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## YMCA CEO questioned by county officials

### Questionable expenses, raising funds and deadlines addressed



The YMCA in Ladysmith, which was supposed to open a year ago, is nearing completion.

By Christina Lopes

**Reporter**MILFORD—With the possibility that county tax dollars may be needed to build the new YMCA, county officials questioned the CEO of the Rappahan-

nock area YMCA, Barney Reiley, at the Caroline County Board of Supervisors meeting last Tuesday night.

Board members indicated they are still split on their stances with

the YMCA. A recently published letter to the editor by Supervisor Jeff Sili predicts that county taxpayers could wind up paying \$8 million for the YMCA building that is still under construction in Ladysmith.

In 2011, it was announced that the 42,000-square-foot, \$5 million facility would open in the fall of 2012. It is supposed to have a gym, an indoor pool, a fitness center and exercise rooms. Membership fees are based on a member's income. Construction problems have delayed the opening. One problem occurred when concrete was poured when the outdoor

temperature was too cold, which resulted in walls having to be torn down so concrete could be poured when the temperature was right.

Supervisor Jeff Black asked Reiley to provide for the board some background information as to what led the YMCA to want to build a facility in Caroline. Reiley answered that Caroline is part of planning district 16, a geographical territory which includes Caroline, as well as Spotsylvania, Stafford, and King George.

YMCA officials had wanted to make sure that a Y was built in each of those localities. There is currently a YMCA in all three

other localities. Black asked other questions concerning the process of selection of areas for YMCA, including specifics on fundraising campaigns for the other localities, and how many "rooftops" the YMCA looks for before deciding to build in an area. Reiley stated that the YMCA likes to feel confident in having 1,000 billing units. YMCAs in King George and Spotsylvania have surpassed this number and are now closer to 2,000.

Black then asked the question that has been the source of division among board members, as well as concerned citizens of

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## Town hiring specialist to boost economy

By Eric Miller  
Editor

**BOWLING GREEN**—A retired National Guard soldier has been tentatively hired to lure new businesses and soldiers to Bowling Green, Mayor David Storke said.

Janis Albuquerque, who was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan while in the National Guard, was hired, pending a contract, after the Bowling Green Town Council interviewed her on Wednesday night. Her title is business development specialist/events coordinator.

She has a background in marketing, event planning, graphic design and social media, Storke said. Originally, the Bowling Green Economic Development Authority and Town Manager Steve Manster interviewed six candidates and they recommended the council hire Albuquerque.

She will not be an actual employee with health insurance, but will instead be a contract worker, the mayor said.

"I think she'll fit well with our town and business community," he added. "One thing huge is that 20 years ago, she trained at Fort A.P. Hill. She knows soldiers' mind. We hope to get those guys off the post to come to town and spend money."

The mayor noted that Albuquerque "was qualified for the job without the military experience. It pleased me to hear her say she needs to get into the business community and find out what is working now and learn from people what it is they currently need. A business might need to have a Facebook page and website. She would help write posts."

"She understands how she needs to come in and work with our town," the mayor added. "She absolutely loves the town. We need-

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## Golden Corral now hiring

**CARMEL CHURCH**—The new Golden Corral Buffet and Grill is projected to open around Nov. 1 but is now hiring experienced grill cooks, bakers, servers, meat cutters, cashiers and buffet attendants.

Golden Corral will employ 100 people and seat 240 guests, and will have a significant impact on the local economy and tax base. It is located at 23866 Rogers Clark Road, Ruther Glen VA 22546, near the Pilot Travel Center/Flying J at exit 104 off I-95.

Applicants should apply in person 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23 to Friday, Sept. 27 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. If you are unable to apply in person, apply online at [www.goldencorral.net](http://www.goldencorral.net).

Hu Odom, the Golden Corral franchisee, said, "Our Company is excited to be in Ruther Glen as we look forward to becoming involved in the community." The general manager of the Ruther Glen restaurant is Greg Bouldin, with over 25 years of restaurant experience, including general manager of the Petro Shopping Center, which operated the Iron Skillet, on which site the new Golden Corral is located. The new Ruther Glen Golden Corral will occupy space within an existing building at the Pilot Travel Center/Flying J.

Ruther Glen is the first Golden Corral in the nation with this new downsized design for small markets geared toward interstate travel and

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## Breaking Bad

### Sarah Wood, 8, receives black belt

By Eric Miller  
Editor



**BOWLING GREEN**—Sarah Wood is only 8, but she can break boards with her hands and feet and back a man to the wall.

The third grader at Bowling Green Elementary School received her black belt in taekwondo, and the silk and cotton belt came straight from Korea, said her father, Glen Wood. It must be worn as part of the taekwondo attire.

She qualified for the black belt on July 20 after undergoing testing at Master Lee's Martial Arts in Massaponax, where she has trained for four years. She goes three to four times a week for one-hour sessions, and has been there 700 times. Mr. Lee is an Olympic trainer and judge, Wood noted.

"She can back adult male black belts to the wall," said Wood, the former town manager for Bowling Green. "She's very aggressive. She knows what she's doing. She can break boards—three-eighth and

half-inch pine boards."

"Taekwondo has the roundhouse kick" in which the leg swings around, Wood said. "They've proven it is the most devastating kick due to centrifugal force and body weight and focusing where you strike."

"When it comes time for her to date, I don't have to worry about her on dates," her father said.

When she travels, "she won't need to carry a concealed weapon because she is a concealed weapon."

She does demonstrations at school and at the community pool in Bowling Green.

Sarah's goal is to earn a fifth-degree black belt by the time she graduates from high school. Part of the requirement for her first black belt was to do community service, and she visited residents of a nursing home and handed out candy. She also had to write essays about taekwondo and respect, discipline, focus and coordination. She also had to be videotaped while performing taekwondo at Master Lee's, and the video was sent to Korea before she could be approved for the black belt.

Wood and Sarah's mother, Stacy Wood, moved to Bowling Green in 2003. Sarah began martial arts lessons

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## County helps fund school memorial

By Christina Lopes  
Reporter

**MILFORD**—County officials agreed to appropriate \$10,000 of the \$75,000 needed to create a museum-style memorial display in honor of the Union High School.

The Rev. Antonio Clinkscales, a representative of the Caroline County Sunday School Union, presented the Caroline Board of Supervisors with a proposal for funding for future displays in Union High School. The building that housed the now-defunct Union High is where the Board of Supervisors meets. The building also has a public library, a gym for community activities, and is called the Caroline Community Service Building and is along U.S. 301 in Milford.

In 1895, members of the Caroline County Sunday



This is the style of display proposed for the memorial for the Union High School. County officials appropriated \$10,000 for the memorial during a Sept. 10 meeting.

School Union implemented a plan to build and operate a secondary school for black children in Caroline. The school was originally named Bowling Green Industrial Academy and then Caroline County Train-

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OBITUARIES AND IN MEMORIAM

## Mary Catherine Timcheck Roman

Mary Catherine Timcheck Roman, 76, of Spotsylvania, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 at Royal Haven of Front Royal.

Born in Star Junction, PA, Mary had worked for ten years as an executive assistant at Voice of America where she met her husband Gerald H. Roman. After staying home ten years and raising her daughters, Mary returned to work as a salesperson at Garfinkles Department Store and worked there for 10 years. After retirement, they lived in Arizona for 4 years before settling in Fredericksburg. She was a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church. In addition to her husband, Gerald H. Roman, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Agnes M. Timcheck.

Survivors include two daughters, Diana Maria Rhodes and her husband, Perry E. Rhodes of Centreville and Christina Marie Clevinger of Manassas; two brothers, Paul E. Timcheck and Thomas E. Timcheck; and two grandchildren, Anna M. Rhodes and Daniel Z. Rhodes.

A Funeral Mass will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church, Ladysmith, with burial to follow in Lakewood Cemetery, Bowling Green. The family will receive friends at the church, one hour prior to the service.

The family will also receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 at Storke Funeral Home, Bowling Green with a Christian Wake to be held at 6:30 p.m.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation

Sign register book online [www.storkefuneralhome.com](http://www.storkefuneralhome.com).

## Lillian S. Scripture

Lillian S. Scripture of Benson NC, formerly of Caroline County, died Sept. 11, 2013 in Benson.

She was the widow of Thomas Norman Scripture.

Survivors include her daughter, Norma Williamson, and her husband, Clark of Swansboro, N.C.; her grandson, Josh Williamson, and his wife, Joy, and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was scheduled for Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. in Lakewood Cemetery, Bowling Green. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Highway Shepherd c/o Benson Grove Baptist Church, 6966 N.C. Hwy 50 North, Benson, N.C. 27504.

A register book is available to sign at [www.storkefuneralhome.com](http://www.storkefuneralhome.com).

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### “She is a concealed weapon”

when she was 4.

Her father got Sarah involved in martial arts because his older daughter, Harmony, was a black belt by age 9. She later studied dance and received a scholarship to attend the Juilliard School, a New York school for performing artists.

“When you’re that young, it’s the coordination and confidence that are more important than self-defense,” her father said. “I don’t think you can do anything more than this for a child. If a child is going into sports, this would help with eye-hand coordination, strength and focus. If you’re going into soccer, it’s going to help with kicking.”

# Field Day of the Past celebrates its 22<sup>nd</sup> year

GOOCHLAND –The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Field Day of the Past is set to open its gates on Friday, Sept. 20 at the event’s show grounds in Goochland County. This three-day event show brings a multiplicity of educational and entertaining displays, exhibitions and demonstrations that appeal to audiences of all ages.

Focusing primarily on the age of the American Industrial Revolution, Field Day of the Past recalls when steam was king and the machines that ran America were monsters made of iron. The massive 12-foot flywheel which puffs steam and throbs like a heart beat powering the steam operated sawmill, the pound of the trip hammer as it shapes iron, and the rush of blades as they carve a block of wood to be used to make wooden ice cream spoons in Grasberger’s Spoon Factory exemplify the savage beauty of an age now passed.

Demonstrations of the workload that once consumed prior generations underscore the differences in lifestyles of today as compared to those of yesteryear. The sawmill, as it slices logs into boards, the stave mill where barrel staves (the sides of a barrel) are made and the cotton gin where raw cotton was once combed cotton fi-

bers to prepare it for making thread, stand as reminders of the noise, the sweat and the danger of these varying occupations of the early 1900s.

Volunteers also perform the simpler tasks found on American farms from the pioneer age through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Soap making, weaving, spinning, chair canning, ham smoking, the making of sorghum molasses, and wood carving are typical of skills used in households from the 17<sup>th</sup> century until the modern age. A colonial tinsmith shop, an 18<sup>th</sup> century traveling woodwright shop, the Field Day canning kitchen and the Print Shop, where Field Day “printers” work on antique printing equipment, speak of skills and trades once common in America. Corn shucking, shelling and grinding and wheat and peanut threshing remind everyone that food products don’t just magically appear on grocery store shelves.

The farm exhibit and the Kitchen display found in Field Day’s Educational Building contain many of the tools and implements once used in everyday life.

At Field Day of the Past, one can also trace the development of this nation from the Native American



Lawnmower Pulls on Saturday and Sunday and Va. High School Rodeo are on tap for entertainment at this year’s event.

longhouse, through demonstrations from the American Revolutionary War and the American Civil War. As history progresses, the fire lookout tower stands as a

monument to the Great Depression and the days of the CCC camps and their work in this country.

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Caroline, asking Reiley if he was aware that a promise was made that no taxpayers dollars would be used in the building of the YMCA.

Reiley responded that yes, he was aware that was the intention. Reiley also said the agreement was that he would personally assist in helping to raise funds for the Caroline County YMCA.

Black adamantly argued that the original promise be kept, saying to Reiley, “You said you were committed to do whatever it takes.” Reiley addressed Black and the other board members saying again, “I will be there. I can’t commit my board, but I will continue to help.”

Sili voiced his concerns about the construction and completion of the Y, asking bluntly, “Where do we stand on construction?” Reiley told Sili that he anticipated being in the building by late fall, “between Thanksgiving and

Christmas.” He assured the board that the YMCA will be open in 2013.

Sili then shared his concerns about the change orders for construction and their lack of details. Sili asked if the board could be presented with descriptions of the change orders, to which Reiley responded that if those documents are in accordance with the agreement then he would be happy to provide them.

Sili also mentioned the promise made early on that no taxpayers dollars would be used during the construction of the Y. Reiley said the YMCA will be “finished within budget.”

Supervisor Reggie Underwood began by stating that he understood his colleagues’ “concern for transparency.” He asked Reiley, “What are the pitfalls?” Reiley assured the board that the project is transparent, “There is no hidden agenda with the Y. This is a good thing for the County.” Underwood mentioned that he would like, at the end of the process, to inform taxpayers that this project did not cost them any amount of money.

Wayne Acors had no questions for Reiley, only

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ed someone with a fresh set of eyes. I’ve been here a long time. She’s been all around the world to big towns and small towns.”

For over two years, the Town Council had been talking about creating the new position. The primary duties of the new position will be to plan and coordinate all town events and publicize those events to increase tourism to Bowling Green.

It took two years because it “was a budgeting thing to work out,” the mayor said. “This past July we had our budget discussions. That kind of position can pay for itself.”

Duties also will include

stating that \$5 million was the grant agreement, and any overruns are not his problem, or the county board’s problem. That would be the Y’s problem.

Calvin Taylor asked Reiley to go over some of the benefits of having a YMCA for the county. Reiley responded that through the YMCA citizens of Caroline County “will have an opportunity to improve their quality of life.” Reiley went on, giving examples of how there are programs designed to help senior citizens, address childhood obesity and teen pregnancy, offer family recreation activities, and supply children of the county with their first jobs.

Underwood asked Reiley to whom the building belongs. Reiley stated that the YMCA would own the building for three years, after which the county will have the option to purchase the building.

Ben Emerson, the county attorney, explained that there is a formula involved, which will result in the purchase of the building at no cost to the county. Underwood also commented that, in his opinion, if one dollar of the taxpayer’s money is used dur-

ing the process, that it won’t be “the worst thing in the world.”

Underwood added that the board was talking about taxpayers dollars as if it were “heaven and earth,” reiterating his belief that whatever dollars are put into it, the YMCA will be “a great thing for Caroline.”

Floyd Thomas, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, reminded the board that the YMCA would not have come to Caroline at all if the Rappahannock YMCA Board had been required to raise all of the money for the project. “We will try to work through this,” he said.

Toward the end of the discussion, Acors implored the board to “work together and move forward.”

Acors added, “It does us no good to be at each others’ throats.”

The newly formed Caroline County Education, Recreation, and Wellness Foundation, represented by Bowling Green Mayor David Storke at the meeting, has pledged to help promote healthy lifestyles in the county by assisting with funding and fundraising for the YMCA, as well as other possible future projects.

Another blow to the town’s economy occurred when Union Bankshares outgrew its Main Street building and merged with First Market Bank and moved its 80 employees to Carmel Church. No longer were those employees eating lunch in town, shopping or dropping off clothes for dry cleaning.

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truck plazas. However, this unique design will still feature Golden Corral’s fresh market style food displays and exhibition-food preparation, including steaks (fresh cut every day), a flame grill, rotisserie chicken, fresh pizza, the famous “Sunrise Breakfast Buffet,” a made from scratch “Brass Bell Bakery and Dessert Café,” featuring the “Chocolate Wonderfall,” numerous children’s specials, and a greenhouse fresh salad bar.

Golden Corral is the four-time winner of Restaurant and Institutions prestigious “Choice of Chains” award,

which is based on thousands of customer reviews. Golden Corral operates 500 restaurants in the United States and its continued success stems in large part to a program of customer pleasing innovation, Odum said.

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*May God's blessings be upon each of you! Dorothy and Family*

## PORT ROYAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

*Hosted by Supervisor Calvin B. Taylor, Sr.*

**Monday, September 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Upper Caroline Volunteer Fire Department  
12581 Stonewall Jackson Road, Woodford VA 22580

**Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
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