

Satellite Location in Greene County Approved

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[November 2011] With power comes the ability to influence the community's future. Like chess players plotting the next move, powerful figures in society strategize this future.

As unemployment levels teeter at 9.1 percent, according to an Oct. 7, 2011, CNN.com post, Albemarle and surrounding counties in Virginia are devising plans to create revenue and local jobs.

Of these figures, Barbara Fried is interested in making Greene County a fertile residence for expected businesses and families in which they can reside and operate out of in the coming years.

This fertility includes offering higher education in the area.

Piedmont Virginia Community College will be outfitting a satellite location on the second floor of the Greene County library at a date not yet set in stone.

Of the projected \$750,000 it will take the outfit, equip and begin operating from this location, Barbra Fried has donated \$250,000 to PVCC.

The foundation to raise money at PVCC is in many ways responsible for the college's new growth.

Mary Jane King, Director of Institutional Advancement and Development, says that the \$750,000 mark is nearly met.

King provided a little background for this foundation by saying that the college receives enough money through federal grants and state funding to operate proficiently but that in order to offer scholarships, start new programs and grow the college needs donations from other sources.

There was debate over PVCC moving to Greene.

In a Feb. 2011 interview, Frank Friedman, president

of PVCC, said, "NGIC and DIA are in northern Albemarle County, it's about a 35 or 40 minute drive from DIA to here. So the center we want to open in Stanardsville is probably 20 minutes from DIA and NGIC. So we're trying to weigh will that being a little bit closer make it more convenient to DIA and NGIC and make it easier for their employees to take courses from us there, or will it really matter? Will it be just as convenient for them to come here?"

In the end, adding a satellite location to the growing community in Greene County won the vote.

Fried Companies Inc. are constructing a Terrace Green Apartment Complex project in Ruckersville and the Rapidan Center. Essentials catering to the defense contracting business that is booming, this project will provide jobs across the spectrum.

To benefit the economy, from business, engineers, retail, maintenance and all the way to lawn care, faith is once again placed in building and developing.

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