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Va. Same-Sex Marriage Ban Struck Down

Staff and wire reports

RICHMOND — A federal appeals court ruled Monday that Virginia's same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional, the latest in a string of decisions overturning bans across the country.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond ruled

that state constitutional and statutory provisions barring gay marriage and denying recognition of such unions performed in other states violate the U.S. Constitution. The Virginia gay marriage case is one of several that could go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chaz Evans-Haywood, clerk of the Rockingham County Circuit Court, said

he's in the wait-and-see mode.

"We follow what the law states," he said. "If a change occurs, that's when the process would be required to change in this office."

If changed, the law would require his office to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but wouldn't require his office to

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■ Chaz Evans-Haywood, Clerk, Rockingham County Circuit Court

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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION | TOURISM TREAT



Nikki Fox / DN-R

Keven Walker, CEO of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, stands in downtown New Market. The 150th anniversary of the Civil War has affected tourism over the last several years in the Valley.

Anniversary Present

150th Remembrance Of The Civil War A Boon To Valley Tourism

By **VIC BRADSHAW**
Daily News-Record

HARRISONBURG — The Shenandoah Valley was devastated by war in the 1860s.

But over the years, its significance in the Civil War has drawn tourists to the region — especially during the commemoration of the war's sesquicentennial.

"We have, during our commemorative programs, seen a tremendous turnout for those 150th anniversary events," said Terry Heder, director of interpretation and communications at the New Market-based Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Association. "We've had sellout audiences and people coming from across the country for those programs."

"We've had people coming from 14



A Confederate soldier fires from the Bushong Orchard during this year's re-enactment of the Battle of New Market in May. People come from all over the country to visit the historical battlefield.

Michael Reilly / DN-R File

or 15 different states from across the country, and we're glad to see we're having that pull. The economic impact really is magnified when [attendees are] traveling from a distance."

The spotlight the war's anniversary

has cast since 2009 — the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in what is now West Virginia — has boosted interest in

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Wal-Mart Eyes Timberville Supercenter

South Main Rezoning Requested For 128,000-Square-Foot Store

By **PRESTON KNIGHT**
Daily News-Record

TIMBERVILLE — Longtime rumors of Wal-Mart being interested in coming to town can be put to rest: The world's largest retailer is ready to be in Timberville.

A 128,000-square-foot supercenter is planned on 16 acres bound by South Main Street, Va. 211 and American Legion Drive, across from the town office on South Main, which is Va. 42.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and the property owner, Quail Lane Farm LLC, submitted a rezoning request to the town on Thursday, Town Manager Austin Garber said.

The land is zoned for residential development, and Wal-Mart needs it changed to a business classification.

The property has long been in the family of Marcus Garber, no relation to the town manager.

Austin Garber said another 20 acres on the proposed site — the land closest to Plains Elementary School — are not part of the development.

A joint public hearing between the Timberville Town Council and Planning Commission will likely be scheduled for the third

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Jury Selected For McDonnells' Corruption Trial

RICHMOND (AP) — A jury of eight men and four women was selected Monday in the trial of a former Virginia governor and his wife, who are charged with trading the influence of his office in exchange for thousands of dollars in gifts and loans from a businessman.

The panel for Bob and Maureen McDonnell's corruption trial was chosen from a pool of 150 potential jurors during a day-long process. Opening statements are set for today. The trial is expected to last five weeks.

McDonnell, once a prominent up-and-comer in the national Republican Party, and his wife are charged in a 14-count indictment with accepting more than \$165,000 in gifts and loans from the CEO of



McDonnell

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Israel PM: Be Ready For 'Prolonged' War

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Signaling an escalation of Israel's Gaza operation, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Israelis Monday to be ready for a "prolonged" war, and the military warned Pales-

tinians in three large neighborhoods to leave their homes and head immediately for Gaza City.

The warnings came on a day of heavy Hamas-Israeli

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Associated Press

Smoke fills the skyline after Israeli shelling in Gaza City on Monday. A truce remained elusive as diplomats sought to end the fighting at the start of the Eid al-Fitr holiday, marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Twister Terror



Tornado damages buildings and homes Monday north of Boston. **Page A2**

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