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## Open House a success

Henry P. Russell, Jr., second from left and his wife Angela, third from left view several portraits of James Solomon Russell, with James Grimstead, Chairman of the Board for the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's Museum and Archives, far left and Shirley Grimstead, far right. (Bobby Conner photo)

# Rare artifacts bring people to Lawrenceville

James S. Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum & Archives now located at 219 North Main Street

By Bobby Conner

LAWRENCEVILLE – Friends and supporters of the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum & Archives gathered for an Open House on Saturday, May 26, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 150 people visited the museum to see the many rare artifacts, photographs, documents and other items relating to the life of James Solomon Russell and Saint Paul's College from the late 1800's to 2013 when the college closed.

Alumni from Saint Paul's College and James Solomon Russell High school, members of the Russell family and others that attended, toured the museum, shared memories and stories and enjoyed fellowship with one another. Several alumni brought items that they donated to the museum's collection.

Also in attendance was Dr. Iris Lucille King, a member of the 1944 first graduating baccalaureate class and recipient of the Saint Paul's College National Alumni Association, Inc. - Distinguished Alumni Service Award for 1995. The 1944 class transitioned Saint Paul's from the two-year Normal Certificate Program to the full four-year degree program.

James Grimstead, Chairman of the Museum, was very

pleased with the interest and support from those who attended.

"I was thrilled to see the vast number visitors for the open house from all over the East coast and from our local community. There seemed to be a crowd in every exhibit room. Our host committee did an outstanding job serving and directing the visitors and explaining the many exhibits. It was also exciting to see many of the Russell family in attendance," said Grimstead. "The visitors were so enthusiastic that they want to return; and inquired about our regular hours. One of our goals is to bring newcomers to this area and I feel we are off to a good start".

Several members of the Russell family, who were on hand for the open house, expressed their thoughts and gratitude at what is being done to preserve the legacy of James Solomon Russell and Saint Paul's College.

"May 26 was a day of fond remembrance for me. To see all the photographs and other memorabilia preserved and displayed brought back memories of childhood and family. You take things for granted until they're all gone," said J. Alvin Russell, III., great grandson of James Solomon Russell and the son of former Saint Paul's College President Dr. James A. Russell, Jr. "The legacy

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# School board OKs pay raises

The goal is to reinstate step increases

By Sylvia Allen Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – At a called meeting held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 the Brunswick County School Board voted to allocate no more than \$250,000 in the FY2018-2019 budget to start the process to reinstate step increases for all employees. Step increases are tied to years of service. This amount will not fully reinstate step increases

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# FeedMore coming to Brunswick

By Sylvia Allen Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Sadly hunger is a reality for some children in the Brunswick community. Ruth Ann Caplice with FeedMore, Inc. provided information to the Brunswick County School Board at the May meeting. A School Market will be set up at Totaro Elementary School. Watch more information about the program.

According to information provided by Superintendent Dora G. Wynn, FeedMore, Inc. is Central Virginia's core hunger relief organization. It is located in Richmond, Virginia. FeedMore's mission is to fight hunger in Central Virginia and its vision is that none shall go hungry. Caplice provided information on FeedMore's newest children's nutrition program, the School Market.

The School Market is designed to use the safe and stable environment of schools to increase children and families' access to healthy foods through a monthly farmer's market style distribution of fresh produce and other grocery items. The goal of the School Market program is to help combat weekend hunger by providing foods appropriate for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In addition the programs serves to strengthen relationships among parents and teachers contributing to a supportive school community.

There are 610 children in the Brunswick community who don't always know where they'll get their next meal. That's roughly 20 percent of county children. FeedMore serves 29 counties and five cities. In Brunswick County FeedMore partners with

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# Brunswick Byways Visitors Center Ribbon Cutting is June 28, 2018

LAWRENCEVILLE – The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors invites the public to a ribbon cutting for the Brunswick Byways Visitors Center on June 28, 2018 at 6 p.m. The center is located at 13516 Christanna Highway, which is at the intersection of Christanna Highway and Iron Bridge Road south of Lawrenceville. The center will serve to provide interpretive displays, brochures and other information about the recreational, historical and cultural attractions in the county. Funding for the design and construction of the center was secured through a grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission and a National Scenic Byways grant.

For more information call 434) 848-3107.



## Working together

The Virginia Department of Transportation worked with the Town of Lawrenceville to make improvements to East Church Street, the street to the Elm Acres Community Center and the Sonny Wholey Memorial Park. (Sylvia Allen/Brunswick Times-Gazette)



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