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Henrico Extension staff member wins statewide award for nutrition education

Virginia Cooperative Extension has named Henrico County Extension Office staff member Karen Henley the recipient of the statewide Bronze Award for her work with the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). The award was announced at the 2011 Multi-State Nutrition Education Conference, held May 16-19 in Charleston, W.Va.

The Bronze Award is presented to Virginia Cooperative Extension staff members with less than five years experience who have met program benchmarks, performed above position requirements and shown initiative in their work.

Henley, a SNAP Education program assistant with Henrico Extension since April 2010, was honored for her exemplary performance in teaching adults and seniors about healthy eating, food safety and other nutrition education topics. She also was recognized for her ability to work with a variety of community agencies to develop and provide effective nutrition programming for their clients.

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Tuckahoe town meeting May 25 to discuss Henrico bond projects

The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will provide an update on Henrico's bond-financed building projects and take a look at the county's future construction needs. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

"Out of the Ground" will review the completed capital projects for which funding was approved by Henrico voters in bond referenda held in November 2000 and March 2005. The meeting also will examine the county's future capital investment plans. County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. will join O'Bannon for a discussion and question-and-answer period.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4208 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

May 13, 2011

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Transportation subject of Henrico 400th anniversary exhibit opening May 29

The history of transportation in Henrico County will be explored in the new exhibit "Moving Henrico Forward: Air, Road, Rail and Water," at the Virginia Aviation Museum, 5701 Huntsman Road, inside the entrance of Richmond International Airport. The exhibit will open with a free kickoff event from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 29.

"Moving Henrico Forward" is part of the county's yearlong 400th anniversary commemoration.

The exhibit will examine the many means of travel people have used in Henrico over the centuries, from the area's original Indian footpaths through the establishment of Byrd Airfield in 1928 and the beginning of public bus service in 1930. Visitors can explore modes of transportation ranging from wagon trails and plank turnpikes to watercraft, electric trolley cars and commercial airlines.

The kickoff event May 29 will feature live musical entertainment, an airplane and antique car show, games, arts and crafts and a family-style cookout. Although there is no charge to attend the kickoff event, the Virginia Aviation Museum's standard admission fees will apply for the duration of the exhibit, which runs through Aug. 31 (museum information is available at www.vam.smv.org).

For more information about "Moving Henrico Forward" and other upcoming 400th anniversary commemoration events, call (804) 501-1611 or visit www.henrico400th.com.

May 11, 2011

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Henrico's 400th anniversary to offer historical bus tours beginning June 11

Henrico's 400th anniversary commemoration will take to the road for a series of bus tours of historical county locations, beginning with a daylong look at Henrico's key Civil War sites on Saturday, June 11. Later tours will examine Henrico's African-American history and the county's development over the past four centuries.

Coordinated by the Valentine Richmond History Center and the county's Division of Recreation and Parks, the historical bus tours run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and originate at Dabbs House, 3820 Nine Mile Road. The \$30 fee includes a box lunch. Reservations must be made by contacting the Valentine Richmond History Center at (804) 649-0711, ext. 301.

The June 11 tour will feature "Henrico's Civil War History," focusing on the 1862 battles of Seven Pines and Malvern Hill as well as the 1864 battle at New Market Heights, during which a number of soldiers from the U.S. Colored Troops earned the Medal of Honor. The tour also will include a visit to Dabbs House, where Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and other Confederate generals charted strategy for the Seven Days Battles in June 1862.

A tour set for Saturday, Aug. 20 will examine "Henrico's African-American Heritage" with visits to sites highlighting the role African-Americans played in the county's development. On Saturday, Oct. 22, "Henrico's 400th Anniversary Tour" will feature popular landmarks that trace the county's growth from a small English outpost into one of Virginia's leading localities.

For more information about Henrico's historical bus tours, log on to the Valentine Richmond History Center website at www.richmondhistorycenter.com. For

information about Henrico's 400th anniversary, call (804) 501-1611 or visit www.henrico400th.com.

May 10, 2011

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Varina town meeting May 16 to discuss library services, Varina Area Library

The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will highlight services available at Henrico's public libraries and will provide information about the proposed Varina Area Library. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 16 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

Henrico County Public Library Director Jerry McKenna will discuss the variety of online and on-site services available to patrons of the county's library system, including the Varina and Sandston branch libraries. He also will give an update on planning for the Varina Area Library, a proposed 40,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility approved by voters in the county's 2005 bond referendum. McKenna will join Donati for a question-and-answer period as well.

Varina town meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

May 10, 2011

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Executive Director, Henrico CASA
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Henrico and Chesterfield-Colonial Heights CASA honor three 'Unsung Heroes'

The Henrico County and Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Court Appointed Special Advocates programs (CASA) have named three recipients, one posthumously, of the first Unsung Hero awards, recognizing their dedicated volunteer work benefiting local young people.

The Unsung Hero Award honors individuals who have voluntarily committed their time and skills to support youth in the metropolitan area. Recipients have made substantive but unrecognized contributions to improve the quality of life of local children and young people.

"These are ordinary people who have done extraordinary things to help children and young people in our community," said Barbara Herzog, executive director of Henrico CASA. "They have given freely of their time and sought no recognition for their unselfish efforts."

The 2011 Unsung Hero Award recipients are: Lt. Col. James Bourque, retired, Chesterfield County Police Department, a founding member of Chesterfield CASA's board of directors with more than 14 years of service to the agency; Susan Hill, retired, Henrico CASA, a volunteer with Virginia CASA working to develop a comprehensive reporting system for CASA programs statewide; and the late Lawrence Murtaugh, a certified public accountant and business broker who served as a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and was actively involved in a mentoring program for kindergarten students at Swansboro Elementary School in Richmond.

More information about the award winners is available at www.henicocasa.org or www.chesterfieldcasa.org.

Henrico and Chesterfield CASA are private, nonprofit organizations working closely with their counties' Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts. The programs train community volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system. Last year, CASA volunteers served 434 children in Henrico and Chesterfield, donating 15,800 hours to their cases.

May 9, 2011

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Henrico rabies clinic set for May 14

The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at gate four of Richmond International Raceway.

Shots cost \$8, cash only, and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Cats must be held in pet carriers. Dog owners may purchase a 2011 license for \$10 with proof of rabies inoculation.

Lt. Shawn Sears, supervisor of Henrico Police's Animal Protection unit, encourages residents to vaccinate their pets.

"(Vaccination) will ensure the safety of our residents' pets and will help protect the community as well," Sears said.

Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 727-8800 for more information.

May 3, 2011

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Henrico workshop May 21 will offer tips, information for homebuyers

Area residents looking to jump back into the residential real estate market can get information and advice at the Henrico Homebuyer Workshop, set for 8-10 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at the Henrico Training Center, 7701 E. Parham Road. Presented by Henrico County and the Richmond Association of Realtors, the workshop is free and open to the public.

Topics include what to do -- and what not to do -- when purchasing a home; what to expect from short sales and foreclosures; and lender information such as requirements, changes and potential stumbling blocks for obtaining a loan in the current economy. The workshop also will feature a panel discussion led by local real estate and banking experts. Representatives from Henrico's Finance and Community Revitalization departments will be on hand as well.

In addition, the Henrico Homebuyer Workshop will provide a virtual tour of the county's diverse residential markets and will offer information about county efforts designed to help homebuyers and homeowners, such as the Reinvest program, the down payment assistance program and the Homeowner's Enhancement Guide.

Advance registration is not required. Call 501-5346 for more information.

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