

Haymarket historian, 79, writes book on town's past

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HAYMARKET — History has embraced the 202-year-old town in western Prince William County, but not all of it is in print or readily available.

Centrally located between Leesburg, Warrenton and Manassas, Haymarket was once home to a horse-racing track, taverns and an old inn called Red House. The town sat along a major Mid-Atlantic route and served farming communities for miles.

It's all exciting to Sarah Turner, the town's historian, who has spent years researching Haymar-



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Longtime Haymarket resident Sarah Turner has written a book about the town's historic past.

ket and recently finished writing a history of the area in a 276-page book now being printed.

"I'm a Virginian, and this is to give all these new people who come in here some idea of the kind of people Virginians were, because we're a breed of our own," said Turner, 79.

Turner's book, "Haymarket, A Town In Transition," is filled with photos and copies of deeds. It details the purchase of land in Haymarket in the 1700s, explains the town charter on Jan. 11, 1799, describes Haymarket in the Civil War era, and concludes near the present day.

It also includes a listing and photos of current businesses in

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House sinks sales tax referendum bill

'No' votes by Rollison, McQuigg doom bill

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RICHMOND — A bill allowing Northern Virginia residents to vote on a sales tax increase to pay for new roads and schools fell two votes

short in the House of Delegates on Saturday night just before lawmakers headed out of town.

The demise of the sales tax referendum bill was one of the day's few decisive moments as

lawmakers ended the 2001 General Assembly session without finalizing a budget bill or deciding how much to reduce the car tax. The General Assembly will reconvene next month and attempt to pass a final spending plan that should include an agreement on the car tax.

The sales tax bill, which would have raised the local sales tax by 1 cent, failed to pass the House after a 49-45 vote. Though 49 delegates voted to pass the measure, the state constitution requires that all tax legislation pass with at least 51 of 100

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