

# County government roundup

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## **Lecture on Harper's Ferry scheduled**

The Prince William County Historic Preservation Division along with the Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee are hosting a lecture titled "The Newby Family and Harper's Ferry 1859," on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.,

The lecture will be held at the Old Manassas Courthouse in Manassas. Historian Dr. Philip Schwarz will lecture on the dramatic account of Dangerfield and Harriet Newby.

This touching story highlights the sad effects slavery had on black families and Dangerfield's desperate attempts to free his wife, which led to his prominent role in John Brown's Harpers Ferry Raid in 1859.

The Newby family had local connections in the Brentsville and Warrenton areas. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call ahead if inclement weather is forecast.

The Old Manassas Courthouse is located at 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas. The committee is part of a state-wide effort to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

For more information, please call 703-365-7895 or e-mail [rorrison@pwcgov.org](mailto:rorrison@pwcgov.org) .

## **County employees get master's degrees**

Congratulations to the following three Prince William County employees who recently graduated from the fifth cohort of the George Mason University (GMU) Public Service Fellows Program:

**Dawn Harman**, Police Department, 1st Sergeant

**William Hoff**, Fire & Rescue, Administrative Analyst,

**Andrea Jones**, Department of Social Services, Social Worker.

These employees earned their Master of Public Administration degree by taking two classes each semester for the past two years, while working their normal full-time jobs with the county. All classes are taken with other mid-career local government managers

from the region, which enables relationship-building among local government leaders across northern Virginia.