, 2008, we had the following:

	B	L	D	P	Bo
Collection	30,435	23,800	5,795	3,103	1,808
Patrons	6,813	6,349	381	295	127
Circulation	117,548	103,766	8,068	1,362	1,994
Computer Use	8,888	10,419	319	236	
Meetings	1143	1475	7	0	
Programs	975	1,210	14	0	
Story Hour	3,476	559	236	0	142
Lap Sit	6	355	0	0	0
Copies	35,354	17,221	1,066	30	
Phone Calls	5,908	3,097	745	198	
Faxes	555	875	127	1	
Questions	5,694	7,215	2,052	246	
Interlibrary Loan	59	9	11	10	
Adult ED/ GED	1447				
ESL	131				
Germana	686				

Well Water Quality Testing made Available to County Citizens

In January and February householders in Caroline County will have a great opportunity to have access to well water testing for their home wells. Specialists and agents working through Virginia Cooperative Extension are going to present a series of two programs. The first of these programs will be held January 12, 2009 in the EOC rooms at the Community Services Center (17202 Richmond Tpk.) and run from 7:00 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m.

At the initial meeting, clients will be given information about well management by Extension Agents and specialists from the Health Department. They will also be provided with instructions and a water testing bottle to take home and use to take a sample of their well water. On January 14, 2009, they will need to take this sample and bring it to the Extension office by 10:00 a.m. The samples will be packed on ice and immediately taken to the VA Tech water testing lab for processing. The cost of the testing will be \$46.00. Clients should be prepared to pay the fee (by check or cash) at the initial meeting on January 12.

After the samples are processed, there will be a follow-up meeting to deliver and interpret the results for each client. The meeting will be at the same location and time on February 18, 2009. Specialists from Virginia Tech will participate in the analysis program.

This is a unique opportunity to have a number of water quality tests done at an extremely reasonable cost. Having these tests done individually at a private lab would easily cost over \$150.00. The lab will be testing for: iron, sodium, fluoride, coliform and E. coli bacteria, manganese, copper, pH, sulfate, nitrate, chloride, hardness, saturation index, and total dissolved solids.

Please call the Caroline Extension Office to pre-register for the program by 5:00 p.m. December 29, 2008.