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Tavern Beautified

Even youngsters in the Buckland Tavern were hard at work this week beautifying the historic Buckland Tavern that has come on hard times in recent years. Doing a painting job on the porch is Daniel Koch, 10, while working over a flower box are Vicky White, Karen Odeschalchi, Cindy Harris and Vickie Odeschalchi.

Bennie Scarton, Jr. — The Journal Messenger



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By KATHI KEYS

JM Education Editor

Involvement of students, parent staff members is called for in development of security plans for each Prince William public school.

This community involvement included in a security policy the Board adopted Tuesday night with a philosophy and 11 guidelines to follow in developing a security plan for each county school.

The School Board was also pleased with a security proposal which cost from \$192,000 to \$275,000 adopted.

This proposal, prepared by the administration, earmarks funds for development of a comprehensive security plan by an outside contractor, a central reporting facility, public communications and device equipment.

Marquis' Ghost Would be Proud





administration, earmark development of a communications and security plan by an outside central reporting facility and equipment.

Marquis' Ghost Would be Proud

By GLENN EBERHARDT
JM Staff Writer

Marie Jean Paul Roch Yves Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, was something of an expert on perseverance and personal initiative. He would have been proud of the Buckland gang.

The Marquis, or Lafayette as he is more familiarly known, was no stranger to Prince William County and

Buckland in particular. He traveled these parts during his service with Washington's army and later, in the 19th Century.

In fact, he stopped at least once at the Buckland tavern on the old turnpike—now U.S. Routes 29-211—for what was politely termed "entertainment." And, were the eminent Frenchman to return today, he would find that scene of former revels still standing. And it would be there that he would find the Buckland gang.

Now the members of the Buckland gang do not own a motorcycle among them, nor do the police know any of them by name. In fact, they do not really constitute a gang but there is no other way to describe it.

There are 11 in the Buckland gang, ranging in age from 7 to 13. All they have in common is an intense interest in the history of their very historic community; a willingness to work, and youngsters' belief in the innate good of humanity.

If Lafayette had dropped by the old tavern for a cool one (Oops, that was "entertainment") earlier this week he would have found the gang cutting and clipping, painting, sweeping and washing his old haunt.

There were Paul and Jonathan and Daniel Koch, Vickie and Karen Odescalchi, Cindy and Wanda Bridge, Sharon Campbell, Lynne Kennedy, Vicky White and Cindy Harris hard at it and perspiring freely in the warm April sun. No adults were in sight; just the Buckland gang.

Their motives were simple if (Continued on Page A-2)

School Sued For Injuries

A suit seeking a half-million dollars in damages has been filed against the Prince William County School Board on behalf of a Parkside seventh grader.

Mrs. Mary H. Blansett of Manassas filed the litigation against the School Board on behalf of her son John whom she claims has suffered extensive physical damage after being forced to participate in physical education activities at Parkside.

John is a patient at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

According to the Blansetts' attorney, J. Edward McGolrick, the boy has a brain condition which was treated in 1972. Doctors then certified the boy able to return to school with the stipulation that he should not participate in physical education activities.

The suit alleges that John's brain condition was aggravated by the fall, McGolrick said.

The case has not been set for trial.



Townhouse Gate Open

By RANDI DEIOTTE
JM Staff Writer

In a precedent-setting move Wednesday, the Prince William Planning Commission has recommended approval of townhouse development of 65 acres near Dale City.

Usually the planning body defers to the judgment of the commissioner

representing the area in which the property is located. But last night a majority went against Commissioner Chris Thomaidis of Dale City who recommended denial.

Thomaidis argued that overcrowded school conditions, the property's topography, environmental considerations and existing zoning for more than 13,000 townhouse units in eastern Prince William made a strong

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members have been
in contact with county
chambers of commerce
letting them know the
commission is in existence.
Two major projects are
facing the commission. One
will be a short-term task of
writing and passing by-laws
for the commission so it will
have some basis for
operation. That task is
expected to be done within
two weeks.
The other project is a more
long-term one, members
familiarizing themselves
with consumer laws and
determining with the legal
status of the commission is.
The resolution establishing
the commission is vague on
exact budgetary,
enforcement and other
operational areas.
To try and remedy the
problem, commission
members will be attempting

to schedule a number of
speakers for their meetings
including Charles Colgan,
chairman of the Board of
County Supervisors, County
Attorney Floyd Bagley and
Mary Ann Shurtz, consumer
affairs coordinator for the
state consumer agency.
Meeting once a week,
Flood expects the
commission to be prepared
to begin taking and
investigating complaints by
the beginning of June.
Some commissioners have
already been receiving
complaints. Mrs. McCarey
said she recommends
consumers first try and
conciliate their grievance
with the merchant involved
before contacting the
commission.
Other commission
members are George
Hrivnak of Oak Ridge, Mrs.
John Sarraga of
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Hill from Dumfries.

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JM advertising staff has won
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The awards will be
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Old Dominion Advertising
Conference in Staunton on
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VIRGINIA ZONE FORECASTS

East- Central and
Southeastern Coastal- Fair
tonight, lows in the mid 40s.
Mostly sunny Friday, highs
again in the low to mid 70s.

Southeastern, South-
western and
Northeastern Piedmont,
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Valley, Southwestern
Plateau and Southwestern
Mountains- Fair tonight,
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Northern Shenandoah
Valley- Fair tonight, lows in

Ghost

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somewhat garbled in the telling by too
many voices. The tavern lies empty. Its
elderly owner, Mrs. Grace Bear,
resides in a local nursing home and can
no longer care for it.

The Buckland gang, knowing the
history of the place, knew, too that ruin
should not be the lot of our precious
heritage. One started— apparently
13-year-old Paul Koch— and others
joined in.

The Buckland gang is back in school
now but the weeds are cut, the trash has
been carted off, flowers planted,
railings painted and floors swept.

Lafayette would have admired the
way it was done. It might have
reminded him of the early spirit of our
republic.

Stonewall

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else I could be doing, but to work we all
have to be honest with one another,"
Wildman said.

The students are being open. They
are talking about the problem of being
under surveillance as they see it. They
are talking about the policies that keep
students from the parking area when
not in class. They are talking about
poor food and high prices in the a la
carte cafeteria lines. They are talking
about smoking regulations. They are
talking about the lack of seating in
student lounge areas.

They are talking and their principal
is listening. He is exchanging views,
giving reasons for the existence of the

change and contemplating the
possibility of relaxing them on a trial
basis or, after discussion with the
faculty, totally discarding them or
keeping them intact, according to what
is best for the entire student body.

The students believe him. "Mr.
Wildman is all right. He could have
suspended all 40 of us last week, but he
didn't. Instead, he is trying to work with
us."

Hostility

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In the case of the Dale City
Elementary School, the juvenile officer
pointed to another contributing factor.
"I think those kids were high on
something."

But what is pushing today's kids over
the brink? What is making them carry
out the destructive act? Nearly
everyone has had the fleeting wish that
their school would burn down on a
beautiful spring afternoon so they could
have the day off or get out of a test, but
most people never consider actually
setting the fire.

"It can be an emotional problem,"
Hanchett said. "A young person can
reach a point of anxiety or stress that
pushes him into acting out behavior
that is something like an explosion — a
way of ventilating stress."

Hanchett believes he sees definite
reasons for the outburst of unrest in the
Gar-Field area. "We still have enough
space in this county. It isn't like the
pressure cooker of a city, so we have to
look in other areas for the reasons that
are getting them so uptight," he said.

transient nature of the
eastern end of the county

"There is a lot of press
explains. "There are p
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The transient aspect
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