

January 27, 2005

KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported eight arrests last week. Stanley O'Neal Palmer, 38, of Heathsville was charged January 20 with malicious wounding. Kinsey Lawrence Smith, 22, of Hague was charged January 21 on a grand jury indictment with seven counts of distribution of crack cocaine. A Reedville man, 44, was charged January 17 with writing

a bad check for \$147.08 to a Callao area business. A Heathsville man, 31, was charged January 17 on an Essex County warrant with writing a bad check for \$37.87 to a Tappahannock area business. A Lancaster woman, 31, was charged January 19 with writing a bad check for \$121.33 to a Callao area business. A Heathsville woman, 33, was (continued on page B8)

Persistence and creativity keep Cooley's band rocking

by Reid Pierce-Armstrong

LANCASTER—Shane Cooley is as persistent as he is creative. The 17-year-old has sent numerous press releases, emails and holiday cards and left several phone messages seeking newspaper coverage over the past year. His store-bought, fill-in-the-blank party invitation, "Date: 2005; Time: Any; Place: Rappahannock Record; For: an interview; From: The Shane Cooley Band," was too clever to pass up.

I called his cell phone to arrange an interview. His mother, Pat, returned the call from Warsaw to let me know that Shane was in a chemistry exam, and it had run over. Shane is a junior at Rappahannock High School, where his father, Jack, is principal. The school district had delayed opening by two hours that day, causing Shane's exam to end around 4:30 p.m.

After the exam, Pat rushed Shane home from Warsaw (a 45-minute drive) for the interview before more winter weather arrived. When I arrived 15 minutes later, Pat had fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies and hot cocoa waiting.

"Sonshane," the Cooleys' waterfront farm, creates the backdrop for Shane's inspiration, his mother said. Shane pointed to the dim sun porch, where the last rays of sunset over the Rappahannock River were making the windows glow.

"That's where I write most of my songs," he said.

Shane started playing guitar four years ago. After a few lessons with his dad he improved quickly and soon began writing lyrics and recording his songs.

He got his first break with a song he wrote nine months after learning his first guitar chord. In the wake of September 11, 2001, Shane wrote "Live on USA." The song became popu-

lar at ceremonies and tributes throughout the area.

"I had won the State Volunteer of the Year Award for my 9-11 efforts through the VFW," Shane said. "They had asked me to perform the song at their ceremony in Richmond. Not only did I get a standing ovation, but as I walked out a group of policemen all wanted to shake my hand for what I had done. That is when I knew that making a difference would always be one of the main goals of my music."

His most recent charity effort was a CD drive held over the holidays. He collected some 380 CDs and donated them to the WRAR Christmas Wishes program. He also donated 10 CD players.

More than a year ago, he formed The Shane Cooley Band. Headquarters moved into the large recreation room off the garage. "Sonshane Studios," as it is called, is where the band practices once a week.

But this isn't "your typical high-school garage band," Shane warned. "I am the only teenager in the group."

His father is the drummer. Bass player Jim Gallon is a substitute teacher and percussionist and djembe player Spider Cole works as a correctional officer at Haynesville State Corrections Facility.

"Despite the age difference, we have a good time," Shane said.

The foursome began traveling to tourist areas where they could reach a larger crowd and spread to further reaches of the country. They played in small venues such as Abbey Road Pub in Virginia Beach, the Caribbean Bar and Grill in Ocean City, Md., and Quagmires in Nags Head, N.C., and they produced their first album together, "Climb."

While most parents of teenagers spend their weekends driving Suburbans full of football players and field hockey stars to games and



Shane Cooley

tournaments across the state, the Cooleys load up the big brown band van with drums, bongos, amplifiers and microphones and drive Shane to his next gig.

Shane is an honor student with a 4.0 grade point average and has his sights set on attending William and Mary if he's accepted next year. He knows that somehow music will be part of his career.

"If something ever happened to my throat, I could still play. If something ever happened to

my hands, I could still sing. And if something ever happened to both, I could still write."

He still struggles to define his musical style. Quoting Ray Charles, he says: "There are only two kinds of music: good music and horrible music. I hope mine is good music."

His acoustic-rock style has evolved since his band formed a year ago and his voice has deepened. He has a new girlfriend and the focus of his lyrics has shifted slightly. It's a good change.

Jack likens his son's music to that of John Mayer.

"My music is more melodic than John Mayer's," Shane responded. He cites his three major influences as Bob Dylan, Jimmy Hendrix and Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20.

Shane took second place with his song, "Affection," at the National Beta Club Talent Show in Richmond during the State Beta Club Convention.

"There were well over a thousand teens there, and when I went up and played my song and they went absolutely wild, I was overwhelmed," said Shane.

"These are the key things you need to make it in the music industry: persistence and creativity," Shane said. "Persistence you need so that you keep trying hard and don't give up on anything."

For 2005, he told the band that his goal is to play somewhere big, like the NorVa in Norfolk.

The Shane Cooley Band plays locally at venues such as Café Mojo's, The Boathouse Café, Anna's Italian Restaurant and Conrad's Upper Deck. He has also played at the Urbanna Oyster Festival and Richmond County Fair.

Upcoming performances include celebrations of black history at Rappahannock High School February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the Virginia Beach Public Library February 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Bills could help restore obstetric and delivery care

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

RICHMOND—A bill which may help to bring obstetric and delivery services back to the Northern Neck is making its way through House of Delegates committees this week.

Del. Robert Hurt of Chatham introduced House Bill 2656 requesting state pilot programs for prenatal, obstetrical and pediatric care in certain underserved areas.

Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr. of Lively is co-patron of the bill and was present Monday night when it was passed by a 6-0 vote in the health, welfare and institutions subcommittee. Eight members com-

prise the committee; two were absent during the vote. Del. Pollard is not a member.

The bill is scheduled to come before the full committee today (January 27).

The legislation would permit the state Board of Health to set up birthing centers served by certified nurse midwives, obstetricians, family physicians and pediatricians. The Department of Health would establish the protocol for the centers no later than October 1, 2005, and a report on the impact and effectiveness of the program would be submitted to the Joint Commission on Health Care by November

15, 2006. Residents in the lower Northern Neck, including members of the Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck, are hoping to locate one of the state centers in Lancaster County.

"We're just waiting, anxiously waiting, to hear what they decide," said Dr. James F. Hamilton.

Dr. Hamilton was one of two private obstetricians in Lancaster County who stopped offering delivery services when Rappahannock General Hospital closed its OB department in February 2004.

Dr. Hamilton was also faced with skyrocketing malpractice insurance

premiums, an issue the General Assembly is also tackling this week in the form of House Bill 2485.

Introduced by chief patron Del. J. Chapman Peterson of Fairfax, the legislation would establish malpractice liability insurance under the Division of Risk Management. It would be available to physicians who maintain a primary care practice open to the public in a locality where 50 percent or more of the households have an annual gross income that is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

At least 50 percent of the patients also must receive care under the Medicaid or Medicare programs.

A maximum monthly premium would be set.

One reason Rappahannock General Hospital had to suspend delivery services was because of low Medicaid reimbursements. Some 65 percent of the babies born at the hospital in 2003 were to families on Medicaid.

Del. Peterson's bill went before a general laws subcommittee on Tuesday evening and will come before the full committee today.

Also at the Capitol today, health care professionals and mothers will voice their concerns on women's issues during the annual Motherhood and Apple Pie Day.

Legislature is considering several measures of local interest

by Reid Pierce-Armstrong

RICHMOND—Several bills that could impact boaters, hunters and fishermen are under consideration by the General Assembly.

Two bills would require personal floatation devices for children 12 years old and younger on boats smaller than 21 feet in length. Violation of this law would result in a \$250 fine.

If passed, the law would become effective in January 2006. Sen. Thomas K. Norment Jr. of Williamsburg and Sen. Louise Lucas of

Portsmouth have introduced complementary legislation.

Sen. Frank Wagner of Virginia Beach patroned a bill to reduce the amount of time that has to elapse before a landowner or lessee may attempt to acquire title to any vessel abandoned on his land or in the water adjacent to his land. The bill would reduce the wait time from 12 months to 30 days. The bill also outlines the process the property owner must follow to obtain title to such a vessel.

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introduced a bill to protect established commercial fishing operations. The bill provides that a local government cannot prohibit registered commercial fishermen and seafood buyers from operating their businesses from their waterfront homes so long as the current owner or a family member owns the property.

Del. Pollard also introduced a bill to designate commercial fishing boats as a separate class of personal property, exempt from taxation.

The state would require a saltwa-

ter fishing license for people using cast nets, dip nets or two eel pots, according to legislation patroned by Del. Glenn Oder of Newport News.

Del. Pollard and Del. James Shuler of Blacksburg introduced similar bills repealing the 1942 Act of Assembly that prohibits hunting from floating duck blinds in the counties of Caroline, King George, Essex, Westmoreland and Richmond, and in several segments of the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers.

Del. L. Scott Lingamfelter of Woodbridge wants to establish a duck stamp. A person would be required to obtain this \$9 stamp in order to hunt migratory fowl. Proceeds from the sales of the stamp would be deposited into a special account to fund administering the stamp program and habitat restoration programs.

It would be a felony to import, possess, transport, sell, purchase, give, receive or introduce to Commonwealth waters any nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species,

according to a bill patroned by Del. Kirsten Ammundson of Mount Vernon. The bill includes an exemption for anyone who catches a snakehead fish if it is lawfully taken, killed and reported to authorities.

A number of other bills would impact the Northern Neck and its citizens if approved.

Two bills relate to sludge. Sen. Mark D. Obenshain of Harrisonburg introduced a bill requiring the Commonwealth to reimburse (continued on page B8)

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Ann Messick's home on Lawrence Cove tells her story as a collector. There in the breakfront are the dolls she collected as the only child of a Naval officer and an avid traveler. Each doll has its tale. There is the Christmas doll from a New England antique store; there, the doll her father brought from Africa; there, the beeswax doll whose shedding mohair wig Ann replaced with her own severed braids.

In the garden room are night blooming cereus, clivia, bromeliad, walking iris, shrimp plant and angel wing begonia. Hanging nearby is "Ann's Corner," a painting of the garden room by Jane Stouffer. Ann collects local art, piece by precious piece. She has watercolors by Lella Lee Edwards, Ann Hayes and Bill Martz; hummingbirds in scratchboard by Diane Jackson, and a wish list a mile long.

Ann's an artist with the camera, and her framed photographs reflect her inherited love of travel. There are two Australian pelicans, soft pink with white on their backs; the shy woman stirring her pot in Ecuador; the summer-plumed puffin from Machias Seal

Island; the great egret, the great white heron and the green-backed heron, all photographed in Florida.

There are the rocks she gathered in Idaho, reminiscent of her trip to a dude ranch when she was six. She saw wild ponies and horses, rode daily, collected stones and became alert to nature. Her mother deemed the experience more educational than first grade, even though Ann's reading skills lagged.

She's long caught up. Shelves and shelves of reference materials line her basement. She started with the Peterson-McKinney Guide to Plants, and one book led to another. Here are the wildflower guides, here the butterflies and moths, here the wetlands and seaweeds, and here, a whole shelf about birds in Australia. Ann uses her library to plan her nature and travel programs, or for answers to puzzles on the trail.

Ann was drawn to local wildflow-

ers by Joyce Fitchett Russell shortly after the Messicks moved here 23 years ago. The women walked weekly at Joyce's farm or through Hickory Hollow, both always eager to see what had popped.

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looking," said Ann. "We both loved wildflowers, and we botanized as we drove. If I found blue curls in the ditch, I'd call her. She introduced me to Hickory Hollow, and I fell in love with the place."

Then in the late 1990s, Hickory Hollow became Lancaster County's prime candidate for an industrial park. Naturalists protested that alternative sites could spawn industry, but

Hickory Hollow was a treasure to preserve.

Within its 250 acres are nine species of orchids. With its spathe at 70 degrees, winter-blooming skunk cabbage nurtures beetles and bumblebees. Kentucky yellow lady's slipper has its only Virginia home at Hickory Hollow.

A leader in the grassroots effort, Ann helped to form Friends of Hickory Hollow. They met, strategized, wrote cogent articles for and letters to the Rappahannock Record, distributed literature and offered petitions outside the Tri-Star. The campaign culminated with a packed meeting at Lancaster Middle School, where an informed public sided strongly with the naturalists.

Hickory Hollow remained intact, and in 2001 the John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society presented Ann with a plaque "for her tireless efforts in helping to preserve the Hickory Hollow Natural

Area."

"I knew if I hadn't tried, I could never drive by that road without being sick," said Ann.

Two scrapbooks record the project. In her orchid guidebook are the species saved: green adder's mouth, large twablade, cranefly, rattlesnake plantain, Kentucky yellow lady's slipper, pink lady's slipper, ragged fringed, green woodland and crested yellow.

In 2002 Ann helped to found and became the first president of the Virginia Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. The group meets for brown bag lunch at 12:30 p.m. on third Thursdays, several months a year. Recent programs have been given by Ann Olsen on shrubs and native plants, and by Leonard Adkins of Roanoke on wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail.

Ann's next project is to organize thousands of nature slides, both hers and those Joyce Russell has given her. A scanner and new computer are unpacked and ready.

"It's almost overwhelming," said Ann, eager to start. "It could take me the rest of my life."

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Leftover angel wings

Due to my persistent ability to procrastinate, Hazel and I were recently over at the church office well after midnight. We were editing an annual report book. It is laced with dates, names, addresses, group and individual reports, and minutiae. I hate office work, book work; it seems so unnecessary to me. I know better. I just seldom do better.

My promise to Hazel (same as last year) is that I will get better organized, stay on top of things and be more able to generate this project in hours, not days (read "nights" as well).

We had come to a point in the process where we were cross-eyed and weary of body. I reached over and turned off the computer. Hazel gathered her materials (and mine) about her (she is so organized). Down the steps she did go. One supposes she was measuring how many other ways she has had to overlook and compensate for my procrastination.

As I switched off the lights and turned toward the stairs, angel wings caught my eye. There in a corner beside a big steel cabinet donated by Carrington and Ann Burgess stood big feathered angel wings. They were left over from

Christmas pageants past. The cabinet? Oh, I am going to put stuff in it that sits around the hall and my office some day, last week, next year, year before last... oh, I will get around to it, eventually.

Back to the leftover angel wings. Tired and frustrated, I stared at them. All of a sudden I found myself being wrapped in the most comfortable cocoon. The fact that God has called angels to look over me swooped down and blessed my soul.

The Bible records 250 or more references to angels.

At last week's prayer service during the inauguration, I became very emotional as I watched the evangelist Dr. Billy Graham being assisted to stand and walk and find his place in the program. Instantly I thought how honored was the gentleman on staff at the National Cathedral assigned to help him.

I remember how as a young lad, fresh out of

USMC boot camp, I met Dr. Graham. He had come to Camp LeJeune, N.C., to hold an eastern Carolina crusade. At the time, I was serving as chaplain's assistant for the

Saint Stephens Church-Heathsville



was mellifluous; now it was still powerful, but shaky. His flowing brown mane was striking. Now that hair was snow. He was bent over. He slid his two-wheel walker ahead of his tenuous gait.

My second opportunity to be in that great man's presence was when he was invited to New England for a crusade in the early 1980s. I was pastor of the United Parish on Harvard Street in Brookline. Nightly I sat in the rain at the stadium of Boston University to act as a counselor should the team need me. What a privilege! The closest I got to the evangelist was from across the stadium and via the evening news. However, his presence was felt nonetheless.

Without a doubt Billy Graham has been a mentor of my life and ministry from afar. He doesn't know me, wouldn't remember me if jogged. Isn't God

wonderful? He has used a man like that to indirectly amplify and magnify the ministry of a small church pastor. Wait, before you jump to conclusions, I did say small church, not small pastor.

Well anyway, being reacquainted with the evangelist by Cspan from my recliner, I remember how blessed I am to have read Dr. Graham's book, *Angels, Angels, Angels*. In it was educated about the positive powers of God's angels. It is refreshing to know that such a biblical scholar, such a man of God, believed in angels. Wow, me too.

Another blessing came my way when the inaugural ceremony's host announced to the attending dignitaries that they would lift an offering. Sitting beside his wife, President Bush broke into a smile. Mrs. Bush leaned over. They doubtless passed quiet words between them. I doubt that he ever carries any money in his pocket. As the plate arrived at his pew, his dad (the other President Bush) reached over his shoulder. Reaching back, their hands met and the President rolled the money into the plate that his dad had put forward. That image was not lost on me. We have a father who is always ahead of us and right behind us. He provides what we need at any given place and time.

I hope you catch a glimpse soon someday of leftover angel wings and that it will buoy your faith and remind you of God's goodness.

God is so good, so wonderful to me, and I know why. I absolutely depend upon Him. Without Him I am nothing. His faithfulness to me is reassuring, empowering. Do you know my God? Have you met His Son? Is he your savior? I thank God for leftover angel wings.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, January 30:
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Daniel Mochamps, Interim Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Thursday, February 1:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrotoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Rev. Frank G. Schwall Jr., Pastor
Thursday, January 27:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, January 31:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Thursday, February 1:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 2:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Fairfields Baptist
www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
<http://www.fairfieldsbaptist.org>
15213 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-3530
Rev. Brian A. Hamrick, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School and Children's
Choir
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Mid-week Service

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield
Pastor McKibbin, 693-5503
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, February 2:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartwell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1703
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Friday, January 28:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Class
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m., Quarterly Business Meeting
and Tone Chimes
Monday, January 31:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Class
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 242
Tuesday, February 1:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Class
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 2:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Class
5:30 p.m., Children's Choir Supper
6 p.m., Children's Choir
7 p.m., Adult Choir
Thursday, February 3:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Class
Lighthouse Baptist Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Dr. M. R. Shuman, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services
Maple Grove Baptist
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells
Richard C. Newton, Minister
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Moratico Baptist
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road
White Stone; 435-1272
Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr., Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship
New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, January 30:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, VA 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, February 2:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
11:00 a.m., Senior Outreach Day
1:00 p.m., Mid-Day Bible Study
5:30 p.m., Youth Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study
Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
White Stone Baptist
517 Chesapeake Drive

Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor
White Stone; 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
Sunday, January 30:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30-10 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship
Canned Goods Sunday
Monday, January 31:
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 235
Tuesday, February 1:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, February 2:
11 a.m., WMU Meeting
7 p.m., Deacon's Meeting
Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, February 2:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
Sunday, January 30:
Sexagesima Sunday
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon
10 & 11 a.m., Child Care Provided

435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, January 27:
7:30 p.m., Endowment Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 29:
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Brain Sharp Learning
Workshop
Sunday, January 30:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
5 p.m., Youth Fellowship
Tuesday, February 1:
10 a.m., UM Women's meeting
3 p.m., Quartet Rehearsal
6 p.m., Trustees Meeting
7 p.m., Handbell Practice
7:30 p.m., Missions Committee Meeting
8 p.m., Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, February 2:
7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Edward Roland, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 30:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Milia
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Friday, January 28:
9 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA
Monday, January 31:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Wednesday, February 2:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
2 p.m., Evangelism Committee
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road)
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
Rev. Dr. William S. Morris, Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Church School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
New Member Sunday
4:30 p.m., Youth Meeting
Crib and toddler nurseries available.
Wednesday, February 2:
1 p.m., Fellowship & Family Life Ministry
Group
4 p.m., Witness & Service Ministry Group
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 3:
9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women's Bible
Study

Milder Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, January 30:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery
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529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, January 30:
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11 a.m., Worship, traditional

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Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor
White Stone; 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
Sunday, January 30:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30-10 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship
Canned Goods Sunday
Monday, January 31:
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 235
Tuesday, February 1:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, February 2:
11 a.m., WMU Meeting
7 p.m., Deacon's Meeting
Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, February 2:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
Sunday, January 30:
Sexagesima Sunday
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon
10 & 11 a.m., Child Care Provided

435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, January 27:
7:30 p.m., Endowment Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 29:
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Brain Sharp Learning
Workshop
Sunday, January 30:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
5 p.m., Youth Fellowship
Tuesday, February 1:
10 a.m., UM Women's meeting
3 p.m., Quartet Rehearsal
6 p.m., Trustees Meeting
7 p.m., Handbell Practice
7:30 p.m., Missions Committee Meeting
8 p.m., Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, February 2:
7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Edward Roland, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 30:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Milia
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
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Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 2:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Friday, January 28:
9 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class
Sunday, January 30:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA
Monday, January 31:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Wednesday, February 2:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
2 p.m., Evangelism Committee
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road)
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
Rev. Dr. William S. Morris, Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Church School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
New Member Sunday
4:30 p.m., Youth Meeting
Crib and toddler nurseries available.
Wednesday, February 2:
1 p.m., Fellowship & Family Life Ministry
Group
4 p.m., Witness & Service Ministry Group
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 3:
9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women's Bible
Study

Milder Presbyterian
Sharps
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Obituaries

John L. Ames

WHITE STONE—John Lewis “Lew” Ames, 92, died January 23, 2005, at his home in White Stone.

Mr. Ames was born in Norfolk July 15, 1912, to Harry Lee and Catherine Betty Ames. He spent most of his life on Long Island, N.Y., before retiring to the Northern Neck in 1983.

He graduated from Lynbrook High School on Long Island in 1929 and received a bachelor's from Randolph-Macon College in 1933. While at Randolph-Macon, he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society and Tau Kappa Alpha.

After graduation, he was accepted to the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where he received a doctorate of law in 1937. He continued his education throughout the remainder of his career by completing post-graduate courses at New York University.

He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1937 and the New York State Bar in 1940, where he argued cases on the state and federal level, including some involving the U.S. Treasury Department.

He had a long and distinguished business career, spending the majority of it in New York City. Upon graduating from law school, he began his career in the tax department of the Home Life Insurance Company. In 1938 he became a trial attorney with Tanner, Silcocks & Friend. In 1941 he was hired as house counsel at Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., a New York City advertising firm. From 1942-45, he served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, splitting time between the Washington, D.C., and New York City field offices. In 1945, he rejoined Ruthrauff & Ryan as counsel and assistant to the president.

Over the next 10 years, he was assigned to executive positions, becoming vice president and director in 1955. Upon a corporate merger in 1957, he became vice president and secretary of Erwin, Wassey, Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc. From 1959-62 he was assistant director of business affairs for CBS TV Network Inc. In 1962 he was back in the advertising arena as director and vice president in charge of administration at Kudner Agency Inc.

He joined West Weir & Bartel Inc. in 1966 as senior vice president for administration and finance. He was promoted to executive vice president in 1967. From 1968-73 he was vice president and secretary for Lennen & Newell Inc. He joined Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample Inc. as vice president of business and legal affairs in 1973 until his move to Virginia in 1983.

While in Virginia, he was retained as legal counsel for Saatchi & Saatchi DFS Inc. doing special filings with the Justice Department until 1994.

He was a member on the national panel of the American Arbitration Association. From 1946-48 he served as a special deputy attorney general of New York and was a member of the Nassau County Crime Commission from 1973-83.

He was a past president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies Group Insurance Trust and past secretary to the Society of Former Agents of the FBI. He also was a member of Lancaster County Crime Solvers until shortly before his death and served as president from 1991-94.

He was civic minded and proud of what he had accomplished through his volunteer work. His proudest accomplishment was serving the people and children of Massapequa, N.Y., as school district attorney in 1952 and as a school board member from 1952-79. As board president from 1957-78, he helped guide the school district through its largest period of growth. He also served as president of the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association and the Alumni Society at Randolph-Macon College. In honor of his 30 years of service as a trustee at his alma mater, he was named a trustee emeritus in 1985.

He also was a member of New York City Lawyers Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, New York Audit & Financial Management Association, N.Y. State School Boards Association, N.Y. State Association of School Attorneys, and N.Y. Community College Advisory Committee.

He was a past lecturer for NYU Advanced Seminars.

He was a member of Southward Ho Country Club, Murray Hill Club of New York, Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club and Windmill Point Yacht Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Kilbon “Peg” Ames in 1996.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Lee and Michael Ward of Alexandria; a son and daughter-in-law, John Lewis Ames Jr. and Elaine Ames of Virginia Beach; six grandchildren, Cynthia Elaine Jones, Dawn Michelle Dovel, Christopher Royce Ward,

Gregory Scott Ames, Stephanie Ward Scheel and Melissa Ward Gardiner; and ten great-grandchildren, Ryan Austin Dovel, Catherine Elaine Jones, Courtney Ames Dovel, Colin Royce Ward, Kimberly Margaret Jones, Kyle Hensley Ames, Molly Elisabeth Ward, Dylan Richard Scheel, Margaret Mackenzie Scheel and Emily Caroline Ames.

A memorial service will be held Friday, January 28, at 11 a.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard S. Gordon and Rev. H. Purnell Bailey officiating. Burial will be Saturday, January 29, at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria with Rev. William Burroughs officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or Lancaster County Crime Solvers c/o Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, 8293 Mary Ball Rd., Lancaster, VA 22503.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Robert R. Beasley

CALLAO—Robert Richard Beasley, 92, of Callao died January 20, 2005.

Mr. Beasley was the founder of R.R. Beasley Concrete in Callao where he worked for over 70 years.

He was a member of Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao and a 60-year-member of Heathsville Masonic Lodge No. 109. He also was a member of Montross Landmond Masonic Lodge No. 293.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ilva Hayden Beasley.

He is survived by a daughter, Betty Beasley of Farnham; a son and daughter-in-law, R. Ray and Lane Beasley of Callao; a close friend, Martha Lewis of Callao; two sisters, Hilda Croxton of Sandston and Virginia Ferguson of Maryland; five grandchildren, Bill Beasley, Rob Beasley II, Heather McKenney, Chris Packett and Roy Stevens; and four great-grandchildren.

A Masonic service was held January 24 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood. A funeral service was held January 25 at Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Henderson United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

Willis L. Bergh

LAS VEGAS—Willis Leslie Bergh, 84, died January 15, 2005.

Mr. Bergh was born April 25, 1920, in Richmond, the youngest of nine children.

He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, which brought him to Las Vegas in 1944.

From 1945 to 1981, he was employed as the accountant and office manager at the only Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Las Vegas. After retiring in 1981, he returned to Virginia where he resided until 1999, and then returned to Las Vegas.

He was president and state secretary of the Las Vegas Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was also a member of the American Legion Post in Kilmarnock.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Muriel; four daughters, Linda, Sherrie, Debra and Wendy; six grandchildren, Heidi, Cody, Jessica, Shane, Gabriel and Summer; and four great-grandchildren, Sterling, Dylan, Kayla and April.

Funeral services were held January 19 at Memory Garden Cemetery.

Dorothy L.N. Booth

BURGESS—Dorothy Lee Norris Booth, 75, of Burgess died January 22, 2005. Mrs. Booth was the widow of Raymond Crowther Booth.

She was member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn B. and Matthew Leen of Virginia Beach; and a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond C. Booth Jr. and Sharon Booth of Kilmarnock.

Funeral services were held January 25 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Dr. John E. Houghton officiating. Interment was in Clifton Ridge Cemetery in Kilmarnock. Pallbearers were Thomas Christopher Jones, Erik Bugg, John Forrester, Lester Brent, Steve Bonner, Tommy Bonner, Clarence Gough and Col. Dwight L. Taylor. Honoraries were Robert Lee Covington and Luther Welch.

Wayland N. Brown

WHITE STONE—Wayland Nathaniel Brown, 86, of White Stone died January 14, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Brown was born November 5, 1918, to Minnie and Wayland Nathaniel Brown of White Stone. He joined Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone where he served on the Usher Board and was a trustee.

He married Ann Coleman Brown, who predeceased him.

He served in the U.S. Navy where he worked as a cook.

He was a chef at the Tide's Inn for 30 years.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur Wayland and Darlene Brown of White Stone; a sister, Rubie Dorsey of Philadelphia; two stepgrandsons, Donald Lee of Williamsburg and Shawn Lee of Norfolk, two stepgreat-grandsons, Dejour Lee of White Stone and Noel Lee of Williamsburg; three stepgreat-granddaughters, Taylor Lee of Richmond, Jade and Jacqueline Lee of Williamsburg; four nephews, Rashad Sharees of Atlantic, Ga., Thomas Dorsey of Willingboro, N.J., David W. Coleman of Baltimore, and Lloyd N. Coleman of Queens Village, N.Y.; nine nieces, Bonti Watkins of Katemay, N.J., Gail Ann Dorsey of Kingston, N.Y., Elsie C. Norris of Wicomico Church, Lovice C. Blackwell of Burgess, Elizabeth C. Wood of Elmont, N.Y., Gracie B. Coleman of Richmond, Julia J. Banton of Weems, Ida C. Larhue of Baltimore and Marjory Rice of Richmond; two first cousins, Bertha Brown Morris of Baltimore and William Brown of Lake Charles, La; close friends, Mary Dolby, Matthew Gaskins Sr., Carrie Carter, William Carter and many other cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held January 19 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church with pastor Robert Sutherlin officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Stanley Gaskins, Liston Frazier, Roy Cox, John Brittingham, Alvin Fisher and Bobby Kenner.

Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Edgar L. Hannum

IRVINGTON—Edgar Lee Hannum, 84, of Irvington died January 19, 2005.

Mr. Hannum was a retired General Electric manufacturing representative, a former member of the National Press Club and a member of Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Faye L. Hannum; and a sister, Mildred Hannum of Wyoming, Pa.

Funeral services were held January 25 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Davis Smith officiating. Interment was in Christ Church Burying Ground near Irvington.

Memorials may be made to RGH Oncology Developmental Council-Swift Walker Fund, P.O. Box 588, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Edna O. Jones

LANCASTER—Edna Olivia Jones, 61, died January 18, 2005, at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Mrs. Jones was born December 11, 1943, to Carroll E. Jones Sr. and Edna Kelley Jones. She attended Lancaster County public schools and made her home in Lancaster. She joined Beulah Baptist Church in Lively.

She worked at RCV Seafood in Morattico for 27 years, until her health began to fail.

She was predeceased by a son, Floyd E. Jones.

She is survived by five children, Sonny B. Jones of Lancaster, Mary E. Jones of Tappahannock, Helen L. Ball of Kilmarnock, Charles H. Jones of Litwalton and Lloyd E. Jones of Boynton; nine grandchildren, Tekeisha, Charles, Lloyd, Floyd, Whitney, April, Shikita, Quante and Michael; six stepgrandchildren; a sister, Hilda Ward of Morattico; three brothers, Walter E. Jones of Ophelia, Carroll E. Jones Jr. of Lottsburg and Ernest Hardy of Abbeville, La.; two aunts, Leah Towles of Nuttsville and Mary Davenport of Litwalton; two uncles, Joe Kelly of Lancaster and Willie Kelly of Nuttsville; two daughters-in-law, Geraldine Jones of Lancaster and Tia Jones of Edwardsville;

a future daughter-in-law, Paulette Veney of Litwalton; a son-in-law, Robert Ball of Kilmarnock; two sisters-in-law, Peggy Jones of Ophelia and Wanda Jones of Lottsburg; a brother-in-law, Martin Ward of Morattico; a devoted friend, Mary Veney of Litwalton; six nieces; three nephews; eight great-nieces; two great-nephews; five great-great-nieces; and many cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held January 22 at Beulah Baptist Church with pastor Ronald Dunaway officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

W. Carey Jones Sr.

RICHMOND—William Carey Jones Sr., 74, of Richmond died January 20, 2005. Mr. Jones also had a home in the Corrotoman area.

He was predeceased by a son, John Douglas Jones.

He is survived by his wife, Gurleen V. Jones; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William Carey Jones Jr. and Thomas A. and Pam Jones; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynne Jones Kimbrough and Ned Kimbrough; two stepchildren with spouses, Nancy and John Morris and Carl and Cathy Jones; two brothers, Gerald T. and T. Allen Jones; two grandchildren, Carey Elson Kimbrough and William Levi Roussell; and three stepgrandchildren, Edward Morris and Catherine and Cameron Jones.

A memorial visitation was held January 24 at Bilely Funeral Home in Richmond. A graveside service was held January 25 at Christ Church Burying Ground near Irvington with Rev. Dr. John E. Houghton officiating.

Horace M. LeConey

DALLAS—Horace Morgan “Mike” LeConey died October 3, 2004, in Dallas, Texas, his home since 1967.

Mr. LeConey was born to Horace Morgan and Nettie Ratcliffe LeConey in Saranac Lake, N.Y., July 25, 1916. He grew up in Tidewater, a place he came to love. Following his graduation from North Carolina State University and completion of a master's in mechanical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a lieutenant commander.

While stationed in New Orleans, he met Elizabeth Kernion and married her on October 7, 1942.

He pursued a lifelong and successful career with Exxon and retired in 1973.

Following retirement, he and his wife traveled the U.S. and Europe. They had a home in Dallas and a summer home on the Chesapeake Bay in Lancaster County.

He was a member of the Dallas

Black Stump Stained Glass
Kathy Ryan Juron
804-435-0799

Petroleum Club.

A memorial Mass was held October 7, 2004, at Christ the King Catholic Church. Rev. Msgr. Donald F. Zimmerman officiated.

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas handled the arrangements.

Robert L. McCarty

LANCASTER—Robert Lewis McCarty, 68, of Lancaster died January 19, 2005.

Mr. McCarty was a lifelong member and deacon of Corrotoman Baptist Church in Ottoman.

He was a member of the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club and the American Legion. He was a retired rural postal carrier.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired with 25 years service from the U.S. Army Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Etta Jo McCarty; a son, Robert L. McCarty and his fiancé, Lindsay Merlot, of Virginia Beach; a daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Jake Austria of Tappahannock; two granddaughters, Rose Marie and Rachel Marie Austria; a niece, Kathy McCarty of Fredericksburg; a nephew, William A. McCarty III of Lancaster; and a sister-in-law, Patsy Bryan of Lancaster.

Funeral services were held January 22 at Corrotoman Baptist Church with Rev. Frank G. Schwall officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Lee Jenkins, Warner Reynolds, Jim Whight, Ed Pitman, M. R. Bryan and Billy McCarty.

Memorials may be made to Scholarship Fund, Corrotoman Baptist Church, 48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Lancaster, VA 22503, or Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 176, Lively, VA 22507.

Rev. Mackey to visit UUFR

On Sunday, January 30, Sara Mackey will speak to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone at 560 Chesapeake Drive.

The title of her presentation is “A Path and a Purpose.” She will speak about some of the many facets of growing a congregation, including how growth affects the culture of the congregation and the advantages and costs of such growth.

Rev. Mackey lives in Richmond. She is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Glen Allen.

She graduated in 2002 from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond where she received a Masters of Divinity. She is a frequent guest minister at UU churches.

Before entering the seminary, she was a pre-school teacher, an elementary school teaching assistant and a school nurse.

St. Mary's to serve pancakes

St. Mary's Church in Flee-ton, will serve its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper February 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

The menu includes sausage, apples, pancakes, and coffee, tea, or milk. Seconds are available for especially hungry guests.

The Episcopal Church Women will have a bake sale during supper.

St. Mary's Church is at Flee-ton Point at the end of Flee-ton Road.

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Obituaries

Tolford D. Lee

BALTIMORE—Tolford Dennis Lee, 87, died January 4, 2005.

Mr. Lee was born in Kilmarnock January 26, 1917, to Dennis and Grace Jones Lee, the third of nine children. He attended Lancaster County Public Schools and graduated from A. T. Wright High School in White Stone.

He joined Calvary Baptist Church and was active in the Baptist Young People's Union until he moved to Baltimore in 1939 where he joined Enon Baptist church.

He was drafted into the Army in 1942 and fought in Europe, the Fiji Islands and the Philippines. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Asia Pacific Theater Ribbon.

He married Georgiana Dunaway November 1, 1947. They were married for almost 53 years until her death in October 2000. They had four daughters, one of whom, Janice Nanette, died in infancy.

When the children were young, the family made annual trips to Kilmarnock, Atlantic City and New York. Their favorite vacation was going home to Kilmarnock for the Lee family's annual 4th of July cookout.

After the war, he found employment at Montgomery Wards as a bale machine operator. He also sold insurance and real estate. In July 1946 he began a career with the federal government as steam engineer working in the boiler plant at Fort George Meade in Anne Arundel County, Md. He was employed there for 34 years until his retirement in November 1980.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Norman, Charles and Robert Lee, and two sisters, Grace LaVerne Lee and Esther Lee Jackson.

He is survived by three daughters, Verna Lee Bolden, Ava Lee Howard and Eva Lee Johnson; four granddaughters, Maya, Ayana, Jade and Nia; five grandsons, Aaron, Adam, Matthew, Marcus and Marc; two great-grandchildren, Xavier and Mia; three sons-in-law, Warren Bolden, Rev. Arnold W. Howard and Anthony M. Johnson; a granddaughter-in-law, Simone Howard; a sister, Marietta Campbell, two brothers, Harold and Earl Lee; four sisters-in-law, Rose Lee, Essie Mae Lee, Martha Lee and Annie Dunaway; three brothers-in-law, Lloyd Jackson, James Dunaway and Sherman Dunaway; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; his care-provider, Zorita Battle; and many friends.

Funeral services were held January 12 at Enon Baptist Church in Baltimore with Rev. Arnold Howard officiating. Interment was in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, Md. Pallbearers were William Lee, Rodney Campbell, McCoy Lee, Arnold Bundy, Ronnie Lee and Myron Bundy.

Arrangements were handled by Howell Funeral Home in Baltimore and Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock.

Merle E. Peed

MECHANICSVILLE—Merle E. Peed, 74, of Mechanicsville, formerly of Reedville, died January 22, 2005.

Mr. Peed was born to John L. and Eva I. Peed in 1930 in Alexandria.

He attended George Washington High School in Alexandria and after graduating, began a career in construction as a carpenter's apprentice.

He served in the U. S. Army in Korea from 1954-56 with honor. Upon his return, he re-entered the construction business, heading up many commercial projects.

Through years of hard work, he eventually became a partner in Kirk Lindsey Construction. He also partnered in Potomac Concrete Construction and Rosslyn Construction Company in Arlington. He also was a partner in Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate of Tyson's Corners.

During his time in northern Virginia, he was an active member of the Columbia Baptist Church.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife moved to their home on the Little Wicomico River outside Reedville. He became chairman of deacons at Kilmarnock Baptist Church where he started a mission group to install bathrooms and water systems for disadvantaged families in Lancaster and Northumberland counties through the Interfaith Service Council. His mission work for the church also included several summers building a church and repairing homes with college-aged young people as crew in Bland. When a Habitat for Humanity program was started in the Northern Neck, he became head of construction, design and estimating.

In 2003, for health reasons, he and his wife left the area and moved to Mechanicsville, where they became members of Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gerry (Geraldyn), a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Cindy Peed; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Vaughn Coffman; and

four stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 26 at Kilmarnock Baptist Church with Rev. Mary Dell Sigler, Rev. Bill Sigler, Neil Jones and Dixie Brathwaite officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Kilmarnock.

Pallbearers were Dean Loudy, Oliver Crane, Shep Speight, Charles Costello, Tom Lowe, John Texter, Ernie Floyd and Welby Saunders.

Robert W. Pully Sr.

REEDVILLE—Robert Warren Pully Sr., 78, died at his Reedville home January 16, 2005.

Mr. Pully was born and raised in Richmond and graduated from Richmond Professional Institute and the College of William and Mary.

He served in the Army in World War II in the European Theater.

His career in mass transit began in 1963 with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission in Virginia. His expertise led to his being the first employee and executive director of Washington Suburban Transit Commission, created by the Maryland General Assembly to build a regional rapid rail transit system. He was instrumental in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Metro Subway System in 1969.

His career then took him to Jacksonville, Fla., as deputy director of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and then to San Francisco as agency coordinator for DeLew Cather Associates, engineer consultant for the BART system. He retired from the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority in 1994 and enjoyed the last five years at his home on the Chesapeake Bay.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Suzanne Sellers Pully; two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret Warren Pully of Kensington, Md., and Joyce Suzanne and Paul Angelieri of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bruce Maxwell and Joyce Meier Pully of Gloucester Point, and Robert Warren Pully Jr. of New Market, Md.; three grandchildren, Anna, Christopher and Stephanie Pully; a sister, Joyce Pully and a brother, William R. Pully of Richmond.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 29, at 2 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville.

Memorials may be made to Riverside Tappahannock Hospice, 618 Hospital Road, Tappahannock, VA 22560, and to Bethany United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 77, Reedville, VA 22539.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Doris B. Roberts

IRVINGTON—Memorial services for Doris Babcock Roberts will be held at noon Saturday, January 29, at Christ Church near Irvington. Interment will be in the church burying ground.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Historic Christ Church Foundation, P.O. Box 24, Irvington, VA 22480.

Katherine H. Simmons

HEATHSVILLE—Katharine Hogan Simmons, 90, of Heathsville died January 23, 2005.

Mrs. Simmons was a member of Heathsville United Methodist Church where she had served as choir director and pianist.

She was a member of the King Carter Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was predeceased by her husband, V. Cundiff Simmons.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Martin Shirilla of Lancaster; a brother, Charles B. Hogan Jr. of Newport News; and two grandsons, Cristian Shirilla of Heathsville and Jacob Shirilla and his wife, Tara, of Charlottesville.

Funeral services were held at Heathsville United Methodist Church January 26. Burial was in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heathsville United Methodist Church Cemetery, P.O. Box 86, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Thelma S. Sullivan

KILMARNOCK—Thelma Simmons Sullivan, 97, of Kilmarnock died January 21, 2005.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.

She was predeceased by her parents, Capt. Billy Simmons and Chowning George Simmons; and her husband, John Fallon Sullivan Sr.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, John F. Sullivan Jr. and Liza Sullivan of Clinton, Miss., Fred and Jeannie Sullivan of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Bill and Ann Sullivan of Hartfield; two granddaugh-

ters, Mary Margaret Sparks and Beth Zinner; three grandsons, John F. Sullivan III, James and David Sullivan; and five great-grandchildren, Fallon, Shawn and Christopher Sullivan, and Brooks and Emily Zinner.

Funeral services were held January 24 at White Stone United Methodist Church with interment in the church cemetery.

Faulkner Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

James F. Talbot

WICOMICO CHURCH—James Frederick Talbot, 74, of Wicomico Church died January 18, 2005.

Mr. Talbot was active in the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the Christian Science Society of Lancaster. He also was a member of the Bay Tones musical group, the Northumberland Computer Club, the Reedville Fisherman's Museum and the Northumberland Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Talbot; three sons, Bruce, Mark and James Talbot; two stepdaughters, Denise Gutwein and Wendy Clark; a stepson, Ted Gutwein; and a brother, Bruce Thomas Talbot.

A memorial service was held January 25 at Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Science Society of Lancaster, P.O. Box 51, Lancaster, VA 22503.

Linda M. Thomas

LANCASTER—Linda M. Thomas, 49, of Lancaster, formerly of Princeton, W.V., and North Huntington, Pa., died January 18, 2005, following a six-year battle with illness.



Mrs. Thomas

Mrs. Thomas was born to Edward F. and Bernice W. Pavlic in Pittsburgh November 19, 1955. She was a member of and married at Christ United Presbyterian Church in Irwin, Pa. More recently she was a member of Claybrook Baptist Church in Weems.

She graduated from Norwin High School in North Huntington in 1973. She attended West Virginia University in Morgantown where she met her husband, and graduated with honors from Concord College in Athens, W.V., in 1978 with a bachelor's in business administration with a specialization in accounting.

She and her husband operated The SoundPost, a retail electronics chain headquartered in Princeton, from July 1975 through June 1997.

Upon retiring to the Northern Neck in July 1997, she became involved with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the IRS Volunteer Tax Assistance Program, the Northern Neck Microenterprise Program, and the Middle Peninsula Business Development Partnership.

Joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1999, she served for five years as the Flotilla 33 staff officer for finance, two years as the Division 3 staff officer for personnel services and a year as staff officer for finance.

She trained and qualified as boat crew, vessel examiner and Coast Guard communications watchstander at Coast Guard Station Milford Haven. She participated as crew in the Parade of Sail during OpSail 2000 in Hampton Roads and was a member of the Coast Guard Station Milford Haven Auxiliary Augmentation Team since 2000.

She received many Coast Guard Auxiliary awards including five Sustained Service Awards, the Auxiliary Membership Service Award, two Outstanding Member Achievement Awards for Operations, two Outstanding Member Achievement Awards for Vessel Examination, three District Commodore's Vessel Safety Check Awards, and 11 annual Service Performance Awards.

In addition to awards from the auxiliary, she received citations from the U.S. Coast Guard, including a special one for participation in OpSail 2000, "the largest maritime event in Hampton Roads history," the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation "for extraordinary meritorious service from June 2000 to May 2001 while conducting full augmentations of Coast Guard Station Milford Haven," the Coast Guard Unit Commendation "for unprecedented levels of dedicated service immediately following the events of September 11, 2001, through September 1, 2002," the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation "for meritorious service from September 11, 2001, through March 11, 2002, in support of Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads in the planning, execution, and response to Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Boat Smart, and Auxiliary Operation Patriot Readiness," the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation "for excep-

tionally meritorious service from March 12, 2003, through April 19, 2003, while serving on the Auxiliary Flotilla 33 Search and Rescue Team in Support of Coast Guard Station Milford Haven," and a Department of Transportation Special 911 Ribbon "for service in response to September 11, 2001."

From February 2000 through April 2004, she served as a trained tax preparer for the IRS Volunteer Tax Assistance Program at Lancaster Community Library. In addition to training and testing prior to tax season, she volunteered two days a week, February through April each year, preparing tax returns at no charge for the elderly, low income and handicapped. Over the period, she assisted in preparing hundreds of returns.

She also instructed bookkeeping, record keeping and tax classes for the Northern Neck Microenterprise Program and the Middle Peninsula Business Development Partnership. She also researched special needs for contractors and child day care providers, provided individualized technical assistance for small businesses and instructed child day care workshops for Virginia Tech Extension Service.

She became an example of courage for many people for her fight against illness and her unwillingness to alter her volunteer activities and life.

She was predeceased by her father, Edward F. Pavlic.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, James E. Thomas II of Lancaster; her mother, Bernice Pavlic of Greensburg, Pa.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carol and Bill Faloon of Punta Gorda, Fla., Barbara Pavlic of Greensburg, Pa., and Marsha and Scott Deaktor of Pittsburgh; her father and mother-in-law, James E. and Marjorie D. Thomas of Princeton; an aunt, Barbara D. Parsons of Kilmarnock; an uncle and his wife, Joseph C. and Karen H. Dorton of Morgantown, W.V.; a cousin and her husband, Elizabeth and Christopher Allen of Kilmarnock; and two nieces and a nephew, Emily, Vincenza and Anthony Faloon of Punta Gorda.

A funeral service was held January 21 at the Princeton Presbyterian Church with interment in Oakwood Park Cemetery.

A Coast Guard Auxiliary memorial service will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock on Friday, January 28, at 1 p.m. All friends are welcome.

Memorials may be made to the RGH Oncology Center Indigent Fund, c/o Connie Deagle, Nurse Manager, P.O. Box 1449, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Connie Tosten

OPHELIA—Connie Tosten, 72, of Ophelia died January 23, 2005.

Mrs. Tosten is survived by her husband, William D. Tosten; a son, Stanley K. Wilhelm; a daughter, Teri Leslie Simon; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Grover C. Winfield Jr.

BRUINGTON—Grover Cleveland Winfield Jr., 57, died January 14, 2005, at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Winfield was born in Baltimore December 23, 1947, to Grover Cleveland Winfield Sr. and Clementine Raines Winfield. He was one of four children. He attended Mecklenburg County public schools and graduated from Central High School in Heathsville in 1966.

He joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church where he participated in many activities and was a member of the men's chorus.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged.

He married Theodora Ann Pollard on November 19, 1977.

He began doing local construction work and later worked in Washington, D.C., on architectural projects. He also did landscaping with his sons.

He was a coach in Richmond County Little League.

He is survived by his wife, Theodora Ann Winfield; a daughter, Veronica Winfield; two sons, Grover Cleveland Winfield III and George Allen Winfield; his mother-in-law, Geneve Pollard; a sister-in-law, Aqenita Pollard; a brother-in-law, George A. Pollard; an aunt, Ernestine Orr; four uncles, David, Charlie, Purnell and Samuel Raines; and many cousins, aunts, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held January 21 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bruington with pastor James T. Hill Sr. officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Myrtle T. Wood

WHITESTONE—Myrtle Taylor Wood, 96, of White Stone died January 12, 2005.

Mrs. Wood attended White Stone Elementary Colored School and graduated from the Academy of Lancaster County High School. She also graduated from Lancaster County Training School with a teaching credential. She taught at Merry Point School, Mount Olivet School, Campbell School and Mollusk School.

She joined Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone.

She married John Henry Wood in 1927. After raising their children, they also raised their first two grandchildren, Maurice and Pamela Faye.

She resided at Sandtowne Convalescent Home for the last six years.

She was predeceased by her husband and two sons, Edison and John "Soapy" Wood.

She is survived by three daughters, Alfreda Belle, Irma Taylor and Iris Braxton of Baltimore; a brother,

Guilie Taylor of Lancaster County; a son-in-law, Elias C. Taylor; 13 grandchildren, four with spouses, Maurice and Devon Wood, Pamela Faye and Perry Jones, Roberta Belle, all of Los Angeles, Evette Boykin of Temple Hills, Md., Bershard Wood of Lancaster, Loretta Brown, Francine Belle, Shirlene Braxton, Sonia Taylor-Sewell, Sylvia Braxton and Sandra and Brian Powell, all of Baltimore, Anthony Wood of Richmond, Clayton and Karen Taylor of Charlotte, N.C.; 29 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law, Hattie Kenner, Dorothy Simmons, Salinda Kenner and Dellia Mae Lee; a brother-in-law, Joe Wood Sr.; and many nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held January 18 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church with Rev. Robert H. Sutherlin Jr. officiating.

Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Supper and a service set

White Stone United Methodist Church continues its tradition of a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and Ash Wednesday service February 8. The supper is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the service follows at 7 p.m.

The menu includes sausage, Ed's pancakes, stewed apples, coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Helpers are Alice, Sonny and Andrew Dix, Becky, Joe and Joanne Hinson, Mary Alice Barrack, June Steel, Ed

Andrews and Maxine Somervell.

All proceeds are designated for the Tsunami Relief Fund through United Methodist Committee on Relief. Donations will also be accepted.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are on sale at Northern Neck State Banks in White Stone and Kilmarnock. Reservations may also be made by calling the church office at 435-3555 or Somervell at 435-3545.

Church Notes

■ Gospel Fest planned

The Missionary Circle of Beulah Baptist Church in Lively will host a Gospel Fest on Sunday, January 30, at 3 p.m.

The music will be rendered by the Beulah Men's Choir, and the Sharon Men's Choir of Sharon Baptist Church in Weems.

■ "Luther" to air

The movie "Luther" will be shown at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao on Wednesday, February 2. A pizza fellowship lunch will be served at noon; the movie begins at 12:30 p.m.

There will be no charge for the lunch or movie. RSVPs are requested. Call 529-5948 by January 31.

■ Campaign to begin

White Stone Baptist Church will begin "A Purpose Driven Life Campaign" on Saturday, January 29,

with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a national simulcast.

The spiritual growth program extends for 40 days over the next six weeks. The first week's theme is "worship."

■ Kim breakfast reset

Queen Esther Baptist Church will hold its annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Sunday, January 30, beginning at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ernest W. Palin Jr.

■ Praise and worship

The White Stone Church of the Nazarene hosts a praise and worship service from 7 to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Ministry Center on Route 3 in White Stone.

Each month it marks the beginning of a 24-hour prayer vigil at the Ministry Center.

▼ Churches . . . (continued from page B2)

Burgess; 453-7773
Rev. Enid DeArmon
Thursday, January 27:
7 p.m., Ministry Training
Sunday, January 30:
7 p.m., Worship

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone
758-4790; L. Lowrey
Sunday, January 30:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, January 30:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, February 4:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
Ministry Center & Office: 419 Rappahannock Drive, White Stone;
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

435-9886
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Worship Center: Chesapeake Academy
Gymnasium, Steamboat Road, Irvington

Sunday, January 30:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School,
10:30 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church
Nursery provided
At the Ministry Center, Rt. 3, White Stone

Sunday, January 30:
6 p.m., A.F.T.E.R. Hour for teens
Monday, January 31:
6:30 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program

Tuesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Overcomer's Outreach
Wednesday, February 2:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, February 3:
7 a.m., Women's Prayer
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's Restaurant
Friday, February 4:
7-8 p.m., First Friday Praise and Worship



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Bank appoints three new advisory board members

Bank of Lancaster has named Emily E. Carter, C. Dwight Clarke and Peter N. Geilich to the Lancaster - Middlesex Community Reinvestment Advisory Board.

"We are excited to have Emily, Dwight and Pete on this important community outreach board," said bank president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III. Each brings a perspective of community and business experience and we look forward to their valuable input as we continue to be a leader of vision in serving our communities in Lancaster and Middlesex counties."

Carter, Clarke and Geilich join members Stephen R. Blue, G. Lewis Filling, Karen B. Knull, Philip R. Randolph, J. Creston Saunders, Lenora O. Weber and chairman David W. Cheek.

Carter grew up in Lancaster County. Her father served on the board of directors for 32 years. Carter is the principal broker of Jim & Pat Carter Real Estate Inc.

She has served on the board of directors of the Chesapeake Bay & Rivers Association of Realtors and is an active member of the Northern Neck Association of Realtors. She is a member of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck.

She and her husband, David Donofrio, live on Musketoe Point in White Stone with their three children.

Clarke has been a resident of Lancaster County since 1989. He is a partner and Certified Public Accountant in Denhart, Clarke & Co. P.C. in Irvington.



From left are Austin Roberts, Peter Geilich, Dwight Clarke and David Cheek.

Clarke received a bachelor's in accounting from Virginia Tech and began his accounting career in Gloucester in 1985.

He is a member and past president of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club, a board member and treasurer of The Tidewater Foundation, a past member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, and a past member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Lancaster Community Library.

Clarke and his wife, Cindy, live in Lancaster County. They have three children, William, 5, Rachel, 3, and Harris, 1.

Geilich is owner and president of Brightwaters Associates Inc., a consulting firm that works with hospitals, physicians and attorneys toward the mediation and resolu-

tion of issues involving hospital activities and contractual issues. He is also president of Roanoke-Chowan Foundation, a community foundation in North Carolina dedicated to health and wellness projects in a four-county area, which is also an activity of Brightwaters Associates.

Geilich has been involved in various hospital administrations, management and consulting for over 45 years. He received a bachelor's in political science and economics and a master's in hospital administration from Duke University.

Geilich serves on the Lancaster board of supervisors from District 3. He is a former Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.

Geilich and his wife, Carolyn, live in White Stone. They have five children and a grandchild.

Woodland management seminar is February 19

Making decisions on managing a forest can challenge even the most experienced natural resource manager.

To help land owners and natural resource managers, the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative Committee developed a series of short courses.

Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development Council will host the Introduction to Woodland Management February 19 at Whitcomb Lodge near Gloucester Courthouse.

Program topics include "Getting to Know Your Woods," "Establishing Your Objectives and Getting Professional Help," "Financial Assistance," "Land Use Conservation Strategies," "Forest Ecology" and "Wild-life Management."

Speakers include David Milby and Rich Steensma of the Virginia Department of Forestry; Mike Rowland, Jim Vadas, John Magruder, and Paul Verbyla, forestry consultants; Rebecca McCoy, an accountant; and Phil West, a wildlife biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The class is designed for landowners with five acres or more of forestland and resource managers. Professionals such as attorneys, accountants and real estate brokers who have clients with forestland may find the class valuable.

The workshop provides eight hours of Category 1 Continuing Forestry Education credits as approved by the Society of American Foresters or education credits in Virginia's SHARP Logger Education Program.

The class is sponsored by the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources Department of Forestry Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Forestry Association Sustainable Forestry Task Force, the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The fee is \$40 per person or \$50 for two sharing one set of materials. Registration is at 8 a.m. The class starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues to 5 p.m. Lunch is included.

To register, call 443-1118, or email Margaret.Kennedy@va.usda.gov.

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Local woman invents the 'Wallback Scrubber'

Almost everyone has experienced the challenge of attempting to give a good scrubbing to his or her back. This usually involves straining, stretching and twisting the torso.

However, a new product, the "Wallback Scrubber," makes it easy to thoroughly cleanse the back area without the uncomfortable contortions.

It is designed to allow the user to easily scrub the back without missing any spots. Affordably priced and easily used in a shower or bathroom, the product could appeal to a huge market of consumers.

Bernice Carter of White Stone invented the "Wallback Scrubber,"

which she conceived while in the shower.

Her original idea is now being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the bath and shower industry. Carter is hoping to have the Wallback Scrubber in full production and available to the public in the near future.

For additional information about the "Wallback Scrubber," contact Invention Technologies Inc. at 800-940-9020, ext. 2285; or products@invent-tech.com. Invention Technologies Inc. of Coral Gables, Fla., is handling the publicity and public relations for the product.

Reasor to chair Virginia Chamber of Commerce

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce last week elected Jackson E. Reasor chairman of its board of directors.

Reasor had served as first vice chairman of the board in 2004 as well as vice chairman for government affairs in 2003 and on the chamber's executive committee.

Reasor is president and chief executive officer of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative in Richmond and a former member of the Virginia General Assembly.

"We are tremendously pleased to have Jack serve as our chairman this year," said Hugh Keogh, president and chief executive officer of the Virginia chamber. "As head of a successful business enterprise and having served with distinction as a member of the Virginia Senate, he is qualified to lead the chamber's efforts to advocate for free enterprise in Virginia."

Ben J. Davenport Jr., chairman of First Piedmont Corporation in Chatham, will be first vice chairman. Davenport had served as vice chairman for Southside on the chamber's executive committee.

Other new officers include Deborah K. Stearns, managing director of Advantis Real Estate Services in Norfolk as vice chairman—Hampton Roads; J. Everette Fauber III, owner of Fauber Architects in Forest as vice chairman—Southside; Steve Johnson, president and chief executive officer of Dixie Pot-

tery and Johnson and Associates in Bristol as vice chairman—Southwest; Michael Petters, president of Northrop Grumman Newport News as vice chairman—economic development; and Michael A. Daniels, sector vice president of SAIC in McLean as vice chairman—public relations.

New board members are Thomas L. Bricken, an attorney at the law firm of Sands Anderson Marks and Miller P.C. in Fredericksburg; Marjorie M. Connelly, executive vice president for Capital One Services Inc. in Richmond; Kevin S. Crutchfield, executive vice president for Alpha Natural Resources LLC in Abingdon; Rex Hammond, president and chief executive officer of the Lynchburg Regional Chamber; and Walter C. Mattox, general manager for Applied Felts Inc. in Martinsville.

Also, Marshall Stuart Miller, chief executive officer and chairman of Marshall Miller and Associates in Bluefield; Gary Nakamoto, chief executive officer and vice chairman of Base Technologies Inc. in McLean; Kathleen O'Leary, president of Columbia Gas of Virginia Inc. in Chester; Theodore A. Robertson, president of Autorent in Chester; T. C. Smith, president of FASTSIGNS in Herndon; and Kenneth Stepka, executive vice president and chief executive officer for Clark Nexsen PC in Norfolk.



Patty Sherman

Sherman is named new sales associate

Byrl Phillips-Taylor, manager of the Bay/River office of Long and Foster Real Estate Inc., last week announced the addition of Patty Sherman as a sales associate.

Sherman has a bachelor's in chemistry and a master's in finance. She has spent the past 12 years working as a business consultant helping global corporations develop purchasing organizations.

Over 20 years of sales, purchasing and management experience in the photographic, automotive and chemical manufacturing arenas allowed her to develop solutions to complex buying and selling relationships for some of the largest corporations in the world. She hopes to use the same analytical and problem-solving skills to successfully bring buyers and sellers together in her new role as a representative, she said.

After working and living in a number of locations around the world the past 12 years, she and her husband, Dale, chose to settle in the Northern Neck six years ago. They live on Hull Creek near Heathsville. Dale Sherman manages their Chinese antiques and ceramic repair businesses from their home.

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Bank promotes Jenkins

Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III recently announced that Janie Jenkins had been promoted by the board of directors to the position of branch officer.

Jenkins is a graduate of Northumberland High School. She began her banking career in 1988 as a teller and later became an assistant branch manager. She joined the bank in October 2000 as an assistant branch manager at the Heathsville office. Jenkins was promoted to branch manager in March 2001.

Jenkins has attended banking-related courses at Rappahannock Community College. She is a 2004 graduate of the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. She also serves on the bank's service improvement teams for customer relationship management and community calendar for civic activities.

Jenkins serves on the boards of the Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Neck Tourism Council. She is a board member and secretary for the Northumberland County Crime Solvers. Jenkins attends Menokin Baptist Church where she currently teaches a pre-school class and is a member of the Samaritan League. Jenkins served as a Girl Scout



Janie Jenkins

Leader for Troop 95 for eight years, president and treasurer for Northumberland Junior Women's Club and secretary for the Richmond County PTA.

Jenkins and her husband, Dennis, live in Warsaw with their two daughters, Laura and Kathryn Sullivan and their two sons, Adam and Eric Jenkins.

"Janie is committed to our company's philosophy of service excellence and her vision and leadership abilities have been an asset to our Heathsville office as we strive each day to provide our customers with the highest quality of service," said Roberts. "Janie is an asset to our company as a whole and we are pleased to have her on our team."

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SGA president Clay Dingledine loads up a van with some of the 900 pounds of food collected by the student body.

Student charity efforts reach out to the needy at home and elsewhere

Under the guidance of the Student Government Association, Christchurch School students raised over \$1,000 to send to the American Red Cross to aid victims of the tsunami in South Asia. At the same time, the students collected over 900 pounds of food for a local food bank.

"When we proposed to the student body that we help in the effort to raise funds to help the tsunami victims, their response was awesome," said SGA president Clay Dingledine of White Stone. "So many of kids were motivated to donate to the effort. I believe it is really important for us to understand

what is going on outside our own community, and in places that do not necessarily directly affect us. It is important for us, as young people, to reach out to others to gain some sense of community among the entirety of the human race, not just those around us. Sometimes we get so lost in our own lives that we forget to consider those who are less fortunate."

At the same time, he urged the students to continue with their ongoing canned food drive.

"It is important not to forget those close to home, either," said Dingledine.

Lancaster school system to offer bus driver training

The Lancaster school board is seeking school bus driver trainees to participate in a state certification course required for all new school bus drivers.

The mandatory 48-hour course, which is in addition to any of the commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), enables a person to be fully certified to drive a school bus. In order to qualify for the course, all trainees must have secured a CDL learner's permit from the DMV prior to the first class.

The classroom part of the course will be offered February 15 through March 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lancaster

Primary School media center.

The course is divided into two main parts. The first part includes 24 hours in the classroom on the driver's role and responsibilities, passenger control and loading/unloading students.

The second part includes a minimum of 24 hours of training broken into 14 hours behind the wheel without students and 10 hours behind the wheel with students.

There is no charge for the course. Those completing the course would be expected to become substitute field trip drivers for the school system.

Call director of transportation Tim Guill at 435-3183 no later than 4 p.m. February 8.

Six 'lifelong learning' courses set for Spring 2005 semester

The Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning organized in 2004 by the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation Inc., has scheduled six more courses at three Northern Neck locations.

The courses are open to all members of the community, while offering educational opportunities and intellectual enrichment intended primarily for adults 50 years of age or older. Instructors may suggest preparatory reading to encourage in-depth concentration and greater knowledge of the subjects. There will be no tests or grades. The tuition for each course is \$30.

On February 28 and March 7 and 14, Ron Carter will present "Appreciating Poetry: The Use and Misuse of Language" at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. Carter is recently retired from 32 years of teaching English at RCC and other community colleges. He has a master's in creative writing, has published poetry and short fiction in several literary journals, and in 1995 received the "Outstanding Faculty" award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

His object is to enhance his students' enjoyment and understanding of classical and contemporary poetry. He also will examine how the linguistic "tools" used by poets are adapted to influence the public through other forms of communication.

On March 1, 8, and 15, Lynton Land will offer "The Chesapeake Bay: Diagnosis and Prognosis" at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Land is a Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences and holds the Edwin Allday Centennial Chair in subsurface geology from the University of Texas-Austin, where his responsibilities included teaching and research.

He will summarize the bay's geologic and oceanographic history, examine the reasons for the bay's decline to the point where the EPA lists it as "impaired," and discuss possible solutions for the problem.

On March 2, 9, and 16, Richard Carter will teach "The History of the Symphony" at RCC in Warsaw. Carter is a recently retired editor and writer for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has written numerous articles on music over the last 25 years for The Washington Post and other publications.

His course will explore the development of the symphony from the 17th century to the present.

On March 21 and April 4 and 11, W. Reed Johnson will look into "Nuclear Energy: Promise and Challenge" at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Johnson's education at Virginia Military Institute, the Oak Ridge School of Reac-

tor Technology, and the University of Virginia led to his work on the first nuclear submarine and the country's first fission-powered electrical generating station. He is a founding member of UVA's nuclear engineering department.

His course will clarify the scientific concepts underlying peaceful use of nuclear energy and radiation, and will enable persons without technical expertise to make informed judgments on nuclear issues.

On March 22 and 29 and April 5, Willard J. and Anne C. Webb will focus on "Glebe Houses of Colonial Virginia" at RCC in Warsaw.

Willard Webb has held the positions of federal historian with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and head of the Joint History Office. He has written several books. Anne Webb has served as curator, registrar, and archivist of Tudor Place, a historic house museum in Georgetown.

Their combined knowledge of history and architecture qualify the Webbs to describe the importance of the glebe and glebe house which every parish in colonial Virginia was required to provide for the use of its minister. A field trip to two of the few surviving examples of the houses is planned for April 5.

On March 23 and 30 and April 6, reired U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas A. York will repeat his popular "The Road to Democracy in the Arab World," at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. York is a veteran of several years' work in Middle Eastern political-military affairs, based in Washington, D.C. He has traveled extensively in Middle Eastern countries.

He will examine the prospects for the spread of democracy in the Arab countries of the Middle East, the post-World War I history of the region, and the effect of that history on the current situation.

The courses will extend from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration information and tuition payments must be received at least two weeks prior to each course.

For brochures or registration forms, contact foundation board relations manager Marianne Smith at 333-6705, 1-877-222-3679, or msmith@rcc.vccs.edu. Call to make a registration payment by credit card.

School Notebook

Earning Dean's List

John Cusworth (Sean) Walker, son of John and Lucy Walker of White Stone, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester at Elon University. Walker is a graduate of Christ Church School.

Walker earns master's

Sarah Joy Walker of Kilmarnock graduated from the University of Mississippi Graduate School at the end of the fall 2004 semester with a Master of Arts.



Warming up

Joey Hoffman, Caroline Sommers and Faith Herion found the Lancaster Community Library a warm place to be on a cold January morning last week. For a Storytime schedule and other programs, call 435-1729.

Historyland to help five LHS 2005 graduates pursue college

Historyland Community Workshop will offer five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to graduating seniors in the Class of 2005 at Lancaster High School.

The grants are awarded at the successful conclusion of a first semester of study at the community college or university level.

Since its inception, the workshop has been a positive supporter of higher education for all students, but especially for those for whom the financial burden could be overwhelming.

Although these grants are not intended to cover all expenses, they may encourage some worthy students who have considered advanced education impossible.

The workshop will also fund a follow-on scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to one of the 2005 graduates upon completion of a second semester of academic achievement.

Interested students are encouraged to contact their guidance counselors for an application.

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Reflections winners are announced

The National Parent Teachers Association sponsors Reflections, an annual visual and creative arts competition. This year, the theme was "A Different Kind of Hero..."

The program provides an opportunity for students of all backgrounds to express their creativity through literature, photography, music and visual arts, said Lancaster Middle School principal Craig Kauffman.

Student entries are divided by age. LMS students had the opportunity to place in the fourth- and fifth-grade levels, and sixth-through eighth-grade levels. Local residents Maureen McDermott and JoAnn Foster judged

literature entries. Rappahannock Art League members Dorothy Pagano and Tom Norris judged visual art entries.

Fourth- and fifth-grade winners in literature were first, Hannah Smith; second, Will Perkins; third, Bianca Nunez; and honorable mention, Brooke Hudnall, Skylar Kellum and Grace Novak. Visual arts winners were first, Kai Antonio; second, Cheyenne Cooke; third, Samuel Friday; and honorable mention, Joel Hudnall, Dominique Lee, Brooke Hudnall and De'Jon Sutton.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade winners in literature were first, Elizabeth "Nicole" Shelton; second, Kristen Connelly; third,

Douglass Montgomery; and honorable mention, Chineria Wiggins, Gabrielle Mondy and Grace Perkins. Visual arts winners were first, Jermaya Cox; second, Dylan Asbury; third, Britney Jones; and honorable mention, Mandy Meany, Casey Dixon, Jerquis Kelly and Stephen Ohree.

All winners will be honored at an upcoming PTA night. First-, second- and third-place entries are forwarded to the Rappahannock Valley District PTA for the next level of judging. The district includes the counties of King William, Colonial Beach, Essex, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, Mathews and Middlesex.

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From left are board chairman John Dorsey, trustee Tommy Kellum and trustee and past board chair Debbie Newman.

Kellum is elected trustee at Chesapeake Academy

Chesapeake Academy recently announced the election of Tommy Kellum to its board of trustees.

Kellum, a 1984 graduate of Chesapeake Academy, lives in Livey with his wife, Julie, and two daughters who attend Chesapeake Academy, Hannah and Elizabeth.

"The board of trustees is so very pleased to have Tommy as a member," said chairman John Dorsey.

Board responsibilities are to establish and review policies, ensure financial stability of and collaborate with the head of school to achieve the academic mission, he explained. The board is composed of parents, business leaders and friends of the academy.

"Tommy brings a significant amount of talent and perspective which will be welcomed by the entire school," said Dorsey.

William and Mary announces partnership with local schools

The William and Mary School of Education is teaming up with three local school divisions to improve academic performance at the middle school level.

The Partnership for Improved Leaders and Learning in Rural Schools (PILLRS) will link William and Mary professors and students with challenged middle schools in Northumberland, Lancaster and King and Queen counties.

The program is an extension of a recently completed five-year partnership that focused on improving student performance and leadership in elementary schools of five school districts in rural areas in the state. The new partnership, as PILLRS II: Closing the Gap in Middle Schools, will continue that success into the middle schools. PILLRS II is in response to Gov. Mark R. Warner's challenge to public universities to support at-risk school divisions and schools in rural areas.

"We are very pleased to be able to advance this successful collaboration to the next phase," said school of education Dean Virginia McLaughlin. "The middle school years are critical to student success. This is where student achievement plateaus—where you see the gains

made through the elementary grades level off or decline. Student progress during this critical time impacts their readiness for advanced content at the high-school level."

The PILLRS II partnership will be a three-year program to raise the level of student achievement of all students in grades six to eight. Using a comprehensive, school-wide professional development approach, PILLRS II will focus on increasing the success of early adolescent students, specifically targeting low socio-economic, minority, special education, and English as a second language students as mandated by the federal government's No Child Left Behind Act.

The partnership will meet these objectives in three ways:

Leadership institutes, a train-the-trainer academy for lead teachers, and a teacher-in-residence will provide tools, strategies, and programs based on research to help school leaders increase student achievement.

Community engagement and involvement will contribute to establishing classroom libraries of books and to improving adolescent and family literacy.

Project Alpha conference is February 12

Participants in Project Alpha will have the opportunity to talk "man-to-man" about issues of sexuality. Project Alpha is a national program, designed to help young men make better and more informed choices about their sexual behavior.

A local Project Alpha conference will be held February 12 at Lancaster High School. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The conference will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Presenters, led by Alvin Bryant, M. D., include members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and community leaders.

Topics include abstinence and the consequences of early sexual activity; peer pressure, HIV/AIDS; teen pregnancy; STDS; relationships; being a responsible father; and what it means to "be a man."

The conference is free. Lunch will be provided.

Males between the ages of 12 and 17 must have a completed consent form to attend the conference. Consent forms may be obtained from LHS or Lancaster Middle School. Males 18 and above and parents are welcome to attend the conference.



Champion speller

Chesapeake Academy sixth-grader Alexander Crittenden is the school's spelling bee champion. On January 19, he competed among the academy's second- through eighth-grade winners. Crittenden will compete with other Virginia Independent School champions February 17 at The Steward School in Richmond. Crittenden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crittenden of Hardyville.

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Farm Credit refunds total over \$18 million

Customers of Farm Credit in Virginia received patronage refund checks totaling more than \$18,200,000 in 2004. Over \$1 million of refunds went to customers in the First Congressional District, which includes the Northern Neck.

In a ceremony in Washington, Sen. George Allen and Sen. John Warner joined Farm Credit board chairmen from the three Farm Credit associations in Virginia to announce the distribution of the refunds to farmers and rural residents in the state.

Greg Farmer, president of Colonial Farm Credit, said that Farm Credit is organized as a customer-owned cooperative. "Our customers share in the

profitable operation of their company through a patronage refund," said Farmer, "reducing their borrowing costs and returning money to the rural communities where they live."

Valley Farm Credit, Farm Credit of the Virginias and Colonial Farm Credit provide more than \$1.8 billion in financing to nearly 18,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners in Virginia. They loan funds for home purchase and construction, land and farm purchases, equipment, farming expenses, and horse and livestock purchases.

The Northern Neck is served by the Colonial Farm Credit Office in Tappahannock.



From left are chairman W.W. Sanford III of Farm Credit of Virginia, Charles Kackley of Valley Farm Credit, S.N. Mill Jr. of Colonial Farm Credit and Sen. George Allen.

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localities for all direct costs associated with the testing and monitoring of the application of sludge.

Del. M. Kirkland Cox of Colonial Heights has a bill that would change the standards for the amount of phosphorous from poultry waste that can be applied on farmland, taking into account factors such as the soil's phosphorous level, the slope of the land, farming practices and proximity to streams. Northumberland County administrator Kenneth D. Eades called this a first step in regulating the nutrient content of sludge.

State employees are carefully watching two bills that would increase their benefits upon retirement. Del. Vincent F. Callahan Jr. of McLean is sponsoring a bill to increase the monthly retirement allowances, while Del. Lacey E. Putney of Bedford has a bill that would increase their monthly health insurance credits.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission would have to approve all structures and improvements along the Commonwealth's shore of the Potomac River, according to a bill proposed by Del. Kenneth D. Plum of Reston. The Potomac River shoreline is not currently part of VMRC's jurisdiction.

Counties and localities could regulate dogs that exhibit dangerously threatening behavior when unprovoked, according to a bill introduced by Del. James M. Scott of Merrifield. Currently, localities may only regulate dogs that attack a human or other dog.

Del. Pollard introduced a bill creating a Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. The authority would identify all land that could be secured for use by the public to access local waterways and would formulate a plan for acquiring, developing and maintain-

ing public access sites. The authority would also take gifts, apply for grants, borrow money and incur debt, hire officers and employees to maintain the sites and determine fees for use of any facilities.

Del. Vivian E. Watts of Annandale has a bill to change the way the composite index is calculated to determine state school funding. The index is an important factor for rural districts with high land values, such as Northumberland and Lancaster. Local property values weigh heavily in the current equation for calculating state funding of schools while sales tax plays no factor at all. Del. Watt's bill would incorporate median rather than average adjusted gross income into the equation.

Northumberland superintendent of schools Clint Stables warned that it is very difficult to change the composite index calculation because the current equation benefits large urban areas with the political clout to fight any alterations.

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charged November 19 with writing a bad check for \$88.45 to a Callao area business.

A Mount Holly man, 21, was charged January 19 with making threatening phone calls.

A Lottsburg woman, 46, was charged January 21 with writing bad checks for \$36 and \$50 to two Callao area businesses.

A Farnham man, 40, was charged January 21 with driving under the influence of alcohol.

The sheriff's staff also responded to reports of the larceny of a money order valued at \$80 from a Burgess area individual and the larceny of \$80 in diesel fuel from a Heathsville area business.

Recent poll shows a majority of Virginia voters support smoke-free workplaces and restaurants

A majority of voters in Virginia support a smoke-free workplace according to a poll released last week and commissioned by Virginians for a Healthy Future. The results of the state-wide poll conducted in January by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research Inc. indicate that there is strong support for a law prohibiting smoking in Virginia public places and workplaces, including offices and restaurants as well as the bar area of restaurants.

The poll findings show 59 percent of Virginia voters would support the passage of clean indoor air legislation that would protect their health. Overwhelming majorities recognize the health hazards of secondhand smoke, believe all Virginia workers should be protected from it, and would find restaurants and bars healthier and more enjoyable if they were smoke-free.

"Lawmakers should pay attention to these voters and work to pass strong legislation that guarantees clean air for all Virginians," said Donna M. Reynolds, spokesperson for Virginians for a Healthy Future.

According to Mason-Dixon Polling and Research, the support comes from a broad-based coalition

of voters, including 61 percent of Democrats, 60 percent of Independents and 56 percent of Republicans. Additionally, 65 percent of voters would favor a statewide law that would permit smoking in the bar areas of restaurants only if the bar area is separately enclosed apart from the eating area.

Nearly three out of four voters (73 percent) believe that exposure to secondhand smoke is a serious or moderate health hazard. Eighty-four (84) percent of voters agree that all workers in Virginia should be protected from exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace.

The concerns translate to a very strong belief among voters (77 percent) that the right of customers and employees to breathe clean air in restaurants is more important than the right of smokers to smoke inside these places. Even 61 percent of smokers believe the right of people to breathe clean air in restaurants is more important than their right to smoke in these places.

Patrons of restaurants and bars in Virginia indicated the establishments would be healthier and more enjoyable if they were smoke-free. Eight out of 10 Virginia voters (81 percent) believe these places would be healthier, and 80 percent want to be able to enjoy restaurants and bars in the Commonwealth without smelling like smoke at the end of the evening.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A Carcinogen, which means that there is sufficient evidence that it causes cancer in humans. Secondhand

tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 chemical compounds. More than 60 of these are known or suspected to cause cancer.

In the U.S. secondhand smoke each year is responsible for an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are not current smokers and approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults. Learn more about the health effects of secondhand smoke and the benefits of clean air at www.healthyva.org.

Electronic filing could expedite a tax refund

According to the Internal Revenue Service, requesting direct deposit and filing a tax return electronically will result in faster refunds.

"Every year, more taxpayers find out how safe and easy it is to have their tax refund deposited directly into their checking or savings account," IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski said. "This option is available for both e-filers and paper return

filers. Just make sure you use the correct account and bank routing numbers."

Generally, when one files electronically, the refund will be issued in about half the time it would take if filing a paper return, she said. Those who e-file and choose direct deposit will get their refund in as little as two weeks.

In 2004, more than 61 million taxpayers electronically filed their tax return, with 1.5 million of those returns coming from Virginia. People who e-file find it's the fastest and easiest way to do their taxes.

"The electronic filing program checks for errors and necessary information, increasing the accuracy of returns and reducing the need for correspondence with the IRS to clarify errors or omissions," said Wajciechowski. Once the return is accepted for processing, the IRS electronically acknowledges receipt.

State tax returns can generally be filed at the same time one electronically files the federal return, she added.

One can use a professional tax preparer authorized by the IRS to file electronic returns or a home computer to efile. Those who received a Telefile tax package in the mail may be able to file by telephone.

The IRS is again offering eligible taxpayers the opportunity to electronically prepare and file their tax returns for free through the Free File Alliance, a partnership between the IRS and private-sector software companies. Each member sets their own taxpayer eligibility requirements for the program. The Free File Web page can be reached at www.irs.gov.

With electronic filing, one can file a return early and wait to pay any balance due by the tax deadline of April 15. One can also pay electronically, using a credit card, electronic funds withdrawal or, in some cases, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

"So, why not e-file now, select a direct debit from your bank account as late as April 15, 2005, and consider your taxes done," said Wajciechowski.

For more information on e-filing, visit www.irs.gov.

Animal Tails

By Audrey Thomasson

Selecting the right pet

When Christian was 11, he went with his grandmother to help her pick out a long-haired miniature dachshund puppy. The one they selected was 12 weeks old and had a tail that never stopped wagging. They named her Mimi.

The grandmother bought the dog with the understanding that her grandson would take an active part in helping her out. And Christian was thrilled to be included. Whenever he stayed with his Nana, his duties included feeding Mimi and taking her on walks through the neighborhood.

Over time, Mimi and Christian formed a special bond. The puppy followed him everywhere he went. If he sat down to watch television, Mimi would climb into his lap and cover his face with licks or chew on his fingers. As with most puppies, Mimi was full of energy and could be a handful. If she wasn't leashed for potty breaks, she would take off on the run and not come back when called. And when she was busy chewing on her toys, Christian's interference was met with a snap of her very sharp little teeth, a trait she eventually outgrew.

In the winter, when Christian was not around as much, the active young Mimi could be more than the elderly woman could handle. On walks, Mimi would run circles around her, entangling her in the leash and on one occasion, pulled her down to the ground. The second time that happened, the woman fell face down on the sidewalk. Bloodied and unable to get up, she laid on the cold pavement for over an hour until someone saw her and came to the rescue. After that, Mimi went to live with Christian and his mother.

The following summer vacation was especially hot and humid. Too hot to leave the air conditioned house to play outside. "I was too lazy to get myself up and take her for a walk on her leash like I promised Nana I would," Christian confessed. "So Mimi messed all over the house."

Without her daily walks, Mimi's energy came out in some annoying behavior. She barked incessantly, particularly at children who came by to visit Christian. And her 'accidents' became routine. Christian's grandmother felt she had no choice but to take the dog away. At two years of



Mimi

age, Mimi was returned to the breeder with the hope that she could find a good home for the little red dachshund.

Nearly 60 percent of U.S. households have pets. Sadly, one in four of those pets will end up in a shelter. Most are returned due to behavioral problems in the animal or lifestyle changes by the owners—things that could be avoided with proper planning before adopting an animal. Selecting the right pet for your lifestyle is very important to beginning a happy lifelong relationship. Many people assume that puppies or kittens are the only "right" choice for their family. While they are certainly cute and cuddly and fun to watch, they are fragile, prone to play-related scratching and biting and without a great deal of care and training, can acquire some unacceptable social behavior.

At six to 16 months, pets are considered "teenagers" or young adults. Still growing and developing, they are beginning to show the direction their personalities will take. However, they are still high-energy and will test an owner's patience at every turn.

Adopting a friendly, calm, adult animal requires less time and maintenance. Unfortunately, older pets are often overlooked because they are considered less adaptable and come with "a history."

Every pet has a history, no matter how young or old. And the truth is, all pets have the potential to bite. Given the proper love and care, the majority of adult cats and dogs can bond with people as deeply as puppies or kittens.

In fact, many people claim a 'rescued' pet is much more appreciative of their new family and home.

Consider these important areas before determining the right time to adopt as well as the best pet for you: Your age and activity level—jogger or mahjong player; the amount of time you can commit to a pet; the size of your home/fenced-in yard; the age and number of children; other companion animals in the home; and financial ability to care for a pet.

Each animal is special in its own way. Choose the one that best fits into the next 10 to 20 years of your life.

Mimi, the little dachshund with the tail that never stopped wagging, was adopted by a family hand-picked by the breeder. Today, she is in a happy, loving home. Christian is sad that he will never see her again, but believes he has learned a valuable lesson:

"Take care of the things that belong to you or you will learn the hard way," he says.

To view other pet tales or submit a story request, visit www.animaltails.org.

For information on animals available for adoption, please contact:

Lancaster County:
Animal Welfare League,
435-0822 or 462-0091.

Dogs: 3 mix, 2 yrs, M/F Brownie and Bear, F/M, neutered brother, sister, Sandy, Lab-mix, 1 yr, M, neutered/shots. Trixie, Lab-mix, 1 yr, F, spayed/shots/heartworm neg. Fuzzy, mix, 7 mos, F, sweet. Shinobi, husky, 3 yrs, M neutered/shots/heartworm neg.

Cats: Call for a cat or kitten.
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Lancaster Animal Shelter,
462-7175.

Dogs: Beagle-mix, 3 yrs, M, 3 legs. Blk Lab-mix, 3 yrs. M. Blk Lab-mix, 1 yr, F.

Cats: Blk & wh, 1 yr. F.
Animals First, 462-5067.

Northumberland County:
Friends of the Shelter,
435-2597.

Dogs: Black Lab-mix, F, young. Boomer, yellow Lab-chow, M, 10 mos. Gracie, 4 mos. F, brindle. Foxy, 1 yr, F. Samson, yellow Lab, 3 yrs, neutered/shots, strong. Jack, Collie-mix, 10 mos, neutered/shots. Sheba, husky mix, 7 mos. F, spayed/shots. Lab mix, F, white with tan freckles. Duke, shepherd-mix. Max, yellow Lab. Puppies, Lab-mix.

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