

Republicans of the Month - May 2009

Richard and Jessica Haynie

Richard and Jessica Haynie of Heathsville, one of the most dedicated and committed couples in the Northern Neck, have a family history as old as the County they serve. The Haynies trace their family history to Captain John Haynie, who received a land grant from the King of England in the 1680s. Since that time, the Haynies have been a key element of life in the Northern Neck. Richard and Jessica are both active members of the Republican Party, and prototypical small business owners.

Richard Haynie graduated from Northumberland High School during difficult economic times, but did not allow circumstances stop him from letting his creativity and business acumen find an outlet. At an early age he founded Richard F. Haynie, Inc., a full service electrical, plumbing, and HVAC contractor. Among his more visible projects is his work on the Cowart Seafood oyster hatchery, as well as his management of the Reedville water system for twenty years and his construction of the Lake Packing plant.

Richard entered politics in 1999, when he was elected a Director of the County Soil and Water Conservation District. His election as a "first-timer" was attributable to his opposition to the use of human waste as agricultural fertilizer- a position appreciated by all those down-wind, and especially by those committed to being good neighbors. Richard's lifelong dedication to common sense and the common good has been a hallmark of his political career since it began.

Richard was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2001, and stands for re-election in the fall. He has been a consistent pro-business and open-government advocate. He has also become a leading voice of the community, and had displayed a particular interest in the needs of the average citizen who can be at the mercy of economic tides beyond his or her control.

Jessica Haynie serves as the Secretary of the Northumberland County Republican Committee. She is also a distinguished flutist and vocalist who can be seen at numerous local events, including the forthcoming Northern Neck Orchestra concert on April 25th.

Like her husband, Jessica operates a small business. Her company, Sign Designs, Inc. created, among others, the signs located on the major highways that welcome all as they enter Northumberland County. Her work can be seen promoting area events like the annual Oyster Roast.

Jessica, who was raised in Arlington, truly appreciates life in Northumberland County. She and Richard wouldn't dream of living anywhere else.