

No fooling, White Stone council will meet today

WHITE STONE—The town council will meet today, April Fool's Day, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the town office at 572 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.

Council will discuss a March 18 meeting among town officials and Ambrose Bailey, the Fredericksburg district representative on the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, regarding the town's Main Street project proposals. The town recently resubmitted its proposal, following a rejection in the previous round of funding.

Other agenda items include a review of architectural plans for the future town office site on Rappahannock Drive, an update on hiring a town attorney, a response from the Virginia Municipal League regarding repayment of overpaid state sales tax revenues, the creation of a tax map database and a potential sublease at the new town office.

Council also will hear additional information on a request from Jennifer McCann to rezone the Rappahannock Drive residence next door to Lawler Real Estate from residential to commercial use for two professional offices, including her interior design studio.



Skiff building

Hal Sutphen of White Stone carefully fits the final piece of gunwale into the bow of a new wooden skiff. A member of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum boatbuilders, Sutphen and others gather in the Pendelton Building workshop once a week to work on various projects. The skiff will be auctioned later this year to raise money for the museum. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Story-limit issue set for hearing by supervisors

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will consider removing a three-story limit on buildings erected in the county.

The community may comment on the issue during a public hearing at 7 p.m. April 8 in the courts building at 39 Judicial Place in Heathsville.

If adopted, the zoning change would not affect the overall height limitation on buildings, which currently stands at 35 feet in most districts and can be increased to 45 feet in certain districts with the proper side yards.

The amendment would eliminate any reference to the number of stories allowed in buildings on properties zoned residential, agricultural, business and conservation.

Developer James Dunn of Deep Water Marina requested that the county do away with the three-story limitation. His proposed hotel at Glebe Point, zoned for business, will be 45-feet in height, as allowed by the zoning ordinance, but he would like to make it four stories rather than three.

Zoning administrator W.H. Shirley validated Dunn's request, noting that while exterior building height is a zoning issue, interior construction is addressed by building codes and does not belong in the zoning ordinance.

Building codes already dictate the minimum allowable ceiling height.

The planning commission reviewed the request last month and recommended that the board approve it.

In an unrelated issue, the county is considering changes to building heights in light industrial zones.

Current regulations allow light industrial buildings to be 35 feet in height or up to 45 feet with approval by the zoning administrator.

The proposed change would take approval out of the zoning administrator's hands, and it would set criteria for allowing a building to be up 45 feet in height. Required setbacks would have to be increased by one foot in width for every one foot in building height over 35 feet when bordering agricultural (continued on page A12)

Swooping action opens Golden Eagle property to condominiums

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors last Thursday conditionally rezoned the Golden Eagle Golf Course near Irvington from agricultural to multi-family dwelling use.

The new zoning district designation will allow the New Tides LLC and its managing partner, Sedona Resorts, to construct a 400-unit condominium development.

Sedona president and New Tides principal George Lidicker said the units are projected to cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000, with a primary market of second home buyers.

Neighborhood pods are planned to provide pedestrian access to amenities such as the golf course, restaurant, walking trails, tennis courts, swimming pools and a fitness center, said Lidicker.

The conditional rezoning included three proffers offered by the New Tides, the most critical being the development's capability to provide centralized water and sewer service.

The group secured an agreement earlier this year with the Town of Kilmarnock that commits the town to provide water and sewage treatment services if the infrastructure for these services can be extended by the New Tides to a Kilmarnock connection.

Land use/planning director Jack Larson said it was "not reasonable to have everything in place" for the sewer connection in order for the board to approve the request.

However, board chairman Patrick G. Frere said the county would not issue any building permits unless the water and sewer services are in place.

The proffer includes providing sewer service through an eight-inch forced main line. New Tides attorney William Kopsak of the Irvington law firm Hubbard, Terry & Kopsak said the line could be sufficient to serve the project and eventually Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury and the towns of

White Stone and Irvington.

Frere said the county would benefit by the sewage capability "if indeed this infrastructure is later expanded to White Stone and Irvington."

Economic boost

Kopsak also outlined the economic boost that the Golden Eagle development could have for the county. He estimated the county will receive \$1 million in additional real estate tax revenues at build-out, based on the current tax rate. He projected 95 construction workers would be required to build the development with a payroll of \$25 million, which would be partially spent by workers within the county.

Additionally, he cited the creation of 23.5 additional jobs at the Tides Inn and 54 at the Golden Eagle that would be year-round rather than seasonal

because of the development.

Tides Inn manager Larry McAfee cited the rate of employee turnover due to the seasonal closure of the facility for three months, and said the annual effort and expense of recruiting and training employees could be avoided if the Inn were to remain open year-round.

Several Tides Inn and Golden Eagle employees addressed the board during the public hearing in support of the rezoning request and development. A petition urging approval of the rezoning also was presented to the board. It was signed by 456 people, including 413 residents and 52 others who work in the county.

Supervisor Ernest W. Palin Jr. said the jobs are important for the youth of Lancaster County to be able to continue living here instead of moving elsewhere.

"Many of them would like to stay, but they can't afford to," he said.

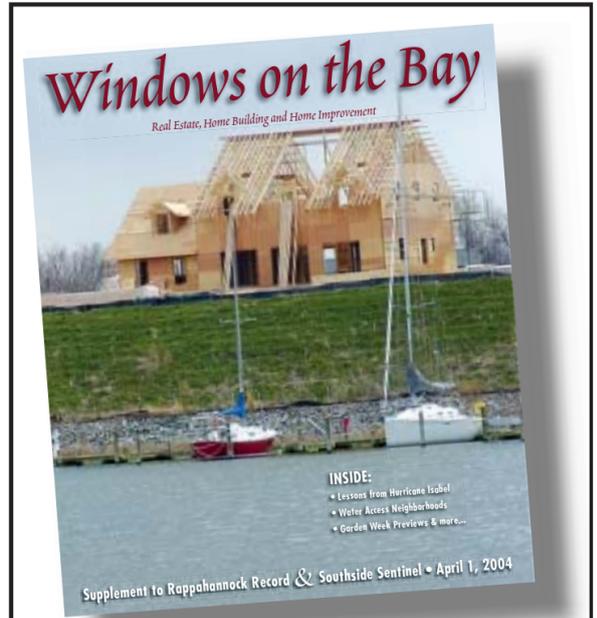
Public concerns

In contrast to a previous hearing held by the county planning commission, the supervisors heard far fewer speakers who expressed concerns about the rezoning request and development. The planning commission, by a 5-2 vote, had recommended the proposal be approved.

Supervisors voted 4-0 in favor of the request. Supervisor B. Wally Beauchamp abstained from discussion and vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

The concerns expressed during the board hearing were voiced by Golden Eagle resident Doris Lackey and Ring Farm Road resident Bruce Burgess.

Lackey questioned whether or (continued on page A12)



Focusing on homes and gardens

Windows on the Bay, an annual real estate, home building and home improvement supplement to the Rappahannock Record and Southside Sentinel, appears inside this edition.



Committee presents book to county

B. Brainard Edmonds Jr. (left) presents a copy of *Lancaster County, Virginia: Where the River Meets the Bay*, to Lancaster board of supervisors chairman Patrick G. Frere during last week's board meeting. A county-funded project for its 350th anniversary in 2001, the book was published this year. Written by Carolyn H. Jett and illustrated by Harriet Cowen, the 438-page book is available at the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library in Lancaster, The Book Nook in Kilmarnock, and Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock and Tappahannock.

Proffers amended for shopping center

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—By a unanimous 5-0 vote, the board of supervisors last week modified proffers to a 1991 conditional rezoning for a planned shopping center development in White Stone.

Accessed from Rappahannock Drive, the commercial site borders James Wharf Road and Blueberry Point Road. The original proffers required wooded buffers of taller existing trees along the road fronts.

However, said planning/land use director Jack Larson, the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested that landowners discontinue the practice of leaving large-tree buffers between road right of ways and open space on the property behind the trees. The unprotected trees create a hazard that can cause trees to fall into the

road during storms, said Larson.

Diversified Ventures Inc. principal Richard "Mac" Davis agreed to modify the buffer proffer and use mixed landscaping that includes dogwoods, crepe myrtle and hedge shrubs instead of leaving existing larger trees.

Additionally, Davis proposed another modified proffer that would reduce the 50-foot width of a 243-foot long buffer between the property and Blueberry Point Road. Using shrubs, dwarf trees and landscaping other than tall existing trees, the buffer would be reduced to a 25-foot width, which was also approved by the supervisors.

Davis said the commercial property would be cleared as part of the first phase of development.

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County reviews capital projects

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors held a work session last week on the county's capital improvement budget for projects costing more than \$10,000.

Funded by bond issues in 2001 and 2003, the capital improvement budget consists of \$5.2 million for projects from fiscal years 2002 to 2006.

County administrator William H. Pennell Jr. reported on the status of several of the more

costly projects, including:

- a roof replacement at Lancaster Primary School (LPS). Funded at \$1,247,653, approximately \$950,000 has been paid out so far.

- a roof replacement at Lancaster High School (LHS). Funded at \$767,670, approximately \$595,000 has been paid out so far. The county school board approved a base bid of \$812,000.

- a restroom renovation and

addition of two classrooms at LPS. The project was completed at a cost of \$540,236.

- a county vehicle garage and central freezer for school food storage. Funded at \$350,000, the project is now estimated to cost up to \$919,555.

- a combination fieldhouse with locker rooms and storage, public restrooms, a concession booth and ticket booth at LHS. Funded at \$275,000, the project (continued on page A12)

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Readers are reminded to set their clocks ahead one hour this Sunday, April 4. Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2 a.m.

April

1 Thursday

April Fool's Day
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.
Detachment #1062 of the Marine Corps League meets at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 360 in Callao. 453-3458.
The First Thursday Seniors meets at 11:30 a.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. Beverages and games are provided.
Carter LaPrade will review books by John Grisham and Catherine Carr at Books and Coffee. The program begins at 11 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library, preceded by refreshments.
The Special Education Advisory Committee for Lancaster County meets at 4 p.m. at the school board office at Pitman's Corner. 435-3833.

2 Friday

Dave Long is featured on the piano from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bamberg's Restaurant in Heathsville. For dinner reservations, call 580-8181.
The RFM Needlers meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Sandwich Bridge is played at noon at the Woman's Club of White Stone. For reservations, call 435-6207.

2 Friday

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be presented at The Playhouse in White Stone. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the musical begins at 8 p.m. \$30. Sold out, call 435-3776 for waiting list.
Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. in Charterhouse in Kilmarnock. 580-4400.

3 Saturday

Jim and Holly Lawrence will perform at Piper's Pub in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. 435-7178.
Income Tax Preparation services and e-filing are available at Lancaster Community Library from 1 to 4 p.m.
An Organizational Meeting for those interested in remote-controlled model boats begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
A Reception begins at 3 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock to open an art and writing exhibit by the local chapter of the American Pen Women.
A Ham /Oyster Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at New Friendship Baptist Church in Burgess. The menu includes Smithfield ham, oysters, green beans, parsley potatoes, baked apples, biscuits, dessert and beverage. \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages six to 12.
Healthy Kids Day will be observed by the Northern Neck Family YMCA at Lancaster Middle School. Activities begin at 10 a.m.

3 Saturday

A Farmers' Market will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Irvington Commons.
"Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be presented at The Playhouse in White Stone. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the musical begins at 8 p.m. \$30. Sold out, call 435-3776 for waiting list.
The Annual Meeting of the Kilmarnock Museum begins at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. The guest speaker is town manager Lee Hood Capps. Annual reports will be presented.

4 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at the Crazy Crab in Reedville immediately following church services.

5 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.
The Rappahannock Toastmasters will meet at 7 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. 435-7585.
The Lively Community Association will hold an annual town meeting on April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department in Lively.
Dessert Bridge and Majhjong will be played at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg.
The Northern Neck Audubon Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Nancy Johnston will speak about rehabilitating injured birds and animals.
The Lancaster School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

6 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.
U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis's Staff will conduct satellite office hours from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.
The Historic Resources Commission for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. in the general district courtroom in Lancaster.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 12:15 p.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Heathsville.
The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. at the town office in Kilmarnock. 435-1779.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. ACBL-sanctioned game. Membership not necessary. 472-0742.
The Photoshop Group of the Northern Neck Computer Users Group meets at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. 462-5831.
The Tavern Quilt Guild meets at 10 a.m. at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Heathsville.

6 Tuesday

Chapter #1823 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets at the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative building in Warsaw. The board meets at 1 p.m.; a general membership meeting follows at 2 p.m.

7 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 in Kilmarnock 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.
Income Tax Preparation services and e-filing are available at Lancaster Community Library from 1 to 4 p.m.
The Irvington Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the town office.
The Lancaster Board of Supervisors meets at 5 p.m. at the courthouse. Work sessions will be conducted on the proposed school budget, capital improvements and projected revenues for 2004-05.
The Woman's Club of White Stone meets at noon for a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts provided. Tom York at 12:45 p.m. will present a program on international affairs. For reservations, call 435-6207.

8 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.
The Wetlands Board for Lancaster County will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Board of Supervisors for Northumberland County will meet at 2 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville. Public hearings begin at 7 p.m.
The Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Center in Lively.
American Legion Post 117 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the post home in Reedville.
The Interfaith Service Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.

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 HELLBOY (PG13) 7:25
 SCOOBY DOO 2 (PG) 7:00
 PASSION OF THE CHRIST (R) 7:10
WED.-THUR 4/7-8
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Area Events

Arts festival set

The Middlesex Art Guild will hold its annual "Art on the Half-shell" fine arts and crafts festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 8 in Urbanna.

Activities include performing arts, demonstrating arts, food and children's art.

Makeup marks agenda

A Neuro Muscular Support and Self Help group meets April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Riverside Wellness Center in Tappahannock.

Andrea Sydnor, owner of Andrea's Family Hair Care, will discuss makeup. For more information, call 443-9657, 443-2233 or 580-7315.

Healthy Kids

The Northern Neck YMCA will hold a Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 3, at Lancaster Middle School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include free child photo ID cards with fingerprints, car seat inspections, nutrition advice, dental checks and computerized spinal stress screenings. Door prizes include a family membership.

Quilters to meet

The second meeting of a quilt guild forming in Warsaw will be held at 10 a.m. April 21 at Warsaw Baptist Church. Bring show and tell and lunch. To propose a name for the new guild, call Sue Dollins at 394-4506.



Fashions previewed

Betty Kevorkian (right) of Foxy's in Kilmarnock shows cruise wear to Jean Habib of the Woman's Club of Northumberland County. The apparel is part of the fashions to be featured at the club's third annual luncheon, fashion show and game day at Tommy's Restaurant in Reedville on April 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch choices are Caesar salad with chicken and potato soup or crab cake sandwich with French fries and coleslaw. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds benefit Read Aloud Virginia the club sponsors at Northumberland Elementary School. For reservations, call Habib at 453-4158.

Easter Bunny plans visit

The Easter Bunny will visit Reedville on April 10. According to local sources, she has requested passage on the historic buy boat the Elva C. and will arrive at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum dock around 2 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to the museum to welcome the Easter Bunny and participate in an egg hunt on the grounds of the museum and neighboring Bethany United Methodist Church.

Hunting areas will be designated by age group with sections for age three and younger,

ages four to seven and ages eight to ten.

Following the community egg hunt, refreshments will be served at the Bethany church social hall where folks may visit with the Easter Bunny and pose for pictures.

Musical is sold out both nights

The Court House Players' back-to-back performances of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at The Playhouse in White Stone April 2 and 3 are sold out.

The two dinner theater performances of the popular country musical/comedy are sponsored by the Lancaster Players.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m.

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Excerpts by Henry Lane Hull

"Who is Dr. Blackmore?" I asked that question over 20 years ago in a conversation with my good friend and neighbor, the late Dick Hillier. He had mentioned that he had returned from a visit to the dermatologist, and I had inquired if he had gone to Richmond.

He replied, "No indeed. I merely go to Dr. Gravatt's office in Kilmarnock on the day of the week that Dr. Blackmore comes to see patients there."

I followed with the question above and he then went into a discourse about Dr. Blackmore.

Dick Hillier was one of the most erudite individuals I ever knew and I have written about him on many occasions. He was a classicist who had spent his career teaching at Saint Andrew's School in Middletown, Del. He told me that he truly looked forward to appointments with Dr. Blackmore as he was one of the most engaging people he knew.

Sometime later when I needed to see a dermatologist, I called Dr. Gravatt's office and made an appointment. Upon meeting Dr. Blackmore, immediately I understood Dick Hillier's comments. He was a short gentleman with curly white hair. His demeanor was gentle, his personality refined. In a word, he exuded composure. There was no element of rushing to get through with the visit, and he frankly admitted that he enjoyed getting to know his patients.

We started talking about history when he found out that I had been a history teacher, and soon into the conversation it was apparent that he had the knowledge to have been a professor himself. He had been an undergraduate at Columbia University in New York City and then came to Virginia to study medicine at the Medical College of Virginia. He liked the Commonwealth so much that he remained for the rest of his life.

His medical career had been sparked by the illness of an older brother, and in speaking of his field he used to say that the skin was the largest organ of the body, but he was much more than a dermatologist. Like Dr. Gravatt, he looked at the big picture and would make comments and suggestions about one's overall health in the context of being one's friend as well as doctor.

After my first visit, I stopped to see Dick Hillier to thank him for recommending me to Dr. Blackmore and thereafter, whenever either of us had

an appointment we followed it with a discussion of what Dr. Blackmore had said. Of particular interest was hearing about his "circuit travels" from his base in Richmond to offices in Kilmarnock, West Point, Gloucester and Tappahannock. He immersed himself in the goings-on of each of those locales, tending to make each his home-away-from-home.

I followed his building project down on the Ware River where he had acquired a piece of land from friends and set out to build a home. We discussed the permitting procedures, architectural designs and landscaping. He had a horticulturist's knowledge of plants, and made a specialty of growing orchids. There is much to be said for his choice of a botanical specialty in that as anyone who tries to grow them knows, orchids require two things: time and patience. Dr. Blackmore devoted both of those attributes to everything he undertook in life.

He kept a ritualistic schedule, always leaving from his last appointment of the day at Dr. Gravatt's office to go next door to the Tri-Star Market for his groceries. Invariably, there he would encounter patients and pursue further conversation. That was his nature; he simply loved people.

About 10 years ago he underwent heart by-pass surgery, the news of which seemed shocking in one so calm and modulated in his lifestyle. He spoke of it in his usual disciplined language with no aspect of alarm, and from it he made a fine recovery. He cared about his patients as his friends and appreciated their care for him as well.

Seven years ago he retired and now he has died at age 80. A visit with Dr. Blackmore was far more than a medical appointment. It was also a lecture on history, a seminar in biology, an in-depth look at the world around us, and a how-to-do conference on things far beyond the scope of dermatology, be they building a house or observing nature as one drives along the highway. He made going to the doctor fun.

He was an old-fashioned doctor in a thoroughly modern practice, one who merged the two with confidence, kindness and dignity. To have been his patient was a blessing; to have been his friend, a privilege.

John Robert Blackmore, M.D., December 16, 1923-March 20, 2004. R.I.P.

Letters to the Editor

Taxes have not increased

To The Editor:

The recent proposed assessed values received by property owners in Lancaster County were a real shock, much like checking new car prices when we haven't bought one for a while. The valuation looks high, since we are about to be taxed on it. In some cases, it doubled; but there is no tax increase yet.

It is difficult to remember, after such a shock, that the purpose of the reappraisal is to fairly apportion the county budget among property owners. It seems more like a personal attack on our wallets. But the tax rate will be decided after the budget has been set. Then that budget will be spread over the tax base established by the appraisals to determine the tax rate and our actual tax bills.

It may be an opportune time to increase the budget and reduce the tax rate, but Virginia law prohibits such. The new rate must on the surface be tax neutral. That does not mean that our taxes may not increase, or decrease. It is likely that the tax burden will continue its march to the water's edge as that is where the most increase in value has occurred.

What is important is to look at the new value of one's property in light of the value of similar properties. To assist in one's review, two web sites provide information. The Land Records Database at www.lancova.com provides information on past assessed value and map references. The second is www.vamanet.com, which allows

one to check the new assessed value of a particular property and it's last sale price, if recently sold. Both sites allow searches by several means including map reference numbers and names.

The term "fair market value" is used, but it is impossible to determine precisely since the property is not for sale. The value is supposed to be that of January 1, 2004. It is impossible to determine market value on a future date since appraisals rely on historical data. In this case, the review was done last spring or summer with data prior to that time. So in theory, the values are estimates made in February to August 2003.

What should be achieved is a ratio of assessed value to sale price or market value that is consistent throughout the county. Owners should look at the values placed on their property in light of other similar properties to avoid being assessed unfairly.

The next part of the process is determining the budget. The citizens of Lancaster County should let it be known what they feel the county needs and what it should stop doing. We complain about education deficiencies, emergency preparedness, roads and other infrastructure. After you bounced through the potholes to the courthouse to get your car sticker, did you look around while in line at the condition of the offices we ask our county employees to work in? Let your county supervisor know what you expect the county to do. This will enable them to set a budget that reflects those needs and establish the tax rate and the tax we will pay. It is the board of supervisors that sets the tax rate, not the appraisers.

Roy Cameron
White Stone

that cherish the quality of life in the Northern Neck.

The book offers valuable insights like piles of oyster shells touched by the hands of those long gone but not forgotten.

For copies of the book, contact Bud Bussells at 435-1304.

William A. Meyer
Weems

Rubbish returns

To The Editor:

Several weeks ago, the Merry Point Hunt Club did a thorough clean-up of Devils Bottom Road. They did a magnificent job, it looked wonderful, and we all sincerely thank them.

Unfortunately, the less considerate in our community have already laid down a veneer of fresh rubbish.

George Henderson
Merry Point

Appreciation expressed for school trip

To The Editor:

The Lancaster Primary School third-grade class spent an unforgettable day in Washington, D.C., on March 26. The trip would not have been possible without the hard work and support of many people.

Merle Stables, the third-grade teachers and school administration coordinated the itinerary, chaperones, and all the details to ensure that the students had a positive experience.

A special thank you goes to the Bank of Lancaster and Chesapeake Bank for contributing t-shirts for each child and Bay Window for silk-screening the shirts. The children will be able to look at their photographs thanks to Grace Episcopal Church who contributed cameras, Rappahannock General Hospital for developing the film and Judy Newman at Party Line.

The LPS PTA made sure each child had a canvas tote bag containing snacks and water for the long day. I thank Pat and Don Beard for their support and the chaperones who generously gave their time.

Mary Brent of Adventure Travel deserves a round of applause for putting all this together, the buses and dinner.

Thanks to one and all for a wonderful experience and for making a dream come true for 97 third-graders.

Margaret Socoy
Weems

Interfaith Council notes appreciation

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Lancaster-Northumberland Interfaith Service Council, I thank the Rappahannock Record and the people in the counties we serve. Response to the articles recently published in the Record has been overwhelming. Interfaith's call volume for furniture donations has doubled.

We would, however, like to remind the donors to be patient. Interfaith is a volunteer organization, and we have a limited number of helpers to pick up the donated items. Our voice mail is checked daily, and calls are returned as promptly as possible.

Thanks again to the Record and donors for supporting our organization.

Michelle Lewis
First Vice President

Slow down on Monaskon

To The Editor:

The speed limit on Monaskon Road is 35 mph and those of us that live on Monaskon wish that those who travel this road would please obey the speed limit.

I have called the school board office twice about the school buses that fly up and down this road, sometimes with students on them.

I have also called the Sheriff's Department hoping that they could help in some way.

So far, neither one of these tactics have resulted in any improvement.

So I am hoping that those who read this letter and use Monaskon Road will please obey the speed limit.

We would hate to have anything unfortunate happen to our children, grandchildren, pets or students on the school bus. So, please, obey the speed limit. It is 35 mph.

Sally Rohlfing
Monaskon Road

Let prisoners pick up trash

To The Editor:

I have written before about the great amount of trash that is thrown onto our streets around here, and I guess nobody reads who throws trash out. The roads are worse than ever.

I will once again call upon a couple of neighbors to help clean Mosquito Point Road. There are many people who live in this area and I wonder why I am the only one who is willing to take the responsibility of cleaning up the trash. I am sure that I have far less free time than many of the people who live near me. I do many hours of volunteer work and keep busy many other ways.

Why can't the prisoners do this work, or people on welfare?

Another problem in this area is that people drive at night with their bright lights on all the time. Whenever we go out at night we have people driving behind us with their bright lights on. This is rude and inconsiderate.

Carolyn Reed
White Stone

Board meeting reflects democracy at work across many generations

To The Editor:

I attended my very first Lancaster County Board of Supervisors meeting last Thursday where Brainard Edmonds Jr. delivered the first copy of the history book project that began a half century ago.

The book ends with a challenge to meet the future of inevitable change by assuming the responsibility of instilling a sense of community.

The irony of the time and place chosen to make the Lancaster County history book presentation, before the hearing on the Golden Eagle development, was a snapshot of direct democracy still possible in small towns across America.

This form of community consensus building began in ancient Athens where every citizen's vote was marked on an oyster shell.

Last Thursday a number of individuals expressed their economic stake in the decision to approve a major new development. There in their midst, a quiet, unassuming southern gentleman took his seat in the front row and waited to be acknowledged.

He represented the remaining members of a group that "selflessly" began to capture the sense of community in this remarkable book over a half a century ago. It is a gift with lessons learned from the past that can inspire those of us from other parts of the world

because they receive an approximate \$10,000 raise over their current ten-year state trooper salary.

It is important to also acknowledge that the present cost of car tax relief (currently at 70 percent phase-in) is approximately the same amount of revenue as the governor seeks.

For these reasons, and more, I believe Virginia needs approximately the same amount of revenue as the governor had in his proposed budget. Furthermore, unlike the budget negotiators, I am not ideologically inflexible as to the ultimate source of this revenue. Obviously, new revenue should not be regressive or create a negative business climate.

If I were forced to make a guess as to the eventual resolution of this crisis, I would guess that the final budget will have approximately \$1 billion in new revenue with no general tax increase. Sadly, despite the very high stakes, neither side has enough to lose to force a compromise yet. Thus, I am not convinced this will be resolved before May 1. There is a very low certainty of these predictions.

Thank you. I hope this adds insight and clarification during what I consider to be a low point in Virginia's history.

Letters to the Editor

Dedication was heartwarming

To The Editor:

We are extremely pleased and proud of the dedication held March 20 during the Shriners All-Star basketball games. The #21 jersey of Fay Purcell, our sister/daughter, was officially retired.

We feel truly blessed that so many of her former teammates and friends attended the event. Friends from near and far gathered for the presentation of a lovely plaque and a framed jersey which will be displayed at Lancaster High School.

We especially appreciate the enormous role that Carroll Lee Ashburn played in organizing the ceremony. His tireless efforts in making this occasion so very special will always be treasured.

We thank Bill Smith for creating the memorials and Sandy Spears, Deborah Thomas and LHS staff for their contributions.

We also thank assistant coach Dave Reedy and the special effort coach Audrey Smith made to attend.

The participation and support of everyone was overwhelming and it is heartwarming to feel Fay's spirit lives on.

Emma Mae Purcell, May P. Umphlett, Tammy P. Crandall

Delegate's Report by Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr.

This week's column is a copy of a letter forwarded to locally elected officials in the 99th district.

Budget Update

I am writing to let you know of my dismay over the failure of the 2004 General Assembly to enact a budget and hope to give you some insight into what may happen over the next few weeks.

First, as way of background, after significant cuts over the past few years, Virginia still faces approximately a \$1 billion budget

shortfall. The reasons are that our cost drivers of increasing school enrollment, increasing health care costs, increasing prison population (due to parole abolition), and increasing costs of car tax relief have outstripped projected and actual revenue growth.

In the budget debate, the three principle players are the House, the Senate and the governor. The governor has proposed a \$1 billion biennium increase in revenues. The Senate has proposed a \$2.2 billion dollar package. The House has proposed approximately \$500 million in new revenue through non-general tax increases.

It is important to note that the official estimates for the House proposal are less than one-third of the assumed revenue used to balance the budget. In other words, the House package spends money that might not be there.

Obviously, the two main points of contention between the House and Senate are the amount of new revenue and the source of the new revenue.

Personally, I feel that the House budget is inadequate. It neither makes cuts nor increases revenue. Instead, it delays decisions, uses gimmicks, and passes costs on to localities.

The fiscally irresponsible devil

is in the details. For instance, the House budget "creates" \$25 million by borrowing money to pay for short-term maintenance costs. Additionally, it "creates" more money by rewriting the Virginia Retirement System cost-share formula to place a greater burden on localities.

On the other hand, I believe the Senate budget is too aggressive on the revenue side.

Clearly, there is a structural imbalance that must be addressed. As someone who has not voted for a tax increase (and who has voted against several tax and fee increases), it is my natural disposition to look for cuts first.

However, previous cuts have created several real life scenarios. These include:

- The closing of Rappahannock General Hospital's OB delivery unit in part because state reimbursements for Medicaid only cover approximately half the cost of a newborn delivery;
- Families facing additional expense of an extra year of college because state college course offerings are so limited that it can take five years to complete the requirements for a four-year degree; and,
- Local state troopers moving to localities such as Henrico to become a junior deputy sheriff

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Letters to the Editor

Local medical care is great

To The Editor:

Sometimes something unexpected happens that allows one to view a situation from the inside out. Recently, I was struck with a catastrophic illness that resulted in an extended hospital stay and long surgery recovery.

As one who "markets" the Northern Neck, I have often been asked about health care in the area and have always given a stock "it's fine" answer to the inquirer. Well, after a month of treatment, I can truly say, it is wonderful to have these services in my midst.

The doctors and nurses at Rappahannock General Hospital are excellent providers. I cannot say

enough about the wonderful care I received during my long stay with them. Every question was addressed and every need accounted for. A truly dedicated staff is found in every niche of the hospital. From the volunteers to the doctors, I found nothing but a caring group of folks who were dedicated to my feeling better. You can't ask for more than that when you feel as badly as I did.

We often hear about the lack of care and treatment in small rural areas. Well, we can take pride in the fact that a facility such as RGH is here to address our medical needs. I had been a patient in a large hospital many years ago and there is no comparison to the care I received at RGH. It truly is a local hospital and the small town flavor is just what one needs

in times of illness, both for the patient and their family.

The hospital has continued to monitor my progress with their outstanding visiting nurse program and I cannot say enough about that great service. So the next time you ask me about medical care service in the Northern Neck, I will only talk about my recent experience. And it was great.

Thanks to all the wonderful people at RGH who helped me and thanks to all of the folks who have sent flowers, cards and who have visited me during this trying time. I hope to be back to work soon.

Patty Long
Executive Director,
Northern Neck
Tourism Council

Pro Am support is appreciated

To The Editor:

I offer my sincere appreciation to anyone who contributed to the success of the 6th annual Chesapeake Bank Pro-Am. I was thankful for the perfect golf weather, but more so for the continued community support for the tournament.

My personal thanks to Chesapeake Bank for its support as the title sponsor, and to the Tides Inn and Sedona Resort Management for the facility and reception sponsorship.

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Thanks also to Roxanne Moubay of Kilmarnock Lettering Company and Sandra Hudson of Lipscombe's.

More thanks to Tides Inn representatives John Abbott, Harold Chapman, Larry McAfee, Kevin McGuire, Shawn Williams and Sterling Caudle and his crew, as well as the local amateurs who supported the event. Special thanks to Cindy Wilder Clarke, Bill and Vera Lee, Brenda Williams, Cynthia Saunders and Penny Gilbert, all of the Lancaster High School Athletic Boosters Club.

Over \$5,000 in tournament proceeds will go this year to fund sports programs at the high school, as administered through the boosters club.

Kenny Clark, PGA
Tournament Chairman
Kilmarnock



John Prince (above) will soon be returning home.

Letters Home

Hello from Kuwait,

I hope this e-mail finds everyone in good health. I am sorry I haven't written for awhile, but things around here have been very busy and 14-hour days are long with not much time to write.

The camp is growing every time we turn around. We have two new dining halls, a new PX, Subway and Burger King. There are 15,000 troops here on Camp Udairi and we are seeing about 140 patients a day.

The big news is that our unit replacements are here. They are a medical-surgical team from the Marine/Navy Unit out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. All their

equipment is here and we have almost finished the "turn over" process. They are mainly geared for surgery, not basic sick call, however, and are missing half of the equipment they need to do the mission. Some of them are very weak on basic sick call procedures.

At the same time, we are cleaning out connexes, getting equipment washed and connexes repacked. We were supposed to get home by March 28 but because of the latest delays, our fly date will not be until April 12. The time will not go fast enough for me.

Ida and the kids are doing fine. Patricia says that if I am

not on U.S. soil by April 15, she is going to plead her case to President Bush. I think she has had enough. It has been a long 15 months for all of us.

Well this is my last letter before coming home. We are going to be moving to a new camp. I thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, packages and a special "thank you" to those who have helped my family in my absence. Friends like you are hard to find. May God bless and keep you.

John Prince
Kuwait

(Prince is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Prince of Weems.)

Yesteryear in Lancaster

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

Salesman's Notice

Mr. Chas. L. Rogers of Milenbeck, Lancaster County, has accepted a position as salesman for this section for the E.A. Brown Tobacco Co., Greensboro, N.C. The house is one of the largest manufactories in the south, their goods are in demand and the merchants of this section, no doubt, will be glad to have a resident salesman for this popular Southern house here. They do not belong to the Tobacco Trust, and sell no goods through jobbers, thus being enabled to furnish better goods for less money than many others. Their goods are put up from the best Virginia and North Carolina leaf, which has no superior.

Local Mention [Irvington]

Capt. Hamilton and some of our citizens have improved the

sidewalks and there will still be more done when the weather permits.

Police steamer Rappahannock, Captain Hudgins, harbored here Tuesday night.

If property owners along our main street from the wharf to Rowe's store would plant a few cottonwood trees, they would soon reap a reward of pleasant shade and enhance the value of their property. Other villages are doing it; will not Irvingtonians?

Regina

Isaac Talley gave a cutting and sawing feast Wednesday of last week, which was a great help to him. Many hands make light work. While at work, a tree accidentally fell on Robert Pitman, crushing him to the ground. He was rendered unconscious for several hours, but fortunately no bones were broken. With Dr. Harding's skill and the good nursing of his wife, we hope to see him out soon and well and

jovial as ever.

Items of Interest

The finest battleship in the United States navy will bear the name Virginia. This splendid ship is to be launched at Newport News on April 5th.

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The place to buy Brick is at Levin T. Buck & Co's., Weems, Va., manufacturers of all grades of paving and building bricks. We can deliver brick to any point on water front.

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Monday, April 5 is the final day to register to vote in the May 4, 2004 town elections. If you live in the town of White Stone, Irvington or Kilmarnock and have never registered to vote, and wish to vote in this year's town elections, you must register no later than 5 PM on April 5. The Registrar's Office, in addition to its regular office hours, will be opened on Saturday, May 1, from 9 until 5 for those who may need to vote an absentee ballot. Should you have any questions about these elections, please call the Registrar's Office at 462-5277.

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NOTICE OF LANCASTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The Lancaster County Democratic Committee hereby announces that it will hold an assembled caucus beginning at 12:00 p.m. noon on April 17, 2004, at 27 Virginia Road, Irvington, for the purpose of electing three delegates and two alternates to the First Congressional District Democratic Convention and the 2004 Virginia Democratic State Convention.

Any person wishing to seek election as a delegate or alternate must file with Norman G. Mosher, Chair of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee, 27 Virginia Road, Irvington, VA 22480, no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004. A voluntary administrative fee of \$10 (which may be waived) will be charged at the time of filing for those wishing to be elected members of the committee, a \$5 fee for the First Congressional District Convention, and a \$10 for the 2004 Virginia Democratic State Convention.

There is no charge for those wishing to attend and vote at the caucus.

Doors to the caucus will open at 11:00 a.m. for check-in. Any person attending the caucus, before participating in that caucus, shall sign a standardized Caucus Participation Form stating that he or she is a Democrat, does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a democratic nominee in the ensuing general election, believes in the principles of the Democratic Party, and is a registered voter in Lancaster County. Caucus Participation Forms must be filled out at the caucus prior to participating in the caucus. At 12:00 p.m. noon the doors to the caucus will be closed and no person may complete a form and participate in the caucus after that time, with the exception of those persons in line at 12:00 p.m. noon.

If only one person files for each delegate or alternate position, the caucus will be canceled. In this event, the Chair will publicly announce the cancellation, proclaim the individuals properly filed as the duly nominated delegates and alternates, and so advise those individuals.

For further information, please contact Norman Mosher, Lancaster County Democratic Committee, at 804-438-5066.

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Ripleys celebrate 40th anniversary

Fred and Judy Ripley of Lancaster recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and were surprised by the arrival of all nine of their children and grandchildren. They were honored at a dinner hosted by their children. The Ripleys were married March 21, 1964, at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Whitmarsh, Pa. They lived in Philadelphia suburbs for 37 years before retiring to the Northern Neck. From left are (front row) Gina, Judy, Angela, baby Emma and Debbie Ripley and Wendy Wezner; (back row) Fred, Matthew, Billy and Jim Ripley and Mark Wezner.

Local News

Mrs. Billy Barrack is reported doing well at home following thyroid surgery at Medical College Hospital, Richmond on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" Rowell were in Chincoteague several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keyser called on Mrs. Elmer Jones and Mr. and Mrs. James Ashburn on Thursday of last week. Also callers in the same home on Thursday were Mrs. Frank Elbourn and Mrs. Sam Lankford of Gloucester.

James Dameron of Richmond spent a recent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Everett Dameron.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Miller Kielsgard of Fairfax on February 9, 2004. His funeral was at Fairfax City Cemetery with full military honors. He will be remembered as a longtime resident of Bluff Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Proctor were in Charlotte, N.C., last week visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Lipsteuer, Bradley and Ella.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ticer had Mrs. Ticer's daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Kay Weaver and Lydia Kay of Leonardtown, Md., visit on Sunday. Later in the afternoon they all attended a birthday

party with family and friends in honor of Mrs. Ticer's grandson, Philip Harrison of Remo, held at Stan's Skateland in Montross.

Mrs. Bill Keen of San Antonio, Texas, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hudnall while in town to visit her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Folger, a resident of the Lancashire.

Mrs. Chandler Luckham left Wednesday to spend two weeks with her daughter and family, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert McCarty, Adam and Chelsea, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Mr. William Proctor was in Richmond last week to attend a performance by the Virginian Barbershop Chorus.

John Brauer is recovering nicely following surgery last week at Rappahannock General Hospital. He is expected to be released this week.

Mrs. Helen Hoffman was recently in Chesapeake for the 80th birthday celebration of Mrs. Bea Scarborough, mother of Mrs. Larry Adams, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Adams is the minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Keyser have returned after five weeks in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Marsh visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pittman in Mila last Sunday.

Auditions set April 19-20 for comedy

The Lancaster Players will hold open auditions at 7 p.m. on April 19 and 20 at The Playhouse in White Stone for a June production.

John Baumhardt of White Stone will direct "Mornings At Seven" by Paul Osborn. The comedy is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

The play calls for a cast of nine, five women and four men. The characters are four sisters: Cora, 70; Arry, 63; Ida, 68; and Esther, 72; Ida's son, Homer, 40, and his sometime finacee, Myrtle, 39; Cora's husband, Thor, 74; Esther's husband, David, 75; and Ida's husband, Carl, 68.

Baumhardt reminds potential thespians that young actors may play older characters. No previous acting experience and no preparation is necessary to audition, he said.

Scripts and monologues will be available at auditions.

The play is set in a small midwestern town in 1939 and revolves around the four Gibbs sisters and their families.

Show dates are June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

For more information, call Baumhardt at 436-9027.

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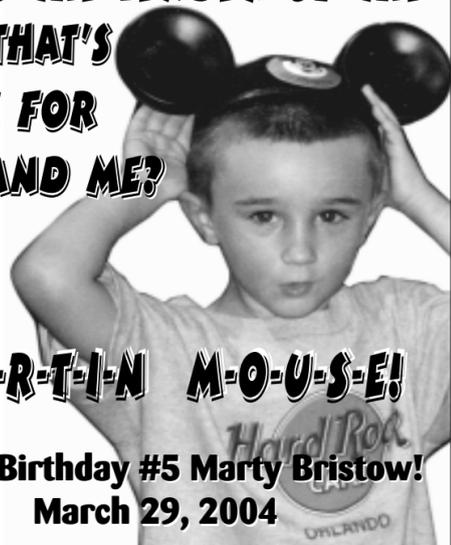
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hudson of Mathews announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Anne, to Alan Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Chambers, also of Mathews.

Miss Hudson is a graduate of Longwood University. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hudson Jr. of Weems and Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley Lewis of Ottoman.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Radford University. He is the grandson of Edna D. Sadler of Mathews.

A spring wedding is planned.

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Moss Hart books will be reviewed

Emily Jones will review three books about dramatist Moss Hart at Books and Conversation at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on April 8.

Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m.; the review follows at 11 a.m.

The books are *Act One*, Hart's autobiography; *Kitty*, the autobiography of his widow, Kitty Carlisle Hart; and *Dazzler*, a biography of Hart by Steven Bach.

"The books are not officially connected, although they are naturally connected," said Jones, an RW-C resident and graduate of Vassar College.

"*Act One* ends very dramatically on the night his first successful play opened," said Jones.

The play was "Once in a Lifetime," Hart's first collaboration with George S. Kaufman and a farce about the tumult that hit Hollywood when sound came to motion pictures.

Kitty Carlisle was the only child of a quintes-



Emily Jones

sential stage mother determined to make her daughter an opera singer. She appeared at the Metropolitan Opera as Prince Orlovsky in "Die Fledermaus," but is known for her role as a panelist on *To Tell the Truth*. She met Hart when he and Kaufman turned her down at an audition, then married him 10 years later.

Jones worked as a children's librarian in Rochester, N. Y., and then in the children's room of the East Harlem branch of the New York Public Library. She was executive director of the Educational Film Library Association for 20 years.

She produced children's educational films and lectured on film and the history of motion pictures at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. She served on the subcommittee for film for the New York State Council on the Arts, which Miss Carlisle chaired from 1976-96.

Jones is a lifetime member of the Audubon Society and was president of the New York City

Births



Eric Wesley Darrall

Wayne and Dawn Darrall of Lively announce the birth of their son, Eric Wesley Darrall, born February 29, 2004.

He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kenny and Sylvia Vanlandingham. His maternal great-grandmother is Naoma Vanlandingham.

Paternal grandparents are Tommy Lee Towles and the late Linda Towles and the late Clinton Darrall.

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Auction committee member Jennifer Britt (left) and auction benefactor Robert Hurliman display two, six-bottle collections of fine wine.

Wine collections added to silent auction bevy

Webster defines oenophile as a lover of wine. Robert Hurliman is such a man. Formerly of Grosse Pointe, Mich., he and his wife, Kathleen, recently moved to Lancaster.

Hurliman recalls his first taste of "really good wine" as a young businessman in the early 70s, and his first wine cellar (a small space under the stairs) fondly.

Having seriously collected fine wines since the mid-80s, he has now built his dream cellar. Some 10 times larger than his first one, the storage room is kept at a constant 54 degrees and a humidity level of 40 to 50 percent. It has a capacity of 350 cases. Hurliman collects American wines exclusively.

"As an executive with one of America's leading auto manufacturers, I could hardly buy French wines," said Hurliman. "It would be like driving a Japanese car."

His assortment of Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs and Cabernets is impressive, as is his knowledge

of them.

Hurliman has donated two collections of wine (6 bottles each) to the Chesapeake Academy Auction May 8. One is a horizontal collection (same year, different cellars) of California Cabernet Sauvignons which include Jordan, Caymus, Chateau St. Jean (Cinq Cepages), Groth, Silver Oak (Alexander Valley) and Robert Mondavi Reserve. The other is a vertical collection (different years, 1994-1996, same cellar) of several wines from Stag's Leap (Napa Valley and S.L.V.)

"In fact, Robert's real joy is to match wine to food, creating a 'wow' combination that enhances each," said auction committee member Jennifer Britt. "He loves to introduce people to the new kind of culinary pairing which stimulates conversation as well as digestion."

Each collection is designed to encourage one to taste and compare the various wines.

History enthusiasts will convene at Stratford Hall

The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society will hold a membership meeting May 5 at Stratford Hall Plantation. The program will feature a presentation on "The War of 1812 In and Around the Northern Neck" by Cmdr. C. J. Blondin. Cmdr. Blondin is a Coast Guard Academy officer and a former deputy assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The society is an organization for people who are interested

in the Northern Neck and its history. Since 1951, the society has published an annual magazine devoted to the history of the Northern Neck and maintained a library in Montross preserving historic reference materials of the area. Members receive a copy of the annual magazine.

Anyone interested in attending the presentation or joining the society should call Mrs. George Mason III at 224-0163 or Robert G. Christopher at 580-8702.

Historical society librarian to address local SAR unit

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution welcomes Frances Pollard as its speaker on April 20. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Pollard, director of library services of the Virginia Historical Society, will discuss some of the rare Revolutionary-era treasures and resources housed there, including personal family letters penned by George Washington from Valley Forge and West Point, the diary of a Pennsylvania soldier in the Continental Line at the surrender at Yorktown, the only surviving contemporary portrait of Benjamin Harrison, activities of James Armistead Lafayette as a spy during the Yorktown campaign and a first edition of *The Federalist* presented to Francis Lightfoot Lee.

She will explain how to locate information on Revolutionary War ancestors. The historical society library has information on



Frances Pollard

various regiments, battles, sites and patriotic organizations.

Pollard has published eight articles on the Colonial Period. She is a member of the Virginia Historical Records Advisory Board and five other historical organizations.

Oyster Fair set for May 8

The Tidewater Oyster Gardeners are sponsoring an Oyster Fair May 8 at Christchurch School near Saluda. The fair is for those interested in raising their own oysters or those who wish to be involved in matters related to the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Dr. Jim Wesson of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will speak on oyster reef restoration, Dr. Roger Mann of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science will speak on the status of oyster stocks in the Chesapeake Bay and Dr. Julie Harding of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science will talk about oyster reef ecology.

Other participants include Master Oyster Gardeners, the Shellfish Sanitation Division of the Virginia Department of Health and vendors of oyster gardening materials and oyster seeds.

The registration fee is \$10 for members of the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association and \$14 for non-members. Lunch will be provided for those who register by May 1.

The Oyster Fair is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m., but lunch is not guaranteed for late registrants.

For registration forms, contact Ray Hook at 757-898-6026 or rayhook@sybercom.net.



The boat (left) and car above will be auctioned at the Grace Church yard sale on May 1.

Grace Church Yard Sale is May 1 at Boys Camp

Grace Episcopal Church teams are planning for a huge yard sale May 1. The event will be held at the Alexandria Police Boys Camp at the end of Boys Camp Road.

Signs will lead patrons to the gate, down the road from Curry and Curry Pottery on the east end of Kilmarnock.

"This is our 16th year and we hope it will be the best ever," said chairman Ward LeHardy. "Grace Church returns all yard sale proceeds to the community, and last year \$30,000 was distributed to make a real difference for several worthy community non-profit organizations."

Casino night set in Callao

The Callao Rescue Squad Support Team and Callao Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary are hosting a "casino night" in Callao May 1.

The fund-raising event will be held at the new rescue squad building in Callao from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Admission includes five prize tick-

ets and gaming money.

Tickets are on sale at Bank of Northumberland, Mid-Atlantic Marine, Northern Neck State Bank, Callao Supply and Cralle Insurance in Callao; from a member or at the door.

For tickets or to become a sponsor, call 529-6226.



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You can do genealogical research, shop, reference the tide tables, search for a job and submit applications and resumes on-line.

You can call and reserve a computer for up to an hour.

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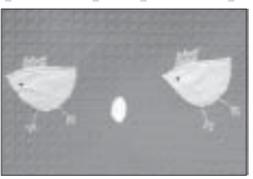
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Computer users to meet

From left, Northern Neck Computer Users Group board members are Betty Lehman, Jane Fortin, Tony Rivera, Bev Thompson, Virginia Broff, Mark Easter and John Parr. The next meeting of the NNCUG is April 10 at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Speakers are Len Hickey and Lehman. A projector will be raffled and a raffle or auction will be held for various software programs including a copy of Microsoft Suite 2004.

Daffodil show to bloom in Gloucester

It's show time. For 54 years The Garden Club of Gloucester has celebrated the Gloucester Daffodil Festival with an ADS accredited standard daffodil show.

The show will be held at Page Middle School April 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. and April 4 from noon to 4 p.m. The show features hundreds of daffodils displayed in their prime and submitted by gardeners from Gloucester and throughout the nation.

Entries will be accepted from 3 to 9 p.m. April 2 and from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 4 at the school. All who grow their own daffodils may enter the show. Ribbons and trophy prizes will be awarded.

"Give our Regards to Broadway" is the show theme.

A junior division allows children ages four to 13 years to create a flower arrangement that echoes "The Lion King." All children are invited to bring flowers and clippers to PMS April 2 from 4 to 5 p.m. or 6 to 9 p.m. Containers and props will be provided; arrangements are created on site. To register, call Sarah Hylton at 642-3786 or Sue Zima at 642-5270.

Brent and Becky Heath of

Brent and Becky's Bulbs will be available to help exhibitors identify and properly display their blooms for the horticulture division April 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. Exhibitors may submit blooms April 2 from 2 to 9 p.m. and April 3 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

An awards ceremony will be held April 4 at 3:45 p.m. Awards include the James V. and Violet R. Morgan community service award for a group or individual residing in Gloucester or Mathews County for the best bloom grown for public display beautifying our community.

The Gloucester Woman's Club historic award goes to a resident of Gloucester or Mathews for best historic bloom.

All who attend the show may vote for their favorite arrangement; the people's choice award is given in memory of Cindy Rhodes for her appreciation for the beauty of flowers and her care of all living things. Balloons will be dispensed at the show entrance.

For more information, call show chairman Mary Helen Bird-sall at 693-2927.

Kilmarnock Museum News

Kilmarnock Town manager Lee Hood Capps will be the guest speaker at the museum's annual meeting on Saturday, April 3.

Annual business including status reports and the election of new board members will take place. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall at 514 North Main Street.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Email news to editor@rrecord.com!

Club raffles Moss print

The Woman's Club of Lancaster will raffle a print by P. Buckley Moss to raise funds for local scholarships.

The numbered print titled "Warder Library No. 15" is hand signed by the artist. It is 21 by 21.5 inches and depicts an 1800s library with a prominent antique bookmobile and the characteristic Amish folks that typify Moss's prints. The print is framed and matted by Rappahannock Hang Ups.

Raffle tickets are six for \$5. The winner will be drawn on May 19. For tickets, call 462-0495.

Chamber series 2004-05 season tickets go on sale

The Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert Series at Virginia Commonwealth University recently announced its concerts for the 2004-05 season.

The Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert Series is dedicated to bringing pre-eminent chamber musicians and ensembles to the Richmond area.

For its 2004-05 season, the series will present The Takács Quartet on October 9, Gil and Orli Shaham on November 6, Concertante on January 22, Andreas Haefliger on February 19, Ensemble Amarcord on March 5, and The Eroica Trio on April 9.

All performances will be held at 8 p.m. in the Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall in the W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts at 922 Park Avenue.

Subscription tickets are available through the VCU Department of Music box office. The six-concert subscriptions are \$110 for adults, \$90 for seniors and VCU/MCV employees and

\$50 for students.

Tickets may be purchased by phone at 828-6776, by mail at VCU Music Box Office, 922 Park Avenue, Room 132, P.O. Box 842004, Richmond, VA 23284-2004 or at the box office from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

For more than 20 years, the Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert series has offered outstanding chamber music to the academic and Richmond communities.

Founded as the Terrace Concerts at VCU, the series was affiliated with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

In 1990, the series was renamed the Mary Anne Rennolds Terrace Concerts at VCU, in honor of one of Richmond's great music patrons, and an endowment fund was established.

The series took on its current name when it began operating independently of the Kennedy Center.

Wilcox paintings make gallery window display

The paintings of Anne Goodman Wilcox of Deltaville are featured in a window of the Studio Gallery on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

Wilcox's oil painting, "The Meeting Place," a view of the Rappahannock River near Deltaville, won best-in-show at the Rappahannock Art League's 2003 Labor Day Weekend Exhibit.

Wilcox has been painting for over 30 years and works in oil, acrylic and mixed media. After graduating from high school and attending the University of Richmond, she married and raised two daughters. Some 20 years later she returned to college as a full-time student at Virginia Commonwealth University where she earned a bachelor's in art education.

The artist credits her husband and their love of boating with providing her with a wealth of

subject matter for her paintings.

"I am inspired by maritime life. The reflective nature of the water illuminates colors, patterns and rhythms in fascinating ways and I can't wait to capture them in my paintings. I am basically a realistic painter, but the changing qualities of water allow me to be more free and abstract," Wilcox said.

Her commissioned work includes many paintings for Medical College of Virginia, including 12 acrylic paintings on paper and a large oil painting depicting scenes from the James, Mattaponi and Rappahannock rivers and tributaries. A second project of nine oil paintings depicting the James was completed in January 2003 for the cafeteria.

She is a member of Richmond Artists Association, University Painters and the Rappahannock Art League.

Septic system workshops scheduled

If a septic system fails, often it cannot be repaired. Replacement could be the only option and a costly one.

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Knowing how a septic system functions is the first step in understanding how to maintain it for a long lifespan. Few people, however, get an opportunity to learn the basics. That opportunity will present itself this spring with workshops in each of the four Northern Neck counties.

Thanks to a small grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, homeowners will get a chance to hear and talk to representatives of the Health Department, Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District, Northern Neck Planning Commission and the Tidewater RC&D regarding proper septic system maintenance.

The program will cover the basics and alternate systems and design options that process

wastewater more efficiently. Questions will be answered throughout the program and educational materials will be available to take home.

Sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 8 at the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative building in Warsaw and May 4 at the A.T. Johnson building in Montross; from 9 to 11:30 a.m. May 29 at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock; and from 10 a.m. to noon June 9 at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.

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Simon Temperton interviews St. Margaret's student Gabi Price about her Hurricane Isabel experience.

Weather Channel to focus on storm at St. Margaret's

St. Margaret's School's response to Hurricane Isabel will be the focus of a Weather Channel feature on hurricane preparedness. Producer Simon Temperton chose the school after reading a story on the SMS web site about how 17 students and 11 faculty spent the storm in a riverfront dormitory.

"It's great recognition for the work we do every day to keep our students safe," said head of school Margaret R. Broad. "It's also great recognition for our community, and for the public safety officials who were so important to our ability to make good decisions."

Temperton and videographer William Rembert spent March 26 interviewing administrators and students, filming the marine biology class seining in the river, and shooting footage of both storm damage and typical campus scenes.

Temperton took hurricane video shot by local residents Dubby Lowery and Marshall Lloyd to the Weather Channel's Atlanta headquarters where they will be copied for potential use in the program.

St. Margaret's will be part of a segment on evacuations. The five-part series currently is expected to air the second week of June.



Students host coffee house

Students, faculty and parents swarmed to Christchurch School's Marston Gymnasium on Saturday night for the school's Outside Inn, a student coffee house. Groups and solo performers performed everything from original poetry to alternative rock in the café-like atmosphere. From left, Connor Charlton, the son of David and Wendy Charlton of White Stone accompanied Katelyn Stillman, the daughter of Dana and Terry Stillman of Kilmarnock. Guests were encouraged to also visit the student art gallery located in the lower level of Marston.



Brainiacs win

From left, Brainiacs team members are Jimmy Merrick, Shaq Harvey, Ryan Hudson and Matthew Self. The team won the ninth Lancaster Middle School Brain Bowl.

April is 'Child Abuse Prevention Month'

Children are best able to grow into healthy, productive citizens when their lives are built on a solid foundation of love, strength and guidance. But when families are in turmoil, that wall may crumble unless other caring and responsible adults step in and secure the foundation.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme is "Building Blocks for a Safe and Healthy Childhood." While parents, neighbors, teachers and coaches typically form the key building blocks in a child's foundation, everyone has a role to play. As a reminder, child advocates in Virginia and nationwide are distributing blue ribbons for people to wear in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Awareness is perhaps the first step in helping a child who is being abused or neglected. Children at greatest risk of abuse have parents who are isolated, under financial or other stresses, substance abusers, inexperienced with children or suffering from mental illness. The children may not verbalize their troubles, but through their behaviors they will

let people around them know they need help. Warning signs include unexplained or recurring injuries, aggressive and other behavior disorders, frequent absences from school and trouble learning.

Suspected abuse or neglect should be reported to child protective services at the department of social services where the child lives or where the abuse occurred. If a child seems to be in immediate physical danger, call the police.

Every 12 days a child in Virginia dies from abuse or neglect. In fiscal year 2003 nearly 7,000 children statewide were victims of abuse and 31 children died from their injuries. More than half of the children who died were denied proper food, clothing, shelter or supervision and nearly 26 percent were victims of physical abuse.

Child abuse and neglect costs Virginians millions of dollars each day. Foster parenting, medical care, mental health treatment and special education are among services provided to these children. Abused children are more likely to become teen parents, abuse drugs and alcohol and enter the juvenile justice

Secretary of Technology to speak at college commencement May 11

Rappahannock Community College will celebrate its 32nd Commencement May 11 at 7 p.m. at Gloucester High School. The speaker will be the Honorable George C. Newstrom, Virginia Secretary of Technology.

Newstrom's duty is to advise the governor on the growth of technology in the global economy and the effective use of information technology in state government. He is in the forefront of the state's effort to raise its visibility in the global technology marketplace, developing, monitoring, and directing technology strategy, and assisting in technology-based innovation and economic development for the Commonwealth.

Two agencies are subject to his oversight; the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA). He is also chairman of the Information Technology Investment Board.

Newstrom has 28 years of experience as a private-sector executive with Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS), a leading global information technology services company. At EDS, he held various leadership positions in the health care and government sectors, the last as president of EDS Asia Pacific Information Solutions. He was responsible for the company's operations in Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan.



Virginia Secretary of Technology George C. Newstrom

Before joining EDS, Newstrom served as a communications and electronics officer in the United States Marine Corps. He has bachelor's in education administration from the University of California.

Newstrom serves on a variety of volunteer boards, service organizations and educational opportunities for children. He has held advisory and leadership roles on numerous foundations and boards, including the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government advisory board, the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service, the 1998 World Congress on Information Technology, the Information Technology Association of America, and the Virginia Technology Council; and currently serves as chairman of the board of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance.

Students win blue ribbons for their art

Five local students in kindergarten through second grade were blue-ribbon winners in the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs Lee District Children's Art Contest held recently in Richmond.

Lancaster Primary School student winners were Micaela Syversen, Todd O'Bier and Kreig Wiggins. Chelsea Alldredge was awarded a yellow ribbon.

Chesapeake Academy winners were Jennifer Radcliffe and Keith Fisher.

The students' art work is now eligible to compete in the statewide competition of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Norfolk in May.



Karen Newtzie

RCC has two TIE finalists

Rappahannock Community College professor of communications and education Dr. Karen Newtzie and tech prep program coordinator Pam Douglas are finalists in the Virginia Community College System Technology in Education (TIE) Awards. Winners will be chosen April 4 at the annual VCCS New Horizons conference.

Dr. Newtzie collaborated with Germanna Community College speech instructor William Fiege on a distance-learning version of a public speaking course, combining RCC's online course capabilities with other online course sites.

Douglas is the originator of Project STAR (Student Technology Assistant Resources), designed to give rural school systems an opportunity to provide technical support to teachers and central office staff, while creating positive youth leadership opportunities for students in nontraditional career pathways.

School Menu

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menu in Lancaster County. Chilled milk is served with each meal.

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Monday, April 5:
 Sausage biscuit, grape juice.
 Hot dog on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit cup.
Tuesday, April 6:
 Scrambled eggs, bread, orange juice.
 Steakum & cheese sub, w/lettuce & tomato, golden corn, pear halves.
Wednesday, April 7:
 French toast sticks w/syrup, apple juice.
 Corn dog nuggets, potato wedges, fresh fruit, hot roll.
Thursday, April 8:
 Cereal, hot bun, orange juice.
 Chicken patty on bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans.
Friday, April 9:
 Chicken biscuit, grape juice.
 Pizza, salad, spiced applesauce.

School Notebook

■ **Study abroad**
 J. Conor Lynch of Irvington, a junior at Gettysburg College, is spending the spring 2004 semester studying at Denmark's International Study Program in Denmark.
 Study abroad programs are offered by Gettysburg College to supplement and enhance on-campus courses.



The field trip group poses with a seahorse statue—the seahorse is the Christchurch School mascot. From left are (front row) Jessie Sciacchitano, Chelsea Trotter, Jeremy Koslow, marine science teacher Christine Muir and Wes Schmidt; (back row) Meredith Martin, Regina Battleson, Ben Eberline, Kyle Jones, Carolyn Davis and Harrison

Students explore Roatan

During spring vacation, ten Christchurch students participated in an eight-day marine ecology field trip to Honduras designed and led by marine science teacher Christine Muir.

The group explored Roatan, the largest of the Bay Islands, and part of the Mesoamerican coral reef—the second largest barrier reef in the world.

Students took classes at the Roatan Institute of Marine Science on coral reef ecology, marine protected areas, reef monitoring techniques and overview of coral reef research, fish identification and function on the reef, dolphin anatomy and biology, and a three-part series on the history, present, and future of the Bay Islands.

The students snorkeled daily at different coral reefs, explored the mangroves and sea grass beds, trained and snorkeled with dolphins, took an island tour by bus and boat, snorkeled at night, explored



Jessie Sciacchitano, the daughter of Paul and Karen Sciacchitano of Weems, and friend.

the old fishing community of Oak Ridge, danced with Garifuna dancers, went horseback riding on the beach, kayaked along fossil coral reefs, and participated in group discussions about tourism and development.

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The Chesapeake Academy forensics team

Chesapeake places second in forensics tournament

Chesapeake Academy's forensics team placed second in the Independent School Forensics Competition held March 26 at Aylett Country Day School.

Also competing were the host school, who won first place, and Ware Academy, who placed third. Chesapeake's junior team was coached by Claudia Soucek; the senior team was coached by Amy Hemingway.

"We are proud of our students," the coaches said. "The forensics event is training in the interpretation of poetry and prose. We encourage the students and offer guidance on vocal quality, but each student's interpretation of the piece is truly his or hers."

Each school sent contestants from the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades to read selections which were required to be between two and four minutes in length. The readings were judged

on body language, enunciation, tone, command of audience, attitude, and enthusiasm. The students participated in two rounds. Each student received a ribbon based on his or her score.

For the Chesapeake sixth-grade junior team, in the serious poetry category, William Somers won a blue ribbon for "Hungry Mungry" by Shel Silverstein.

In serious prose, Mikey Faulkner won a red ribbon for "The Days of Cardboard Boxes" by Eva Burke. Timothy Johnson read "Paul Revere's Ride." Weston Johnson read an excerpt from *Across Five Aprils* and Robbie Brent read from *The Talk of Custard the Dragon* by Ogden Nash.

In humorous prose, Patrick Best read "The Three Little Pigs."

For the seventh- and eighth-grade senior team, in the humorous prose category, Luke

Saunders won a red ribbon for "Albuquerque" by Al Yankovitch and Eleanor Smith read an excerpt from *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman* by Brian Jacques.

In serious poetry, Laura Ransone read "Making Sarah Cry" by Cheryl L. Costello-Forshey. Taylor Nelson read "11:21 a.m." by Joanna Gates and Michael Harris read "Boys of Bummer" by Dave Barry.

In humorous poetry, Tyler Reeves received a red ribbon for "Bustopher Jones: The Cat About Town" by T.S. Eliot. Stephen Blunt read "Geographys Fun (NOT!)" by Bob Tucker. Laura Nost read "Just Keep Quiet and Nobody Will Notice" by Ogden Nash and Livvy Gill read "Peanut Butter Sandwich" by Shel Silverstein.

In serious prose, Elizabeth Prilaman read an excerpt from *Holes* by Louis Sachar and Caryn Packett read an excerpt from *A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord.

New scholarship established

The Reverend M. P. White, pastor of Fairfields United Methodist Church, last week announced the establishment of an education fund for residents of Northumberland and Lancaster counties.

The purpose of the fund is to provide qualified applicants with funds for any valid educational, vocational, or job training course of instruction. No preference will be given in consideration of race, sex, age or national origin. The number of grants and award amounts will be flexible. All awards will

be made directly to the educational institution and an annual application is required.

"There has been a committee working for the last year to develop criteria for the fund and an application process," said Rev. White.

It is the church's intent to assist those who may want to take a course for job advancement or job training (for example welding or hairdressing) as well as college-bound students.

The Covington-Hurst Education Fund (CHEF) is in honor

of two lifetime church members, Elizabeth Downing Covington and Frances Downing Hurst. Covington and Hurst are sisters and lifetime residents of Burgess who taught in Northumberland schools, Covington for 36 years and Hurst for 34 years. Both graduated from Northumberland high schools and Mary Washington College. They have also been active members in a number of societies and local organizations.

For an application, call Therese Horwath at 580-6928, or the church office at 453-3770.

Academy hosts 'The Frog Prince'

Local preschools, home-school students and families with young children recently joined Chesapeake Academy early childhood and kindergarten students for the Theatre IV production of "The Frog Prince."

The play is based on a German folk tale adapted by the Grimm Brothers, written and set to music by Douglas S. Jones and Ron Barnett. The play concerns wishes and

witches and the people caught between them.

After the production, teachers talked with students about friendship and how frogs and toads are viewed in different cultures. Study guides with vocabulary lists and other items were provided.

The visiting schools included Kingdom Kids, Kathy Shearin's Preschool, Bonnie Lee's Fun and Learning Preschool, Phillippi Christian Preschool

and Helen Pittman's Preschool.

"The Frog Prince" was the third of four programs in the academy's early childhood enrichment series to bring visiting museums, park programs and theatrical productions to the community.

The 2003-04 program will conclude with "Oceans Emotions" when the Marine Science Museum's mobile unit comes to campus April 20 at 10 a.m.



Learning fire safety

Don Gill (left) and Joe Hecht (right) of the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department brought a fire truck to Bethel Preschool on March 29 to teach fire safety. Children were given a ride in the fire truck and learned what to do in case of a fire at home. The preschool thanks the firemen for their time and valuable lesson.

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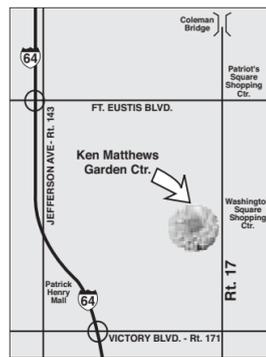
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This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

Don't be afraid to dream about the preposterous

"The moon is made of green cheese," pronounced Jimmy. And his mother said, "Jimmy, whatever makes you say something silly like that?"

"Marie told me," he answered simply. Jimmy was a boy of five or six when I lived in his home as a young teacher. It was a fun place to live, and part of the fun was Jimmy.

One thing about Jimmy, he believed whatever people told him. And one day, hoping to make a point, I countered one of his preposterous statements with, "Yes, Jimmy, and the moon is made of green cheese."

After that, whenever Jimmy gazed dreamily up at the nighttime moon, he saw green cheese, and nothing could change his mind. Jimmy liked the idea of a moon made of green cheese.

That was five years before Sputnik, the first earth satellite launched into space by Russia, and decades before the first man set foot on the moon.

It was a day before every American man, woman and child had seen the surface of the moon through the eyes of the astro-

navants and even handled moon rocks in space museums across the country. It was a day when it almost made sense for a young boy to dream about a moon that was made of green cheese.

There was still some mystery in the world. There were things out there we didn't know, and the mystery of those unknowns invited both the youngest and the oldest of us to ponder the unknowable. They invited us to imagine and dream the impossible.

Unfortunately, the age of scientific advancement took some of that mystery and wonder away from us.

Today our kitchen counters are filled with intelligent gadgets. We send messages by instantaneous e-mail instead of slow-moving letters. We travel astronomical distances in a matter of hours, and we can even dream of a day when the average person might elect to vacation on the moon. In a world like ours it would be foolish to fantasize about walking on a moon made of green cheese. That wasn't the case for Jimmy.

Jimmy never grew up to maximize his creative imagination. He was killed in a terribly tragic auto accident before he

reached 20.

What I have left of Jimmy are two things—an uncommonly beautiful gold-trimmed bone china cup and saucer that was a wedding gift and the memory of a starry-eyed little boy gazing wistfully at a moon made of green cheese.

Sometimes I think of Jimmy's moon and it reminds me to take out time each day to seek the unknown and believe the impossible.

I once read a description of a certain novelist as someone who "gets to the sublime by way of the preposterous." That was Jimmy exactly.

We all have Jimmys in our lives. People who for some unexplainable reason taught us something uniquely important about living.

Why not take a few minutes today to think seriously about what your Jimmy taught you about finding meaning in life. And then even if it flies in the face of society's stereotypes, don't be afraid to think about the unknowable and dream the impossible. In times like ours, it may be necessary to "get to the sublime by way of the preposterous."

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Lee vs. Grant campaign commemoration stretches around the Commonwealth

The National Park Service, in collaboration with Orange, Spotsylvania, Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield counties and the cities of Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg and Hopewell, announces a series of programs to commemorate the 140th anniversary of Lee and Grant's 1864 campaign.

The Civil War campaign witnessed the unrelenting and consuming struggle between the war's foremost commanders, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant.

On May 4, 1864, Gen. Grant sent the Union Army in motion, initiating a series of battles that spanned 40 days. Whenever Grant advanced, there he found Confederate soldiers blocking the road to Richmond. Some of the largest battles of the war were fought during the campaign at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North

Anna, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Of the subsequent battles, one at New Market Heights in September 1864, is especially significant for African-American history.

To commemorate the campaign, a series of tours, a re-enactment and numerous programs will be offered along the byways of central Virginia from April through October. The anniversary events will help visitors understand the enormity of the fighting and the war's impact on the civilians who lived on and around the battlefields.

"This 140th anniversary promotion gives us the opportunity to reach out to one of the biggest special-interest groups we have—Civil War travelers," said Virginia Tourism president Alisa Bailey. "Last year 11 percent of Virginia's travelers included Civil War activities in their trip, and we filled more than 80,000 requests for information from them."

Virginia Civil War Trails director Mitch Bowman said, "In 1996 we dedicated the Lee vs. Grant trail that followed the route of the armies from the Rapidan River to Petersburg. Now in 2004 that trail will come alive with an incredible array of special events that have never before been offered to the public. There will be rare opportunities to see the battlefields and hear the stories that have made these places some of the most important historic sites in the nation."

The anniversary initiative includes a rack card that will be made available to visitor facilities and Virginia Welcome Centers. A full listing of all the events throughout central Virginia can be found at www.leevsgrant1864.com.

For a free travel guide, state map and Civil War information, call 888-248-4592.

A Doctor Speaks

by Dr. George Moore

Is the low-carb diet for me?

A friend recently asked me the question so I am writing a reply. Fad diets for weight loss seem to come and go, but this one has become extremely popular. If you remember, this low-carbohydrate, high protein, diet was popular in the 1960s.

The diet promotes high-protein foods such as meat and eggs and restricts carbohydrate-rich foods such as potatoes, pasta, fruits and certain vegetables.

The reported logic is that carbohydrates are thought to promote weight gain by increasing the body's production of insulin, which accelerates the conversion of food to body fat.

The claim is that carbohydrates tend to be less filling than other foods and that people consume more calories in order to satisfy their hunger.

Some people are thought to respond to a low-fat, high-car-

bohydrate diet with high triglyceride levels that can lead to heart disease.

High protein diets are being taken seriously by a number of researchers who agree that people can lose weight on them. One such study was conducted at Duke University Medical Center.

There is disagreement by other researchers.

The concerns focus on the heavy emphasis of consumption of protein and the restriction of carbohydrates. Too much dietary protein places undue stress on the liver and kidneys since they must metabolize and excrete more than normal waste products. High uric acid levels created by high-protein foods can lead to kidney stones.

If one has diabetes or kidney disease, a high-protein diet may speed the progression of kidney disease. And some studies suggest that eating too much pro-

tein will lead to loss of calcium from the bones and osteoporosis.

If your carbohydrate intake is restricted, there may be other problems.

A drastic reduction of carbohydrate consumption will increase the metabolism of fatty acids and lead to release of ketones into the bloodstream. Ketones are dangerous for people with known or unrecognized heart disease, diabetes or kidney problems.

Vitamin and mineral deficiencies may appear with carbohydrate restriction. Whole grains, fruits and vegetables provide essential nutrients as well as fiber and phytochemicals that work together and promote good health.

The basic problem with a low-carb diet is the failure to insure a well-balanced diet and teach long-term healthful eating habits.

I would agree with the American College of Preventive Medicine advisory of 2003 that states there is currently little evidence to support the safety and effectiveness of popular diets that promote unlimited consumption of protein and fat. If you wish to try such a diet, do it on a short-term basis and under medical supervision.

Most nutrition experts agree that the ideal weight-loss diet should be balanced and flexible with an emphasis on variety and the ability to accommodate people with diverse needs and food preferences.

Successful weight loss requires a three-pronged approach: changing behavior patterns, making dietary adjustments, and increasing physical activity.

You will need to cut calories. Determine how many calories you should eat per day by weight if you are a moderately active

person.

For example, a 150-pound person who consumes 2,250 calories per day will neither lose nor gain weight. A pound of body fat contains 3,500 calories.

So, to lose one to two pounds a week, a gradual and safe rate of weight loss, you must eat 500 to 1,000 fewer calories per day than what is needed to maintain your weight. Insure that caloric intake does not drop below 1,200 calories per day if you are female or 1,500 calories per day, if male.

Set a realistic goal. A weight loss of as little as 5 to 10 percent of body weight is significant. If you weigh 150 pounds and wish to lose 10 percent of your weight as a goal, take 10 weeks to erase the 15 pounds.

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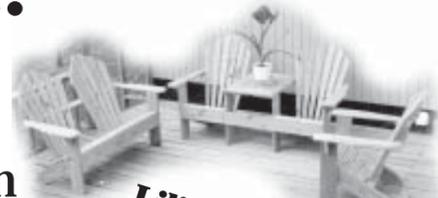
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▼ Rezoning

(continued from page A1)

The plan approved more than 10 years ago includes an anchor store building flanked by two additional buildings for commercial use. They would be served by a primary parking lot with 236 spaces and an entrance and exit on Route 3.

VDOT

VDOT assistant resident engineer Carter White said approval has been given for the county to receive approximately \$79,500 of the \$82,500 requested through a revenue sharing project that will fund the paving of Avis Trail in Lancaster.

The paving is estimated to cost \$160,000, with the remainder funded privately by landowner John H. Morris IV or the successive owner of 214 acres of property accessed by Avis Trail.

Last month, the county planning commission recommended approval of a rezoning request by the Western Branch Company for the 214-acre site. Plans call for a 36-unit, single-family residential development within the property, including 20 units fronting the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River.

White also informed the board of a revenue sharing request by the Town of Kilmarnock for up to \$500,000 in VDOT funding for the town's Main Street project.

"I think the town is real serious with doing its enhancement project," said White.

He said Kilmarnock also has requested a traffic signal study at Routes 3 and 688 (James B. Jones Memorial Highway) and has expressed interest in developing a new transportation corridor along the eastern side of town.

"Certainly that's going to require the town's and county's support and involvement," White said.

Other action

The board authorized a special exception extension for Maurice and Joanne Washington to place a manufactured home in the Church View Acres area off James Wharf Road.

Additionally, the board approved the placement of an 18-inch by six-inch sign that credits the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck for their maintenance of the demonstration garden at the Lancaster County courthouse.



'Zoinks' Scooby

Shawn Valdrighi of Weems pushes his way through the crowd to get a hug from the guest of honor at last week's premiere of a new ride at Paramount's Kings Dominion. Larkin Gross of Tappahannock (far right) waited for his turn to meet Scooby Doo at the cartoon character's birthday party, which included a 120-foot-long sub. Scott Innes, who has been the voice of Scooby Doo since 1997, was on hand at the ribbon-cutting of Scooby Doo's Haunted Mansion ride. About 300 children attended the invitation-only ceremony, which also marked the 30th anniversary of the Scooby Doo Ghoster Coaster. Gross's mother, Sheri Gross, attended the premier of that ride with her first-grade class in 1974.

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or residential properties.

Another amendment would allow the board of supervisors to consider permitting light industrial buildings over 45 feet on a case-by-case basis.

There are only a few places zoned light industrial in the county, including areas around Reedville, Wicomico Church and Mundy Point.

The board also will hold public hearings on requests from:

- Wade and Susan Zimbardo for an after-the-fact conditional use permit to have an apartment in a business district. The property is at 5273 Jessie Dupont Memorial Highway in Wicomico Church.
- John L. Jennings to add a

170-foot-long pier with mooring piles to provide 20 additional mooring slips at Jennings Boatyard.

• James W. and Sharon-Rose Fleming for an exception to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance to complete construction of a dwelling partially within the 50-foot resource protection area at 143 Boiling Point Drive on the Great Wicomico River.

• Douglas K. Holmes to construct a boathouse on the Great Wicomico River at 15 Knights Run View.

• Richard Thompson to construct a boathouse on the Little Wicomico River at 835 Wicomico Point Road.

▼ Proffers

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not the developers could construct buildings that house eight condominium units. Larson said the county capped the number at six per unit, which would require some amendment of the master plan for a 48-unit, six building pod near the Golden Eagle entrance.

Lackey also expressed concerns about the dumping of vegetative waste into runoff from the golf course lake. Supervisor F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. assured her the vegetative waste issue would be investigated.

Burgess questioned a study concerning the anticipated increase in traffic on Old Salem Road that passes the Golden Eagle, including how it would affect safety given the 10-foot-wide lanes of the road, its lack of roadside shoulders, and limited sight distance due to curves.

"The traffic impact statement hasn't gone far enough," Burgess said.

The developers proffered to construct a bicycle trail along the approximately one-half mile of Old Salem Road frontage. They also proffered to construct a third entrance to the development subject to Virginia Department of Transportation review.

Reservations due for Cobbs Hall NSDAR luncheon

The Cobbs Hall Chapter of the NSDAR will hold its annual anniversary luncheon on Monday, April 12.

The luncheon will be held at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury at noon.

The reservation deadline is April 8. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 453-5691.

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is estimated to cost \$450,000.

• additional office space for constitutional offices and county administration. Funded at \$250,000, the project is estimated to cost \$400,000.

• public recreation facilities, funded at \$250,000 for unspecified improvements.

• a public boat ramp, funded

at \$175,000 for a facility at an unspecified location.

The supervisors will further consider the capital improvement budget along with a proposed \$13.2-million school board budget and projected revenues for 2004-05 during another work session Wednesday, April 7, at 5 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.

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