

## Lancaster school board mulls bomb threat make-up schedule

### Joe Wiggins is recognized posthumously

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster County School Board last week discussed making up classroom time missed following a recent bomb threat at Lancaster High School.

At the suggestion of board member Nancy Carter, the board entertained the adoption of a policy to require extended school days or Saturday make-up days when schools are evacuated due to bomb threats.

However, board member Donald McCann questioned whether such a policy would unfairly penalize all students or provide a deterrent for future threats.

"I don't know that making up four hours is going to keep someone from making a bomb threat in the years ahead," said McCann.

By a 4-1 vote, the board opted to discuss the issue further at a later date. Carter voted against postponing action. The school received two bomb threats last month, but only one required missed classroom time.

School superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore said several students had been questioned about the threats.

#### Band trip

Lancaster Band Boosters president Alice Coates informed the board that the fluctuation of the British pound has added to the cost of the Lancaster High School Red Devil marching band's trip to London for a New Year's Day parade. The boosters have raised \$115,000 of the \$140,000 now needed for the trip.

Among the remaining fund-raisers

for the trip is a Community Christmas Concert sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts in the Lancaster Middle School Theater on December 4 at 8 p.m. and December 5 at 3 p.m.

RFA president Allen Marple said

tickets for the concert are available at Twice Told Tales bookstore and the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery in Kilmarnock.

"We certainly hope the community will turn out for that and we're quite delighted to sponsor it," said Marple.

The boosters also will hold a Hard Day's Night concert at the LMS Theater on November 19, a fashion show and dress sale at the Tides Inn on November 21, and a Thanksgiving Day Pie sale with advance sales for delivery on November 23.

#### Resolution

The board formally adopted a resolution in appreciation of the service of the late Joseph E. Wiggins Sr., who served as an elected school board member from January 2000 through December 2003.

The resolution, presented to the Wiggins family in October, recognized Wiggins for his service in the areas of curriculum and instruction, business and fiscal affairs, evaluation of pupil achievement standards, organizational and administrative activities, school and community relations, policy development, student affairs, building and grounds activities and improvements, and state and federal incentive projects.

The resolution also recognized Wiggins for his additional service as a voting delegate to the Virginia School Board Association's assembly, voting delegate to the property and casualty insurance pool of the VSBA, and governing board service with the VSBA insurance pool.

Wiggins died September 29 at the age of 66.

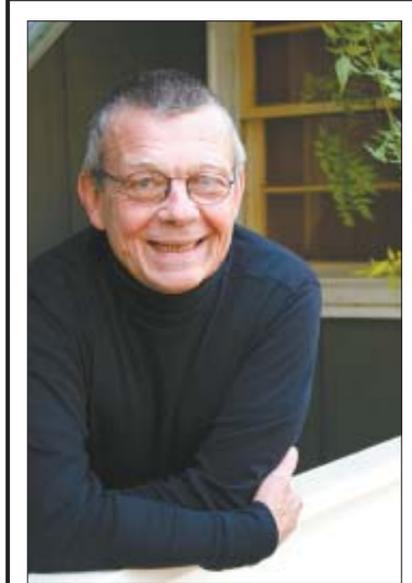
#### Other action

The board unanimously approved a letter of support for the proposed bike trail from Irvington to Kilmarnock.

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Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts president Allen C. Marple (right) presents Lancaster County School Board chairman William Smith with a copy of a resolution conveying to the school division recent improvements to the Lancaster Middle School Theater. With the cooperation of school officials, the foundation recently completed a community-wide project to upgrade theater heating, cooling and ventilation systems to minimize associated noise and maximize comfort for performers as well as student and public audiences.



Brad Stephens

## Brad Stephens shines in the local spotlight

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

Most people would be happy to have just one artistic talent at which they truly excel. Brad Stephens has at least four.

For decades, Stephens has been known around Irvington as a highly successful contemporary folk artist.

His one-of-a-kind wooden sculptures and furniture, recognizable by the cartoon faces, signature stars and miniature scrolls of folk tale whimsy, have appeared in New York art galleries, magazines such as Architectural Digest and Southern Living, and in the homes of Ralph Lauren and Martha Stewart.

Locally, his work has been shown in the homes of Richmond attorney Michael Morchower, local developer Bill Westbrook and throughout the Hope and Glory Inn.

Stephens has also had a successful acting career. He has appeared in more than 30 productions, including his favorites, "The Odd Couple" and "The Nerd."

Now, Stephens is emerging as a playwright. He authored "That Winslow Woman," which premieres at The Arts Building in Kilmarnock today, November 18, and continues through Saturday, November 20. Stephens will be honored a members-only reception prior to the play on opening night.

Set in New York, the comedy follows two couples as mystery woman Margo Grant Winslow, played by a surprise visiting guest actress, disrupts their lives.

"I haven't seen it yet," said Stephens. He has taken a hands-off approach, allowing director Candy Manuel complete autocracy to determine how the play will be staged. Stephens planned to watch the production for the first time at its dress rehearsal Wednesday.

This is the first of his plays to be staged. Five years ago he sat down and started to write. Just like that, he became a novelist. He chronicled the story of his mother and her sisters beginning with the Dayton flood of 1913, titling it April 6th, Rain Again.

A connection in the publishing business read the first few pages. She encouraged him, explaining that she enjoyed the work but did not think family remembrances were such hot sellers.

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### Thanksgiving edition will appear early

The Rappahannock Record will observe early deadlines this week. Because post offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, the Record will appear on Wednesday, November 24.

Most articles, photos and advertisements are due by 4 p.m. Friday, November 19. The final deadlines will be 5 p.m. Sunday, November 21, for articles without photos and 10 a.m. Monday, November 22, for display ads that are repeated from a previous issue or those submitted in the portable document format (pdf).

By email, news items may be submitted to editor@rrecord.com and advertisements may be sent to mail@rrecord.com.

## Northumberland supervisors grant permit for new bed and breakfast following questionable deliberations

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—By a 4-1 vote, Northumberland supervisors last week authorized a new bed and breakfast establishment at 328 Main Street in Reedville.

Neighbors strongly contested the proposal.

Owner Rebecca C. Lemmon was represented by attorney Chris Stamm in an unusual deliberation that seemed more like a settlement in the judge's chambers than an open meeting before a public body.

The board received two letters of objection and six of support prior to the meeting. The same two neighbors, Dale Whittler and George Coleman, restated their objections during the public hearing, joined by a former owner of the property, Dick Saxer.

Saxer explained that two sisters built Lemmon's house and Whittler's house. They share a garage, a driveway and a well, which four other

neighbors also share.

"These houses share everything because they were built that way," Saxer explained, adding that Whittler is due a certain right to privacy that a bed and breakfast next door would not allow.

Whittler expressed concern that the lodging customers would block the shared driveway or park in front of his garage. He said that he would be liable should somebody injure themselves on his property. He added that the shared well situation would be complicated by the added strain of the bed and breakfast.

Coleman said he was concerned about security on his property with a bed and breakfast two doors down. He said the noise and hustle and bustle of the operation would bother him and that he would have to put a fence up around his pool for liability reasons.

Stamm said Lemmon plans to only let one room and one suite. Most of the time, Lemmon will live on the prop-

erty by herself. Guests will come in for short periods of time. One meal, breakfast, will be served on the property.

Stamm reasoned that the bed and breakfast would place less strain on the well than a fulltime family of four, which typically eats two to three meals a day and has laundry.

#### Questionable discussion

The board then entered into what was essentially an illegal closed meeting.

Calling Stamm and Whittler to the table, a three-person majority of the board began an inaudible discussion. Chairman Ronald Jett and supervisors Joseph Self and Richard Haynie avoided using the microphone, which was pointed away from them. They whispered comments back and forth rather than speaking loudly and clearly.

The other two supervisors, Jim Long and Pamela Russell, did not participate in the discussion.

The closed negotiations continued for

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## April reopening planned for Chesapeake Bay resort

by Robb Hoff

WINDMILL POINT—Once a destination hideaway in Lancaster County, the Windmill Point Resort bore the brunt of time and lack of investment until last year when a group of investors embraced the challenge to restore its prestige.

It was a challenge compounded by the unexpected arrival of Hurricane Isabel, which slammed Windmill Point and the rest of Lancaster County just 10 days before the new owners of the resort decided to close on the deal to make Windmill Point Resort & Yacht Harbor Inc. their own.

"The whole project was a leap of faith," said company co-investor and managing partner J. Richard Speer.

A year after Isabel, the estimated \$80-million redevelopment project is nearing its first milestone with a planned April reopening of a completely upgraded marina with 160 slips, a 14,000-square-foot Westland Building with a 100-seat restaurant and conference center, and

the Inn at Windmill Point with 52 guest rooms.

"We're spending between \$800,000 and \$1 million a month," said Speer. "That's just to get us open by April."

The Yacht Harbor Marina redevelopment includes new seawalls, piers, and amenities for electric-

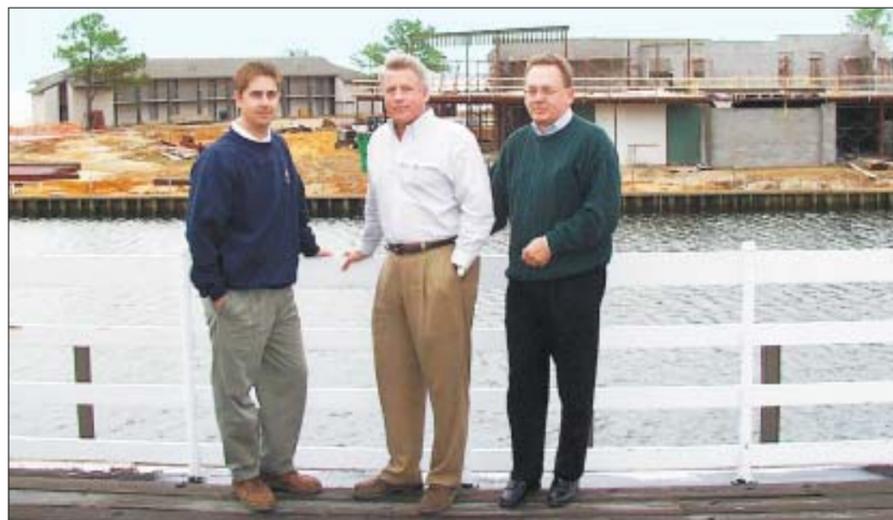
ity, fresh water, cable television, high-speed internet service and individual pump-outs at every slip.

"When we reopen this marina, it will be state-of-the-art," said Ty J. Brent, the director of residential sales and marketing for the resort.

Speer noted that the marina is being designed with more of a park setting that will invite a greater appreciation of the natural surroundings.

Additionally, the seven-foot mean low water channel to the resort has been dredged and wid-

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An April reopening is planned for Windmill Point Resort. From left, resort officials Ty J. Brent, J. Richard Speer and Chris Fulvio pause in front of facility work in progress. Behind them on the right is the 14,000-square-foot Westland Building under construction. To the left is one of the two refurbished buildings for guest accommodations at the resort.



Work continues at the Yacht Harbor Marina at Windmill Point Resort. The new marina will offer a variety of amenities for annual and transient boaters, including individual pump-outs at 160 slips.

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## November

### 18 Thursday

**The Rotary Breakfast Club** meets at 7:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. **Bingo** is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. **Pete Atkinson** plays acoustic favorites at Cafe Mojo in Urbanna from 8 to 11 p.m. For reservations, call 758-4141. **Stepping Stones Square Dance Club** classes will be held at the Freeshade Community Center in Syringa. A rounds class begins at 6:30 p.m., basic squares at 7:30 p.m.

**A Bake Sale** will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 401 South Main Street in Kilmarnock. 435-1371.

**Orders For Homemade Yeast Rolls** must be placed by the end of the day. Rolls will be available November 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. \$8. Proceeds benefit the Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck. 435-3994, or 435-1330.

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### 'Beatles' show to benefit London tour

Speaking of bands and London, the Beatles naturally come to mind. **Hard Days Night** (above) will bring the sounds of the Beatles to the Lancaster Middle School stage on Friday, November 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Lancaster High School, or by calling 462-0697 (days), or 435-6580 (nights). Concert proceeds will benefit the LHS Band trip to London in late December to participate in a New Year's Day parade and related concerts.

### 18 Thursday

**Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers are welcome. No reservations are needed. 435-2755.

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**The Rappatonic Writers** will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Chinn House at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

**The NN/MP Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society** meets at noon at the Pilot House in Topping.

**An Open House** will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster in association with a satellite office of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck branch of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The open house is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Mervin Withers** will review *The Grand Idea: George Washington's Potomac and the Race to the West* at Books Alive. The program begins at 11 a.m. at The Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.

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### 20 Saturday

**Steve Keith** returns to Piper's Pub in Kilmarnock following his New Orleans tour. The show starts at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations recommended. Call 435-7178.

**A Bluegrass Show** to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. The Dragon Run Bluegrass Band and Liberty Grass Band with Wayne Willis are featured. Donations are accepted. 725-3495.

**The Shane Cooley Band** plays at Anna's Italian Restaurant and Lounge in Warsaw from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a collection box for new and used CDs for needy children. 333-9222.

**Line Dancing** will be held by the Stepping Stones Square Dance Club from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Freeshade Community Center in Syringa. Squares follow at 8 p.m. The cost is \$2.50. 725-5093.

**A Bake Sale** will be held by the Mid-county Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Bank of Northumberland in Heathsville. Baked goods for Thanksgiving will be featured.

**An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held at New Friendship Baptist Church in Burgess. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$4.50 children ages 6 to 10 and free children 5 and under.

**An Oyster Roast** to benefit the Chesapeake Academy Catherine E. Schroeder Scholarship Fund begins at 4:30 p.m. at the school. \$25. Purchase tickets in advance by calling 438-5575.

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**The Annual Gifts and Greens Benefit Sale** to support Historyland Community Workshop philanthropy will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

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### TRADITIONAL DINING

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**Bingo** is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

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RAY (PG13) 7:00, 9:55  
SAW (R) 7:15, 9:25  
THE GRUDGE (PG-13) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30  
SHARKTALE (PG) 5:00

**SUN. 11/14**  
AFTER THE SUNSET (PG13) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30  
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10  
RAY (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
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# Upcoming

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## 20 Saturday

**The Festival Of The Trees** will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. No admission. Related activities include a fashion show from 1 to 3 p.m. (\$25); and a party with a DJ, dancing, karaoke, and refreshments provided by area restaurants from 7 to 9 p.m. (\$15). 435-0223.  
**A Book Sale** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library in Lancaster.  
**A Farmers' Market** will be held at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**"Peter Pan"** begins at 8 p.m. at Mathews High School. Tickets to the Court House Players production are \$12 at the door. 725-3414.

## 21 Sunday

**The Widowed Persons Service** for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Kilmarnock immediately following church services.  
**The Westmoreland Players production of "A Murder is Announced"** continues at West Side Hall in Callao. The play begins at 3 p.m. \$12 adults/\$7 students. For reservations, call 529-9345.  
**Fashion Worth Repeating**, a fashion show to benefit the Lancaster High School Band trip to London will begin at 3 p.m. at the Tides Inn in Irvington. \$10. For tickets, call 462-0849.  
**A Wine and Cheese Party** sponsored by the Friends of the Library begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. \$5. A quilt raffle drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m.  
**The Festival Of The Trees** will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. No admission. Related activities include photos with Santa by Picture Me Studio, by appointment beginning at 11 a.m. 435-0223.  
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## 22 Monday

**The Historyland Community Workshop** meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Visitors welcome.  
**Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers are welcome. No reservations are needed. 435-2755.  
**Party Bridge** is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. \$5. For reservations, call 580-8205.  
**Richmond artist Dixie Hoggan** will speak at the Rappahannock Art League meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock.

## 23 Tuesday

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. at Charterhouse in Kilmarnock.  
**"Surfin' the Net,"** a computer workshop with Richard Emory for middle and high school students, is from 3 to 5 p.m. at Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. 580-5051.  
**The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band** rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.  
**Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.  
**A Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. at the Rappahannock General Hospital Training Center in Kilmarnock.  
**The RFM Quilters** meet at 7 p.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.  
**The Lancaster Lions Club** will meet at 7 p.m. at Willaby's Restaurant in White Stone.  
**The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club** will meet at 1 p.m. at Festival Halle in Reedville. Marguarite Slaughter will demonstrate Holiday Floral Design. Refreshments start at 12:30 p.m.  
**The Tidewater RC&D Council** meets at 7 p.m. at 772 Richmond Beach road in Tappahannock.  
**The Virginia Marine Resources Commission** meets at 9:30 a.m. at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Fisheries items are addressed at noon.

Submit calendar items to:  
 editor@rrecord.com



The cast of "That Winslow Woman"

## 'That Winslow Woman' to open in Kilmarnock

The excitement has been mounting all week as director, cast and crew put the finishing touches on the Center for the Arts' latest production.

"That Winslow Woman" is the creation of Irvington playwright Brad Stephens and its performance marks two significant milestones. It is the world premiere for the play and the very first time that any of Stephens' work has been performed on a stage.

The play is set in a New York City apartment in the 1970's and that provided an interesting challenge when it came time to decorate the set. Cast members ransacked their own homes for period furniture, artwork, lamps and accessories. Vintage clothing

and thrift shops from Lancaster and Northumberland counties all the way to Richmond were tapped for costume items and jewelry.

Even internet search engine Google came to the rescue when color photographs of rooms from three decades ago were sought for just the right shade to paint the walls.

The result is the look and feel of an authentic living room of the era, inhabited by people whose hair, make-up and clothing will convince the audience that they have gone back in time.

Rehearsals are over, it's time to light the lights and bring the curtain up at The Arts Building in Kilmarnock tonight (November 18) and Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

## 24 Wednesday

**The Kiwanis Club** meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.  
**The Rotary Club** for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.  
**The Northern Neck Bay Tones** meets at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.  
**Piper's Pub** hosts an acoustic jam session open to all musicians, beginning at 7 p.m. For dinner reservations, call 435-7178.  
**A Grief Support Group** meets at 4 p.m. at the White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.



'Peter Pan' opens

The Court House Players production of "Peter Pan" opens tonight (November 18) and continues through November 21 at Mathews High School. Randal Tyler of Irvington (above) plays Capt. Hook. The curtain time is 8 p.m. on November 18, 19 and 20 and 3 p.m. on November 21. Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$11 in advance. Children under 12 and seniors 60 and older pay \$10 in advance. For tickets, call 725-3414. Tickets may be purchased at Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock.

## 25 Thursday

**Thanksgiving**  
**The Irvington Turkey Trot** runs along the streets of the village. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 8:45 a.m. Racing begins at 9 a.m. An awards ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. To pre-register, call 438-6391. Participants are urged to bring a bag of dry cat or dog food as well as the entry fee.

(Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor)

# Area Events

### VIMS plans lecture

The topic for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science after hours lecture on Thursday, November 18, at 7 p.m. is "Ground Water Discharge to Coastal Systems: Implications for Chesapeake Bay."

Dr. William Reay will describe the role of ground water in bay ecosystems and how area residents can help reduce ground water pollution and its impacts on the bay. The lecture will be held at the VIMS campus at Gloucester Point. For reservations, call 684-7846.

### Now serving dinner

Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville will serve dinner every Wednesday night from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Meals will be prepared by the Northumberland High School Food Service Class and will be served by church volunteers. The charge will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

### Be an angel

The Northern Neck Humane Society will have Holiday Angel Wreaths at businesses and veterinarians throughout the Northern Neck over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Parents can place the names of children, pets or loved ones on the wreaths. Angel cards will be \$5 each. Proceeds will go to assist animals in the Northern Neck.

Donations also may be mailed with a request to be placed on a wreath. Make donations and requests to NNHS, P.O. Box 283, Montross, VA 22520.

### Shop the airwaves

The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce will hold its third annual Christmas shopping auction on radio station WKWI on Friday, November 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

Among the many donated items up for the highest bid is a 44-inch model Chesapeake Bay Skipjack, a pair of 14-karat gold earrings with blue topaz, men's and ladies' Rebok classic shoes, a dinner for two, gift certificates, savings bonds and 100 gallons of heating oil.

### Serving pancakes

The Irvington United Methodist Men will serve a pancake breakfast December 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$5.

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## Excerpts by Henry Lane Hull

Last week Bob Bailey died after a brief sojourn in the hospital following surgery. He was 92 and had been slipping away gradually over the last few years. Most notably, he had lost most of his vision, but happily none of his sagacity or wit.

I begin this item with the finality of his passing because as an event it brought closure to the remarkable life he led, but the lasting news about him always found its center in people, what they were thinking and doing, where they were going both physically and metaphorically, and what their ideas and aspirations were. For Bob the past truly was prolog, and in his case a long and productive one indeed.

Bob was a native South Carolinian, and there was no way to overlook or ignore that essential trait of his personality. He spoke with the rich accented voice of a gentleman from that illustrious state, and bore himself with a delightful courtliness typical of an earlier age. Bob was no stick-in-the-mud, but rather a man with keen interests in what was happening around him.

He devoted most of his life to the study and practice of medicine. His specialty was internal medicine, and although long retired, he never missed an opportunity to engage his friends with medical observations, and most delightfully, medical trivia, which he expressed with sublime humor.

Often I would say to him, "Bob, not to ask for free medical advice, but to ask for free medical advice, what do you think of such-and-such?" His response always began the same way, "Well, the only medical advice I can offer has to be free because I have turned in my license to practice." It grieved him not to be able to keep abreast of literature in his field, but he used tapes quite effectively and never could be caught out-of-touch.

In retirement he moved to Weems, built a great

house on the water, a hallmark of which was its place beside one of the largest oak trees in the Northern Neck, if not in the entire Commonwealth. Each year he hosted a Gathering Under The Oak, a picture of which usually found its way into the Rappahannock Record.

His two passions in retirement were weaving and Bach. He had a magnificent loom and decorated the walls of his home with tapestries he designed and wove. When his eyes began to fail, the inability to weave was one of his most telling sorrows.

Bach on the other hand did not fail him as his hearing remained, and without the loom he plunged even more deeply into his love of classical music. He liked the majesty and order of Bach more than the rhythms of other composers. He held regular Bach gatherings in his home and attended others throughout the neighborhood, usually in the company of his good friend, Margaret Hillier, to whom I had introduced him many years ago.

Bob had truly wonderful stories to tell. They were not typical jokes, but rather verbal images drawn from the many years of his lengthy passage on the planet. All of them had a point, whether coming from his childhood during the First World War or his recent life by the shores of the Corroto-man.

In essence, Bob was a very happy person, one who was capable of relegating difficulties and challenges into the periphery of his life, focusing on the beauty he could perceive through his remaining senses, the great thoughts he could contemplate, the kind words he could utter, and the profound good he could continue to manifest to all who knew him.

Robert Liston Bailey Jr., M.D., October 28, 1912 - November 8, 2004. R.I.P.

## Delegate's Report

by Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr.

### Watch where you step

Back in the 1950s my Grandfather Wells was hunting a piece of family land near Winchester. As he was walking through the woods, he came across a stranger who was also hunting. After some small talk, my grandfather cleared his throat and said, "And whose hunting party are you with?" The gentleman replied, "Oh, I'm with Mr. Wells' party."

My grandfather asked, "How is that ol' ---?" To which the stranger replied, "You know, I've actually never met him, but I understand he is one ornery fella."

My grandfather then paused and asked, "Do you know who I am?" And, as the trespasser turned and started walking away, he said, "No, but I'm figuring it out fast."

With hunting season upon us, it's good for all sportsmen to know the laws of trespass so we don't find ourselves face to face with an ornery landowner and faced with a lot of unexpected costs.

Trespassing is simply the act

of going upon someone else's land, building or premise without express permission. Section 18.2-132 states, "Any person who goes on the lands, waters, ponds, boats or blinds of another to hunt, fish or trap without the consent of the landowner or his agent shall be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor." And Section 18.2-11 sets forth that a Class 3 misdemeanor shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

And what about that "gentleman" my grandfather ran into? Well, if Grandfather Wells had inquired about the man's identity and he had just walked away, Section 18.2-133 states, "Any person who goes on the lands, waters, ponds, boats or blinds of another to hunt, fish, or trap and willfully refuses to identify himself when requested by the landowner or his agent so to do shall be deemed guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor." That racks up an

additional fine of \$250.

Finally, for argument's sake, let's suppose my grandfather had posted "No Trespassing" signs on the perimeter of his property. Section 18.2-134 provides, "Any person who goes on the lands, waters, ponds, boats or blinds of another, which have been posted in accordance with the provisions of §18.2-134.1 (Methods of Posting Lands), to hunt, fish or trap except with the written consent of or in the presence of the owner or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor." That would have cost another \$2,500, and possibly up to twelve months in jail.

So, I urge all sportsmen to be cautious when hunting out there this season and pay heed to what land they are stepping on. After a few nights in jail, and lightening of the wallet upwards of \$3,250, I believe a trespassing hunter would be very ornery, indeed.

## Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the November 18, 1904, issue of the Virginia Citizen.)

The Grand Jury at the October term of the Circuit Court of Northumberland county, before they were discharged, presented the following recommendation: We, the Grand Jury for the county of Northumberland, at its October term, 1904, recommend that the court order the Supervisors in the various Magisterial districts

to see that the bridges across the various mill dams in the county are properly railed in; and we also recommend that the dams be railed in on each side or wallings erected, and that the Supervisors see that all the county bridges are in proper shape and condition. After an examination of the books of the Commissioner of the Revenue for Northumberland county, we the Grand Jury, feel satisfied that the books are in proper condition and that no further investigation is necessary.

(Transcribed by volunteers of the Genealogy and Research Center of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library.)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Campaigning takes a rest

To The Editor:

I thank the fine election officials of Lancaster County and, especially, our Voter Registrar Peggy Harding.

Despite the high voter turnout, the elections held on November 2 in the county were smooth and relatively trouble-free, an outcome that reflects highly on the professional conduct of our officials.

The presidential campaign has been hard fought, and, in many ways, successful for both sides. We will have a small reprieve, but shortly, campaigning will resume again. We Democrats will await the return of Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine from a mission reunion in Honduras, a mission activity he started in law school and in which he has been involved for more than two decades.

We look forward to helping make Tim Kaine the next governor of Virginia.

Norm Mosher, chair  
Lancaster County  
Democratic Committee

### Be heard on PUD

To The Editor:

The Lancaster County Planning Commission should be continuing its work on a Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance at its next meeting Thursday, November 18, at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Courthouse.

The November 10 copy that I have seen contains virtually all the elements that are so objectionable to many in the community.

It is important to let our officials know how we regard this subject. It has major ramifications for everyone. Please take the time to get involved now. Waiting for the other person never helps.

Hope to see you Thursday at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Charles and Anne Costello  
Merry Point

### A follow up would be nice

To The Editor:

Over the past few months I have submitted my resume for a legal secretary position advertised in your classified section every week. It does not list a name or number and asks only that resumes be mailed to P.O. Box 400, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. The ad says to submit resumes to the attention of either "LEGAL," "SECRETARY," or "SEC." The ads are almost written the same, word for word, but one can not tell if these ads are all for the same employer.

I have submitted my resume several times with a cover letter which details all my contact information, yet I have never gotten any response. A letter or phone call to at least acknowledge receipt of a resume should be standard practice; however, that has not been the case here.

My frustration lies in the fact that though I am more than qualified for the advertised position, the same ads keep appearing, week after week. I'm a 40-year-old retired Navy veteran with six years legal secretary/senior executive assistant experience working for a U.S. Ambassador in a prominent Washington, D.C., law firm. My qualifications more than meet the listed requirements, yet I get no response—not even a letter or phone call to say "we're not interested."

A follow up to applicants is not just a matter of good business practice, but also a common courtesy.

Sharon Hunter  
Heathsville

### Administration's values questioned

To The Editor:

We're told that moral values played a major role in electing Bush. So how do the Bush administration's moral values stack up against one of Christianity's basic standards of morality, the Ten Commandments?

Let's begin with the ninth commandment namely, "Thou shall not bear false witness..." Surely the most blatant departures from the truth came from Bush's original rationale for the war, that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction and therefore was a threat. He also implied Saddam was connected to 9/11 and supported terrorism. When no evidence of WMD was found in Iraq nor any significant Iraqi support of terrorism, Bush changed his story to "the world is safer

because Saddam is gone," never explaining how a weak nation with no major weapons could be a threat. In the meantime, Cheney just kept repeating the original lies.

Two other commandments speak to coveting another's possessions and stealing. There can be no doubt that Iraq's vast oil resources were coveted by the administration. In fact, Wolfowitz bragged that we could help pay for the Iraq war with the revenues from Iraq's oil, in a sense, an official policy of larceny of another nation's property to help pay for our invasion. Does anyone doubt for a second that U.S. oil companies will end up with a major share of Iraq's oil production meaning billions in profit made possible by the spoils of this unprovoked war?

Finally there's the sixth commandment, "Thou shall not commit murder." The latest estimate of civilian deaths in Iraq range from 20,000 to 100,000, with thousands more injured. Most were men, women and children who had absolutely nothing to do with terrorism or 9/11. Some may have died nobly defending their country. What is the moral justification for the role we play in killing thousands of people in a nation that did not pose any significant threat to America?

It's obvious that George Bush was so obsessed with Saddam Hussein that all moral considerations and conflicting intelligence were swept aside. While millions of Americans have no problem with this, other millions of U.S. and foreign citizens recognize the moral issues raised by our attack on Iraq—a military move contrary to the U.N. raised Charter and the laws created by the Nuremberg Tribunal after World War II.

Make no mistake; it does matter greatly what other nations think of us, because international cooperation is our first line of defense in the global battle against terrorism.

It seems inconceivable to me that the Religious Right, which goes to such lengths to force the display of the Ten Commandments in government buildings, is unaware of their relevance to what we've done in Iraq. Mr. Bush may run from these realities, but among the world's truly peace-loving Christian people who respect life and know right from wrong, he'll never be able to hide.

Frank Mann,  
Lancaster

### Badge recipients may purchase special plates

To The Editor:

Combat Infantryman Badge recipients in Virginia are reminded of a special license plate in their honor.

The award is presented to those who have met an armed enemy of the U.S. in close combat. Only a few veterans received this award. It is worn above all other decorations.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has designated retired U.S. Army Major Gary Gibbs as sponsor to receive the required 350 paid applications for the special license plate.

We have received over 180 applications who have proved their eligibility and paid the fee. If the 350 applications are not met by the December 27 deadline, we have an option of paying a fee to extend the deadline.

Rep. Virgil Goode, Sen. Charles Hawkins, Del. Allen Louderback, Del. Robert Hurt and Del. Danny Marshall are supporters of the special license plate.

If you received a Combat Infantryman Badge, or know of a veteran who has, contact Major Gary Gibbs at 540-743-7205 or [ggibbs@shentel.net](mailto:ggibbs@shentel.net).

Davis E. Newman  
Danville

### Blood drive falls short of expectations

To The Editor:

Imagine having to say "There is not enough blood to save your child's life."

In the coming days, doctors—and the patients they serve—may be faced with this terrible reality.

The community blood supply needs to be replenished daily to ensure that there is enough for everybody.

On November 9, 63 citizens came to a blood drive at St. Stephens Episcopal Church to do their part. A total of 60 units of

blood were collected.

This is far less than this community is capable of and so many citizens were relying on the few to meet the need.

While we are grateful to those who came forward, we cannot help but wonder where the rest of the capable donors were. Ask yourselves what will happen to you or your loved ones if the blood is not there when needed. True, there are many, who for medical or other reasons, cannot donate, but there are many who can and do not make the effort.

We want to thank all those who had a part in putting the drive together for the Northumberland Red Cross Chapter, one of the five drives we have each year. Thanks to volunteers Mary Byrd and Zeke Hurst, Dick Goertmiller, George Kranda, Bill Kirby, Sherry Fisher, Philip Smith, Eleanor Morris, Mary Cottrell, Grace Holley, Helen Taylor, Myrtle Jackson, Gwen Basker, Mary Caviness, Ellie Knight, Janet Steelman, Mary Carter, Nathan Moore, Jim Groth, Rick Skelton, Joan Clements, the ladies of Fairfields Baptist Church, and Blanche Edwards, Sharon Coats and Mary Virginia Fallin who provided and served sandwiches, cookies and beverages to donors. Thanks also to the Northern Neck Bottling Company for donating beverages.

We thank the donors, both those who were able to donate and those who came forward but for various reasons were deferred, Rick Skelton, Odessa Roane, Elizabeth Tate, Shirley Stewart, Dkonna Natemeir, Ron Miller, Jim Groff, Garland Dillard, Tracy Jones, D. E. Machew, Kathy Elsdon, Nathan Moore, Tom Miller and Leonard Kroll.

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Many are regular donors who come to every blood drive we hold. We hope that we will be able to add your name to the list when we hold our next drive.

The next drive will be held February 8 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Heathsville from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Charles O. Franck Jr.  
Chairman, Blood Services  
Northumberland Chapter,  
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### Fishing tourney support thanked

To The Editor:

The Casey Neal Rogers Memorial Scholarship Committee thanks all the volunteers, sponsors and contributors that helped to make the first CNR Rockfish Tournament a success.

Without the love and support of our neighbors and friends, we would not have been able to have this awesome tournament. A special thanks to sponsors Jett's Marine, The Chesapeake Angler, Smith Point Marina, Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department, CNR Memorial Scholarship Fund; and contributors including Midnight Sun Charters, Bobby's Marine, Ford's Colony Country Club, Chesapeake Bay Cruises, Tommy's Restaurant, Horn Harbor Restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart O'Bier, Little River Market, Fairport Marina, WKVI, Robbie Reamy Seafood, Northumberland Echo, Rappahannock Record, Rittenhouse Salon, Clegg's Diesel, Burke's Jewelers, Bank of Northumberland, WRAR, WNNT, Northern Neck State Bank, Al Pugh Distributing Co. Inc., Burgess Motor Co., Middle Bay Realty, Jett's Hardware, Omega Protein, Sports Centre, Robin's Creative Cut, Carlton Scales, Coastal Designs, Buyer's Guide, Afton Vacation Bible School, Curtis Walker and Northern Neck Chevrolet/Pontiac.

To all the participants in our tournament, thank you and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Terry Keyser, secretary  
CNR Memorial Scholarship  
Committee

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# Letters to the Editor

## Elitist liberals still don't get it

To The Editor:

The shrinking minority of elitist, primarily old New England and left coast, mostly secular liberals exhibiting a condescending attitude toward much of the rest of America and professing "we-know-better" and desire more "progressive" government involvement in the lives of all of us as defined in their intolerant Harvard and Hollywood terms, still don't get it.

Then through highly effective orchestrated efforts in the Iowa caucuses a small group succeeds in stopping the Dean momentum and Sen. Kerry goes on to achieve the party nomination in the New Hampshire primary success. As a result, the party standard bearer is the top rated liberal from the "world's most deliberative body," the U.S. Senate.

Additionally, the candidate had a general discharge from the military service which was subsequently upgraded to an honorable discharge. Some would argue that he should have been charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for political activities while still in the military, the U.S. Naval Reserve.

It is pretty much a given that due to President Bush's strong views and platform that probably 5 percent of the total vote was "ABB" (anybody but Bush). The popular vote would not have been close if you define a difference of 3.5 million votes close. Add to that the profession by the Democratic standard bearer that terrorism should be equated to a mere "nuisance" and anyone with a memory of over 3,000 Americans being slaughtered on our shores by terrorists and you have many, especially families and friends of survivors, with a slightly different view and you wonder what happened on November 2. Many voters remember 9-11.

The profession of President Bush to take the fight to the terrorists rather than on our home turf is the top issue to most Americans; everything else pales in comparison. You have to discount the percentages identified to faith and values due to the way the exit polling questions were asked.

If the Democratic Party chooses to continue its recent trend toward irrelevance, then it should commence all effort for 2006 and 2008 in support of the elitist from Park Ridge, Ill., and now the carpetbagger junior senator from New York. This would ensure GOP continuing dominance nation-wide. The GOP really ought to have viable competition in the political arena just to remain vital and responsive.

A candidate going bird hunting in Brooks Brothers pressed fatigues reminds me of a former Democratic standard-bearer shown protruding from an Army tank—just a tad phony. Faith, values and integrity still count for something. If even perceptions create some level of doubt in any of these three areas, support will be lost; especially if the other candidate is perceived strong on these attributes.

The voters are not nearly as dumb as the predominately secular elitist liberals think they are. The "average American" also tends to be more tolerant of differing views than the loud Harvard-Hollywood coalition. They are somewhat resistant to having minority views imposed on them through government edict—especially back door through judicial processes such as the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

And we have Justice Sandra Day O'Connor making a recent speech at Georgetown University professing that the Supreme Court should be more responsive to international law and judicial actions. What happened to merely adjudicating based on the U.S. Constitution and laws? I thought that was the oath they undertook when sworn into the position of Supreme Court justice.

Fortunately, President Bush may have some opportunities to influence change in direction during the next four years with a more supportive U.S. Senate.

Time to stop the whining and get to work. There is much to be done moving forward.

Dana J. Gilmour  
White Stone

## Disputes sexual violence facts

To The Editor:

In the November 10 issue of the Record an article appeared with the title "Separating Myth From Fact on Matters of Sexual Violence."

The article was in a myth/fact format: after a myth was presented, it was followed by a set-the-record-straight fact, about some aspect of sexual violence. Unfortunately, some of the facts are exceedingly questionable.

The article claimed that each hour 78 sexual assaults occur in the U.S. This comes out to 683,280 per year (78x24 hours x365 days). However, according to the 2003 U.S. Statistical Abstract published by the Census Bureau (Table 321), there were only 248,000 sexual assaults in 2001, including rape. (Incidentally, this is down from 363,000 in 1995). Granted, the number of sexual crimes varies slightly from table to table in the Statistical Abstract because of different data sources. Still, the data in the Abstract comes, not from advocacy groups such as the authors of the article but, rather, from the U.S. Justice Department, which has a long-standing, well-developed national data collection program. The disparity between the article's asserted fact and the data in the Statistical Abstract is so huge that one must at the very least be skeptical about the unofficial source.

The article also asserted that sexual assault is as likely in rural areas as in urban areas. However, according to the F.B.I. (as reflected in Table 306 in the Statistical Abstract), of the approximately 90,000 forcible rapes in 2001, 69,000 occurred in metropolitan areas and only 6,000 in rural areas. Moreover, the rape rate was significantly higher in metropolitan areas: 33 per 100,000 versus 22 per 100,000 in rural areas.

Finally, the article asserted that sexual assault victims come from all ethnic groups and, therefore, "sexual assault does not discriminate." True, victims (and perpetrators) come from all groups. However, as displeasing as it is for many people to consider, there is a racial angle to sexual assaults. For example (per Table 325 of the Abstract), 12,700 whites (this figure includes Hispanics) and 7,800 blacks were arrested for forcible rape in 2001. Because there are nearly six and a half times more whites (including Hispanics) than blacks in the U.S., this means that blacks were arrested for rape at about four times the white rate. If only non-Hispanic whites were included in the rape arrest figure, blacks would be shown to be about five or six times more likely to rape. Moreover, according to data from the U.S. Justice Department's annual National Crime Victimization Survey, blacks are nearly 40 times more likely to rape or sexually assault a white than a white is to rape or sexually assault a black. These are disturbing figures that seldom get publicized and they are, at the very least, inconsistent with the assertion that sexual assault does not discriminate.

Hank Hoover  
White Stone

## Get over it

To The Editor:

I have a message for all the angry Kerry supporters who feel compelled to write angry letters to the editor.

Get over it.

Your candidate lost; don't let your anger make you a loser as well. Get your life back.

Dick O'Brien  
White Stone

## Interfaith seeks help

To The Editor:

The Interfaith Service Council is an organization that operates on a budget of \$96,100. The budget consists of 76 percent donations and contributions, with over 10 percent coming from individuals.

At the present time, the portion of the budget from the churches is at about 99 percent; however, the portion coming from individuals is only at 10 percent of that budgeted.

The Interfaith budget is developed on a real anticipated need and not on a fantasized wish list. The budget provides for year-round support of those unable to adequately provide for themselves.

At this time of the year, many churches and other organizations plan to provide food baskets and other support for families in need. In most cases, the baskets are only provided for one or two days of the year. During the rest of the year, the families in need must either suffer shortages or rely on other means of support.

Here is where Interfaith comes on the scene. With the current shortfall, Interfaith will be faced with a choice—either draw on reserve emergency funds (such as those to cover storms) or let some needy families or individuals fall through the cracks.

While the problem has been ongoing throughout the year, the council's board had operated on the faith that the Lord would provide what is needed. However, with the end of the year charging upon us, we feel that

only a direct appeal to our population source will solve the problem.

Donations should be sent to Lancaster/Northernland Interfaith Council Inc., P.O. Box 868, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Donations may be tax deductible.

Terence Cooper  
Heathsville

## Praising RGH

To The Editor:

On October 14, my wife and I arrived at the Rappahannock General Hospital emergency room around 10 p.m. I had been suffering with nausea and a severely upset stomach for most of the day. Upon arrival, I was immediately examined and was found to have an appendix that had gone wild.

I was operated on October 15 at 2:15 a.m. The operation lasted about two-and-a-half hours. It seems that my appendix had become entangled in parts of my digestive system; it was not a routine removal but proved to be very difficult.

As I was recovering over the next few days, my body was not responding as well as it should. Further examination showed a large amount of infection running through me. I had a second operation on October 22 and ended up in intensive care for three days. I was then put in a room for recovery. Later that week, a smaller pocket of infection had formed, but it was treated without surgery. I was finally discharged on November 4.

I spent 21 days in the hospital, during which time I celebrated my 52nd birthday and 23rd wedding anniversary.

My purpose in writing this letter is to extend my profound thanks and praises to the staff at RGH. The nursing staff were the most caring, competent and professional folks I have met. I became part of their family and my care could not have been better anywhere else. I would love to list them all by name, but they know how I feel. My physician, Dr. Steven Olterman, would not let this sickness overtake me. He literally saved my life and I thank him. I have lived here for three years and never really had to use the hospital, but I left RGH impressed with the service and compassion of it's staff. I thank God that we are blessed with RGH; it is a fine facility and deserves our support.

I particularly thank the nurses on the surgical unit. God put me in the right hands to overcome my illness.

I am now at home recovering and using the services of RGH's Home Health nurses. Thank you, RGH, for what you've done for me, especially my buddies in nursing.

Thomas A. Rohacek  
Kilmarnock

## Seeking donations

To The Editor:

Once again it is that time of year that the Lancaster County Chapter of the Salvation Army is in need of donations.

With your tax deductible contribution, we will be able to help several needy families in the area with clothes, shoes, electricity, food and gifts for Christmas.

Please send your donations to your local chapter. Donations that go to Washington D.C. stay there.

Please open your heart. Send donations to Dianna Carter, 1229 Weems Rd., Weems, VA 22576.

Dianna Carter, chairperson  
Weems

## Student observance was exceptional

To The Editor:

The Lancaster Middle School sixth-grade Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 12, was an exceptionally special performance by a large number of young Americans paying tribute to American veterans from the American Revolution to the present Iraqi operation.

Their choral singing was excellent, as were the soloists, and the poetry and readings a tribute.

Dr. Nunn recalled some of his Vietnam experiences, and remembered a veteran, "Doc," a medic who was in Maj. William A. Nunn III's unit when he was wounded and a spectacular rescue by helicopter.

Taps was a sadly beautiful end for a professional performance by all the performers from the sixth-grade.

Many thanks to all the teachers, and all the students who gave the community a beautiful Veterans Day celebration.

Marguerite C. Ajoitian  
Ocran

## Surviving chaos through prayer

To The Editor:

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, and election furor threatens to engulf us by way of media, emails, gossip and rumor, I promise myself not to become caught up in the confusion.

Easy enough to say, but the doing requires conscious, consistent prayer. As a student of Christian Science, I have made prayer a part of my daily schedule.

I'm not talking about, "Our Father which art in Heaven," only. Prayer to me means acknowledging God's presence and power in all activities, constantly, worldwide. Doing this, I can be grateful for his care and his government, and for his guidance when I go to the polls.

In the King James version of the Bible, which we employ in our sermons along with Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, we are assured that when we trust in God, he will direct our path. This has been proven overwhelmingly in my life. Personal experience has demonstrated that trust in him resolves issues and directs actions bringing about the most satisfactory result.

My gratitude knows no bounds that my father and mother, God, sustains and maintains his creation, me, as well as the universe and all those I hold dear.

Elizabeth Lehman  
Weems

## Thinking ahead

To The Editor:

I thank the Lancaster Democratic Committee for sponsoring a victory party and free chowder on November 2 at The Tides Inn.

The early exit polls in favor of Sen. Kerry made everyone feel extremely jovial. I was very impressed and humbled in conversations with the Democratic cultural and intellectual elite of Lancaster County.

The following day, I was deeply depressed by the results in the election and did not know who to turn to.

After considerable thought, I began to think of the Democratic Party's future and candidates for the president and vice president nomination in 2008.

As Democrats, we should now begin to publicize the high moral values of Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Rev. Al Sharpton as a prelude to be our choice for president and vice president of the United States in 2008.

Each of these candidates has a large following in the Southern Red States and also in the Blue States.

Hopefully, the Lancaster Democratic Committee will take these two candidates into consideration at its next meeting.

William Boston  
Mollusk

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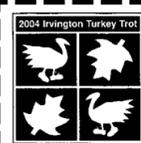
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The Auxiliary of Rappahannock General Hospital invites you to participate in the "Tree of Lights." The "Tree of Lights" provides an opportunity for all persons in the community to have a living tree illuminated with lights in memory of loved ones or lights which honor friends and relatives. White lights are memorial lights. Red lights are honor lights.

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## Off the Beaten Path

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

The Northumberland planning commission is considering a proposal this week that will raise the roof on height regulations.

The new language would allow any building to have a roof that is 60-feet at its peak. If this passes, a 45-foot tall building could have a 15-foot sloped roof, allowing the total height of the building from finish grade to roof peak to be 60 feet.

It's a bold proposal for a community that turned down a four-foot roof on a 45-foot building less than six months ago.

So what happened between then and now to make way for this new proposal?

Community planner Ed McMahon made a thought-provoking presentation to a group of more than 200 community leaders and citizens in September that changed the way people are thinking about planning.

McMahon suggested the community should hold on to its identity through architecture and zoning. He gave examples of how other communities have held on to their history by offering incentives to companies that want to restore old buildings rather than build new ones. He suggested ways to encourage franchises to blend with the local architecture rather than look like every other fast food restaurant, chain store or motel across the country.

Take, for instance, the biggest piece of development happening in Northumberland County: James Dunn's new hotel and marina planned for the old oyster house at Glebe Point.

Dunn has met opposition to his project every step of the way, from the height of the structure he wanted to build, to how many floors he could put in it, to the size and shape of the roof, to the marina.

Had Dunn come in and said, "I want to replicate The Gables at Glebe Point," would he have met the same opposition?

I don't think so. The Gables is one of the most treasured buildings in Northumberland. On Main Street in Reedville, The Gables is part of local fishing history and lore. As the story goes, a fishing captain built the house, placing the mast of his ship right in the center of it. The structure now serves as a bed and breakfast.

But Dunn could not have replicated the Gables under current zoning codes. The building is 65 feet tall from finished grade to the dramatic peak of its roof, and under current zoning laws, that would never be allowed.

Instead of looking like an old fishing captain's house, Dunn's waterfront hotel has been conceived in the Spanish-style with arched balconies, yellow stucco walls and a red tile roof. It's a lovely building that would look perfect on a beach in Florida. But here, many folks feel it just doesn't match.

Perhaps Dunn's opposition and the county leaders need to give a little to get a little. What if Dunn were allowed to build a little higher if he designed a building that fit in with the surrounding landscape, like one of the old Victorian houses in Reedville or an old school? The building would be a sight the neighbors could be proud of and one that would become a pride and joy for Northumberland County.

According to McMahon, it's not the growth and development itself that we should be opposing. That will come, like it or not. But, we can control how we grow.

With that in mind, more people should get involved in the Northumberland planning commission meetings. These meetings are often scarcely attended, yet it is the best place to be heard and affect change on any zoning- or building-related topic. The supervisors weigh the recommendation of the planners heavily in their deliberations.

This month the commission will be tackling the issue of height limits and zoning changes.

Beginning in January, the commission will start to tackle the revision of the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance.

The comprehensive plan is the county's most important tool in determining where and how development and growth happens. The comprehensive plan will take a year to update. The zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance will then be revised to meet the goals of the plan.

For citizens who care about the direction of the county, now is the time to take action. The commission meets regularly at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

## And the Old Marine Stands

by Dr. Jeems Love of White Stone

And the old Marine stands  
Yes, the old Marine stands,  
for justice, honor and courage,  
that most only dream of.

Old scars tell the story  
of long forgotten wars  
all for the sake of glory  
on faraway distant shores

Brothers in arms in difficult times  
digging deep in dark places  
war now is such a crime  
when remembering begotten faces

But still, all in all  
He doesn't regret one thing  
proud to step up to the call  
of being the best... a Marine

Now the old Marine can not stand  
for life has left him tired and broken  
He sits in a wheelchair, feeling less the man  
thoughts of better days left unspoken

The final battle has begun  
and the enemy is age and time  
the old Marine knows he won't win this one  
the next hill to conquer is heaven,  
where victorious he will climb

And the old Marine stands  
Yes, the old Marine stands  
for justice, honor and courage  
that most only dream of.

(The U.S. Marine Corps celebrated its 229th birthday on November 10.)

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanking participants

To The Editor:

The staff of Prevention Services of the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board thanks those who participated in the preparation of our float for the 47th annual Urbanna Oyster Festival.

Due to the collaboration and creativity of the volunteers, our float was awarded the first-place trophy.

We realize that this endeavor would not have been successful without the support and assistance that we received from members of our community. We thank Edwin Ruark of Ruark and Associates, The H.O.P.E. Project, Rev. Melanie Latimore Christian, pastor Pete and Pam Sullivan, Saluda Exxon, Urbanna Lumber, Rappahannock Record, Southern States in Tappahannock, Harrows Home Center, Charles Hunt, The Wet Paint Co., Tom Major Auto Body and Repair, Donald Jaeger, Darren Mattoe-Kerney, Selina Knez, Ivan Tabb, Gordon Robins, the many youths who volunteered to make flowers and to decorate, and the Urbanna Oyster Festival Foundation for allowing Prevention Services to participate in such a fun and well organized event.

Irene Reed  
Prevention Services, Saluda



Lindsey Reynolds

### Reynolds to speak Nov. 22

The Lancaster County Democratic Committee will meet Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster Northside branch in Kilmarnock.

The speaker will be Lindsey Reynolds, executive director of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

A political science graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Reynolds worked as a legislative aide for the late state Senator Stanley Walker of Norfolk. In addition to her responsibility as executive director, she is finance director and fund-raiser for the joint Democratic caucus.

Reynolds will begin her talk with an overview of state party activities during the past year and then address what the party needs to do in the year to come, particularly in preparation for the upcoming election for governor.

"With the Governor's race coming up, I urge all committee members and concerned Democrats to come and hear what the state organization will be doing. It's important that our group maintain the momentum we built up in the presidential campaign," said committee chairman Norm Mosher.

## Adoption Awareness Month promotes the placement of children with families

by Maurice A. Jones

Adoption Awareness Month, a national celebration recognized in November, gives Virginians an opportunity to learn about adoption and, just perhaps, consider adopting a child.

In Virginia, approximately 7,500 children live in foster care homes or institutions. Many of them have spent years in what should have been a temporary situation. Some 1,600 are not able to return to their original families. They wait in limbo, longing to be embraced by a loving family to support them as they grow up in a permanent home.

According to the statistical information from the state's database (OASIS), there are 805 children available for adoptive placement through the local departments of social services across Virginia. Each child has many gifts to bring to an adoptive family. A successful match has the potential to yield a loving, stable home and family for an eager child and a rewarding parenting experience for the adoptive family.

Recently, the Virginia Department of Social Services implemented an initiative to decrease the length of time children remain in foster care. While every effort is made to reunite children with their parents or relatives, foster care and adoption workers concurrently prepare an alternative plan in case. In this way, a plan is in place to quickly address the child's needs, and to facilitate the possibility of adoption.

Through collaboration with departments of social services across the state and partnerships with public and private agencies, more than 523 children were adopted this year from the foster care system in the Commonwealth. Yet, we are not willing to rest on these successes. There is more work to be done.

We must listen to each of the waiting children who are telling us that they want to be loved and nurtured, and that they hope to have the chance to share their own gifts and potential with others. We must hear their wishes to bring their unique talents and personalities to make a family complete.

Often, children have been removed from their parents by court order because of neglect and abuse issues. As a result, they frequently face physical, emotional and mental challenges, and are described by the term "special needs." Many of these children are school-aged or teenagers, are members of ethnic or racial minorities, or hope to be placed in homes with their brothers and sisters.

With caring adults in their lives, they are our society's future lawyers, doctors, mayors, senators and teachers. Our experience has shown that most can be placed successfully. Espe-

### Spirit keeper

To most people, Sherman looks like an ordinary dog. The rich black hair of his Newfoundland/Lab heritage has been shaved off in spots on his back, front legs and tail, a result of seven months of chemotherapy for lymphoma cancer and its side effects—skin rashes.

At nine, he is nearing his twilight years but is still active and alert to the sights, smells and sounds around him. Sherman listens to conversations with fascination. When the discussion turns to him, his ears perk up and his tail sweeps slowly across the floor. And while his dark brown eyes watch everyone in the room, they never stray far from Robin.

Robin is his family. Sherman adopted her in Port Townsend, Wash. They met when she was assessing his litter of 12, trying to pick the perfect puppy. Getting her attention wasn't easy, though. She was drawn to the cool, freckled puppies and ignored all the ordinary black ones like Sherman. Robin pulled out her book on how to choose the perfect puppy and began putting the cool puppies to the test. Undaunted, Sherman infiltrated every test until Robin was forced to notice him and realize he was her destiny.

After that, the two became inseparable. They have traveled cross country and back in Robin's van, spending some time near her family back east and then a couple of months on the beaches of the Baja peninsula in Mexico. On their journey through life, Sherman is always at Robin's side.

## Animal Tails

By Audrey Thomasson

Sherman's intuitive abilities were first noticed when Robin's mother, Linda Troise of Mollusk, went out west for a visit. When Linda fell and broke her foot, the week-long vacation stretched into a month of recovery.

With Robin at work each day, Linda's biggest challenge was getting up and down the ladder to the guest bed which was on a raised platform. With one foot in a cast, it became a risky descent. But she managed by slowly sliding down the steps on her rear end. Each time Linda tackled the ladder, she found Sherman waiting at the bottom, ready to protect her from a fall. His devotion to duty was so great that he even stopped sleeping in Robin's room to take up his position next to the troublesome ladder, just in case she got up during the night.

A couple of years ago, Robin moved to Charlottesville. She was going through some personal tragedies that began to eat away at her spirit, leaving her so hurt and angry that her health started to deteriorate and she began to slip into depression. And then Sherman was diagnosed with cancer and she was forced to stop thinking about herself and focus on him.

After researching the effects of chemotherapy treatment and feeling assured that Sherman would not suffer, Robin agreed to the treatments. There were some difficult side effects, but after six months his cancer went into remission and the vets backed off the treatments. Almost immediately, the cancer returned and Sherman

was back to weekly sessions.

Robin worried that he might never recover and, considering his age, wondered if she was doing the right thing for him. To help resolve these issues, she turned to animal communicator, Terri Chenault, a former teacher who has been talking to animals since childhood and involved in the metaphysical field for over 25 years. Terri quickly understood Sherman's needs.

First of all, she explained, Sherman became sick because he has such a strong bond with Robin he is willing to sacrifice his life by assuming the ills plaguing her. Also, he is prepared to continue the chemo treatments as he is not ready to die. However, Terri warned, his recovery is based on her own. If Robin did not let go of her anger, Sherman would not heal.

For Robin, it was as though a veil had been lifted. She realized that her anger was affecting everyone she loved, but most of all, it was killing Sherman. It was time for her to get her life together and move forward.

Since her session with Terri, Robin has made some big changes in her life to heal her spirit. And while Sherman is beginning to recover too, she understands he won't be a part of her life forever so she wants the time they have remaining to be both happy and healthy.

This is one extraordinary dog and one exceptional bond. Sherman is the keeper of Robin's spirit. And she is the keeper of his.

For information on Terri Chenault go to [www.italkwithanimals.com](http://www.italkwithanimals.com). Contact [animaltails@direcway.com](mailto:animaltails@direcway.com) if you have an extraordinary animal with a tale to share.

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Cats: Calico F, 9 mos. Orange/wh stripe, M, 5 mos.

Friends of the Shelter: 435-0737.

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Friends of the Shelter: 435-2597.  
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Puppies: 2 yellow Lab-mix litter mates. M, F.

cially with support services, the great majority of adoptions create lasting families. By recognizing Adoption Awareness Month, we celebrate these success stories and encourage new ones.

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You may want to consider attending one of the many events across Virginia planned for November 20, National Adoption Day. Celebrations in Richmond, Roanoke, Hampton, Alexandria and Campbell County include introducing, facilitating and finalizing adoptions.

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(Maurice A. Jones is Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services and Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Mark R. Warner.)



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# Local News



Mr. and Mrs. William O'Shaughnessy Geier

## Geier-McQuillan wedding held

The marriage of Megan Victoria McQuillan and William O'Shaughnessy Geier took place October 30, 2004, at Fleeton Fields Bed and Breakfast in Fleeton. Rev. Warren Schaller of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Fleeton, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Chandler of Reedville and Patrick McQuillan of Santa Barbara, Calif. The groom is the son of William Geier of White Stone and Kathleen Kauffman of Topping.

The bride was escorted by her mother and given in marriage by her parents. She is the granddaughter of Helen Chandler and Joseph Mirabito of Leeland, N.C. The groom is the grandson of Helen Moon of Irvington and Patricia

O'Shaughnessy of White Stone.

Breezy Scruggs of Richmond was the maid of honor. Jack Geier of Ashville, N.C., brother of the groom, was best man. Makaila Packett of Lancaster was the flower girl. Pat McQuillan, father of the bride, provided the piano accompaniment. Marguerite Slaughter, owner of Fleeton Fields, catered the evening event and also designed all the flowers.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Hughlett Tavern in Heathsville on October 29. Dinner after the wedding ceremony took place in the house and gardens of Fleeton Fields.

The couple is living in Kilmarnock while construction begins on their new home in White Stone.

Weekend guests of Mike and Karen Agerer at their Ditchley home were her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Mrozowski of Pittsburgh, Pa., her brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Alicia Mrozowski of Hughesville, Md., and friends, Dan and Jean Quinn of Fredericksburg. On Saturday afternoon Mike and Karen hosted the annual Dividing Creek Association annual oyster roast at their home on Prentice Creek.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conley several days last week were her aunt, Mrs. Carolyn Ward, and son, Blake, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Ms. Diane Dize of Alexandria was with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Dize, several days last weekend.

Larry Green of Houston, Texas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green, last weekend. Larry, who is retired from Bank of Virginia, still joins his friends here for golf at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Capt. G.W. Urban III of Allied Industries is home with his family for the holiday.

Dinner guests on Sunday of Mrs. Paul Ticer were Mrs. Ticer's daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Kay Weaver and Lydia Kay Weaver of Mechanicsville, and Katie, Daniel and Philip Harrison.

Upon their return from a vacation in Cancun, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bolle entertained at dinner on Sunday evening in their home on Kent Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spafford and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keyser in a belated celebration of the birthdays of Mrs. Spafford and Mrs. Keyser.

Travis and Susan Pitman were honored on Sunday when members of Morattico Baptist Church hosted a baby shower in their honor.

Al and Sherry Swan of Tampa, Fla. were in New York last week-end visiting their children. En route home they stopped at Sher-

ry's home place in Bluff Point.

Gretchen Urban, Rob Pitman, Mat Hudson, Resi Williams and Travis Vest, all of Radford College, are expected to spend Thanksgiving at their respective homes here.

Guests of Wayne and Karen Mullins last week was her mother, Mrs. Lydia King of Orlando, Fla. Joining the family were Mrs. King's great-grandson and family, Chris and Karey Mullins and son, Tanner, of Amissville, Va.

Mrs. Osa Perkins of Springfield arrived on Wednesday for a visit with friends, Eugene and Linda Small, on Kent Cove Road.

Miss Becky Hudson of VCU, Richmond will spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hudson, in Kilmarnock.

Linda Hudnall and David Reinholdt of Yorktown spent last weekend with her mother, Mrs. Eugene Hudnall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam Hall of Wicomico Church attended the wedding of her nephew, B.J. O'Bier, in Sandston on Saturday.

Mrs. Nannie Booth of Warsaw Health Care Center was honored on the occasion of her 88th birthday when she accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Gilliam and Shirley Hall, on an outing to have lunch at Lee's Restaurant where she saw many friends.

Col. (ret.) and Mrs. Eugene Small are happy to announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Sophia Danielle Farrell, daughter of Stephen and Stephanie Farrell, and sister of Dylan Farrell, all of California.

## Food bank drive to end on Friday

The Tides Inn, Bay 101.7, WKWI and the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to help replenish the Central Virginia Food Bank which has become dangerously low since the August flood in Richmond.

Collection boxes are in place in Kilmarnock for gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries and cash donations at Burke's Jewelers, Henderson's Cleaners, The Doll House, the Sports Centre, Noblett's Propane, Gas and Appliances, Lipscombe's, Bank of Lancaster, Chesapeake Bank, Bank of Northumberland, Pure n' Simple Family Chiropractic, WKWI Bay 101.7, Tri Star Supermarket, The Shoe Store and Northern Neck State Bank.

The drive will end Friday, November 19, with a broadcast by WKWI at Tri Star beginning at 8 a.m. Refreshments will be served by The Tides Inn staff and entertainment will be provided by the Bay Tones.

## Lancashire Lines

by Joan M. Foster

"The Seven Hills of Rome," starring Mario Lanza carried residents to the magnificent city of Rome on Monday morning after hearing descriptions of each of the hills and a bit of their history. During the afternoon we honored America's veterans with a Veterans Day salute. Residents learned the history behind "Uncle Sam" and other national symbols and sang patriotic selections.

On Tuesday, Jay Jarvis and his friend Herbert Carter inspired our folks with their gospel singing and wonderful finger-work on electric guitar and bass guitar. Bingo was the feature of the afternoon and Melvin Bromley was the top winner.

Rev. Hall led a Bible study on Wednesday morning. Twenty residents traveled to Shoney's in Tappahannock for lunch. On Wednesday, Samantha Davis brought a group of boys and girls for a visit.

Miss Marie entertained with her keyboard and singing on Thursday morning with tunes like "In A Shanty in Old Shanty Town" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love." Lucy Jett won big in Bingo on Thursday afternoon and shared her wonderfully warm smile with all of us. T.J. and Susie came by for pet therapy later in the day.

Sherry VanLandingham accompanied folks on piano for hymn sing Friday morning. Residents on the Rappahannock Wing enjoyed songs by Frank Sinatra following lunch. The main dining room was full of excited artists during the afternoon as they created pine cone turkeys. The colorful turkey creations will be displayed in the window of the main dining room.

Harriett Roane shared her voice on Friday afternoon. Residents especially enjoyed "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "My Way."

Residents were geared up for yet another morning of Bingo on Saturday.

Weems Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle led a worship service on Sunday afternoon.

## Alzheimer's support office opens at church

The Greater Richmond Chapter, Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck Branch of the Alzheimer's Association will open a satellite office in Lancaster County one day a week.

The satellite office will be at the Trinity Episcopal Church at 8484 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster. The office will be open most Thursdays.

All professionals, care partners, and interested parties are invited to attend an Open House on Thursday, November 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Ball

## Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Ball are named parade grand marshals

Kilmarnock's 26th annual illuminated Christmas Parade will take place December 10 at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Ball of Kilmarnock are the honorary grand marshals. Both are long-time educators in Lancaster County. Mr. Ball, a Virginia Union graduate, began his career as principal in a two-room school. He eventually put in a total of 36 years in the county.

Mrs. Ball, a Virginia State graduate, taught in the county for 38 years. The Balls recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The parade features re-enactor Tom Tompkins and his horse

"Main Man," Ronald McDonald, Smokey Bear, miniature horses from the Little Wonder Horse Farm, the Marching Elites from Hampton, The Islandettes majorettes from Poquoson, the Coast Guard precision drill team and color guard from Yorktown, the Thomas Jefferson High School Band, the Lancaster Middle School, Lancaster High School Band, the Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band and Santa in a large wagon pulled by two Percheron's.

The parade route will be along Main Street as in previous years. Santa will greet all boys and girls at the Lancaster Union Masonic Lodge on Main Street following the parade.



Celebrating 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Nash of Callao celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 6, 2004, with family and friends at Coan Baptist Church in Heathsville.

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An example of the many items to be available at the Gifts and Greens Sale on Saturday, November 20, is on display at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

## Annual Gifts and Greens sale is November 20 in Kilmarnock

When customers enter the 2004 Historyland Community Workshop's annual Gifts and Greens Sale Saturday, November 20, at Lancaster Middle School, they will be greeted by a wide array of baked goods, homemade crafts and holiday decorations. The sale is in the cafeteria and opens at 9 a.m.

Since March, members have been making casserole carriers, place mat sets and other dining accessories, as well as card table covers.

The 'purse lady' has been busy creating bags for all occasions: parties, shopping and travel. There are many popular "knitted and crocheted boas" at attractive prices. Also available in the boutique section are dolls and other stuffed items to delight youngsters.

Dried flower arrangements and wreaths, plus clever decorations made from pine cones have been added this year for variety. All items are priced to fit any budget.

Sharp cheddar cheese from Ohio has become such a popular item that increased amounts were ordered to satisfy the demand. Despite rising costs, the price has been kept as low as possible.

Holiday decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, representing most needlework and quilting skills, have been created for the sale. Tree skirts, wall hangings and other quilted items can become heirloom items for new families. Christmas ornaments of many varieties will be

displayed on several trees for shopping ease.

Food items will be located toward the back of the sale floor. Here customers will find jams and jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes and marmalades, all made from produce from local farms.

Baked goods are prepared during the week before the sale to ensure freshness and will include holiday breads, cakes, pies, biscuits, fudge, cookies and trays with an assorted three dozen cookies suitable for freezing for use later. There will be small portions of many of these items. In response to requests, there will be a few sugar free baked goods.

Lyle Beckwith will be tying on flies for fishing. Gentlemen will have a chance to purchase that "lucky lure."

There will be some fresh boxed items available at the sale, especially table trees, kissing balls and bobèche for candles. Many of our customers place orders for wreaths in advance, which limits the number available at sale day.

Proceeds benefit Lancaster High School graduating seniors, special projects for the primary and middle schools, Hospice, the Haven, Habitat for Humanity, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Storymobile, Lancaster Community Library, Northumberland Public Library and other local community organizations. The 2003 sale made possible a distribution of \$15,000 in this area.

## 'Christmas on Cockrells Creek' to celebrate tenth anniversary

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum "Christmas on Cockrells Creek" house tour will be held December 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and December 12 from noon to 5 p.m.

This is the 10th anniversary of the annual event to benefit the cultural and educational programs of the museum.

"This year we are celebrating the wonderful people and organizations in our community who have made it possible for us to produce these tours year after year," said interim museum director Susan Tipton. Since 1999, Smith Point Sea Rescue has provided boat shuttles and the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club has provided the decorations for each of the houses on the tour.

For the last three years, Bethany United Methodist Church has joined with the museum in producing a breakfast with Santa event, and area designers have produced the tablescapes exhibit of festive holiday table settings. A montage of photographs from past tours will be on display at the museum.

Tours and activities take place at the museum on Main Street in the Reedville historic district and along the shores of the Little Wicomico River. Five homes on the river will be linked by boat shuttles departing from Little River Seafood on the south shore of the river and Cockrell's Marine Railway on the north shore.

Open on the Sunnybank side will be the "Hammock House" (c. 1890) at the ferry landing owned and recently restored by John and Kathy Elsdon.

A new timberframe home featuring fine woods from the family sawmill, owned by Dicky and Karen Dost, also will be

open. On the Hack's Neck side, Ernie and Marybeth Memmo are opening their home in Jetty's Reach. E. Memmo's woodturning studio will also be open.

The home of Ron and Betty Steger will be open. They built their home in 1992 and recently completed an addition reflecting B. Steger's love affair with the southwest. R. Steger is a former race car driver and has an extensive collection of NASCAR memorabilia.

Cathy Wilson and Bill Mitmen from Philadelphia are in the process of restoring "Miss Lucy Haynie's" house, an 1890s Victorian with gingerbread trim.

The Northern Neck Railroad model exhibit will again be entertaining railroad buffs of all ages. New track has been laid extending towards Fredericksburg, and many new scale model buildings have been constructed to recreate bygone days in the villages of Reedville, Heathsville, Irvington and White Stone.

"Celebrations: Festive Holiday Tables," a presentation of intriguing holiday table settings by area decorators and designers will be set up in the Covington Building addition.

Block tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour and cover admission to all houses, museum exhibits, tablescapes, model trains and boat taxi. Advance tickets may be charged by phone at 453-6529. Additional information and schedules are posted at [www.rfmuseum.org](http://www.rfmuseum.org).

Proceeds benefit RFM educational and cultural programs. The tour was produced by the museum with support from Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Inc.

## Holiday bazaar to return

The Irvington United Methodist Church holiday bazaar will be open twice more before Christmas.

The annual sale was so well attended in October, according to event chairperson Audrey Lowery, that the church will sponsor two more bazaars in December.

Holiday decorations, gift baskets and wreaths will be among the hundreds of items for sale on

December 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In conjunction with the bazaar, the church will also hold a pancake breakfast. Homemade soups, including vegetable, 12-bean, potato and chicken noodle, will also be sold to eat in or carry-out.

The sale will be held again on December 11 from noon to 5 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and homemade baked goods will be available.

## Band boosters to hold fashion show on Sunday

On Sunday, November 21, the Lancaster Band Boosters will host a Fashion Show and Formal Wear Sale at the Cove Room at Tides Inn in Irvington.

The location and refreshments for the event, "Fashion Worth Repeating," have been donated by the Tides Inn.

Many community members have donated gently used or new formal wear that will be modeled by band students.

The clothing will be available for sale after the fashion show. Donated clothing includes formal and semi-formal dresses, pants suits and cocktail dresses.

"This is a great opportunity to get a nearly new outfit for that

special holiday occasion," said boosters president Alice Coates.

Anyone who has donated clothing will receive a 10 percent discount on the purchase of clothing at the event. Clothing may be donated through Friday, November 19.

Material Girl, Yvonne Woolard, will have jewelry and accessories for sale and will be donating a percentage of sales to the band.

Tickets are \$10 each. Seating is limited.

Call Coates at 462-7229 or Kelly Oliver at 462-0849 to purchase tickets or donate clothing.

Tickets are also available from Heads Up Hairworks in Kilmarnock.

## Farmers' market is Saturday

The final installment of the 2004 season for The Heathsville Farmers' Market at the Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern will be held Saturday, November 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition to Christmas gifts, there will be fall produce, the food concession from Creative Events, and the return of gourmet coffees. The Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad will offer blood pressure checks.

Among the regular vendors will be Grandma's Amish Products and Tall Cedars Farm.

Jeff Brooks of Tall Cedars Farm said the Heathsville Farmers' Market has been so good that they will definitely be back next year at the same location, hoping that more people will turn out. In addition, they will start carrying chickens and turkeys by special order.

Their best-sellers have been the

varieties of goat cheese and the grass-fed beef and veal, he said. On Saturday, Tall Cedars will also feature some new gift items: pepper jelly chevre and cranberry chevre, added Brooks.

Tall Cedars has been in business since 1995 when Brooks met partner Bob Stolnan, who was raising goats at the time. They thought about what they could do with the goats and bought a book. From there the business grew.

"I just love it," Brooks said. "Those animals are my friends."

Sharon Hunter's Bayside Café also returns. She will be selling cappuccino, latte, mochas, hot cocoa and coffee, to ward off the autumn chill.

"I have my own commercial espresso machine to prepare the coffee," said Hunter.

The Tavern Gift Shop will be open and docents will conduct tours of the historic site.

## Middle School drama club to present 'Little Women'

The Lancaster Middle School Drama Club will present "Little Women" December 10 through 13 at the LMS Theatre in Kilmarnock.

The play is derived from the novel by the same title written by Louisa May Alcott. "Little Women" is a 'coming of age' drama tracing the lives of four sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. During the Civil War, the girls' father is away serving as a minister to the troops. The family, headed by their beloved Marmee, must make ends meet, with the help of their kind and wealthy neighbor, Mr. Laurence, and his high spirited grandson Laurie.

The vivacious quartet of sisters is very close and happy despite

limited means. Laurie takes a liking to Jo, and Mr. Brooke eyes older sister Margaret during a party. Beth has a battle with scarlet fever, and the family roles change a bit.

For youngsters who don't already know the story, this should be an enjoyable experience. For those who know it and loved it, this play will be a nostalgic experience.

Play dates are Friday, December 10, at 9 a.m., Saturday, December 11, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at LMS. Adult tickets are \$4 and student tickets, \$2. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.



From left, Rich Morgan of WRAR 105.5 discusses the Christmas Wishes CD drive with Shane Cooley and Alicia Key while broadcasting from the recent Urbanna Oyster Festival.

## CD drive progresses

The Shane Cooley Band CD drive to help the WRAR 105.5 Christmas Wishes program has already proven to be a success.

The program is held annually by the radio station to help fulfill area needy children's Christmas wish lists. Hundreds of children are granted their wishes by listeners' contributions.

The program will be heard on WRAR on December 1. It will start early in the morning and continue most of the day.

CD players, which Cooley is also contributing, and CDs are the most asked for gifts by the children.

Cooley and the band noted overwhelming response to the request for new or used CDs. The band had a collection box at the Boathouse Café in Urbanna and during the Urbanna Oyster Festival and people not only contributed CDs, but someone donated a whole box of them.

"This drive has really taken off," said Cooley.

Cooley and the Rappahannock High School Beta Club have placed boxes in area schools and businesses.

New and used CDs may be contributed in the original cases they came in locally at Lively Drug Store in Lively and MD Associates in Kilmarnock.

CDs also will be collected at Shane Cooley Band performances November 20 at Anna's Italian Pizza and Lounge in Warsaw.

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Some of the Festival of the Trees planning committee members met last week at the YMCA to go over final details. From left are Leslie Yost-Schomer, Suzanne Dix-Keyser, Elise Fay, Donna McGrath, Lisa Shivers, Caroline Shifflett and Susan Johnson.

## YMCA halls are decked for seasonal fund-raiser

The seventh annual Festival of the Trees planning committee has been finalizing the event, which begins Friday, November 19, at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. The festival features over 50 entries and three days of events.

"We have something for everyone," said co-chair Leslie Yost-Schomer. "Our committee has been working since summer to make sure this is a great event for our entire community."

"We are looking forward to everyone coming out to see the beautiful holiday displays, enjoy the festival and bid on some of the wonderful items being offered by silent auction," said co-chair Lisa Shivers.

All of the entries for the festival have been donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals and will be sold at silent auction. The items are as varied by style and size as they are by theme. There are trees, wreaths, centerpieces, baskets and other holiday decor.

"We have many participants who have been coming up with wonderful, creative entries for the entire seven years of the festival as well as many first-time

participants, and we are grateful for all of the tremendous support that helps raise funds for the YMCA's Guardian Program," said Yost-Schomer.

The free public display of entries and a craft sale will be open Saturday, November 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Silent bidding on the items closes at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Other activities include a Lighting of the Trees Preview Party from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, November 19. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased in advance.

On Saturday, "Trinkets, Treasures and Small Pleasures," a holiday fashion show, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. A casual "Christmas Cheers" party will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each.

On Sunday, Picture Me Portrait Studio will take pictures with Santa from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the YMCA.

Tickets are available for all of the events at the YMCA in Kilmarnock. Call 435-0223.

## Richmond artist to speak at local art league meeting

Richmond artist Dixie Epes Hoggan will be the guest speaker at the Rappahannock Art League's November 22 meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. "Water Works" is the theme of the program; it is open to the public. The artist will display some of her paintings as well as show slides of her work.

Hoggan received a bachelor's in art from Mary Baldwin College and took courses to certify her as a teacher of art in grades K through 12 at Virginia Commonwealth University. She taught art at Stoney Point School and St. Catherine's School in Richmond for a number of years.

Hoggan received a master's of fine arts in painting and drawing in 1984 from Virginia Commonwealth University. Combining art with travel, she has worked as a travel planner for universities and museums since 1985 and has traveled to almost 100 countries. In 1995, she began to write pieces for newspapers, trade magazines and an online travel network.

For many years, water has been a major theme in Hoggan's art. "I am fascinated with making



Iron Point  
by Dixie Hoggan

images that involve water...observing the constantly changing light and color on moving bodies of water during the day, and then attempting to orchestrate these observations onto a surface with oil paint," said Hoggan. "I enjoy producing mirror-like reflections that enhance the richness of color with expressive, intuitive paint handling."

Hoggan's paintings can be found in many private and corporate collections throughout Virginia.

## Museum to sell excess books

Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, November 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The family research center at the museum has a collection of books containing genealogical information. From time to time, the library shelves become overcrowded with duplicate books, and the staff gives the public an opportunity to purchase them.

With the exception of the books that are out of print and/or rare,

the prices are reasonable. Rare books will be offered at fair market value.

Some of the books contain abstracts from court records from various Virginia counties. Others are compiled family histories. In addition to the genealogy books, there will also be several volumes of Virginia history.

The book sale will be held at Lancaster House at 8346 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster, across the street from the genealogical library.

## Wicomico Parish Church to hold bazaar on Saturday

Wicomico Parish Church will hold a bazaar Saturday, November 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cakes, pies, cookies, homemade breads, hams, soups and other delicious food items will be offered for sale. A "trash and treasure" booth, men's booth, Christmas greens, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and other items will make Christmas shopping a pleasure.

Hand decorated and painted furniture also will be for sale. There are pieces for children and adults. A professional artist will be available to personalize the items with a name, address or date of birth.

The bazaar will be held at the church in Wicomico Church.



This Winnie the Pooh toy box is among the hand painted and decorated furniture for sale at the bazaar.

## Local Trike-A-Thon to raise funds for children's hospital

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital last week announced that Linda Herring with Lighthouse Christian Academy will conduct a Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Kids with their pre-schoolers.

The November 19 Trike-A-Thon, sponsored by Lighthouse Christian Academy, will be held in the school gymnasium beginning at 10 a.m.

By supporting the participants of the event, folks will help raise funds for the internationally recognized hospital, said Herring. The funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases.

"Our goal in holding this event is to help the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell disease," said Herring. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases, and they have made great progress because of the help of people like the citizens of the Northern Neck."

The St. Jude Trike-A-Thon, now in its 19th year, was developed by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the help of early childhood development specialists.

The Trike-A-Thon raises funds to continue the hospital's programs of research, patient care, and education into childhood cancers and other catastrophic diseases. The event also exposes pre-schoolers to using riding toys safely through a week-long fun

activity and provides a parent-awareness program that involves the parents in safe behavior practices to help ensure their child's well-being.

Cancer is the leading disease killer of American children, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the leading cancer center for the conquest of these killers. Yet, as dreadful as childhood cancers are, accidents kill far more children every year. Unlike cancer, most accidents can be prevented through safety education starting at an early age. Accidents involving children on riding toys are a major cause of death and injury of young children.

St. Jude officials noted they appreciate the concern and dedication of the people at Lighthouse Christian Academy and the support of the community.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world.

No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. For more information, visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Annual tour to feature 12 artists' studios

The "Made in Mathews" Open Studio Tour will celebrate its third annual event with 12 artists' studios open to the public November 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 28 from noon to 5 p.m.

Participants include Susan Rosen's Wayback Studio, The Podtery, Watercolor by Gib Pulley, Island Glass Studio, Captain's Cove Art, Chapel Creek Pottery and Crafts, Summer Haze Pottery, Dorothy Fagan Studio, Put-in Creek Carvings, Bentwaters Farm, August Soap House and Primitively Hooked.

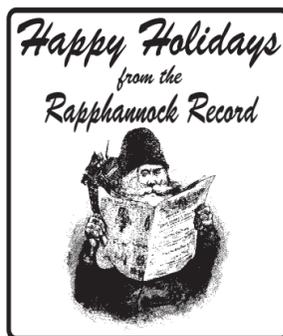
In addition to the tour, the Bay School Cultural Arts Center will hold a wearable art show and sale, and the Gwynn's Island Museum will be open to visitors.

Admission to the tour is free. Maps and details are available at [www.visitmathews.com](http://www.visitmathews.com), or contact the Mathews County Visitor and Information Center at 725-4219.

## Gloucester artists plan studio tour

The Art League of Gloucester will hold a "Created in Gloucester" All About Art Open House Tour on November 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Nine local artists will be in seven locations opening their houses or studios to the public showing their works and work places. Participating artists are Renate Bumgarner, Barbara "Little Doe" Adkins, Berry Ferguson, Gayle Fasano, Rachel Nuttal, Brenda Gee, Rose Nygaard and Juli Schuszler-Semanski. They will be showing their fine art and crafts as well as sharing their experiences with the public.



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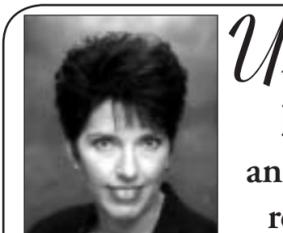
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**Touring Morattico**

Morattico Hall (1890), residence of Frank Smith and Carol Dawson, is one of six waterfront homes featured on the December 4 Morattico Candlelight Christmas Tour from 4 to 8 p.m. The tour will benefit the Morattico Waterfront Museum. Block tickets are \$20 and include admission to the six homes dating from 1890 to 2000, Norwood Baptist Church (1893), Emmanuel United Methodist Church (1898), and refreshments at the museum. For tickets, call 462-5101.

**Mardi Gras at Westbourne to benefit Richmond Symphony**

The Richmond Symphony Orchestra League recently announced its major winter fund-raising venture, Mardi Gras at Westbourne, will be held Tuesday, February 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the estate home of Tanya and Justin French.

The gala event will feature an array of New Orleans cuisine catered by Sweet Peas, with an accompanying open bar. Jean-Jacques will make the traditional King's Cake, where a doll is hidden in the batter before baking.

Music will be provided by John Winn and his famous jazz ensemble. Beads and masks will be abundant and creative dressing in costume or black tie is encouraged.

A highlight of the evening will be the awarding of prizes for the mask contest. VCU School of the Arts students are invited to submit mask creations with a musical theme in the Mardi Gras colors green, gold and purple.

Prizes will be awarded and 15 masks will be submitted for auction. First prize will be two tick-

ets to the Mardi Gras event; the second prize is two tickets to a Kicked Back Classics event and a \$25 certificate for groceries at Ukrops and Kroger.

A mask-making workshop for the students takes place on Friday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 319 of the Pollak Building.

In addition, an auction of valuable goods and services will take place during the evening. Jeweler Bill Carreras will preside as auctioneer. Among the items available for sale to benefit the Richmond Symphony are a vacation package from The Hotel Jefferson, which includes a weekend stay and Sunday brunch; a day at Legends Salon and Day Spa, a painting by Carol Ann Mease and a jewelry item from Carreras.

Various sponsorship categories are available for Mardi Gras at Westbourne. For an invitation, ticket information or directions, call 740-8930

All contributions will benefit the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.

**Center offers adult day care services**

The Adult Day Service program through Bay Aging is hosting a "caregivers shopping day out" on Saturday, December 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Caregivers for adults or disabled persons age 18 years or older and who would like some stress-free time to do holiday shopping, may use the services of Essex Adult Day Service Center in Tappahannock for \$45 per person.

Bay Aging's Adult Day Service Center provides a variety of ser-

vices, counseling and respite care for impaired adults in a warm, secure environment. The center, at 1415 C Tappahannock Boulevard, is licensed by the Department of Social Services and is an approved Medicaid provider.

In addition to the trained professionals on staff, there will also be a registered nurse at the center to address any special needs or circumstances that may arise during the day. The \$45 fee includes lunch, a snack and various activities; however, transportation is not included.

Reservations are required. Call the Essex center at 445-8711 to register.

**APVA seeks candidates for awards**

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) seeks nominations for its annual historic preservation awards program.

Individuals, private preservation or civic groups, or governmental agencies within the Commonwealth are eligible for nomination.

The awards are sponsored by APVA Preservation Virginia to promote excellence in the stewardship of Virginia's historic resources.

The deadline for nominations is November 29. Up to six awards will be presented during APVA's legislative reception on January 18.

Categories for awards include the Fredrick Doynton Nichols Award, presented for the best domestic architectural restoration project in Virginia.

The Gabriella Page Historic Preservation Awards are presented each year for cumulative outstanding preservation efforts on the part of businesses or civic organizations, individuals, or governmental agencies. Up to four awards will be given.

The Mary Mason Anderson Williams Award is presented for an outstanding preservation effort on the part of a public or private preservation or civic group or individual. This award includes an honorary certificate and a cash grant of \$1,000.

Nominations may either be submitted online at www.apva.org, or by printing out the nomination form and sending it by fax to 775-0802, or by mail to 204 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220. For more information, call 648-1889 ext. 305.

**K&Q museum posts winter hours**

The King and Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum at King and Queen Courthouse recently announced its winter hours.

The museum will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. through December 19.

The museum will close for the balance of December and the month of January. It will reopen on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during February. In March it will return to the usual schedule of every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The museum, a joint enterprise of King and Queen County and the King and Queen County

Historical Society, features an exhibit on the history of the county, developed under the guidance of Dr. James Kelly of the Virginia Historical Society and design of Terry Ammons of StudioAmmons.

The museum, housed in the restored Courthouse Tavern, also presents the tavern as a 1880-1930 building serving persons coming to stay overnight to attend the court business.

A current exhibit features the story of Lynn Perry and his pictures of schooners on the Mattaponi River in the late 1920s.

The museum also recently completed the installation of an 1870-1900 log schoolhouse once located on Eastern View Farm near Owenton.

**State ecologist to meet with native plant chapter**

The Virginia Native Plant Society, Northern Neck Chapter, will meet November 18 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church Hall at 6807 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.

The meeting will commence at noon. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown-bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be furnished by the chapter hospitality committee.

Philip Coulling, natural areas ecologist for the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage program, will speak on "Plant Communities of the Northern Neck."

Coulling has been a vegetation ecologist with the Commonwealth of Virginia for several years. His expertise has brought him to the position of Nature Camp director in Southwest Vir-

ginia, a program which runs under the auspices of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs.

The program brings young people interested in ecological and natural science disciplines to a camp for two weeks each summer, where they study natural history, earth sciences and environmental sciences.

Coulling has been associated with Nature Camp since 1979 when he attended the fourth session. He spent seven years in the program, serving three years as head male counselor and one as assistant director.

He graduated from Williams College with a bachelor's with honors in biology, cum laude in 1990 and is a doctorate candidate in biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Monthly bluegrass concert to feature two favorite bands**

A bluegrass show will be held at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building Saturday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum.

The show will feature Dragon Run Bluegrass Band and Liberty Grass Band with Wayne Willis of Portsmouth.

"Both groups have performed for you before and promise a night for good music and family fun," said show promoter Richard Callis. "Come and support a good cause and have a night of good clean entertainment."

Admission is by donation; concessions will be sold by the

civic league. The civic league building is on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island.

For directions, call Richard or Diane Callis at 725-3495. "If you have a band and would like a place to play, give us a call," said Callis.

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Page Carlson holds a floral design by David Pippin.

## Designer David Pippin meets High Tea and Flowers challenge

High Tea and Flowers presented by the Kilmarnock Garden Club was a great success with over 100 ladies in attendance. David Pippin created 10 floral designs using five containers he provided and five containers the club members provided, of which he had not seen before he arrived on Tuesday morning.

Pippin used a variety of flowers, including king protea, roses, cockscomb, dahlias, orchids, spider mums, and ornamental cabbage in his designs with all the green material provided by the club members. Having a floral designer request to be "surprised" with the types of containers and green floral material to be used in a program is extremely unusual; however, Pippin surpassed expectations.

The attendees were given an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for nine of the floral designs as well as gift certificates from Adams Jewelers, The Northern Nick, The Christmas House and Ashton's of White Stone. The Tides Inn gave two rounds of golf with carts at the Golden Eagle, Peppers gave a necklace, the Dandelion gave a wall plaque and The Christmas House in Kilmarnock gave a hand painted glass Christmas ornament from Austria.

Among door prizes, Carol Hall won a holiday wreath; Page Carlson, Bridgette Sweptson's metal sculpture; Libby Wright, a floral design in a container made by the Kilmarnock Garden Club; and Susan Haugan, a metal garden stake.

The club thanked all merchants who gave raffle prizes and all the attendees who came and supported the club during High Tea and Flowers.

The next meeting of the club will be December 1 at 9:30 a.m. when the members will make the holiday decorations for Rappahannock General Hospital. Members are reminded to bring boxwood, holly, nandina, magnolia, cryptomeria, pine, etc. as well as wire, gloves, and clippers.

The club members are also reminded to bring canned food and toys for the Golden Advantage program. The workshop will be held at the Kilmarnock Baptist Church on Church Street. For more information, call Jane Hughes at 435-2054, or Pat Clawson at 462-0442.



Lt. Col. Kenneth Maney, the youngest marine present at the local party, and Harold Lloyd, the oldest Marine present, enjoy their birthday cake.

## Local Marines celebrate 229th birthday with traditional service

On the eve of the U.S. Marine Corps' 229th birthday, 87 active duty, non-active duty and retired Marines and their guests gathered November 9 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club for a traditional service.

Included was a prayer of remembrance for all who have served in the Marine Corps and a prayer of protection for Marines currently serving in Iraq; the reading of the birthday messages of the 13th Commandant, Gen. John Lejeune, and the present Commandant, Gen. Michael Hagee; and a choral program under the direction of Col. Tris Hyde.

The service included a presentation of colors by a color guard from the Marine Corps League in Callao directed by Sgt. Major Frank Navarro.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Maney addressed the group. He is currently assigned as a career counselor with the manpower branch at Marine Corps Headquarters. He served as the Air Officer with Regimental Combat Team 7 in 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maney spoke of the similarities and differences of the Corps of yesterday and today. He noted that today's all-volunteer force has far less disciplinary problems than when some Marines were drafted. He spoke highly of the dedication and professionalism of today's Marines. He thanked those who were present for laying the groundwork for this result.

The service concluded with the presentation of the birthday cake, prepared again this year by Barbara Shanklin, wife of Don Shanklin. Brig. Gen. Wes Edwards, the senior Marine present, cut the cake. The oldest Marine present, Harold Lloyd, was given the first piece. The second piece went to the youngest Marine present, guest speaker, Lt. Col. Maney.

Preparations are under way for the 230th Corps birthday. Those who served in the Corps or provided direct service to it at anytime, regardless of rank, are welcome to attend the service. Call Don Smith at 435-0693 to be added to the list, or visit donsmith@keyisp.com.

## Health care organizations urge seniors to get pneumonia shot

In response to current efforts to redistribute the influenza vaccine, the Virginia Health Quality Center (VHQC), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Virginia, today recommended that adults should check with their health care providers to see if they need a pneumonia vaccination.

"Pneumococcal disease is a common bacterial infection that can be a complication of influenza, especially in older adults" said Sallie S. Cook, M.D., VHQC chief medical officer. "Medicare claims data suggest more than 30 percent, or approximately 225,000, of Virginians 65 years and older need the pneumococcal vaccine."

Pneumococcal disease kills thousands of people every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly 1,500 Virginia residents died from the disease in 2002. The CDC estimates that as many as 40,000 Americans die from pneumococcal disease each year.

"Plenty of pneumococcal vaccine is available," Dr. Cook said. "Virginia residents should call their health care providers and ask if they need a pneumonia shot."

Unlike the influenza vaccination, Dr. Cook said that most seniors 65 years and older need only one pneumococcal vaccination in their lifetime; a booster shot may be required for those who received their shot before the age of 65.

## Retired military officers install board for 2005

The Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) recently held its annual "dining out" at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

The guest speaker was Capt. John Paul Jones (as portrayed by William Young Jr.). Capt. Jones described the 1779 naval battle between the Bonhomme Richard and the HMS Serapis. His portrayal of Capt. Jones was greeted with great enjoyment.

The chapter also installed its 2005 board of directors.

Retired officers Vice Adm. Dick Allen will serve as president; Cmdr. Howard York, first vice president; Lt. Col. Tony Blackstone, second vice president; Capt. Bob May, third vice president; Capt. Jack Jennings, secretary; Maj. Bill Sigler, treasurer; Col. Tony Wairing, VCOC rep.; Lt. Col. Bill Jewell, past president; and Lt. Col. George Barton, Lt. Gen. Sterling Wright, Maj. Gen. Neil Creighton and Brig. Gen. Wes Edwards, directors.

"With the influenza vaccine redistribution under way, it is even more critical that Virginia residents receive the pneumococcal vaccine," said Dr. Cook. "For seniors, it is especially important to be immunized for these common infectious diseases."

In light of the influenza vaccine redistribution, the VHQC reminds health care providers to offer influenza vaccination only to those deemed high-risk by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The following priority groups for vaccination with inactivated influenza vaccine this season are considered to be of equal importance and include: children aged 6-23 months; adults aged 65 years and older; persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions; all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season; residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities; children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; healthcare workers involved in direct patient care; and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.

The VHQC is under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to work with healthcare providers to promote vaccination against infectious diseases like influenza and pneumococcal disease. Medicare beneficiaries can call 1-800-633-4227 to check if they have had a pneumonia vaccination in the past.

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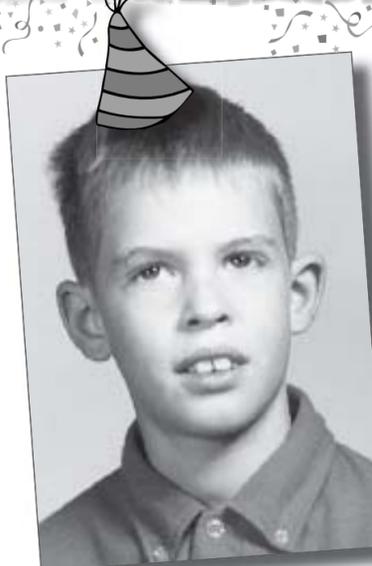
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From left are Natalie Jackson, judge Jane Stouffer, Casey Dixon, Desiree Selph and judge Dorothy Pagano. The poster above Dixon is Daebrielle Pharr's winning entry.

## Lions Peace Poster contest winners announced at LMS

The Lancaster County Lions Club is sponsoring its sixth annual Lions Peace Poster Contest at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

The theme is "Give Peace a Chance." Students ages 11 to 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate and creations are guided by the direction of art teacher Marilyn Sprouse. Students select a medium as outlined in the contest rules to draw, paint or sketch their interpretation of the theme. Some 39 students participated in the event.

Lion Judy Kellum coordinated the event through Lancaster Lions, the Rappahannock Art League and LMS. Rappahannock Art League members Dorothy Pagano and Jane Stouffer judged the competition. They viewed and discussed works based on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, then selected first-, second- and third-place and honorable mention posters.

The first-place winner advances to district level judging, and possibly to multiple district and international competitions. At the international level, a group of judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Winners are sixth-graders Natalie Jackson, first; Desiree Selph, second; Daebrielle Pharr, third; and Casey Dixon, honorable mention. The club will award \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, \$50 for third place and \$25 for honorable mention at a special dinner November 23. The posters are on display at LMS.

## Local Audubon chapter funds publication for area students

The Northern Neck Audubon Society (NNAS) has again underwritten the cost of providing the National Audubon Society newspaper, Audubon Adventures, to school children across the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Four editions will be published during the course of the year, each highlighting various aspects of wildlife, plant life, and land conservation. Edition themes will explore "Sharing the Earth," "Butterflies," "Birds of Prey," and "The Secret World of Plants."

According to NNAS education chairman Jim Groff, 67 teachers in 18 schools representing 97 classrooms will be reached through

Audubon Adventures this year.

"Audubon Adventures is one of our biggest and most important programs, both in the number of people it reaches and in its dollar outlay," said Groff. "We are now in our 9th year of underwriting the scholastic Audubon newspaper and feel it is an excellent way to reach those who will be making decisions in the future while they are still in their formative years."

Participating teachers receive a one-year free membership in the local and national Audubon organizations and a one-year subscription to Audubon magazine.

Students will begin receiving their newspapers this month.

## Students attend summit

Eight Chesapeake Academy students attended a day-long Prejudice Awareness Summit in Richmond November 9. The event was sponsored by Jewish Women International and the Junior League of Richmond.

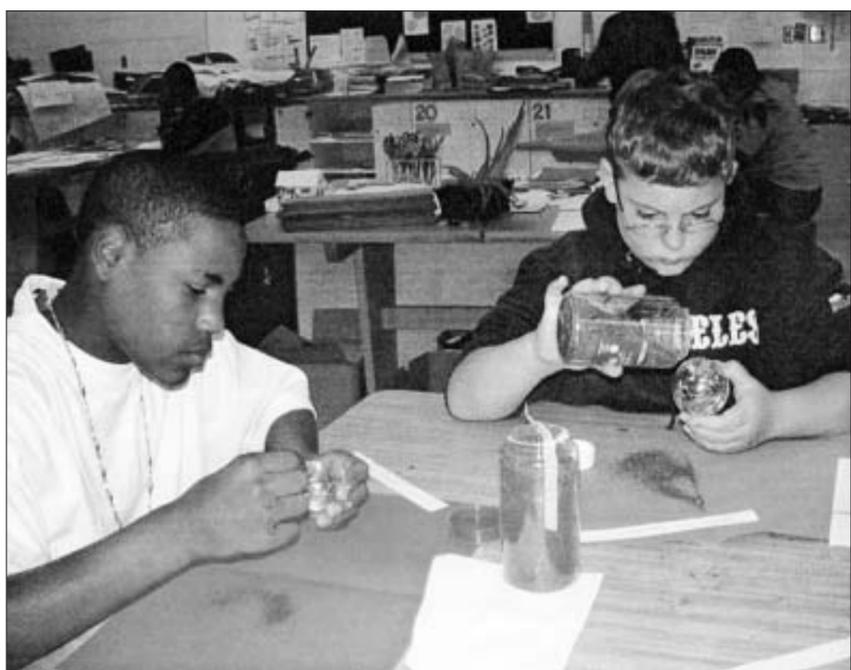
The summit, in its fourth year, took place at the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Its purpose was to help students develop positive skills in dealing with prejudice and its effect on them, their school, and the community.

The program uses exercises and group discussions. The interactive experience involved peers of diverse ethnic, cultural, economic and religious backgrounds. Students from private and public schools participated.

The eight academy students were Maddy Ahlborn, Patrick Best, Tim Johnson, Weston Johnson, John Radcliffe, Patrick Szyperski, Ben Wrightson, and Rachel Wyvill. They returned energized to initiate programs to impart to fellow students what they learned.



**Edwards named**  
Brook Edwards was named in Who's Who Among American High School Students 2003-2004. Edwards is a graduate of Christchurch School and attends Roanoke College. She is the daughter of Bruce and Norma Jean Edwards of White Stone. She is the granddaughter of Charles J. and Delores Kerns of Gloucester and Virginia Lamberth Edwards of White Stone.



Lancaster Middle School seventh-graders Jihad Bullock (left) and Justin Gordon are among local art students whose work may soon be displayed in the community through a new program.

## 'See and Tell' program launched locally

Starting on December 1, children's art from Lancaster primary and middle schools, and from Chesapeake Academy, will be on display at participating local businesses.

Each display will be marked "See and Tell," and will feature a single new piece of art by a local student.

The continuing, county-wide program, has two aims, to brighten the daily lives of shoppers and visitors, with the refreshing, spontaneous visions of young children; and to bring wider recognition and specific encouragement to the many young artists in the community.

The success of the first aim will come when the greatest number of merchants participate.

The second aim will be achieved when viewers write a note to the child about their appreciation of his or her art. Notepaper will be provided in a pocket on each display, where the notes are then placed

for collection.

The art departments of each school have planned a monthly supply of new works. Once a month, the art will be collected and distributed for display at participating merchants. At the same time, volunteers will pick up and return to each school, the prior month's artwork, with accompanying notes.

The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce introduced the "See and Tell" program to its members, and invited merchants to participate. The Rotary Club of the Northern Neck, and other local service organizations are also being briefed on the program. Valuable help with the display mounts has been given by Jeff's Packaging Solutions of Kilmarnock. Will Barrack of Scout Troop 222 has been of great help in the assembly of the display.

"Everyone is born with the gift of creativity, and all parents have some treasured pieces of art from their own children," said Jerry Peill of Morattico. "In Western

society, art creation tends to drop out of most people's lives, as they grow up. It does not have to be this way. Creating art of any kind can enrich your life in much more than a monetary sense, and if Lancaster County communities can make a success of the "See and Tell" program, they will encourage children to nourish the creative gifts that each has."

Peill developed the concept locally. If the program is successful, he intends to introduce it to other counties and states.

Peill said he wants to give special recognition to the art teachers involved, for their unstopable enthusiasm and organizational skills. They are Marilyn Sprouse of Lancaster Middle School, Mary-Grafton Yagel of Lancaster Primary School and Nancy O'Shaughnessy of Chesapeake Academy.

To volunteer with the program, contact Peill at 462-7427 or jerrypeill@rivnet.net.

## GED test scheduled Dec. 3-4

The next General Educational Development Test is December 3 and 4 at the Northern Neck Regional Vocational Center in Warsaw. The registration deadline is November 24.

Examinees who are taking the entire battery must plan to report to the center by 5:30 p.m. on December 3 and return by 9 a.m. on December 4.

Candidates may register at their local school board office.

At the time of registration, they must provide two forms of identification including a government issued photo identification. All 'first time' candidates must complete an application and a questionnaire. Brief videotapes on calculator use and recording answers to questions on the mathematics test are available for viewing.

The fee for the complete test battery is \$43.50. The retesting fee is \$7 per test. Candidates

with documented educational, physical or emotional difficulties must request special accommodations in advance to test dates.

The Essex GED Center will confirm registration by telephone prior to the test dates. For further information, candidates may contact chief examiner Bonita Smith at 443-2151, or alternate examiner Kimberly Hodges at 443-4366.



## NES picks kind students

Northumberland Elementary School "Students of the Month" for October were chosen by teachers for displaying the characteristic of kindness. In addition to receiving a special letter and certificate, they enjoyed a pizza party in their honor. From left are (front row) Kaitlyn Rochelle, Adriana Rivera, Brenda Santamaria, Andrea Davis, RaShauna Carter, Trevor Deihl, DaShaun Murphy, Tevin Pollard; (next row) Mi'Lecia Mitchell, Travis Dawson, Collin Hamblin, Tatyanna Mitchell, Erykah Adams, Afinati Taylor, Denzel Mitchell, Jordan Wilmer; (next row) Ta'Reem Smith, Ty'Ron Conaway-Holmes, Emerald Thomas, Micaela Wilson, Jervall Kelly, Katie Crowther, Taylor Davis, Destiny Basey; (back row) Taylor Dawson, Mary Katherine Ellis, Patrick McKenny, Jada Noel, TaQuan Lampkin, Hannah Walker, Korty Swift, Dylan Conley.

## Music competition is open to local students

The Richmond Symphony Orchestra League recently announced its 35th annual Student Concerto Competition.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 8 at the Modlin Center for the Arts at the University of Richmond.

The competition is open to Virginia residents in elementary through high school grades who play the following instruments: piano, violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba or harp.

The solo competition is a means of recognizing and encouraging talented young Virginia musicians. There will be a piano division and an instrumental division.

Winners will be chosen in each category. First-place piano winner will be awarded \$100 and an opportunity to perform at a Champagne and Chocolates event on January 23.

First-place winners in the instrumental categories will also receive \$100 and a performance with the symphony. Second-place winners will receive \$50 each and a performance opportunity.

For an application form, contact Shelby Murphy at the Richmond

Symphony Office at 788-4717, or smurphy@richmondsymphony.com; or Eleanor Neal at mailto:eleanorneal65@aol.com.

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## School Menu

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menus in Lancaster County. Choose one entree for breakfast, one entree and two sides for lunch. Peanut butter and jelly or yogurt can be substituted for an entree only. Chilled milk is served with each meal.

**Monday, November 22:**  
Sausage & Pancake w/syrup or Cereal & Toast, Orange juice.  
Hot dog on bun or Fish sticks  
Baked beans  
Pear Halves

**Tuesday, November 23:**  
French toast w/syrup or Cereal & Toast, Grape juice  
Chicken nuggets or Chicken patty on bun

Mashed potatoes  
Peach cup

**Wednesday, November 24:**  
Chicken biscuit or Cereal & Toast  
Apple juice

Pepperoni/pizza or Cheese pizza  
Green beans

Spiced applesauce

**November 25-26:**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

# Catherine Courtney to retire from RCC nursing program

After over 30 years of teaching at Rappahannock Community College, the founder and mainstay of the Warsaw Campus registered nursing program, Catherine Mooklar Courtney, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N. will retire.

Courtney and her husband, Lewis, live in Callao.

She will be honored at a reception jointly sponsored by Rappahannock General Hospital, Riverside Tappahannock Hospital, and the RCC Educational Foundation at the Chinn Center in Warsaw from 2 to 5 p.m. on December 5.

Courtney earned a registered nursing degree from the Johnston Willis Hospital School of Nursing. She became an instructor there in 1967, the same year she graduated, and later at Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. After earning a bachelor's and master's in nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University, she created and coordinated RCC's cooperative associate degree nursing program, and has been its sole full-time instructor from its inception in 1974.

For a few more years, she plans to continue teaching nursing at RCC as an adjunct instructor, she said.

Among Courtney's special projects have been raising enough money to allow her students to attend state and national nursing association conventions, and providing many extra-curricular nursing experiences, including a March 2002 trip to Lee County to work with the Appalachian Service Project.

She is a member of the American Nurses' Association, the Virginia Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau and the Virginia Council of Associate Degree Nursing Educators. In 1993, she traveled to China to participate in the



Catherine M. Courtney

Shenyang China International Symposium on Adult Education.

Some of Courtney's honors have been her inclusion in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, and, in 1999, her selection as one of 99 nurses throughout the state to receive the Virginia Nursing Association Award for outstanding service to health care in the community.

In 2000, when she received the Johnston Willis Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association's annual Life Membership Award, Beverly Hudgins, R.N., said, "To receive this award the person must... be a positive force in the association. [Catherine Courtney] has taken the Johnston Willis spirit and shared it with many students. ... Our community is fortunate to have so dedicated an educator."

In March 2002, Courtney was named for recognition by Gamma Lambda Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. In May 2002, she was chosen by a vote of her peers for the honor of bearing the college mace in the RCC commencement procession.

Thirty years ago there was only

one hospital, and few health services, in the RCC service area. Now, three hospitals and numerous nursing homes and doctors' offices meet the health-care needs of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. This extraordinary growth can be attributed in large part to the hundreds of confident and well-qualified graduates, now experienced nurses, who gained their degrees through Courtney's program at RCC. Courtney's graduates consistently achieve excellent pass rates on the state examination, and enjoy a good reputation in their field after qualifying.

The December 5 reception will be open to the public. Graduates of the RCC nursing program especially are invited. All of the graduates are encouraged to bring pictures of themselves, which will be included in a scrapbook outlining Courtney's tremendous contributions to the field of nursing. For more information, call Elsie Mangano at 394-3026, or email emangano@rcc.vccs.edu.



## Cornwell inducted

Junior Julian Cornwell was inducted into the Christchurch Chapter of National Honor Society in a St. Peter's Chapel ceremony at the school last week. Students are chosen for induction based on their scholarship, honor and community service by a committee of faculty and peers. Cornwell plays soccer, golf, baseball and has been in productions of "Godspell" and "South Pacific." He is the son of Allen and Sally Cornwell of White Stone,



## Visiting Christchurch School

The Chesapeake Academy Class of 2005 (above) visited Christchurch School last week as part of its introduction to high school life and the independent school admissions process.

## Area students named to National Dean's List

The National Dean's List recently published its 27th annual edition; it covers the 2003-04 academic year.

Students are selected for the list by college deans, registrars and honor society advisors. They must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's Dean's List or have earned a comparable honor.

Northern Neck students named to the list include:

Kathryn English and Shani E. Mason of Farnham, Sanita L. Cox and Rose M. Jones of Hague, Carly Breeze Smith and Andrew Kroll of Heathsville, Ann G. Breeden of

Irvington, Tyrell A. Nickens and James E. Tadlock of Kilmarnock, Roderick O. Bates Jr. of Lancaster, Bryan Hughes of Lively, Arthur E. Carver IV of Lottsburg and Sarah Evans of Reedville.

Also named are the following students from Warsaw: Carol E. Balderson, Jessica Croxton, Jonathan H. Smith and Lynnee A. Squires.

Weems students named are Whitney Dawson, Lee D. Rocha and Brian J. Webb.

White Stone students on the list are Jessie Rose, Anne Sanders, Joel T. Stevens and Resi Williams.

## National directory lists local high school students

The 38th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students 2003-04* has been published.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon their academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

Locally, they are Tykia M. Thomas of Edwardsville, Amy L. Cole, Nicolette A. Nelson and Kyle E. King of Farnham, Oprentiss B. Ball, Eboni Scott and Sarah E. Daiger of Hague, Veronica H. Brennan, Merle H. Groves, Jessica Dull and Roslyn S. Haynie of Heathsville, Rachael A. Hardesty and Tracie Hundley of Irvington.

Kilmarnock students include Ayneka Ball, Elizabeth A. Bedell, Julia Bradley, Jamilya C. Cox, Carolynn E. Eder, Brandon E. Lake, Jessica R. Reed, Jordan Rice, Kayana Roane, Enika Saunders, Lashawna R. Tomlin and Elizabeth Wilkins.

Lancaster students included Arthur C. Allen, Maria Bessler,

Courtney R. Carter, Kato L. Carter, Reisha R. Carter, Ashley Gibson, David Hudnall, Erin Kellum, Leif A. Mieras, Daniel J. Revere, Ashland A. Stein, Tykeisha Taylor and Nicole Turner.

Also named from Lively were Sirena Veney, of Lottsburg, Shannon J. Lewis, of Mollusk, Tasha N. Foster and of Reedville, Virginia M. Gordon and Erin Lewis.

Warsaw students include James C. Balderson, Jessica A. Hatcher, Sara Johnson, Ashley M. Langford, Blake D. Motley, Cole A. Nash, Kyle R. Oard, Jennie T. Packett, Jared S. Petrie, Laura B. Pierson, Michelle M. Settle, Sara Ann Simpson, Mary E. Skelton, Chauntay C. Smith, Mallory L. Trower, Tena A. Veney and Tierra L. Veney.

Also listed are Christopher W. Clayton, Lauren Haydon, Hillary Holt and Brittany Kellum of Weems.

White Stone students include Jaimie Ashburn, Nicole R. Broughton, Kia M. Chewning, Tiffany L. Eanes and Elizabeth Jackson.

## Alumni groups tour the Kauffman Center

A large group of local William & Mary and VMI alumni recently gathered at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Kauffman Aquaculture Center in Topping for an afternoon of oysters, barbeque and conviviality.

Although short of operational, the Kauffman Center has most of its equipment in place enabling visitors to envision the future layout of the research center. Guided by VIMS staffers, tours of the facility were available to the alumni to give them a better understanding of how this high tech center will help to save the

oysters in the bay. Once the center starts its operation, no visitors will be allowed in the facility, as conditions have to be as free from contamination as possible. This means that researchers will be required to shower and properly suit up before entering certain areas.

Lower Northern Neck W&M alumni will hold a holiday party on December 2. Call Nancy Kiser at 580-8800 for more information. Rappahannock Alumni Chapter members may call president Danny Kiser at the same number.

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**Speaking on conservation**

Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr. spoke last Thursday to the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club regarding land conservation measures. Among other items, he noted that the donation of a conservation easement can help preserve family lands even after death or transfer; over a five-year period reduce one's federal tax burden greatly as a charitable contribution; "devalue estate" for estate planning purposes; and help families "gift land" to the next generation. From left are club president Harry Saddler and Del. Pollard.

**Museum and NOAA to break ground on USS Monitor Center**

The Mariners' Museum and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), recently broke ground at the Newport News-based museum on the USS Monitor Center, a \$30 million state-of-the-art exhibition and conservation facility focused on the Civil War ironclad. "The groundbreaking of the USS Monitor Center marks the day this 63,500-square-foot addition begins to unfold into a reality," said the Mariners' Museum president and chief executive officer, John B. Hightower.

The USS Monitor Center will be a national authority and repository for the recovered artifacts, and for other materials, research and programming related to the history of the famous USS Monitor that revolutionized naval warfare. The center will be comprised of a major exhibition, a state-of-the-art conservation facility and a research center. The story of the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia, which the Monitor engaged in an epic battle off Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862, will play a major role in the center. "When completed, the USS Monitor Center will be an exciting and informative destination that will bring the story of this Civil War icon to life, while honoring the memory and dedicated service of the Monitor's officer and crew," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "NOAA is proud to join with The Mariners' Museum in breaking ground on the USS Monitor Center."

"The USS Monitor Center exemplifies the goals that are the foundation of the Bush Administration's Preserve America initiative," said John L. Nau III, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which helps administer the Preserve America effort. "These goals include establishing successful public-private partnerships, greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, and support for the economic vitality of communities."

"The Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum with NOAA's involvement is a project combining the talents and strengths of a public/private partnership that provides a model for preserving history throughout the country," said Hightower. "Mr. Nau's participation in today's ceremony focuses a national light on a project that illuminates one of the seminal moments in American history."

In 1987, NOAA designated The Mariners' Museum as the repository for artifacts and archives from the USS Monitor. Since then The Mariners' Museum has received more than 1,100 artifacts from the Monitor, including the steam engine, propeller and revolving gun turret.

The Mariners' Museum is conducting a \$30 million capital cam-

paign for the USS Monitor Center. NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program, which manages Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, has provided \$9.5 million in federal funds contributing toward the \$20 million that will be raised from public sources. The Mariners' Museum is conducting a \$10 million private-sector campaign raising funds from corporations, foundations and individuals across the nation. The USS Monitor Center will open on March 9, 2007.

**VHQC supports mammograms**

Elizabeth Edwards, the wife of recent Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer, it was announced November 4. Local health care experts say this underscores the importance of women receiving an annual mammogram.

Joy Hogan Rozman, president of the Virginia Health Quality Center (VHQC), said national guidelines continue to recommend that women over age 40 receive annual mammograms.

"Finding the disease early with a mammogram can save one's life," said Rozman. "Early detection is the best way to beat breast cancer."

About 80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over age 50. In Virginia, two out of three women who die from breast cancer are over age 65. Despite the statistics, only 59.2 percent of Virginia Medicare eligible women are receiving regular mammograms according to statistics released recently by the VHQC. This translates to 38,980 women, or 40.8 percent of eligible women in Virginia, not receiving the recommended exam.

A screening mammogram is a safe, low-dose X-ray of a woman's breast used to detect breast cancer in its early stages. A mammogram can detect breast cancer that is too small to be felt through a self-exam. The National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other organizations continue to urge women to use this important early detection test.

Women over 40 who receive Medicare Part B benefits can receive a screening mammogram every 12 months with Medicare paying 80 percent of the cost. The remaining 20 percent is usually between \$15 and \$25 and is often covered by Medicare supplemental insurance policies and Medicaid programs.

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## ▼ Stephens . . .

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Stephens' hand was unleashed. Turning to his background in acting, he created a play called "My Sweet One," a comedy about a New York couple engaged in a messy divorce whose attorneys quarrel more than the couple.

Through dialog and scene setting, Stephens found his artistic brush. In his art, Stephens said the first thing he paints after the skin tone are the eyes because the eyes give his sculptures life.

Similarly, in his writing, once the characters acquire a voice they take on a life of their own.

Stephens has written six more plays and ten novels in the past four years — a feat of a lifetime for some authors.

"I have to be busy. I can't just sit and watch TV," he said. "I guess I took to heart that saying: 'Idle hands are the Devil's tools.'"

The advantage of being an artist is that your house is full of original art. Everywhere in Stephens' home there are stars — on the chair rail, the chandelier, the corners of his fireplace, the edges of his picture frames and the front porch.

The perfectly balanced geometry of the five-pointed star appeals to him, and he incorporates stars in every piece of art he creates.

In his writing, identifying a theme is not so simple. Storylines range from a conspiracy theory to the metaphysical. Humor is woven through all of Stephens' work.

Among the plays he has scripted is "The King's Horses, The King's Men," a comedy about the role reversals that take place between a Chicago couple and their small son through his growth to manhood.

The play was a semi-finalist in the Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights at The Barter Theater in Abington. It also won honorable mention in the 10th Annual Writer's Network Screenwriter's & Fiction competition in Los Angeles.

Two of his plays also earned an honorable mention that year: "The Skinner Box," about a domineering mother who pushes all the right buttons to control her daughter; and "Greyhound Cafe," in which a small, out-of-the-way bus station becomes the setting for five travelers who must confess all to gain passage to their final destination.

Thea Marshall's Readers' Theater performed a private reading of "Greyhound Cafe" last spring. It was the first time Stephens' had heard one of his plays spoken through another voice.

"I guess (Thea) saw something in that play that spoke to her, like Candy saw something in 'That Winslow Woman,'" Stephens said.

"The Cooley Girls," a story of three sisters separated as youngsters who are reunited after 40 years, made it to the semi-finals of that same competition the following year.

Two of his novels made the quarter-finals of the same competition: *Birds of Prey*, about a detective who tracks down a Marine serial killer only to have the Pentagon silence him to protect its own reputation; and *The Eight*, a small town story of how blackmail and murder threaten to unseat the eight reigning families.

Stephens is an avid practitioner of a fourth art—networking. He never misses an opportunity to make a new connection in the world of art, theater and literature. He owes many of his greatest achievements to a delicate combination of networking, guts and persistence.

He recently scripted a screenplay called "A Child Named Lazarus," about a cub reporter in Louisiana assigned to follow-up on the story of a girl who drowns. The town is divided as some folks begin insisting that they hear the dead girl's voice. The reporter is a non-believer until he hears the voice himself.

Stephens said this work is reminiscent of the 1985 Ron Howard hit "Cocoon."

Using his network of well-connected friends, Stephens tracked down Howard's addresses in New York and California and mailed off the first few chapters of his script. When the script was returned unopened from one address, he sent it back to another and then another.

"I just keep shipping my plays off," Stephens said, hoping that some day soon, somebody will bite and publish one of his works.

This type of tenacity has paid off for him in the past, and the spotlight is sure to shine on this man who sees stars in everything he does.

Tickets are still available for the Saturday night performance of "That Winslow Woman." For reservations, call 435-2400.



### Kiwanis Club makes donations

The Northern Neck Kiwanis Club recently distributed funds to various organizations. From left are Jayne McQuade of the Northumberland Public Library, club president Jim Godwin, Samantha Watson of the YMCA, Susan Keyser of the Girl Scouts and Chiquita Kennedy of the library. This was the final distribution of the funds raised by the club during the previous year for community youth-oriented organizations and scholarships. Over the past five years the club has raised some \$95,000 for such purposes.

## This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

### When you can't walk, you can still fly

A few years ago, my husband and I had a wonderful vacation in northern Michigan. Our daughter had just graduated from high school, and we drove her to Interlochen Music Camp.

While there, we decided to explore the area. One highlight of that trip was a hang-gliding exhibition on the shores of Lake Michigan.

We watched pilots launch their gliders from a cliff, one after the other. They jumped into space, soared like eagles and then glided to the sandy beach below.

Memories of that experience came back recently when I was looking through a beautiful book of aerial photography by Carl Hiebert.

He made aviation history when he flew a successful 58-day flight across Canada in an open cockpit ultra-light plane, a journey of 5,000 miles.

His plane had a 47-horsepower modified snowmobile engine. The engine was so small that if there was a strong head wind the plane actually flew backwards. The press dubbed Hiebert's plane a "motorized lawn chair."

Also a photographer, Hiebert took 14,000 pictures from the air and later edited them down to the 141 breathtaking pictures in his book, *A Gift of Wings: An Aerial Celebration of Canada*.

Hiebert won many prestigious awards for his book, including the Vanier Award, the King Clancy Award, the Honorary Guild Shield and the Paul Tesandier Award.

But, more important than the public success of this book, was the personal triumph it represented.

Hiebert's only dream as a boy was to fly.

"I'd crawl onto the roof of the house or the silo by the barn. It wasn't the need to climb so much as it was the fascination of seeing things from above," Hiebert remembers.

As an adult, he learned to sky-dive and hang-glide, practicing until he fulfilled his dream of soaring above the earth like an eagle.

Then in 1981, he was given the chance to test the wind in a hang-gliding exhibition. It was a great moment. But just as he launched, a strong gust of wind came up. Instead of flying, Hiebert fell.

He had no feeling in his legs and his first thought was, "I've broken my back. I'm going to spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair. I don't think I can handle this. I don't want to live."

But his next thought was, "I still have my mind. I need to see this as a challenge. The issue here is not my broken back, it's my attitude. How I handle this is up to me."

Eleven years later, Hiebert began his historic flight across Canada, which led to the publication of *A Gift of Wings*.

Although Hiebert lives with constant pain, he is an inspiration to everyone he meets. He travels internationally, speaking about human potential.

"Life is not fair," says Hiebert. "Whether we rise to the challenge of adversity or are devastated by it is largely a matter of choice. Ultimately, we are responsible for that choice."

So when you feel sorry for yourself because of your particular handicaps - whatever they may be - remember this amazing man and his wisdom.

Hiebert inspires each of us to remember that even when you can't "walk," you can still "fly."

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### ▼ School board . . . (continued from page A1)

nock, ending at Lancaster Middle School. The letter will be submitted to Lancaster County for inclusion in the county's \$600,000 grant application for federal funding to undertake the project.

"I would certainly like to make the motion to get this thing going," said McCann. "It's way overdue."

In other action, the board formally endorsed the development of a regional board of control for adult education in the Northern Neck. Latimore noted that adult education will become a contracted service in 2005.

Assistant superintendent Valorie Hostinsky informed the board that school administrators have appealed a Virginia Board of

Education determination that the middle school missed full state accreditation by 2 percent with a pass rate of 68 percent in English standards of learning testing.

She said the basis for the appeal is the exclusion of fifth-grade test results, which she said would increase the middle school overall pass rate to 77 percent.

Hostinsky also reminded the board that the state code requires school divisions to biannually form a committee to develop a six-year instructional improvement plan. She said community involvement is solicited as part of the committee process and encouraged board members to recommend candidates from their districts for appointment in January.

## Answers on Aging

**My sister and I agree that our elderly mother has reached the point where she needs to reside in a nursing home. She does not want to leave her home nor does she feel that it is a problem. My mom cannot continue to live in her home as she goes from being very alert one minute to dangerously confused the next.**

**We are looking for a compassionate method of helping her make a move to a nursing facility where she can be safe and well cared for. Any suggestions that you have would be greatly appreciated.**

Although it is difficult to "convince" someone that moving to a health care facility is best, you and your family can make a loving impression on your mother, that you only want the best for her, that you are willing to listen, and that you do understand her feelings. Try to be consistent by repeatedly telling her that you only have her best interests at heart and then attempt to move the conversation on to something positive.

To help influence your mother's understanding, you might

also try enlisting the support of other important figures in her life—such as a clergy person or a physician who is not a member of the family.

The more your mother can be involved in the selection process, the better. If she is able to visit different places with you, this will also help her feel that the decision is being made, in part, by her and not being forced. If she is unable to visit with you, ask her what she feels are the most important amenities and qualities in a home, whether that be privacy, good food, a place to sit outdoors or being able to have her own furniture.

You might consider hiring a care manager that can help create and implement long-term care plans. Also, a care manager can assess your loved one's needs and he or she will be more likely to "tell it like it is" —without some of the hesitance or bias that we as family members bring to conversations with those we care about so deeply.

To obtain a list of care managers, nursing homes and fact sheets on eldercare decisions, visit [www.seniornavigator.com](http://www.seniornavigator.com).

# Rural vote proved to be swing vote in election

Strong support from rural Virginians made a significant difference in the recent presidential election. It also showed the importance of the farm vote in the upcoming race for governor in 2005, according to Bruce L. Hiatt, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

"Farm Bureau is a non-partisan political organization. We encourage our members to vote in every election to assure elected officials recognize the economic contribution of agriculture," Hiatt said. "Election results consistently show that political leaders would do well to consider the rural vote."

Recent elections have demonstrated the power of the swing vote in rural Virginia, according to Dr. Robert Holsworth, director of the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"It shows the difficulty the Democrats have of winning when they're not competitive at all in rural Virginia. You saw margins in some heavily urbanized counties countered easily by voting in areas like Rockingham County," Holsworth said.

"If the Democrats don't pay attention to the rural vote, if they just run an urban and suburban

strategy, they can't win," said Holsworth. "They have to remain competitive in rural areas."

He also noted that when Gov. Mark Warner won election in 2001, it was the first time a Democrat had campaigned strongly in rural areas in years.

In the recent presidential race, rural voters strongly backed President George W. Bush. According to the Associated Press, Bush received 63 percent of the vote in the Sixth Congressional District, which stretches from the Shenandoah Valley to Roanoke. Bush received 59 percent of the vote in Southwest Virginia, long considered a Democrat stronghold.

## John Randall Quinley elected Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Virginia on Saturday, November 6, during its 226th Annual Communication, elected John Randall Quinley of Madison as its 160th Grand Master for 2004-05.

Quinley served as the Division Virginia State Police Commander in Division II in Culpeper. He retired from that position in December 2002.

His Masonic history began on October 18, 1973. He is an active member of Linn Banks Lodge No. 126. His Masonic services since that day have been extensive, as have been his community services.

His emphasis will be "Living Freemasonry Daily."



John Randall Quinley

## A Doctor Speaks

by George Moore, MD

### Vioxx alternatives discussed

Merck and Company's decision to pull the pain reliever Vioxx off the market has millions of patients looking for new treatments and the choice is not simple. Vioxx or rofecoxib was a selective COX-2 inhibitor, a new class of drugs that was intended to be less likely to cause peptic ulcers and gastrointestinal bleeding than older anti-inflammatory drugs.

For patients who took Vioxx for more than 18 months, Merck found a marked increase in heart attack and stroke. This finding came rather suddenly on September 30. Your doctor is the best person to advise you about what pain medications are best for you. He knows you best and this article is not intended to advise him on any other particular choice of drug. I have been watching the national scene to see what was happening and there are now a few items to report that may be of general interest.

There are two other COX-2 inhibitors on the market: Celebrex or celecoxib, and Bextra or valdecoxib. Both are made by Pfizer and have been available for a shorter time than Vioxx. The company states that, so far, these drugs have not shown increased cardiovascular risk. Time will tell, but if there should be a problem in the future, you will know. The increased risk of heart attack and stroke should disappear once one stops taking any of these drugs, including Vioxx.

Keep in mind that finding the right nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) varies greatly from person to person. One needs at least two weeks of therapy to evaluate its effectiveness. Long-term side effects may include stomach irrita-

tion, bleeding and ulceration. Some degree of gastrointestinal bleeding occurs in more than half the people taking NSAIDs. Bleeding results in darkened or tarry stools.

Certain groups of people are at higher risk. These include those over 65, those taking corticosteroids or Coumadin, and those with a history of stomach ulcers. Choosing NSAIDs such as aspirin, salicylate, low-dose naproxen or enteric-coated tablets can minimize the risk of side effects. Osteoarthritis pain is treatable with acetaminophen, which has few side effects than NSAIDs. The maximum daily dosage is 4,000 mg. It is not the best drug, though, for those with liver disease or who drink large amounts of alcohol.

COX-2 inhibitors are expensive. The average wholesale price to pharmacists for 100 tablets or capsules for Celebrex and Bextra is over \$276. Ibuprofen and naproxen average less than \$75 per 100 and aspirin, \$2 per 100. Many people prefer ibuprofen or naproxen to Celebrex and Bextra. Also available over the counter are Motrin and Advil as ibuprofen, and Aleve as naproxen. One can also buy generic brands, which are less expensive and just as effective. Merck states that it will reimburse patients for all unused Vioxx pills. Call 888-368-4699 or visit [www.vioxx.com](http://www.vioxx.com).

Watch for new products. There will be a stomach-friendly aspirin on the market soon. Remember that aspirin helps protect against colon cancer, but don't take aspirin with ibuprofen. They tend to cancel each other out. Ibuprofen may lessen the chance of Alzheimer's disease. Several companies are working on a new class of painkillers that are very much in need.

### ▼ Northumberland supervisors . . . (continued from page A1)

20 minutes, violating the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act.

"The affairs of the government are not intended to be conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy," the act states, adding that public officials should, "afford every opportunity to citizens to witness the operations of government."

When the deliberations were complete, the board had agreed to add a condition to the proposal providing that all parking for the bed and breakfast would be on the street and that Lemmon would still maintain the shared driveway.

The board approved the permit by a 4-1 vote, with Jim Long voting nay.

Saxer later asked the supervisors to please speak up and to invest in proper microphone equipment. It was the fourth time since the board changed its evening meeting location that citizens have asked board members to speak up and address the public rather than deliberate quietly among themselves.

### Land use issues

The board also approved, 5-0, a special exceptions permit for Luther and Margaret Welch to establish an agricultural museum on their property along Route 360 near Burgess.

Two rezonings passed, 3-2, with Long and Russell objecting. The board agreed to rezone Dan Badenoch's property near Burgess from residential to business and John Cornwall's property containing the Lottsborg post office from agriculture to business.

Both rezoning proposals met objections from members of the public who are concerned that the county needs to revamp its comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance prior to granting any more

zoning changes.

Self came prepared with statistics showing that the county has only dealt with one rezoning every year for the last five years. So far this year there have been three rezonings in two months; another request is before the planning commission. Self said the county has only rezoned a handful of properties in the last five years.

Saxer noted Self's statistics confirm that the number of requests has increased by 300 percent this year alone.

### Schools

On a motion by Self, the board directed county administrator Kenny Eades to look into financing options for replacing or renovating the middle school. The board will meet with architects again in January to further discuss the plans and determine whether to build new or to remodel based on what type of funding is available.

The schools have enrolled 45 more students than projected this year, said superintendent Clint Stables. Since state funding is based on enrollment, the school board typically makes conservative projections during budget time. The added enrollment will bring in enough extra money to pay for an additional kindergarten classroom that was added at the beginning of the year.

Stables provided the board with enrollment projections through 2015 that show little or no growth in the student population.

"While the county is growing, the majority of people moving here do not have school-aged children," Stables said.

### Roads

The board of supervisors approved, 5-0, the Virginia Department of Transportation's

six-year plan. Several members of the public commented on plans for Mob Neck Road, stressing the importance of safety along certain stretches. Lee Allain questioned why Coan Harbor Estates is on VDOT's wish list of roads to repair.

The board also designated Salem Road as a "rural rustic" road. Should that road be paved, VDOT will do so with little disturbance to the road's current layout and border vegetation.

Self said he is making progress with a "Welcome to Northumberland" sign program. Two of the three locations have been chosen and VDOT officials will inspect the sites soon. Self said he hopes to have the signs in place by spring.

### Appraisals

Some 27 percent of the field-work has been completed in the current reassessment of real property countywide for tax purposes.

A six-person field staff started at the north end of the county and has been working its way down the peninsula. Field appraisers are focusing on waterfront property, taking into consideration everything from piers and decks to water depth and shoreline improvements. At this point, data entry is falling behind field research.

The top problem the appraisal staff has encountered is missing 911 street address numbers.

The board reminded the public that it is a misdemeanor not to display 911 street address numbers prominently on every property. The numbers are free through the county. Citations will be handed out in the future for any missing 911 signs that cause the appraisers difficulty, said Long.

## Town approves final Main Street plan

by Robb Hoff

**KILMARNOCK**—On Monday, the Kilmarnock town council unanimously (6-0) approved the 100-percent complete construction documents for the town's \$3-million Main Street project.

Improvements are slated for Main Street from the Bank of Lancaster near Irvington Road to Cralle Court. The vote finalizes a process that has been 10 years in the works.

"It's something that's been going on for a long, long time and 2005 is going to be a good year for our community," said Mayor Mike Robertson.

Town manager Lee Capps further commented on the significance of the decision.

"This is an exciting and maybe historic vote you just did," said Capps.

The plans are subject to final approval by the Virginia Department of Transportation before the construction planned in March can begin.

Council also authorized Capps to execute a letter of authorization with Dominion Virginia Power that estimates a \$300,000 cost for much of the utility pole relocation off Main Street, which could total \$650,000 overall including cable television, phone utilities and underground placement of

some sections of utilities.

In addition to the \$2.6-million estimated in construction costs, including utility relocation, another \$224,624 is projected for preliminary engineering and \$149,000 for right-of-way acquisition.

The town has submitted a \$1.4-million grant application for federal TEA-21 grant funding for the project. Awards for federal funding will be known in March. The town has already been approved for \$800,000 in TEA-21 funding, which is administered through VDOT by the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The town has spent \$159,755 in TEA-21 funds and has the remainder available. The town has provided \$39,939 in local funds required to match the federal funding and has \$120,461 in local matching funds remaining.

In addition to a projected town match for the TEA-21 funding, another \$400,000 in town funds is expected to be spent for roadwork as part of VDOT's revenue

sharing program.

Total local funding for the project will depend on the federal grant award in March and actual construction costs.

### Revenue stream

Vice-mayor and administrative/finance committee co-chair Dr. Curtis Smith conveyed the committee's conclusion that the town should review its rates for town services and permit fees.

"We just think we should have the revenue stream stronger than it is right now," said Smith.

He noted the fee schedule has not been updated in 10 years and water and sewer rates have remained unchanged for several years.

Town attorney P. Christian Stamm Jr. said the town subsidizes the water and sewer services because the rates collected do not offset the expenses for the infrastructure and operation.

"Sewer and water, it's time for it to stand on its own," said Stamm.

Smith noted that town's rates for its meals tax and cigarette tax

would also be reviewed. However, Smith said real estate and personal property taxes would not be reviewed.

"Everything else is on the table," said Smith.

Robertson said the committee should make its recommendations for increases at the January council meeting.

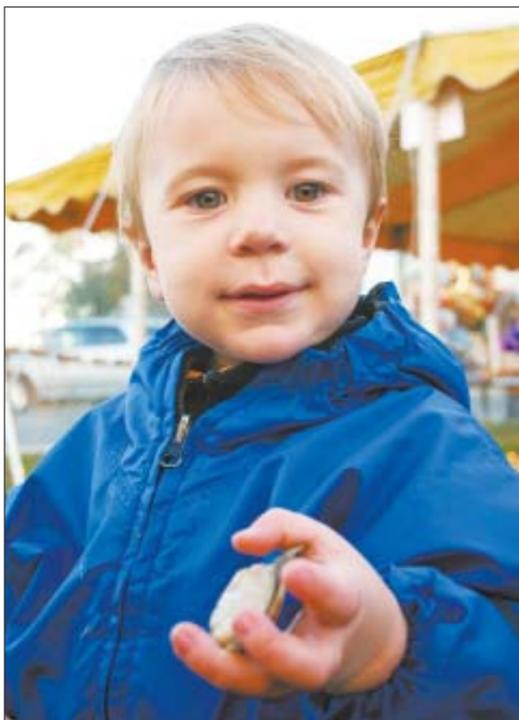
### Fines

Council authorized Stamm to draft ordinance amendments related to the fines assessed for littering, parking in handicap spots, and fire lane parking.

A new proposal would increase the handicap parking violation from \$25 to \$250. The fine for fire lane parking would increase from \$10 to \$100. Littering would change from a state code violation to a \$100 ticket issued and collected by the town.

"The Town of Kilmarnock needs to set its own rules and regulations, and we need to adhere to those," said Robertson.

The draft ordinance will be held for public hearing when completed.



### Never too young for oysters

Davis Biddlecomb, 3, of Reedville wasn't afraid to eat a few oysters at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum roast last Saturday. More than 100 people braved the cold to attend the annual event. For the first time in years, there were leftover oysters for sale. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

### ▼ Resort . . . .

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ened for easier access to the marina by boats drawing six feet. The marina project is under the direction of Portsmouth-based Hodges & Hodges Enterprises.

The reopening phase includes the 100-seat Aqua Restaurant in the second floor of the Westland Building, designed by Irvington architect Randall Kipp and under construction by Connamera Corp. of White Stone.

The restaurant will offer bay vistas from three sides and cuisine from chef Jeff Johnson. Additionally, the resort plans to open a 75-seat outside eatery, the Harborside Bar & Grille, adjacent to the Westland Building.

The ground floor of the Westland Building will house a conference center and banquet room for groups of up to 150.

The \$1.5-million renovation of the existing two lodge buildings is complete. The 52-room inn offers 28 rooms with bayside views and 12 deluxe rooms within steps of the Rappahannock River.

"We're calling ourselves the 'Gateway to the Bay' so we really want to make it special," said Brent. "We want everybody in the area to be proud of it."

The \$17.2-million investment to complete the reopening phase is projected to create up to 100 new jobs with a \$2.4-million payroll and generate \$4 million in resort operation revenues the first year.

"This has to be the biggest positive hit this economy has seen in 40 years," said resort general manager Chris Fulvio.

The public reopening is planned for mid-April. The long-range plans for the resort include a new four-story hotel to replace existing guest facilities and 19 condominium buildings up to five-stories in height, approved by Lancaster County in 2003.

### Record to have early deadlines

The Rappahannock Record will observe early deadlines this week. Because post offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, the Record will appear on Wednesday, November 24.

Most articles, photos and advertisements are due by 4 p.m. Friday, November 19. The final deadlines will be 5 p.m. Sunday, November 21, for articles without photos and 10 a.m. Monday, November 22, for display ads that are repeated from a previous issue or those submitted in the portable document format (pdf).

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Other Festival Weekend Activities:

~ "LIGHTING OF THE TREES" PREVIEW PARTY ~  
Enjoy "A Taste of the Northern Neck" Featuring Fine Cuisine from area Restaurants and Caterers - all in the Glow of the Festival Lights Friday, November 19, 7-9 pm, \$30 (Advanced Reservation Required)

~ TREATS, TREASURES AND SMALL PLEASURES ~  
A HOLIDAY FASHION  
Enjoy exotic cheeses and pleasing wines as fashions are on parade. Saturday, November 20, 1 pm - 3 pm. \$25/ticket. (Supervised Kid's Room Available)

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Festive but Casual - with DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke. Lighter Refreshments Provided by Area Restaurants Saturday, November 20, 7-9 pm, \$15

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