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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Miss Bessler crowned Queen of Holly Realm

KILMARNOCK—Miss Maria Anne Bessler of Lancaster was crowned Queen of the Holly Realm December 28 at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Over 500 guests were in attendance as 13 area debutantes were presented at the 110th annual Holly Ball.

Orator David Jones crowned Miss Bessler with the traditional crown worn by past queens. She succeeds Miss Erinn Paige Lewis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Lewis of Reedville.

Miss Bessler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Charles Bessler. She was presented by her father and was escorted by Stephen Ryan Lewis of Lancaster. Miss Bessler chose as her attendants Miss Jennie Tyler Packett and Miss Jennifer Ashley Combs.

Miss Packett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broadus Packett of Warsaw. She was escorted by Blake Delano Motley of Warsaw.

Miss Combs is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Vick of Morattico. She was escorted by Emory Carl Rice IV of Reedville.

Ammon Gresham Dunton Jr. was master of ceremonies. Ushers were David Garland Miles of Kilmarnock, William Neale Somers of White Stone and Joseph Douglas Walker III of Wicomico Church.

Other debutantes presented were Miss Mary Courtney Johns, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis Johns of

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Miss Maria Anne Bessler

Five hearings set for board consideration

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will hold five public hearings beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 12.

The board will consider a recommendation by the planning commission to adopt an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow cargo storage containers on certain properties.

The board also will discuss the adoption of a tax relief ordinance for elderly and disabled citizens with an annual combined income of less than $20,000. The total annual exemption would not exceed $400.

David H. Shaffer is requesting a special exceptions permit to construct an open-sided boathouse alongside a proposed pier on Tipers Creek at 3589 Jessie Dupont Memorial Highway.

Jacob and Margaret Keck Jr. are seeking a permit to opertate a bed and breakfast at 316 Main Street in Reedville.

Stephen Lowe is seeking permission to complete a patially constructed accessory structure located less than the required 4 feet from the side property line at 190 Hidden Cove Lane.

Other county business will be conducted Thursday when the board convenes at 3:30 p.m. at the courthouse, 72 Monument Place in Heathsville. The hearings will be held in the General District courtroom in the courts building at 39 Judicial Place in Heathsville.

Lt. j.g. Nicolas Juron

Helicopter crash claims Navy pilot Lt. j.g. Juron

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

MAYPORT, FLA.—Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Nicolas J. Juron, 25, died fighting the war on drugs December 13 when his helicopter went down off the coast of Columbia. He was the son of Douglas P. Juron and stepson of Kathleen R. Juron of Weems.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Juron was stationed in Mayport, Fla., as a member of the "Vipers," an anti-submarine squadron known as HSL-48. He was serving as the administration officer for the Detachment Nine "Cartel Crushers" aboard the USS DeWert.

Juron and two crewmates were killed when their Sikorsky SH-60B Seahawk helicopter crashed moments after lifting off from deck and still within sight of the ship. The crew never had time to issue a Mayday call.

Ships and aircraft from the U.S. and Colombian navies searched for 13 hours but never recovered the bodies. The accident is under investigation.

Juron had planned a lifelong career with the Navy, said his father Doug, a commercial refrigeration specialist, from his home in Weems. Juron decided he wanted to be a pilot when he was still in high school and, although he earned perfect scores on his SATs and could have gone to school anywhere, he chose the Naval Academy.

"He did exactly what he wanted to do," his father said. "He's always been that way, since he was little."

Juron and his two siblings spent the summers with their father in Weems since Doug moved to the area in 1993. Doug remembers spending summers and weekends camping, fishing and boating with his son around the Chesapeake Bay.

Juron graduated high school in Latham, N.Y., and earned his bachelor's in aerospace engineering from the Naval Academy in 2002.

He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy that same spring and spent two years in flight school in Pensacola, Fla. He joined the Vipers in November 2004.

Juron's death is a reminder that while the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are capturing the public's attention, U.S. soldiers are tackling other difficult assignments around the globe.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. January 17 in the Brigade of Midshipmen Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Officials, residents lament $4 million 'catastrophe' on Taylor's Creek Road

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—After hearing from a dozen people affected by the $4.1-million Taylor's Creek Road reconstruction, the Lancaster board of supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation were left with one word to describe the project: catastrophe.

Supervisor B. Wally Beauchamp said he has seen nothing like the project in his eight years as a supervisor.

"It's the biggest catastrophe we've had with VDOT in this county," said Beauchamp.

The latest setback for the project, that a mile of road where the work has taken place is not planned for paving until 2008, was announced by VDOT last Thursday during a public hearing held on the six-year secondary route improvement program.

"Our plan is to surface it with asphalt on one of our yearly schedules," said resident engineer in charge of construction programs Gale Dickerson.

However, board chairman F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. urged the VDOT officials at the hearing to talk to whoever they need to to change the plan for asphalting the road.

"That plan stinks," said Jenkins.

The section of road was surface treated instead, which is starting to become marred by potholes.

"Every time it rains, we just have more and more potholes," said George Chagallis of Peake Road.

A previously announced setback shortened the scope of the project to exclude two potentially dangerous curves that had provided much of the rationale for the reconstruction.

The curves are in front of Wesleyan Presbyterian Church and the intersection of Taylor's Creek Road and Peake Drive just past the church.

Phil Winter of the Taylor's Creek Road area said there were three primary safety issues involved in the project—straightening the two curves and straightening another curve in a swale.

"Only one of these has been solved," said Winter.

Majorie Page of Peake Road, who said she also spoke on behalf of the church, urged the board to find a way to finish the excluded part of the original project. She said the two curves excluded from the project are the most dangerous places on the road.

"Our road was fine before, except for those two 90-degree curves," said Page.

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Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported 11 arrests during the past two weeks.

Purcell O. Owens, 37, of Morattico Road was charged December 27 with a felony probation violation, assault and battery and resisting arrest.

Brian O. Tolson, 29, of Montross was charged December 27 with a habitual offender violation.

A Dilvers Road man, 45, was charged December 20 with public drunkenness.

A Shamrock Court man, 80, was charged December 20 with contempt of court.

A Harvey Lane man, 21, was charged December 20 with a probation violation.

A White Stone area man, 19,

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Three wounded in New Year's shooting spree

BURGESS—The Northumberland County sheriff's office is searching for the man who opened fire on a crowd in the parking lot of a Burgess restaurant early in the morning January 1. Two women and a ten-year-old boy trying to escape in a car were wounded.

Reginald Keith Ball, 23, with a last known address in Farnham, is wanted on multiple felony counts in connection with the shootings. He allegedly escaped the scene in a blue Ford Escort with four other men.

Eyewitnesses said an altercation broke out in the parking lot of the Crabby Waterman several hours after the new year began at midnight. Witnesses told police that Ball walked to his car, retrieved a small-caliber handgun, and began firing indiscriminately across the parking lot.

Six officers and a state trooper responded to the call, spending most of their time interviewing witnesses.

The sheriff's office did not release the names of the wounded, who were transported to Rappahannock General Hospital in a private vehicle. Two were released that night. One of the women was flown to MCV and released the following morning.

Crime Solvers is offering a reward up to $1,000 for information leading to Ball's arrest. Report information to Crime Solvers at 580-8477.

County caps extension of Kilmarnock sewer line to proposed development

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—By a unanimous 5-0 vote, the county board of supervisors has rejected a Richmond developer's request to amend Lancaster's comprehensive plan.

Frederic K. West sought the amendment for the extension of a Kilmarnock sewer line 700 feet into the county's jurisdiction. The line would serve a proposed 66-unit, single-family residential development on 39 acres off Harris Road near Route 3.

The supervisors indicated their preference is to wait and address development issues related to sewer services in the county through coming revisions to the comprehensive plan.

A required review and update of the comprehensive plan is scheduled during the coming year and county administrator William H. Pennell Jr. said the process will require at least six to nine months.

West said he has had numerous meetings with Kilmarnock officials about the town providing sewer service for the development. He requested that if the board intended to deny his request that it instead be continued until Kilmarnock officials could address the board regarding shared decision making in the distribution of Kilmarnock municipal services within the county.

Supervisor B. Wally Beauchamp questioned a memorandum statement provided to the board by West about an agree-

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Mama always said it was bad luck to keep the tree up past New Year's Eve. She would have had Christmas boxed and back on the shelf by now, but hers is a tradition we've abandoned. Instead of hurrying to sweep the needles, we let Christmas linger. Tree lights brighten our night, wreaths of boxwood from the Great Wicomico crinkle on the doors, and cards opened hurriedly wait to be re-read, savored and maybe even answered.

I loved the children's Christmas pageant at church with its on-the-spot invitations to all girls to come forward to be angels, and to all boys to be shepherds. I loved the four little girl carolers and their two moms who came across the street in Boston to sing "Joy to the World" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." I loved gingerbread houses and pumpkin bread and truffles and rum balls and cheese balls and shortbread and chocolate-covered pecans and champagne. And I loved having a long-absent organist back in the choir loft at church.

Not that Christmas is all good news. There were wonderful surgical recoveries, thank goodness; but death, divorce and distressing diagnoses clouded the season. Families prayed for those no longer present at their tables. Despite the sparkle, reality rolls on.

Still, it was the best Christmas for our family, gathered in total beside a shimmering tree for a sunny week in West Roxbury, Mass. Besides Jay and me, our seven comprised hosts Cameron and Mike Casey, our daughter and son-in-law celebrating their first Christmas in their new home; Preston and Sarah Tims, our son and daughter-in-law from Chicago; and Joanie Tims, Jay's sister from Youngstown, Ohio. Santa couldn't have delivered a better gift.

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In addition to a continually blazing fire, midnight mass on Christmas Eve, Cameron and Mike's fabulous dinners, reunion with best Youngstown friends now living near Boston, and en masse walks through the neighborhood, we enjoyed what has become known in our family as "the Christmas Scheme."

Preston first proposed a scheme in 2001 as a way to prevent everyone's running around like madmen buying unwanted, ill-fitting, mismatched gifts to ensure the proper number of packages under the tree.

In that year, each of us gave to and received from a different assigned person one purchased gift, a recipe with sample attached, a bottle of wine, a photo, a joke, and a handmade item. It was a wild success, and the next year Cameron and Mike proposed an equally clever "Partridge in a Pair Tree," in which a pair of givers bought a pair of gifts for a pair of recipients.

The next two years Jane and Jay couldn't come up with a thing.

This year, albeit after Joanie had already wrapped her gifts, thus eliminating herself from the plan, Sarah proposed "the Cost of Living Scheme" with the following rules: Each giver was assigned one recipient for whom he could spend no more than $100 divided into percentages matching the non-energy cost of living: 42 percent (or $42) for housing, 18 for food, 17 for transportation, six for apparel, six for medical, four for entertainment, and seven for other.

Daunted at first, we got into the game, and the Christmas result was far more interesting than another round of socks and ties. The most touching gift was Sarah's $18 donation to the Chicago Food Depository in my honor, fulfilling the food category. The most inventive was Preston's gift of slippers to Cameron - for transportation.

The transportation category demonstrates the variety the scheme fostered. Besides the slippers, Mike gave Sarah a carrying case for her I-pod; Sarah gave me a rechargeable lantern for the boat; I gave Mike a travel bag for toiletries; Jay gave Preston jumper cables for his first car; and Cameron gave Jay a dog blanket that straps over the car seat.

In what quickly revealed itself as a theme, Cameron's scheme for Jay received rousing acclaim. Admitting to exceeding the limit, and in addition to the dog car blanket, she gave Jay a dog bed (housing), two puppy collars (apparel), a mat with indentations for two dog bowls (food), poultry-flavored toothpaste and ear wipes (medical), two rawhide chews and a stuffed grouse that squeaks (entertainment).

All that for a man who's been six months without a dog.

I think we have a project for the New Year. We'll take the tree down first.

Reflections

by John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

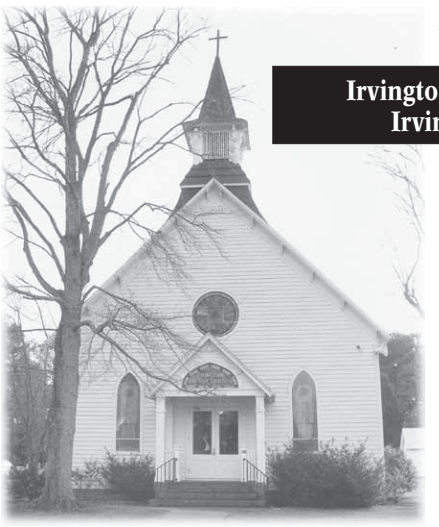
Fix me some icing

Normally, I rush head first into the New Year with this week's article. This has been such a wonderful Christmas season that I can't put it away quite yet.

My alter-ego, "Santa," and I made Jesus and Santa more popular at the West Point Parade, Irvington Farmers Market, the Home Depot employees' family gathering, Healthy Beginnings Child Care, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Miss Bonnie's Day Care luncheon at Lee's Restaurant, Wicomico Church Day Care, Rappahannock General Hospital employees' party, YMCA Day Care at Grace Episcopal Church, the YMCA after-school gathering, Ty's Friends Party in Topping, Bank of Lancaster families, a Cub Scout party, Kilmarnock Baptist Church, Ware Academy, Lunch with Santa at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, Chesapeake Academy, the Chamber of Commerce gathering, Chesapeake Bank, three private parties, Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Eve at the Tides, the Southland Nursing Home in Peachtree City, Ga., the Kilmarnock Parade, and in the great Santa supplement section in the last issue of the Rappahannock Record.

All told it afforded me thousands of opportunities to integrate the Manger and the North Pole stories.

Fun stories dripped from excited youths. Some stories, safely shared with Santa, are best kept secret even if they are too funny, too revealing. Tender moments ensued when hugging kids whose family members had just died. Two kids tugged at Santa's heart at the loss of granny and their family dog this year. Such excitement spewed forth with lists of this year's toys of choice. Several lads and lasses were concerned that because of a recent move Santa might not be able to find them. Several kids were astonished that Santa remembered them for past sleigh pictures or clothing once worn a season or so back. We decided that puppies are better spring gifts than winter. Oh how sweet, the many hugs and kisses we shared.



Irvington Baptist
Irvington

Nana Hazel had friends and family in for Christmas Eve dinner. The food was delicious, the fellowship excellent. Our young friend Christopher James Cunningham summed up all our delight with the evening when he announced to Nana to just "fix me some icing." He had spied a tall chocolate-covered yellow cake. Mind you, he'd have his without the yellow. He did, too!

After supper we waddled over to the Town Tree to share carols, good times and the Christmas story.

The red suit is at the cleaners; facial hair and mane have been reigned in.

Added to all the hustle and bustle of our normal busy Christmas season, we decided to travel this year. It's been years since I have ventured away from my nest at Christmas. Son Rob's girlfriend relationship has matured such that we detoured on our trip to New York by way of far west Chesterfield County to meet her folks, and they us. Mr. and Mrs. Cothran were home from Mississippi to Alta Vista for Christmas with their first grandchild. We exchanged greetings with them on the by and re-entered the holiday traffic north to D.C. Our first hotel overnight behind us, we crossed the street to Union Station and trained ourselves to Penn Station in New York City. Neither Rob nor Miss Sarah Beth had ever been on a train.

New York is a fascinating and festive experience at Christmas with lights, music, food and crowds. A flu bug, which attacked three of our party with abandon, went along.

We (in alternating shifts of wellness) took in the Rockettes Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, which closed with the lovely Nativity, and reading of "One Solitary Life" accompanied by orchestra and mighty Wurlitzer. At dinner at Sardi's I mused that most of the dignitaries hung so proudly on the walls are so old as not to have been known to either Rob or Sarah Beth, bolstering my feelings of being from the dinosaur age. The next night we marveled how odd the yenta was who put Harvey Firestein and Rosie O'Donnell together in "Fiddler on the Roof."

We got in a daylong tour of the city, which included a harbor tour around the Statue of Liberty, Governors Island and a duck under both the Brooklyn and Verrazano-Narrows bridges. We walked quietly around Ground Zero and took repast in a restaurant overlooking that sad place.

I delighted in the number of Christian and Jewish holy images publicly displayed around the city.

Our tour guide was an older fellow, a retired court officer for the Isle of Manhattan, a widely traveled gentleman exhibiting obvious higher educational achievements. What I loved most about him was his directness. He reminded me of a saying that frequently crossed my grandmother Farmer's lips: "Old age is like a shoe horn, it allows you in places where you wouldn't normally fit." Our guide was not into simple conversation, nor weighted drivel. He said what he knew, what he thought, and left the personal prejudice analysis to those who cared to be so weighed down; how refreshing.

I truly love young and old people, but am worried about Mr. In-Between.

Master Cunningham was so cute to announce what we all felt. We too would have some icing, given our choice. However, tradition, respect and prejudice hold our tongues.

Our city guide was so liberating as he stated the facts and offered his opinions, without being thwarted by feigned politeness. We learned so much because we weren't hampered by artificial social norms.

Young folks and old folks can tell all of us a lot about living, if we'd only listen without pinning our hearts to our sleeves.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000, Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, January 8:
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, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 10:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, January 11:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
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
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
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
Saturday, January 7:
8:30 a.m., Deacons Breakfast and Meeting
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship & Baptism
Monday, January 9:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 10:
5:30 p.m., Unity Service Dinner and Meeting
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 11:
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal

Lighthouse Baptist Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services

Maple Grove Baptist
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells
Richard C. Newlon, Minister
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Morattico Baptist
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
Sunday, January 8:
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 8:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, January 8:
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, January 11:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
529-9223
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, VA 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, January 12:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
This Sunday we will fellowship with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, starting with Sunday School
Wednesday, January 11:
11 a.m. Senior Outreach
1 p.m. Mid-day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
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 8:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 8:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, January 11:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972;
Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
"Purpose Driven Life"
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
Rev. Dr. Howard Hanchey, Interim Rector
Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., Interim Asst. Rector
Friday, January 6:
6 p.m., The Feast of Light
Sunday, January 8:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, January 11:
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

St. Mary's Episcopal
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712
The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Thrift Shop:
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville
453-4830

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal
5940 White Chapel Road, Lancaster
462-5908; Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Guided tours by appointment
Sunday, January 8:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Sunday, January 8:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway,Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, January 8:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, January 11:
10 a.m., Healing Service, Communion
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Fri., Sat.

St. James Anglican/Episcopal
Rt. 14 at 626, Mathews County
Rev. William T. Kump, 757-244-7955
Roger Murch 436-9355
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
Sunday, January 8:
First Sunday after Epiphany
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Service of Holy Communion
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday, January 8:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; 529-5948
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, January 11:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building,
Virginia Street, Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday January 8:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
Sunday, January 8:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
7 p.m., Chancel Choir practice at Bethel
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Monday, January 9:
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel's Council meets
Wednesday, January 11:
6:30 p.m., BEUMM meet at Bethel

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road,
Edwardsville; 580-7306
Rev. Vernell M. Carter, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich, Pastor
Saturday, January 7:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 8:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Mila
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Tuesday, January 10:
2 p.m., United Methodist Women
Wednesday, January 11:
8:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast at the Alley Cafe
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, January 8:
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
Hunger Offering Received
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
4:30 a.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, January 9:
9:30 a.m., Fellowship and Family Life Ministry Group
3:45 p.m., Community Mission Program Meets
Tuesday, January 10:
9 a.m., Budget and Finance Committee
5:30 p.m., Witness and Service Ministry Group
7 p.m., Christian Ed Ministry Group
Wednesday, January 11:
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 12:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women's Circle

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Thursday, January 5:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 12)
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (all ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "The Wealth of Value"
(1 Timothy 6:6-11)
Monday, January 9:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 10)
Wednesday, January 11:
9 a.m., Family Ministry

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.
Weems, 438-5853
Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Bread of Life Christian Center
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079
Rev. Phillip C. Lee, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 10:
7 p.m., Guided Truth Bible Study

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Sunday, January 8:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center,
Syringa
725-1234
Sunday, January 8:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages and faiths

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, January 5:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, January 8:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553
Rev. Donald O. Conaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 8
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:

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Obituaries

Gladys G. Allen

MONTROSS—Gladys Gillions Allen, 84, of Montross, formerly of Washington, D.C., and Arlington, died December 26, 2005, in Tappahannock.

Mrs. Allen was born in Washington, D.C. In the 1960s and 1970s, she held various positions with the Department of the Army, including the Army Medical Research and Development Command, the Army Research Office, the Panama Canal Office and Office of Overseas Dependent Schools.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen Perry Allen of Montross; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Perry Allen Jr. and Kathryn Allen of Colonial Beach; a daughter and son-in-law, Nina Allen Thrasher Dillow and Frank Dillow of Anderson, S.C.; a daughter-in-law, Janet Martin Allen of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marguerite Gillions Castle and Frank Castle of Richmond; a brother and sister-in-law, Walter Harold and Joan Gillions of Heathsville; a brother-in-law, John Bernard Smith of Montross; seven grandchildren, James Stephen Allen, Randall Scott Allen, Lauren Elizabeth Allen, Sarah Kathryn Allen, Philip Don Thrasher, Richard Allen Thrasher and Amanda June Thrasher; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were December 29 at Nomini Baptist Church in Montross. Interment was in Northern Neck Memorial Gardens in Callao.

Memorials may be made to the Nomini Baptist Church music fund.

Welch Funeral Home in Montross handled the arrangements.

Edwin G. Bosher

MECHANICSVILLE—Edwin G. Bosher, 83, of Mechanicsville died December 30, 2005.

Mr. Bosher was a native of Hanover County.

He is survived by his wife, Florence S. Bosher; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Wayne Jackson and Jackie and David Taylor; a son and daughter-in-law, Edwin G. Bosher Jr. and Gloria Bosher of Kilmarnock; three brothers, Lindy, Ralph and Gerald Bosher; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held January 2 at Gethsemane Church of Christ in Mechanicsville.

Memorials may be made to Gethsemane Church of Christ, or Heartland Home Health Care Hospice.

James W. Brown

HAMPTON—James Webster Brown, 66, died December 26, 2005, at home with his family.

Mr. Brown was born March 5, 1939, in Palmer. As a youth, he learned the ways of the water from his grandfather, Daddy Joe, and never lost his love of the water. His local fishing buddies knew him as "Tweety Bird."

Mr. Brown

He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1957 and the Newport News Shipyard & Drydock Co. Apprentice School in 1962. He worked in the M53 department as an inspector and retired from the yard in 2001.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ada Joe and R. Clements Brown Sr., and a brother, Richard C. Brown Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lee; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Jo and Stephen Mahoney, and Angela Bett and Greg O'Brien; four grandchildren, Richard Matranga, Christopher Matranga, Josephine Bett Mahoney, and Evelyn Jean Mahoney; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph H. and Lee Brown; his mother-in-law, Mary Latane Tadlock; two sisters-in-law with husbands, Kathy and Larry Brown and Sheryl and John Watson; and a brother-in-law with a wife, Norman and Anita Tadlock.

A memorial service was held December 31 at Parkview United Methodist Church with Rev. John LeGault Jr. officiating.

His ashes will be interred at White Stone United Methodist Church Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Corp., 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in Hampton handled the arrangements.

Ann L. G. Bruse

KILMARNOCK—Ann Louise Gibson Bruse, 85, of Kilmarnock died December 26, 2005.

Mrs. Bruse was a member of St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock.

Mrs. Bruse

She was a retired Southland Corporation secretary.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James G. Bruse; a daughter, Sue Ann Bruse; a son, Father James C. Bruse, all of Kilmarnock; two grandchildren, Katie Cottingham and husband, Frank, of Bowie, Md., and Christopher Farr of Richmond; a brother, Jack Gibson of Coltons Point, Md.; four sisters, Theresa Bailey of Leonardtown, Md., Catherine Tippett of Coltons Point, Md., Rita Schuhart of Clinton, Md., and Clare Gibb of Annapolis; and nieces and nephews.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held December 30 at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock with her son, Father James C. Bruse and Bishop Paul Loverde officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Cottingham, Ricky Schuhart, Bernie Tippett, Georgie Gibson, Ritchie Gibson and Buddy Gibson.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Roscoe H. Burtner

BLACKSBURG—Roscoe Homer Burtner, 89, died December 23, 2005. He was a graduate of Virginia Tech.

Mr. Burtner was a member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church and Eastern Star.

He worked as an extension agent in Botetourt County, a poultry specialist at Virginia Tech, and finally as a poultry specialist for Barnhardt Duck Farm in Urbanna.

He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth, December 8, 2005; a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Mary Burtner, four brothers, Marion, Byard, Edward and Albert; and five sisters, Mabell Crossen, Madge Wilfong, Margaret Smith, Ola Hawkins and Vada Burtner.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Brenda Burtner of Kilmarnock; three grandchildren, Paul Burtner of North Carolina, Joseph Burtner of Georgia and Michele Burtner of Richmond; four step-grandchildren, David Miller, Rodney Miller, Jim Miller and Nancy Boone; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Beda McMahon of Florida; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Blacksburg United Methodist Church December 29, with Rev. Reggie Tuck officiating. Pallbearers were Paul Burtner, David Miller, Jim Miller, Joseph Burtner, Barry Boone and Wade Curtiss. Interment was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

Memorials may be made to Blacksburg United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 931, Blacksburg, Va 24063; Virginia Tech Athletic Fund (Hokie Club); or Kroontje Foundation, 1000 Litton Lane, Blacksburg, Va 24060.

McCoy Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Katharine M. Cochran

HEATHSVILLE—Katharine Mason Cochran, 86, of Heathsville died January 1, 2006.

Mrs. Cochran was a member of Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.

She was a charter member of the Mid-County Rescue Squad in Heathsville and the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship. She also was a member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alexander McKie Cochran Jr.; and a son, Alexander McKie "Sandy" Cochran III.

She is survived by a daughter, Susanne Sawyer Cochran of Loveland, Colo.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 5, in Wicomico Episcopal Church. Interment will be in the family cemetery at Sampsons Wharf.

Memorials may be made to Mid-County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 355, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Heathsville is handling the arrangements.

Irene L. Deihl

REEDVILLE–Irene Luckham Deihl, 89, of Reedville died December 19, 2005.

Mrs. Deihl was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville and a member of the United Methodist Women.

She was predeceased by her husband, Irving L. Deihl Sr.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia D. and Leonard Dameron of Callao; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Irving L. "Bucky" Deihl Jr. and Doris Deihl, Harold L. and Kathryn Deihl, Henry C. and Dixie Deihl and Jimmy Deihl, all of Reedville; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandson.

Funeral services were held December 22 at Bethany United Methodist Church with Rev. Donna McEwan officiating. Interment was in Roseland Cemetery in Reedville.

Contributions may be made to the Northumberland Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Reedville, VA 22539.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Burgess handled the arrangements.

William E. Flynt

REEDVILLE—William Efford Flyt, 87, of Reedville died December 21, 2005.

Mr. Flynt was a member of Tibitha Church of God in Reedville.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jane Bell Flynt.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Janie Bell Flynt Martin and Gary Martin of Green Bay; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Thomas and Tiny Flynt and Boyd Elliot and Brenda Flynt, all of Georgia; a sister, Thelma Bertha Ealy of Florida; four grandchildren, Laura Clum, Nathan Flynt, Boyd Elliot "Bo" Flynt Jr. and Joseph Flynt; and a great-granddaughter, Anna Clum.

A funeral service was held at Tibitha Church of God December 24 with Rev. Steve Heney officiating. Pallbearers were Vernon Brann, George Deihl, John Ellis, Nathan Flynt, Mitchell Jett and Ben Stultz.

Memorials may be made to Tibitha Church of God Building Fund, P.O. Box 167, Reedville, VA 22539.

Rev. Gordon D. George Jr.

CULPEPER—Rev. Gordon Douglas George Jr., 86, of Culpeper died December 31, 2005, at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Rev. George was born March 9, 1919, in Northumberland County to Gordon D. George Sr. and Blanch Lewis George. He grew up in the Northern Neck and graduated from the University of Richmond. He preached in many areas of Virginia including Culpeper, and King George, Fauquier, Westmoreland, Madison and Middlesex counties.

He was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Geneva Abbott George; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Joan G. and Eddy Lohr of Madison, Arlene G. and Jerry Umberger of Elkwood, Darlene G. and Tommy Barron of Culpeper, and Debra J. George of Madison; a son, Gordon D. George III of Culpeper; five grandchildren, Gregory Martin Lohr, George Bradford Lohr, Amy Arlene Umberger, Jason Wayne Umberger and Timothy Andrew Barron; and two great-grandchildren, Brandon Martin Lohr and Samantha Elizabeth Lohr.

A funeral service was held January 4 at Bethel Baptist Church in Culpeper with Rev. John Farrar and Rev. Glen Lutz officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231, or the Alzheimer's Foundation, 322 8th Avenue, 6th floor, New York, NY 10001.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper handled the arrangements.

J. Russell George

WHITE STONE–James Russell George, 82, of White Stone died December 29, 2005.

Mr. George was a retired waterman and a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Lee Edwards George; two sons and daughters-in-law, Russell Wayne and Rebecca J. George, Thomas E. and Connie T. George, all of Lancaster; four grandchildren, Charlotte Dull, April Evans and husband Chris, Lisa and Leslie George; four great-grandchildren, Haley Dull, Chase Withers, Nate and Ellie Evans; a brother, Lloyd George of White Stone; a niece, Debbie Osborne; a nephew, Gordon George; and three sisters-in-law, Jean Reynolds of Irvington, Barbara Revere of Lancaster and Betty Hinton of Joppa, Md.

Funeral services were held January 1 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Marion Paul White officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Kilmarnock. Pallbearers were William Fitchett, Thomas Carroll Somers, Paul Somers, Henry Dixon, Dale George, Dan Hinson, David Hinson, David A. Crandall and Roland George.

Memorials may be made to Rappahannock General Oncology Department, P.O. Box 1449, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

William A. Leavy

BURGESS–William Anthony Leavy, 69, of Burgess, died December 26, 2005.

A NASA engineer, Mr. Leavy worked for Goddard Space Center for over 30 years. He continued to work on space-related projects after his government service at Swales Engineering in Beltsville, Md.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Diana C. Leavy; a daughter, Catherine Leavy of California; three sons, Stephen R. Leavy of Fredericksburg, Daniel C. Leavy and James P. Leavy of Maryland; a brother, Thomas Leavy of New York; a sister, Jane Dunwoodie of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 29 in St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock with Father James Bruse officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess handled the arrangements.

David A. Long

WICOMICO CHURCH–David Arthur Long, 66, of Wicomico Church died at his home December 24, 2005.

Mr. Long was born September 23, 1939, in Carroll County, Md., to Arthur Jennings and Margaret Emily Holland Long.

He was a member of Northern Neck Baptist Church in Callao.

He was a semi-retired nutrients salesman and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Kirklen Emminizer Long; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth Anne and James E. F. Conley III and Suzanne Louise Long, all of Wicomico Church; three grandchildren, James E. F. Conley IV, David Allen Conley and Benjamin Thomas Conley; and two sisters, A. Romaine Evans of Columbia, Md., and M. Ruth Chrest of Westminster, Md.

Funeral services were held December 28 at Northern Neck Baptist Church in Reisterstown, Md., with Rev. Ken Overby officiating. Interment was in Carrollton Cemetery in Finksburg, Md.

Memorials may be made to the Bible Broadcasting Network, P.O. Box 7300, Charlotte, N.C. 28241-7300.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

William H. Marsh

EVERGREEN, N.C.—William Henderson Marsh, 91, a resident of The Evergreen in Greensboro, N.C., and formerly of High Point, N.C., died December 27, 2005.

Mr. Marsh was born September 10, 1914, in Reedville to James E. and Elizabeth Henderson Marsh. He was married to the former Etta Drake who preceded him in death on September 22, 1999.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda L. Marsh and husband of Greensboro, N.C., and Elizabeth A. Marsh of High Point, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter C. and Ana Marsh of Miami, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Amber, Oliver, Samantha, William and Henry Marsh.

Funeral services were held December 31 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Craig Smith officiating. Interment was in Morattico Baptist Church Cemetery in Kilmarnock.

Hazel S. Pierson

WARSAW—Hazel Scates Pierson, 89, widow of Alton Pierson, died January 1, 2006, peacefully at her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Pierson was the fifth of eight children born to Joe and Esther Scates of Ethel.

She was predeceased by a son, Clarence A. Pierson Jr.; and a grandson, Timmy France.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Gloria and Myers France of Warsaw and Wanda P. Self of Farnham; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Sandra Pierson and Gregory and Sherry Pierson, all of Warsaw; a sister, Thelma France of Montross; a devoted niece, Doris B. Johnson and husband, Benny, of Farnham; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held January 3 at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Emmerton. Interment was in Menokin Baptist Church Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorials may be made to the Jerusalem or the Menokin Baptist Churches' cemetery funds, or to Riverside Hospice.

Welch Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Emma M. H. Purcell

KILMARNOCK—Emma Mae Hayes Purcell, 72, of Kilmarnock died December 29, 2005. She was the widow of Theodric Otis Purcell.

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

She also was predeceased by a daughter, Fay Purcell.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, May P. and Michael Umphlett and Tammy P. and Jimmy Crandall, all of Kilmarnock; three grandchildren, Britt Whaley, Whitney and Jameson Crandall; two great-grandchildren, Brennen and Morgan Whaley; a devoted companion, Robert E. "Bobby" Crowther III; a brother, Leo Hayes of Satellite Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Margie Carlton of Tappahannock and Charlotte Caswell of Glen Burnie, Md.; and a special friend, Jean C. Biddle.

Funeral services were held January 1 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Dr. John E. Houghton officiating. Interment was in Clifton Ridge Cemetery in Kilmarnock. Pallbearers were Sonny Cockrell, Mike Crowther, Garnett Crowther, Slater Pittman, Rocky Tingle, Norm Howe, Norm Faulkner and Timmy Crandall. Honoraries were Al Shriver, Robbie Crowther, Chris Crowther, Keith Caswell and Everett Bryant.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital c/o Norlan Shrine Club, P.O. Box 1444, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, Lancaster High School Athletic Boosters, 487 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or Lancaster Band Boosters, P.O. Box 3, Lancaster, VA 22503.

Crystal L. Rose

WEEMS–Crystal Lynn Rose, 33, of Weems died December 28, 2005.

Miss Rose was a member of White Stone United Methodist Church.

Miss Rose

She was a corrections officer for Haynesville Department of Corrections.

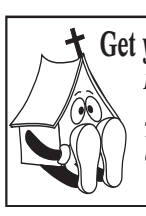
She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Woodrow and Nellie Conners; and her paternal grandfather, Ray Rose.

She is survived by her father, Danny Ray Rose of White Stone; her mother, Doris Haislip of Deltaville; a brother, John Haislip; a sister, Sherry Keen of Fairfax Station; her paternal grandmother, Lila Rose of White Stone; a nephew, Jonathan Lexington Casseday Haislip; and a devoted friend, Stacey Bagby of Richmond.

Funeral services were held December 31 at White Stone United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Gordon officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

(More obituaries on the next page.)



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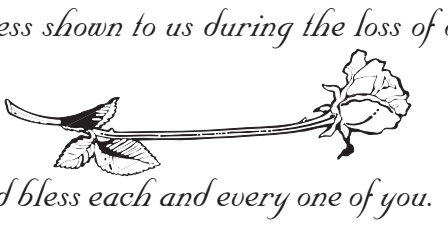

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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Choir under the direction of Brenda Burtner
435-3555

Obituaries

Edith H. Taylor

FARNHAM—Edith Helena Taylor, 69, of Farnham died December 21, 2005, at her residence.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Essex County July 31, 1936, to Edna S. Gray and Dr. Johnson. She was the second of seven children. She attended Essex County public schools. She moved to Long Island, N.Y., to work for a period. She returned home and married James Allen Taylor in 1959.

She first joined New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Caret and after her marriage transferred her membership to Ebenezer Baptist Church in Warsaw. She was a member of the Ebenezer Senior Choir, the Deaconess Board, the Senior Missionary Circle and the Friends and Family Club.

She was predeceased in 1992 by a son, Neal Taylor.

She is survived by her husband; four children, Cynthia Taylor, Deborah Carter, Allen R. Taylor and Glenn Taylor; a son-in-law, Beale Carter; two daughters-in-law, Melissa and Phyllis; a sister, Joyce Diane Gray; five brothers, Edward Smith and Everette, Wayne, Lloyd and Gene Gray; 10 sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; an aunt, Irene Hickman; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held December 28 at Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Samuel Hackett officiating.

Lee Funeral Home in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

Mary R. T. Young

MOLLUSK–Mary Roberta Travers Young, 87, of Mollusk died December 28, 2005.

Mrs. Young was the widow of Chester R. Young.

She is survived by three daughters, Roberta Y. Tyers of White Stone, Rebecca Y. Booterbaugh of Front Royal and Patricia Y. Cooney of Randleman, N.C.; a son, Chester R. Young of Charlottesville; 11 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held December 31 in King David Memorial Gardens at National Memorial Park in Falls Church.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Grace Church seeks items for yard sale and auction

The Grace Episcopal Church 18th annual yard sale and auction will be held at the Alexandria Police Boys Camp in early May.

Proceeds from the sale will be distributed to non-profit organizations in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

Last year's event raised some $33,000. Grants were disbursed to Three Rivers Healthy Beginnings Network, Northern Neck CASA for the purchase of a copier and related expenses, Northern Neck Free Health Clinic for equipment and Interfaith for wheelchair ramp construction and home heating expenses.

The yard sale committee will accept items for donation January 28 between 9 a.m. and noon. Bring articles to the Boys Camp, east of Kilmarnock on Boys Camp Road.

Clothing, electronics, linens, appliances, jewelry, books, lawn and garden equipment, computers and books will be accepted for the yard sale. All items must be clean and in working order.

Tires, old phonographs, furniture-mounted TVs, stuffed animals, mattresses, large air conditioners, exercise equipment and day beds will not be accepted.

Boats, cars and trailers will be accepted for the auction.

13-week series to explore 'Where is God When...?'

Beginning Tuesday, January 10, the White Stone Church of the Nazarene will offer a 13-week study series on current issues.

"Where is God When..?"will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the new Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive, off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone.

The series will open with a discussion on "Where is God when the world is violent?"

Each week, the session will be facilitated by one or more persons who have life experience with the topic.

The public is urged to participate. The sessions will be interactive and participants don't need to attend all sessions.

Future topics address chaos in life, divorce, addictions, financial crisis, serious illness or injury, death and other issues.

For a schedule of topics, call the church office at 435-9886.

Lancashire Lines

by Joan M. Foster

Last Monday, residents pitched horseshoes and challenged one another with a bright spirit. Laughter abounded in the main dining room as Miss Emma marked off the closest "shoes." A movie entertained many during the afternoon. Some rested from their Christmas festivities from the day before.

Miss Marie and her sing-along group presented a good selection of songs Tuesday. Marian Benjamin and Bessie Wiggins tied for highest scorer in bingo. Residents gathered for a memorial service later in the day to remember those of the Lancashire family who departed during the last three months. We thank Rev. Jackson Blackstone for his fine message.

Jim Conley led a Bible study Wednesday. During the afternoon, folks made some promises about their lives for the coming New Year. We invite you to come to the main dining room to see the promises residents made.

Residents swayed to the delightful sounds of a new karaoke CD featuring such tunes as "A Tisket, A Tasket," "Puttin' On The Ritz," and "The Tennessee Waltz." "Good Night Irene" seemed to be everyone"s favorite and there wasn't a quiet voice in the main dining room during the chorus of this song. Ruth Crowther was the winner in bingo. Pet therapy brought happy smiles.

A hymn sing was held Friday. A birthday party was held for Thomas Hoar, Thomas Beale, Margaret Burkett, Estelle Abbott and Jeanette Angevine.

New Year's Eve 2005 began with bingo. Florine Basker, Glen Matthews and Christine Thompson tied for top winners. We thank City Worship Center of Kilmarnock for hosting an afternoon Bible study. We also thank Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church for leading an afternoon worship service.

Thanks to everyone—residents, staff, volunteers, family members, friends and neighbors for helping to make 2005 so terrific.

▼ *Churches . . .* *(continued from page B2)*

10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Holy Communion
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3 p.m.,

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street,
Tappahannock; 443-5165
Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, January 5:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, January 8:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor
693-6079
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship and Children's Church, ages 4-9

Seventh-Day Adventist
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock
Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-925-1175/804-443-1821
Thursday, January 5:
7 p.m., Bible Class
Saturday, January 7:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, January 8:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, January 12:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Mass Schedule
Saturday, January 7:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, January 8:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday January 10:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education classes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, January 8:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, January 11:
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

The Lord's House Of Habitation
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Burgess; 453-7773
Rev. Raymond C. Boyd, Pastor
Sunday, January 8:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, January 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, January 12:
7 p.m. Teen Empowering
7 p.m. Youth Ministry

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone, 758-4790; L. Lowrey
Sunday, January 8:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512

Sunday, January 8:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, January 13:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whist Drive
White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.uufrappahannock.uua.org
435-9886 or 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Friday, January 6:
7-8 p.m, First Friday Praise & Worship Service
Sunday, January 8:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church Nursery provided
Monday, January 9:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Tuesday, January 10:
7 p.m., Study Series Week 1 - Where is God When....the world is violent?
Wednesday, January 11:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, January 12:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's Restaurant

Dr. King breakfast set

The annual Dr. Martin L. King's Memorial Breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. January 14 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Warsaw.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Hackett, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Baptist Missionary and Educational Commission as a memorial tribute to Dr. Martin L. King's Dream.

Seminar set

Marshall Orr (above) will lead a personal effectiveness seminar February 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lancaster Landing near White Stone. Early-bird registration by January 15 is $175 per person. To register, call the Bay Center for Spiritual Development at 435-4020, or email info@bayspiritualdevelopment.com.

Church Notes

■ Lose weight

The White Stone Church of the Nazarene will host a new session of "First Place," beginning with new-member orientation Monday, January 9.

The 13-week, faith-based weight-loss program will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive, off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone. To join, call Brenda Brinn at 453-5701.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God when the world is violent?" is the topic for a community discussion beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive, off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone.

The 13-week series continues January 17 with "Where is God when war destroys people and property?" For more information, call the church at 435-9886.

■ Kelsey to speak

On Sunday, January 8, Andy Kelsey will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR).

"In the beginning was the Word," according to the Gospel of St John (1;1)—or did another communication technique precede language? Kelsey will explore this possibility,

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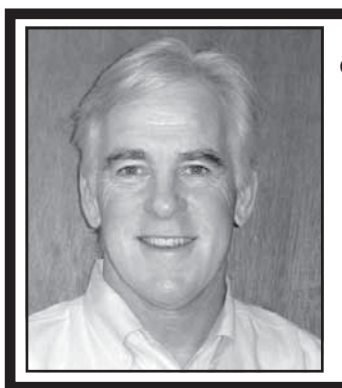

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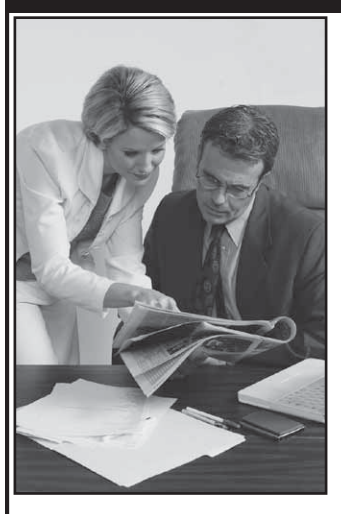

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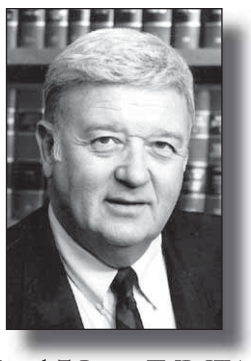

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Farmar retires from bank board

Northern Neck State Bank president N. Byrd Newton recently announced that long-time board member Richard A. Farmar Jr. retired from the board of directors, effective December 31.

Farmar joined the board on May 18, 1982.

"We commend Mr. Farmar for the support, guidance and advice that he has brought to this institution as a member of the Board of Directors and as a shareholder and loyal customer," said Newton. "I would like to personally thank him for the service he's provided to our bank."

Farmar graduated first in his class from Farnham High School. A graduate of the University of Virginia, he worked first for DuPont in Ohio and South Carolina before beginning a successful career in the insurance field with B.H. Baird Insurance Agency in Warsaw in 1964, becoming a partner in 1966 and eventually purchasing all interests in the business before retiring in 1999.

He has been active in local community and church organizations his entire life, including president of the Warsaw Rotary Club; president of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, president and zone governor of the Richmond County Ruritan Club and vestryman, senior warden and trustee of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Farmar has been recognized for his many years of dedication to the Town of Warsaw and Richmond County, having been named Richmond County's Outstanding Citizen in 1973 and Richmond County's Outstanding Businessman in 1999.

From left are N. Byrd Newton and Richard A. Farmar Jr.

Public hearing scheduled for proposed study of American eel

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission American Eel Management board recently approved the Draft Addendum I to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Eel for public review and comment.

The draft addendum proposes the establishment of a mandatory trip-level catch and effort monitoring program for American eel to collect data. Specific options include an eel harvester license/permit by state, which may include those who harvest eels for use as bait, and an eel dealer license/permit, including bait dealers.

The draft addendum responds to concerns regarding the lack of accurate catch and effort data and the critical need for these data for stock assessment purposes. Current stock status for American eel is poorly understood due in part to limited and inconsistent harvest data. The commission has prepared an American eel stock assessment for independent peer review in December 2005. The results of the stock assessment and peer review will be presented to the commission's American Eel Management Board in February 2006.

Atlantic coastal states from Maine through Florida will hold hearings on the draft addendum throughout January. A hearing will be held by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission January 11. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the PRFC building at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach.

Fishermen and other interested groups are urged to provide input on the draft addendum. Copies are available at www.asmfc.org, or by calling 202-289-6400.

Public comment will be accepted no later than 5 p.m. February 7 and should be forwarded to Lydia Munger, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1444 Eye Street,NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, D.C., 20005; 202-289-6051 (fax) or comments@asmfc.org (subject line: American Eel).

For more information, contact Munger at 202-289-6400, or lmunger@asmfc.org.

From left are Diane Caplan, Nancy Jackson, Melanie Thompson and Belinda Wright.

Realtors install officers

The Chesapeake Bay and Rivers Association of Realtors recently installed new officers.

President-elect Melanie Thompson of Virginia Association of Realtors presided at the installation and spoke on new programs and information to help realtors maintain professionalism.

New officers for 2006 are president Nancy Jackson of Michael Marketing, president-elect E. Diane Caplan of Select Properties of Virginia, vice-president Robert D. Foster of Abbitt Realty, and treasurer Peggy Cox of Bunting and Company. Directors will be Eric Johnson of Mason Realty, Steven Tim Rowe of ReMax Bay Country Real Estate and Renee A. Edwards of Morgan & Edwards Real Estate.

A gift was given to 2005 retiring president Belinda Wright of Abbitt Realty. The gavel was passed from all past presidents attending to the new president.

Administrative executive for the board, Patricia G. Warner, was honored with a special gift for her work during the year.

A light meal and a social hour followed at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield. The special events committee organized the ceremony and the Bank of Lancaster and Capital Home Financial were corporate sponsors.

Bay Auto group purchases raffle ticket

The employees and owners of Bay Auto last week purchased two lottery tickets in the Lancaster Community Library campaign to "Win With the Library." From left are Andy Saunders, Dennis McNeal, Phillip White, Jimmy Robertson, Dennis Paulette, Carl Simmons and Robert Pritchard. The drawing for the $15,000 prize will be held Saturday, January 7, at 10 a.m. at the library. Tickets are still available at the library, or by calling 435-1729.

Virginia agriculture officials lead delegation

Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Robert S. Bloxom and J. Carlton Courter III, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services last month led a trade delegation to Havana, Cuba.

While there, Virginia farmers and agribusinesses signed contracts to provide $16 million worth of soybeans, soybean meal and apples, with contracts pending for poultry and lumber. The contracts are part of a $30 million Memorandum of Understanding between Cuba and Virginia signed by Gov. Mark R. Warner.

Virginia farmers have been exporting agricultural products to Cuba since they signed their first contracts at an agricultural exposition in September 2002. Cuba represents the top market for Virginia and Mid-Atlantic region soybeans, soybean products and apples and a top destination for Virginia poultry and pork.

Bloxom initialed the MOU between Virginia and Alimport, Cuba's central food-purchasing authority, at a December 13 press conference. He said it "significantly raises the volume and variety of sales of agricultural and forestry products from Virginia to Cuba. We enjoy an expanding and fruitful business relationship with Alimport, and Virginia is committed to providing Cuba with high-quality, competitively priced products."

He added that while the agreement expands business between Virginia and Cuba, "it also expands communication and understanding between our countries."

Bar Association revises guide for administration of estates

The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) recently announced that its publication, "A Guide to the Administration of Decedents' Estates in Virginia," has been revised and is available at www.vba.org.

The guide is a cooperative project of the VBA Wills, Trusts and Estates Section and the VBA Wills, Trusts and Estates Legislative Committee. Nan L. Coleman of Roanoke chaired the subcommittee charged with revising the publication, which included Robert H. Powell III of Norfolk and Fielding L. Williams Jr. of Richmond. The first and second printings of the publication, in 1996 and 1998, were financially assisted by the Virginia Law Foundation.

The guide covers funeral and burial arrangements, and pre-qualification responsibilities of the executor; locating and reading the will; probate and qualification; notifying the beneficiaries; rights of the surviving spouse and children; administration of small estates; paying debts and claims against the estate; paying taxes; responsibilities, powers and rights of the personal representative; estates of descendants who die without a will; special assets; compensation and reimbursement of the personal representative; advisors; and conflicts of interest.

A checklist is included for estate administrators to follow during the administrative process.

Whole-farm revenue insurance now available statewide

For the first time, Virginia farmers may apply for whole-farm revenue protection insurance that covers most crops and livestock including specialty products such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, nursery products, flowers, Christmas trees, animals and animal products (meat, milk, or eggs).

A new insurance program called Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite (AGR-Lite) will be available statewide in Virginia beginning in 2006. Producers who want to enroll in the new program must do so by March 15.

AGR-Lite makes a form of crop insurance protection available to almost all producers in the Commonwealth and fits farms with up to $2 million of annual gross income. It provides protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that affect income during the insurance year. Most farm-raised crops, animals, and animal products are eligible for protection, excluding forest products. It provides broader insured causes of loss than previous policies on a wider variety of crops, and more producers will be eligible for higher rates of coverage.

AGR-Lite can stand alone or be used in conjunction with other federal crop insurance plans except Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR). Producers who purchase both AGR-Lite and other federal crop insurance will receive reduced premiums on their Lite coverage.

To be eligible for AGR-Lite coverage, a producer must have five consecutive years of IRS Schedule F records (or the same information from other tax forms), have no more than 50 percent of total revenue from commodities purchased for resale, and have no more than 83.35 percent of total revenue from potatoes. Producers must have less than $2,051,282 in approved gross income and $1,000,000 maximum policy liability.

Crop insurance policies are available from private crop insurance agents. Eight companies and nearly 200 agents sell crop insurance in Virginia. Contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office for a list of agents or visit www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/companies/ or go to www.rma.usda.gov and click on "agent locator."

Supporting Christmas wishes

Cooperative Helping Hands vice-president Steve Smith (right) presents a donation to office manager Terry Brooks for WRAR's Christmas Wishes. Meanwhile, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative employees (below) Mark Evans, Jacob Hayden, David Thomas, Craig Loving and Edward Courtney assemble 24 bicycles donated by the Cooperative Helping Hands to WRAR's Christmas Wishes.

Art gallery schedules workshops

Anne Cotter, workshop director of the Rappahannock Art League's Studio Gallery, recently announced a variety of upcoming workshops.

"It's a sure cure for the 'winter doldrums' and you have the opportunity to develop proficiency in painting, drawing, or photography," said Cotter.

Artist Kathleen Noffsinger will be teaching More Basic Drawing Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The class is for all skill levels. Students will learn to draw with a graphite pencil or improve their skills in any drawing medium using specially designed exercises. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Noffsinger will teach More Watercolor Basics January 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The class is for beginners and those students who have had a recent beginner class and need further study. Techniques will include basic painting skills, "texture tricks," and the "how to" of composing a good design. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Noffsinger will teach Creative Watercolor February 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Some experience is preferred. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Photogrpaher Tom Norris will teach Basic Photoshop on Mondays, January 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Norris will teach More Photoshop January 30 and February 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $100 for members and $120 for others.

Noffsinger will present Creative Drawing March 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The class is for all skill levels. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

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From left are Georgie Fary, Kelly Oliver and Chris Young.

Oliver becomes partner in Heads Up Hairworks

Georgie Fary, president of Heads Up Hairworks Main Street Kilmarnock, recently announced her new partnership with Kelly Oliver.

Former partner Chris Young is stepping down from her role as business owner. She intends to maintain her position as a hair stylist, while broadening her interests in skin care services.

"Much credit goes to Chris for her leadership, energy and foresight in steering Heads Up Hairworks toward its position as a premier salon," said Fary.

Oliver is excited by the furure prospects of her partnership, said Fary. Combining 23 years of professionalism, her enthusiasm, knowledge and keen awareness of the profession, will ensure a steady course towards Heads Up's continued success.

"We welcome Kelly and wish her every success with her new endeavor," said Fary.

Kaine names VFBF president to his transition committee

Gov. Elect Tim Kaine has named Virginia Farm Bureau Federation president Bruce L. Hiatt to his "Moving Virginia Forward" transition committee. The committee will serve as an informal group to advise Kaine.

The committee is composed of leaders from across the Commonwealth, who will offer insight about issues of importance in their communities, and assist Kaine in his efforts to promote excellence, attention to regional perspectives, diversity and bipartisanship. They also will recommend individuals to serve in the new administration.

"I am honored to be asked to be on the transition committee," Hiatt said. "This appointment recognizes that agriculture in Virginia is a major player in making critical decisions about the state's current economy and its financial future."

Hiatt is one of 56 leaders throughout the state tapped for the committee—the only representative from the agriculture sector. The Carroll County farmer is serving his fourth two-year term as president of the state's largest farming organization.

In 2002, Hiatt was appointed by Gov. Mark R. Warner to represent the Commonwealth's agriculture and forestry industries on the "One Virginia, One Future" economic development steering committee. He also serves on the boards of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co., and he has served on the AFBF trade advisory committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture trade advisory committee.

"I am pleased to have a diverse group of respected Virginians to advise me during this transition," Kaine said. "The experiences they bring to the transition will offer me an important resource as we build our administration and address the opportunities and challenges that make Virginia such an excellent place to work, live and visit."

The "Moving Virginia Forward" transition committee will be headed by Kaine's transition chairs Lawrence Roberts, Viola Baskerville and Glenn Croshaw.

Warning issued regarding aflatoxin in some pet food

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) recently issued a warning that Diamond Pet Food has discovered aflatoxin in a product manufactured at the company's facility in Gaston, S.C.

Aflatoxin is a naturally occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus Aspergillus flavus, on corn and other crops. If ingested in sufficient quantity, aflatoxin can be harmful or even fatal. Diamond Pet Food sold in Virginia comes from the Gaston facility.

Diamond Pet Food has notified its distributors and recommended they hold the sale of all Diamond Pet Food products formulated with corn if they were produced out of the Gaston facility. The range of date codes being reviewed for aflatoxins are "Best By 01-March-07" through "Best By 11-June-07." "Best By 11-June-07" date codes or later are not affected by this notice. In the Gaston facility date codes, either the 11th or 12th character will be a capital "G."

VDACS has instructed its inspectors to have store personnel remove any of the specified products. Gaston facility products removed from sale include the Diamond, Country Value and Diamond Professional brands of dog, puppy and cat foods.

The symptoms of aflatoxin poisoning include sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, yellowish tint to the eyes and/or gums, and severe or bloody diarrhea. If a pet exhibits any of these symptoms, seek immediate assistance from a veterinarian.

The products removed from sale include Diamond Low Fat Dog Food, Diamond Hi-Energy Dog Food, Diamond Maintenance Dog Food, Diamond Performance Dog Food, Diamond Premium Adult Dog Food, Diamond Puppy Food, Diamond Maintenance Cat Food, Diamond Professional Cat Food, Country Value Puppy, Country Value Adult Dog, Country Value High Energy Dog, Country Value Adult Cat Food, Professional Chicken and Rice Senior Dog Food, Professional Reduced Fat Chicken and Rice Dog Food, Professional Adult Dog Food, Professional Large-Breed Puppy Food, Professional Puppy Food, Professional Reduced Fat Cat Food and Professional Adult Cat Food.

Waterway Guide cruising magazine due this spring

Waterway Guide recently announced plans to release a new magazine in spring 2006 promoting coastal boating and focusing on the cruising lifestyle.

Waterway Guide Magazine will offer readers relevant, timely information about America's waterways while featuring lively stories and colorful photography designed to encourage cruising.

"Expanding on our popular annually-updated navigational guides, we are offering our readers a gloss magazine format covering the latest happenings and developments along the coast and waterways," said publisher Jack Dozier. "We'll talk about what to do, where to do it and how to do it, focusing on events, towns, ports, marinas, boats, products and other subjects that capture the attention of our active, affluent readers."

Building on a 60-year reputation as the on-the-water authority for cruising boaters, Waterway Guide Magazine becomes the first complementary product to Waterway Guide's line of prestigious cruising volumes. The quarterly print run of 25,000 copies will be distributed to marinas, national marine retail stores, bookstores and at boat shows at a $6.95 cover price, with subscriptions available.

The first issue will include a comprehensive East Coast Marina Directory, with information on marinas from Florida to Maine. Additional highlights include photography, destinations, gourmet recipes, fashions, maintenance tips, local knowledge, entertainment calendars, regional updates, historical tidbits and spotlights on waterway people, places and events.

In additional to being the industry's top-selling annual cruising guide, Waterway Guide has been America's most trusted cruising authority since 1947. Waterway Guide offices are in Deltaville.

Tree seedlings are available

More than 45 species of tree seedlings are available to Virginia landowners for use in landscaping and/or reforestation efforts through the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF).

Weather permitting, the agency will begin harvesting, packaging and shipping the seedlings in early January. The harvesting/planting season runs for 14 weeks through mid-April.

Last year, the VDOF harvested and shipped more than 33 million seedlings, an average of 392,000 per day. Agency employees assisted with the planting of more than 25 million seedlings during that same time period.

"We've been producing quality tree seedlings for Virginians for 89 years now," said State Forester Carl Garrison. "Our two nurseries grow some of the best seedlings available anywhere."

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Orders may be placed at www.dof.virginia.gov, or at 540-363-7000. The 2006 tree seedling catalog is available in printed form and online.

Those seeking to reforest their land may order thousands of seedlings at a time. Contact the local office of the Virginia Department of Forestry for assistance with large orders.

Social Security News

by Mary Ellen Cardwell

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Richmond

Applying for a Social Security card

Every year millions of people apply for a Social Security number (SSN) or replacement card. It is important to know the rules for getting a new or replacement Social Security card before you apply. Here is a brief primer on what you need to know.

Proof of citizenship and identity

There are strict requirements on what documents Social Security can accept to prove citizenship and identity when applying for a Social Security number (SSN). Only certain documents can be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship: a U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, a Certificate of Naturalization or a Certificate of Citizenship. In addition, if you were born in the Untied States and have never had a SSN, Social Security will need to verify your birth record before you can be issued a card.

If you are a U.S. citizen who is applying for a replacement Social Security card, Social Security will ask you to prove your identity by providing an acceptable document that shows your name, identifying information about you and preferably a recent photograph. Examples of acceptable identity documents include a U.S. driver's license, state-issued non-driver identification card or U.S. passport.

The rules of issuing SSNs and cards to non-citizens are also strict. Acceptable documents for proof of identity for non-citizens include current U.S. immigration documents such as Form I-551, I-94 with an unexpired foreign passport or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).

Name changes for brides and others

Each year millions of people change their name. Whether due to a marriage, divorce or any other situation, reporting a name change to Social Security helps ensure that you will receive proper credits for your earnings and, one day, the Social Security benefits based on those earnings.

If you need to change your name on your Social Security card, you must show proof of your legal name change. Acceptable documents include a marriage license or certificate, a divorce decree stating that you may change your name or a court order for a name change. If the documents that you provide do not give enough identifying information about you, Social Security will ask that you also provide a document showing your old name and a second document with your new name.

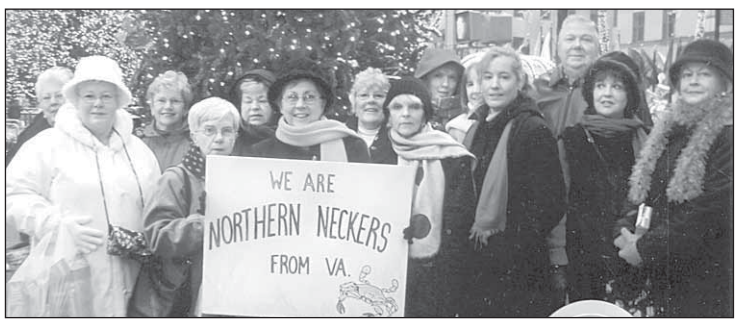
Limits on replacement cards

There are limits on the number of Social Security replacement cards you can get. You are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 in your lifetime. But name changes, such as might occur when you get married, do not count toward these limits. Changes in citizenship status that require card updates may not count toward these limits. Also, you may not be subject to these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship.

Why Social Security has these rules

The rules, prescribed by law, help ensure that only those who should receive an SSN do so. They make SSNs less accessible to those with criminal intent and prevent individuals from using false or stolen birth records or immigration documents to obtain a SSN.

To find out more about the rules for getting a Social Security number and card, visit www.socialsecurity.gov, or call 1-800-772-1213.



Visiting New York

The Northern Neckers above are part of a group of 51 people from the area who braved the wind and cold to visit the Today Show December 6. Pat Hinton of CI All Seasons Travel hosted the trek to New York. The sign was done by Jane Stouffer of The Rappahannock Art League.

Money Management

Organizing finances when a spouse dies

Dealing with personal finances can be extremely difficult following the death of a spouse, especially if your spouse handled the family's financial matters. While organizing your finances won't ease the pain of losing a loved one, it's an important step in rebuilding your life. Here are some guidelines from the Virginia Society of CPAs.

Locate important documents and update financial records. Before you can file a life insurance claim, update your financial accounts or settle your spouse's estate, you'll need to locate several important financial documents. For starters, you'll need your spouse's will; birth certificates for your spouse and any dependent children; your marriage certificate; copies of the death certificate; bank, investment and retirement records; and discharge papers if your spouse was in the military.

Avoid making drastic moves. Don't rush or be pressured into paying off the mortgage, selling the house, revamping your investment portfolio or withdrawing from retirement plans. Postpone major decisions until you have developed a long-term financial plan. In the interim, beware of con artists who prey on the bereaved.

Create a budget. Often the loss of a spouse means less household income. If your spouse worked, his or her paycheck will stop. If he or she was retired, the pension income you receive may be reduced or eliminated. And if you both collected Social Security, you'll be receiving only one check, although it will be for the higher benefit amount.

Determine how much money you need to meet routine living expenses and how much you have available each month. If you don't think you'll be able to cover your expenses, you'll need to put in place a cost-cutting strategy and look for additional sources of income.

Review benefit options. As a surviving spouse, you may be entitled to government or employment benefits. Start by contacting the Social Security Administration to check on your eligibility for survivor benefits. If your spouse was employed at the time of death, call his or her former employer to ask about survivor benefits and to find out whether your spouse is due payment for unpaid salary or unused vacation or sick time.

In the event your spouse was already retired and receiving a pension, find out whether you will continue to receive a pension payment, and in what amount. Under the federal COBRA law, you and any dependent children may be entitled to medical coverage for up to 36 months under your spouse's employer health insurance plan. You'll be responsible for paying the premiums, but the group rate is likely to be lower than buying a plan on your own. A work-related death may entitle the surviving spouse to worker's compensation benefits as well.

The surviving spouse and children of veterans may be able to claim benefits from the Armed Services.

Decide how you'll handle life insurance proceeds. When you file claims for life insurance, typically you will be asked to choose between one lump-sum payment or fixed payments over a period of time. The best option for you depends on your circumstances. A CPA can help you make this important decision.

It's a good idea to evaluate your existing insurance coverage, particularly life insurance. You may not need the same coverage if you do not have dependents. For policies you decide to maintain, update your beneficiaries if necessary.

Seek qualified and trusted advice. A CPA can be a valued resource to help surviving spouses get their finances in order and plan for the future.

(A column on personal finance prepared by the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Contact the VSCPA at www.vscpa.com, communications@vscpa.com, or 800-733-8272.)

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Tobacco drops out of first place

Tobacco has been the Old Dominion top cash crop for centuries. But in 2004, soybeans outranked tobacco in cash receipts to farmers for the first time—$124 million to $113 million.

The Virginia office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service reports tobacco acreage in Virginia was a little less than 30,000 acres in 2004, compared to about 242,000 acres in the 1920s. And the decline in tobacco production came even before the tobacco quota buyout program was passed by Congress in 2004. Tobacco growers and quota holders in Virginia will be receiving payments of about $59 million each year for a decade in exchange for giving up their government licenses to raise the crop.

Stan Duffer, regional market developer manager for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, attributes the change to declining domestic demand for tobacco products, stiff price competition from foreign tobacco and the tobacco buyout program.

It may take a couple more years before growers decide whether to get back into the tobacco business or get out, Duffer said. Virginia growers harvested 49.2 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco in 2004. But that's down to only about 40 million pounds to 42 million pounds this year.

"Growing tobacco is an expensive proposition," Duffer said.

Many growers that are still in the business were competitive enough to get a marketing contract from a cigarette manufacturer, but they may decide it's not worth their while to invest in new equipment in the future," he said.

Like other industry observers, Duffer believes most tobacco growers will have to farm more acreage in order to be profitable. There will always be exceptions to that, like hobby farmers who raise only enough for a niche market, but he does not believe tobacco farming will disappear from Virginia.

"I think tobacco will still be a very major player in the state's agriculture economy," Duffer said. "Keep in mind one of the reasons it fell back was because the tobacco buyout affected production. I see tobacco, at least in the foreseeable future, up in the top two or three for farm commodities in Virginia."

Tobacco has not been the top overall farm commodity in Virginia for years—broiler chickens and turkeys together accounted for more than $773 million in cash receipts to farmers in 2004, compared to tobacco's $113 million.

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Boating safety poster winners announced

Over 50 sixth-graders from Northumberland Middle School entered a boating safety poster contest sponsored by the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron. Winners from left are Tyler Mitchell, Khadijah Elmore, Anthony Reyes, Kaneisha Washington, Colin Hamblin and Brittany Ambrose. Squadron member Kathie Hoeck awarded gift certificates to the six students and will submit their posters in the District 5 contest covering the Chesapeake Bay region. Sixth-grade teacher Dolores Vanecek coordinated the program at NMS.

College foundation board adds members

From left are Catherine Courtney, Audrey Brainard and Audrey Mitchell.

Audrey H. Brainard and Catherine Courtney of Northumberland County, and Audrey Mitchell of King William County were recently appointed to the board of directors of Rappahannock Community College's Educational Foundation.

Brainard is retired after 16 years as a self-employed consultant on "hands-on science," which she also taught at Georgian Court College in Lakewood, N.J. She previously taught in public schools in Colts Neck, N.J. She has a bachelor's in education from Kean College and a master's in supervision from Georgian Court College.

Brainard annually coordinates 50 volunteers to provide day-long hands-on science activities involving water for Lancaster and Northumberland sixth-graders.

She serves as chairman of the civic development committee and is a member of other committees of the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club. She is involved with the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, is a guide and a coordinator for two Northumberland County preserves, and is a guide for the Chesapeake Trail in Lancaster County, for which she also wrote the trail guide.

She is a member of the Daniel Brainard Society, the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship, the National Audubon Society, the Northern Neck Audubon Society, the American Butterfly Society, the Butterfly Society of Virginia, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, the Friends of the Northumberland Public Library, SAIF Water, the Lancaster and Northumberland Interfaith Councils, and Planned Parenthood.

Courtney is retired from 31 years as coordinator of RCC's registered nursing program. She continues to teach nursing as an adjunct instructor and mentors nursing students.

She has worked for years to acquire funding from health care organizations, civic groups and individuals to pay nursing instructors and support nursing students.

Courtney has a registered nursing degree from the Johnston Willis Hospital School of Nursing, where she became an instructor in 1967. She later taught at Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University, she created RCC's cooperative associate degree nursing program, and was its sole full-time instructor from its inception in 1974 until her retirement.

Courtney has received the Outstanding Nurse of Virginia award from the Virginia Nurses Association.

Mitchell has a bachelor's from Mary Washington College and a graduate certificate in library media education from VCU. She has been employed as a library media specialist at Hamilton-Holmes Middle School in King William since 1991. She is the school's webmaster, and since 2002 its lead technology teacher. In 2000, she won a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship and has been a computer instructor for the King William Parks and Recreation Department since 1999.

Mitchell was Rappahannock Regional Director for the Virginia Educational Media Association 1997-99, then chairman of the Student Media Festival Chair 2000-04. She won the Virginia Library Media Specialist of the Year award in 2000. She is a member of several associations.

Their terms began in September 2005.

College Angel Tree gifts collected

Rappahannock Community College's Warsaw Campus Angel Tree was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. From left are faculty sponsor Karen Newtzie, co-president Karen Turner, staff sponsor Felicia Packett and co-president Rose Jones. Jones and Turner asked the Westmoreland County Social Services Department for the names of underprivileged children, and each child was represented by a card on the tree. RCC faculty and staff were invited to pick a card and buy a gift or gifts for that child, or make a monetary donation. Between $700 and $800 worth of gifts were collected for nine boys and five girls.

Environmental workshop set for teachers

A teachers workshop on Project Learning Tree (PLT) will be held January 17 and 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cooks Corner in Middlesex County.

Instructor John Magruder recommends the class to kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers.

Participants will receive a manual with 96 lesson plans that are correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning for science, math and English.

Topics include plants, forest products, ecosystems, habitats, energy, community planning, economics, waste management and recycling.

PLT is an international, award-winning environmental education curriculum. The program was initiated in the 1970s and has been upgraded several times with all new manuals. PLT helps educators weave the environment into their lesson plans. All activities are field tested by teachers and reviewed by experts.

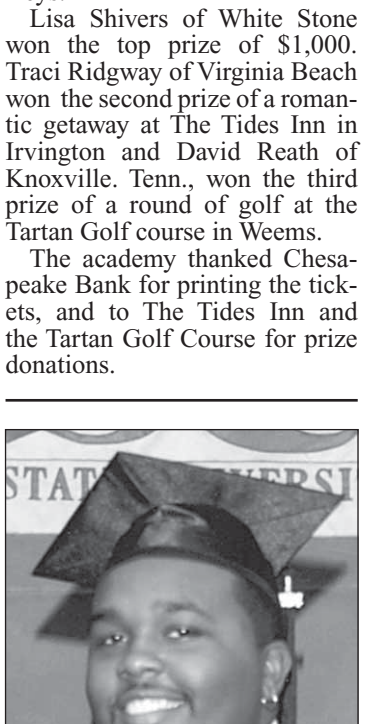
Continuing education credits may be available upon approval of the school system.

Included in the class is a learning kit on energy for each participant and a light dinner will be provided.

To register, call the Tidewater RC&D Council at 443-1118, or e-mail Margaret.Kennedy@va.usda.gov.

Registration is required by January 12. There is no fee.

Funding is provided by the Virginia Forestry Education Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Tidewater RC&D Forestry Committee.



From left are head of school Seth Ahlborn and Lisa Shivers.

Raffle winners are announced

The Chesapeake Academy Class of 2006 recently drew the names of the winners of a raffle to benefit their upcoming science trip to Seacamp in the Florida Keys.

Lisa Shivers of White Stone won the top prize of $1,000. Traci Ridgway of Virginia Beach won the second prize of a romantic getaway at The Tides Inn in Irvington and David Reath of Knoxville. Tenn., won the third prize of a round of golf at the Tartan Golf course in Weems.

The academy thanked Chesapeake Bank for printing the tickets, and to The Tides Inn and the Tartan Golf Course for prize donations.

New counselor joins RCC staff

Carrie Bailey

Rappahannock Community College TRIO programs administrative officer Paula Fisher recently announced the appointment of Carrie Bailey to a counseling position with the Student Support Services office on the Warsaw campus.

Bailey served in the public school systems of Smyth and Grayson counties as a guidance counselor, then as "Gear Up" College Readiness Coordinator at Grayson County High School. Most recently she was director of counseling at Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson.

She has a bachelor's in psychology from the College of William and Mary and a master's in counseling from Old Dominion University. She lives in Middlesex County with her husband and two young children.

"Carrie's professional experience as a counselor and inherent positive energy are a perfect fit for Student Support Services," said Fisher. "We are happy to have her join the TRIO family at RCC."

Reaping rewards of kindness

Lancaster Primary School students who exemplified "kindness" in December had breakfast with principal Merle Stables and received certificates and gifts. From left are kindergartners and first-graders (front row) Camryn Pittman, Taja Cain, Tyleigha Reese, Billy Weinrich, Katelynn Dawson and Jonte Savoy; (next row) Roman Smith, Patrick Jackson, Kentasia Honor, KaShya Johnson, Quantik Gray and Alyssa Booth; (next row) Summer Wood, Cody Chance, Joshua Pratz, Natalie Smith, Lokia Frisby; (next row) Kathryn Herring, Shawn Sutton, Anna West, Tahj Hodges, Amber Davis and Kenyon Johnson; (next row) Stables.

From left are second- and third-graders (front row) Daryl Gordon, Cole Schomer, Matthew Pittman, Laura Stickler, Ariana Marsh and Alex Nelson; (next row) Mary Kathryn Haydon, Barry Jackson, Spencer Hook, Carlee Browder, Susy Davila and Jolena Towles; (next row) Wyatt Asbury, Alexis Smith, Shae Segar, Austin Abrams, Emilee Whay and Kyle Bennett; (next row) Vince Charnick, Mattelynn Slater, Dominique Waller, Emily Lux, Caleb Gordon and Precious Boyd; (next row) Stables.

Tech Alumni chapter to meet Jan. 20

The Virginia Tech Alumni Tideneck Chapter annual winter dinner will be held January 20 at Lowery's Restaurant in Tappahannock.

Dr. James I. Robertson Jr., alumni distinguished professor of history and executive director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, will speak on "Virginia Tech and the Civil War."

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

To RSVP by January 16, call Cliff Mullin at 394-9851, or cmullin@potomacsupply.com.

Hokie Day at the General Assembly will be held February 1 in Richmond. For more information, contact Betty Lee at bettylee@vt.edu.

School Notebook

■ Transferring

Rappahannock Community College president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther and the College of William and Mary president Dr. Gene Nichol recently signed a Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

Beginning in Fall 2006, William and Mary will guarantee admission for RCC transfer students who earn their Associate in Arts and Sciences while achieving the requisite grade point average.

Kelly graduates

Dwayne A. Kelly Jr. of White Stone graduated December 10, 2005, from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's in building construction and technology. He also has an associate's in architectural drafting, which he received in December 2004. Kelly is the son of Valerie and James Rich of White Stone, and a 2001 graduate of Lancaster High School.

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VFW ladies to honor student volunteers

The Northern Neck Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7167 is sponsoring an Outstanding Young Volunteer of the year program for students between the ages of 12 and 15 who have provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her community from January 1 to December 31, 2005.

Cash is awarded locally and on the state and national levels to winners. The student deadline is February 3.

Youth activities chairman Hillary Pugh said judges will consider the number of activities in which the applicant has been involved. Examples include volunteering in hospitals, nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, involvement in scouting, church or school programs and other activities. The quality of service also will be considered when an individual has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement. Those entering must be a U.S. citizen and be sponsored by an auxiliary.

Entry forms and three letters of recommendation from the volunteer organization are required, on their letterhead, and should include how well the volunteer work was performed, how it affects others, hours on the project and the number of groups volunteered with.

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The Orchard residents gather with a photo of their group from last year's visit to the Pamunkey Indian Reservation which they presented with a certificate of appreciation during this year's visit. From left are (front row) Edna Spindle, Velma Sisson, Mary Campbell, Iuge Baum, Vivian McGuire; (next row) John Self, Debbie Hundley, Isabel of the Pamunkey Reservation, Louise Baughn, Etta Dixon, Alice Winn and Carol Pitts.

The Orchard celebrates the holidays

Residents of The Orchard in Warsaw have been celebrating the holidays.

They visited the Pamunkey Indian Reservation during Thanksgiving week. Isabel, of the reservation, took them on a tour of the Pamunkey museum. She described the former annual trip to the governor's mansion to pay yearly taxes by presenting a turkey and deer to the governor on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. There was a question session with Isabel about traditions and customs followed by a picnic lunch.

The residents also presented the reservation with a picture of their group from last year and a certificate of appreciation.

The beginning of December was eventful for the residents. They took the bus to Westside Hall to watch "A Christmas Carol" performed by the Westmoreland Players. Residents agreed that the performance was wonderful and that it was a lovely evening in spite of the rain. The Orchard appreciates the hospitality of the Westmoreland Players.

An Elvis impersonator sings for Nellie Kinney at The Orchard.

On December 7, The Orchard hosted the "Virginia Elvis" impersonated by Randy Roe. Many residents attended as he sang and danced. Roe performed old songs by Elvis Presley, Englebert Humperdinck, Conway Twitty and others. Residents clapped their hands to the old favorites. Elvis had everyone moving as he sang "Hound Dog," "Great Balls of Fire" and "Blue Suede Shoes."

On December 8, The Orchard hosted the Barefoot Ministries "Maidens and Men" group, who danced for and with the residents. Faces lit up when young men and ladies asked, "Do you care to dance?" Residents took their hands and proceeded to fox trot, rumba and sway with the music. The rehabilitation department assisted residents who wanted to dance, but were unable to stand alone.

Upcoming events include a trip to the Yoderbarn in Newport News for the "Tidewater Christmas Tradition" and an outing to the Celebration of Lights in Newport News City Park. The annual Christmas party will feature music by "Joyful Noise" and "Sounds of Rapture" with Laymetha Reed.

Also upcoming is a day shopping at Patrick Henry Mall, Christmas stories by the fireside and an evening ride around the Northern Neck to view Christmas lights and decorations.

Several church groups are scheduled to visit and /or sing at The Orchard. Additional church groups are welcome; call Debbie Wilkins at 313-2576.

Service Note

Army Spec. Brandon M. Smith has returned to Fort Riley in Junction City, Kan., after being deployed to an overseas forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Smith, a wheel vehicle motor operator with four years of military service, is assigned to the 24th Transportation Company.

He is the son of Connie D. Smith of Burgess. He is a 2002 graduate of Northumberland High School.

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Blacksmith shop seeks old tools

Traditional blacksmithing is alive and well in the Northern Neck reports Heathsville Blacksmith Guild president John Brauer. "Ever since Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern dedicated its new blacksmith shop in July of 2005, 'Dan's Forge' has been a big success," said Brauer.

The forge is the home of the guild and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every third Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The guild has 35 members of all skill levels.

The forge is behind Rice's Hotel in Heathsville.

Visitors are welcome and urged to join the guild. No experience is necessary. The guild practices traditional and modern blacksmithing.

Next to the blacksmith building, an education building is under construction. When completed, this addition will provide a kitchen, restrooms, and a meeting space for the guild and other activities. The blacksmith shop is already considered to be one of the best facilities of its kind, and is looking to grow even bigger, said Brauer.

Plans for the guild to obtain a trailer are in the works, he said. This will allow it to carry demonstrations to remote sites.

"Teaching the young about life long ago is very important today," said Brauer. "The guild is still in need of many tools, especially to outfit the trailer. Basically we need two or more of everything. Should you have any old tools used in blacksmithing or woodworking, or old metal, the guild would love to have them so that we may further our educational outreach program."

Donations may be tax deductible. "Old blacksmithing tools are better off when used as a teaching tool than left sitting or rusting away," said Brauer. "Today, many old tools are misused or abused. It's better to put granddad's anvil and hardies back to work, than to let them rust away or become lost."

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Deputy Santa distributes gifts

The Deputy Santa program of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office made Christmas special for many children in the county this year by giving lots of gifts and Christmas cheer. Volunteers distributed the gifts at the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department firehouse before Christmas. From left are Wes McAden, Tom Coye, Randolph Latimore, Sheriff Ronnie Crockett, Van Valandingham, Tony Waring, Bitsy Conley, Dorsey Ficklin, Vivian Abbott and Jim Kenner.

Time is running short for 2005 tax moves

With the 2006 tax filing season a few weeks away, taxpayers can take the first step toward filing their 2005 returns by reviewing tax law changes at www.IRS.gov.

"A little advance planning now could save taxpayers time—and perhaps even money later," IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski said.

For many taxpayers, tax planning means keeping receipts for qualifying medical expenses and mileage to and from medical facilities to receive needed medical care. For teachers, it means keeping receipts for school supplies they purchased with their own money. For investors, it may mean deciding which stocks should be sold or purchased.

More than a million Virginians are expected to itemize their deductions for 2005. Taxpayers are urged to check their records to determine if they may benefit more by itemizing their deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040. Taxpayers should consider using Schedule A if their itemized deductions exceed the amount of the standard deductions.

For the 2005 tax year, the standard deduction is $5,000 for taxpayers filing as single or married filing separately, $7,300 for individuals filing as head of household and $10,000 for taxpayers filing as married filing jointly.

Among the common deductions itemized on Scheduled A are state and local income taxes (or sales taxes); real estate taxes; mortgage interest; charitable contributions; and medical expenses, which generally include items such as laser surgery and obesity weight loss programs.

"New laws went into effect beginning January 1, 2005, for taxpayers who itemize and donate a vehicle to charity," Wajciechowski said. "Generally, if the claimed value of the donated motor vehicle, boat or plane exceeds $500 and the vehicle was sold by the charity, the taxpayer is limited to a deduction amounting to the gross proceeds the charity receives from the sale of the vehicle. A written acknowledgment from the charity must be attached to the income tax return, Form 1040."

Persons who use their automobile for business use should note that the optional standard mileage rates for the final four months of 2005 increased to 48.5 cents/mile. For the first eight months of 2005, the rate is 40.5 cents/mile.

The rate for deductible medical or moving expenses increased to 22 cents/mile for the last four months of 2005, up from the 15 cents/mile for the first eight months of 2005. The rate for providing services to charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents / mile.

Special increased mileage rates for providing services to charitable organizations for Katrina relief are eligible for higher deduction amounts—29 cents/mile for services provided between August 25 and 31; and 34 cents /mile for services provided between September 1 and December 31.

Taxpayers will again have a choice of claiming state income taxes or state sales taxes when itemizing. Taxpayers are encouraged to compute the deduction both ways to determine which method will give them the best tax advantage.

"Taxpayers who made a charitable contribution by January 31, 2005, for Tsunami relief should check to determine if they previously itemized this deduction on their 2004 tax returns," Wajciechowski advised. "A special provision was enacted in January 2005 which permitted taxpayers to elect to itemize these charitable contributions either on their 2004 OR 2005 tax return, but not both."

Some of the more than two million Virginians, who don't itemize deductions, may qualify to deduct items that can lower their adjusted gross income. Deductions can generally be taken for educator expenses by teachers; qualified moving expenses; alimony payments; student loan interest payments; tuition and fees payments; and contributions to an IRA. Because some of these deductions have income limits, taxpayers are urged to check them out at www.IRS.gov, or call 1-800-829-1040.

"Unless the law is extended, the $250 above-the-line teacher's classroom expense deduction will expire after December 31, 2005," Wajciechowski said. "Eligible educators with unreimbursed expenses for supplies, etc., should make purchases by the end of 2005 to take advantage of this deduction which could lower tax bills for educators."

Taxpayers who purchased a qualifying hybrid vehicle in 2005 may qualify for a clean-fuel vehicle deduction of up to $2,000 for certified vehicles purchased and first placed in service in tax years 2005.

Payments of interest in college loans may qualify to lower 2005 tax bills if payments are made on these loans by December 31.

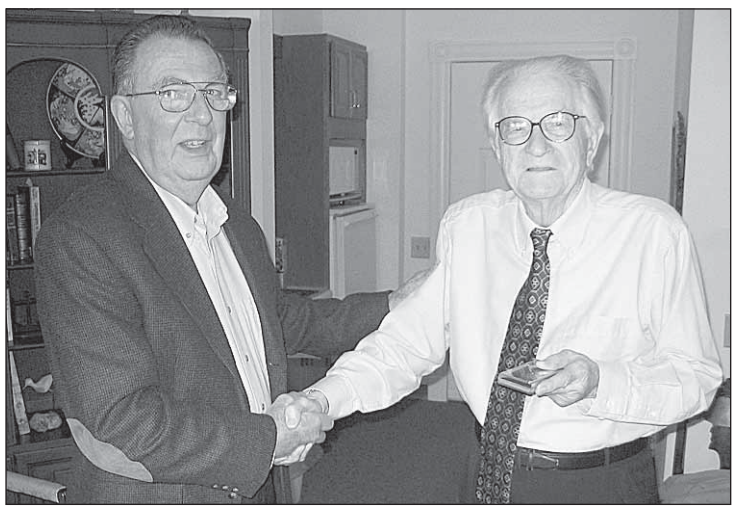
"As the end of the year quickly approaches, taxpayers are reminded that they may be able to use their losses in the stock market to reduce their tax burden," Wajciechowski said. "A 'paper toss'—a drop in an investment's value below its purchase price—does not qualify for this deduction. The loss must be realized through the asset's sale or exchange."

The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act 2005 (KETRA) was signed into law on September 23. This Act has special provisions that relate to charitable contributions, as well as special Hurricane Katrina-related tax breaks. Check out www.IRS.gov for details of these provisions that may affect the 2005 tax return.

Prior to the passage of KETRA, tax law limited the amount of charitable contributions taxpayers could itemize on Form 1040, Schedule A, based on taxpayers' adjusted gross incomes (AGI). However, KETRA provides that most charitable contributions can be claimed as itemized deductions on Schedule A for amounts up to 100 percent of the taxpayer's AGI provided they are made to a qualifyng 50 percent limit organization (as described in Publication 526), and the contributions were made between August 28 and the end of 2005.

Taxpayers without monetary resources, but who want to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, should consider donating vacation, sick or personal leave through an employer Hurricane Katrina Relief leave donation program. Under this leave donation program, employees can elect to forgo their vacation, sick or personal leave in exchange for the employer making cash payments to qualified tax-exempt organization providing relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Individuals are urged to check with their employers and encourage them to set up a Hurricane Katrina relief leave-donation program. This provision applies to leave donated in 2005 and 2006.

According to Wajciechowski, many tax refunds get delayed because of problems with social security numbers, either the numbers are incorrect or the names and numbers do not match. Those who have had a name change this year should notify the Social Security Administration to get it corrected before they file. Also, those who have had a baby this year and plan on claiming that child as a dependent, should get a Social Security number prior to filing time.



Chapter president Charles Farley presents the Meritorious Service Medal to R. Leonard Carlton.

SAR awards medal to Carlton

The recent meeting of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution featured Dr. George Moore's audio-visual presentation, "A Musical Christmas from Austria." Hugh White introduced the program with dramatic reading.

The chapter also elected officers for 2006 including president John Townes, first vice president Irvin Owings, second vice president John Woodard, third vice president Tony Waring, secretary Rev. Richard Fichter Jr. and treasurer John Bowles.

In a separate ceremony the chapter honored R. Leonard Carlton with the Meritorious Service Medal. At 102, Carlton is the chapter's oldest living member and had previously been granted a life membership by the National SAR organization.

Carlton, a retired insurance industry executive, lives at RW-C.

Examine credentials, SCC urges

Virginia securities regulators warn investors to check the credentials of individuals purporting to be "senior specialists."

While some are legitimate, many of the specialists are unlicensed or ill-equipped to offer seniors the guidance they need to make wise investing decisions.

"Just because someone has a lot of letters or designations behind their name doesn't mean they are qualified to tell you what to do with your money or have your best interests at heart," said State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising director Rob Thomas.

"Individuals may call themselves senior specialists to create a false level of comfort among seniors by implying a certain level of training on issues important to the elderly, but in many cases the training they receive is nothing more than marketing and selling techniques targeting the elderly," said Thomas.

The North American Securities Administrators Association has observed a significant increase in designations claiming to provide the holder with expertise in providing services to investors 55 years and older.

Securities regulators have opened 26 cases during the past year involving "senior specialists" in the eastern half of the United States. Most of the cases involve securities recommendations by individuals who are not properly licensed by state securities regulators.

Virginia securities regulators recently found an individual advertising himself as a senior specialist shortly after he had been convicted of securities fraud and had been ordered by the SCC not to conduct any further securities business.

According to Thomas, bogus senior specialists often target senior investors through seminars where the specialist reviews participants' assets, including their securities portfolios. Typically, the specialist recommends the seniors liquidate their securities holdings and use the proceeds to purchase indexed or variable annuities products or other investments the specialist offers.

In Virginia and many other states, these recommendations may be viewed as providing investment advice for compensation.

"The senior specialist would be offering investment advice as an unregistered investment adviser and, therefore, would be subject to enforcement action by regulatory agencies," Thomas said.

There are legitimate organizations whose members must complete rigorous programs of study, pass extensive examinations, and have practical experience in order to receive their designations, but many formed in the last few years have created designations with much less stringent requirements, he said.

"Before doing business with any investment professional, all investors, especially senior investors, should check with their state securities regulator to determine whether the individual is properly licensed and if there have been any complaints involving the individual or his firm," Thomas said.

For more information, call 371-9051, or 1-800-552-7945; or visit www.scc.virginia.gov/divsion/srf.

Points cleared regarding donations and deductions

Internal Revenue Service officials recently announced that the IRS will not recognize certain deductions that taxpayers may be claiming relating to donated vehicles sold at auction.

"IRS officials took this step after becoming aware of questionable practices that have surfaced recently," IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski said. "Some charities have sold donated vehicles at auction and claimed that the sales are to needy individuals at prices significantly below fair market value. By doing so, these charities have claimed that the sales trigger an exception to the general rule that the deduction allowed to the donor is limited to the proceeds from the charity's sale."

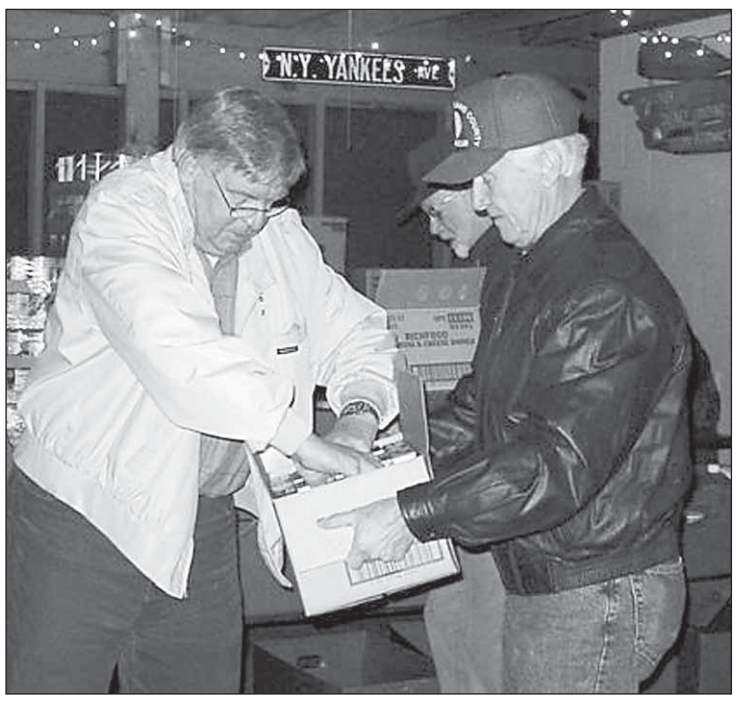
The IRS' position is that vehicles sold at auction are not sold at prices significantly below fair market value. Therefore, the IRS will not treat vehicles sold at auction as qualifying for the exception for sales to needy individuals at prices below fair market value.

If a charity sells a donated vehicle at auction, the IRS will not accept as substantiation an acknowledgment from the charity stating that the vehicle is to be transferred to a needy individual for significantly below fair market value (Box 5b on IRS Form 1098-C). In such cases, the donor may claim a deduction of more than $500 only to the extent that the gross proceeds from the sale exceed that amount and the donor substantiates the contribution with an acknowledgment from the charity that indicates the gross proceeds from the sale (Box 4c on IRS Form 1098-C).

According to Wajciechowski, the rules for determining the amount that a donor may deduct for a charitable contribution of a qualified vehicle, including an automobile with a claimed value of more than $500, changed at the beginning of 2005 as a result of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004. In general, the Act limits a donor's deduction to the amount of the gross proceeds from the charity's sale of the vehicle.

Under an exception to this general rule, a donor may be eligible to claim a fair market value deduction if the vehicle is sold at a price significantly below fair market value to a needy individual, in direct furtherance of a charitable purpose of the recipient organization of relieving the poor and distressed or the underprivileged who are in need of a means of transportation. In this case, the charity provides to the donor an acknowledgment indicating that the donor may claim a fair market value deduction for the vehicle.

Because this exception does not apply to sales at auction, a charity may be subject to penalties under sections 6701 and 6720 of the Internal Revenue Code if the charity sells a donated vehicle at auction and provides to the donor an acknowledgment that indicates anything other than the deduction may not exceed the gross proceeds from the sale.



From left, Lions Beg Groenwold, Bob Holley and Donald Stone sort food for Christmas distribution.

Northumberland Lions bring Christmas to needy families

Northumberland Lions Club members put on their Santa hats as they gathered at Lion Bud Disney's cottage to wrap presents and compile food baskets for their annual Christmas project.

Some 20 Lions and their spouses prepared food baskets and wrapped toys and clothing for 35 Northumberland County children and their families. Another 12 Lions delivered the gifts and food.

"While we conduct fund-raisers all year long, there is something special and rewarding about providing gifts and food to local families at Christmas time," said project chairman Ann DePaolo. "This annual Christmas project is an example of the pride we feel in our community."

Al Dessenberger organized over 3,000 pounds of food and Callao Market ordered it. The club also thanked Percell Seafood on the Little River for donating the boxes needed for food distribution.

Rotarians carol

Davis "Skip" Ackerly leads the Northern Neck Rotary Club in a caroling session at a December 21 meeting at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock. Treasusrer Ken Knull of the club's charitable trust announced distribution of some $23,000 from the CAPINNE Auction. President-elect Sam Nuckols thanked the staff at Lee's for kind and efficient service to the club in the past year.

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2005 Holly Ball debutantes from left are (front row) Miss Jessica Ruth Haynie, Miss Mallory Elizabeth Gladding, Miss Mary Courtney Johns, Miss Anne-Sophie Marie Madeline Marchal and Miss Jessica Lee Sterrett; (next row) Miss Kelle Alexandra Urban, Miss Maria Anne Bessler, Miss Phoebe Georgene Gilbert, Miss Jennifer Ashley Combs, Miss Jennie Tyler Packett, Miss Lacey Marie Lester, Miss Caitlin Raborg Rittenhouse and Miss Ann Lillington Bernhardt Thomasson.

▼ *Miss Bessler crowned queen . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

Warsaw, presented by her father and escorted by Patrick Matthew Drewry of Warsaw; Miss Anne-Sophie Marie Madeline Marchal, the daughter of Ms. Brigitte Jeanne Marchal duPuy of Warsaw, presented by Addison Wayne Saunders of Lancaster and escorted by Walton Delano Golden of Warsaw; Miss Mallory Elizabeth Gladding, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montgomery Gladding of Tappahannock, presented by her father and escorted by Michael Walker Gladding of Tappahannock; Miss Jessica Lee Sterrett, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Sterrett of Reedville, presented by her father and escorted by Robert Michael Mothershead of Lottsburg; Miss Jessica Ruth Haynie, the daughter of Mrs. Jennifer Cralle Pugh of Callao and John Willard Haynie Jr. of Reedville, presented by her father and escorted by Rudy Hunter Bowis of Reedville.

Also presented were Miss Caitlin Raborg Rittenhouse, the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Raborg Rittenhouse and the late Harold Cameron Rittenhouse of Reedville, presented by her uncle, Edward Martin Rittenhouse, and escorted by Shawn Michael Lozy of Virginia Beach; Miss Ann Lillington Bernhart Thomasson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll Thomasson of Kilmarnock and Mrs. Jane Toms Thomasson of Martinsville, presented by her father and escorted by Eric Foster Nost Jr. of Irvington; Miss Phoebe Georgene Gilbert, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Robert Gilbert of Lancaster, presented by her father and escorted by Hugo Vandeveer Gilbert of Lancaster; Miss Lacey Marie Lester, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dale Lester of Wicomico Church, presented by her father and escorted by Robert Justin Morgan Smith of Lancaster; Miss Kelle Alexandra Urban, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Urban III of Kilmarnock, presented by her grandfather, Mr. Urban, and escorted by Tyler Kipp Pinkard of Callao.

Proceeds from the Holly Ball are dispersed by the Tidewater Foundation to charitable organizations supporting education and youth in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

▼ *Taylor's Creek Road 'catastrophe' . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

Jim Prince of the Taylor's Creek Road area also voiced his concern that the project was handled wrong from a safety standpoint by excluding the curve straightening at the end of the originally planned road reconstruction.

"They left the worst place in the road that we had," said Prince. "If they had started at the other end of the road, they would have been better off."

Tom Nolte of the Taylor's Creek Road area voiced his concern that the project has worsened the original safety issues because the section of road that was straightened has created a "long, straight expressway" that ends in a blind curve.

"It is more unsafe now than it was before we started the project," said Nolte.

He also addressed the cost of the project, which he said equates to about $30,000 per household using the road based on the estimate that the project will now exceed $4 million.

"That's a very expensive road for one-point something miles through a forest," said Nolte.

John Woodard of the Taylor's Creek Road area said the expense of the project is compounded by shortening the scope of the project if the excluded curves are straightened later, in part because all of the equipment that was hauled away will all have to be brought back.

"I've got a problem with the waste of walking away from it," said Woodard.

He also likened the surface treatment for the road to a "band-aid" that adds more cost in the long run because the road will still have to be paved at some time.

Dickerson said the project ran into problems with cost overruns in part due to an inaccurate assessment of the soil conditions that were encountered during parts of the reconstruction. She also said the change in state law that had allowed deficit spending to continue projects when they run over-budget further strapped the project financially.

VDOT contract administrator Clyde Hathaway agreed that the financial problems for the project mounted.

"Things snowballed and we got deeper in the hole and the product is much less than any of us wanted," said Hathaway.

Jenkins said the change in VDOT practices forced VDOT officials to "deal with the hand that was dealt to them."

However, Jenkins added that both the governor's office and the General Assembly have so far failed to provide anything for the county from the "biggest surplus ever" in state government. The governor's upcoming budget proposes $625 million in new state transportation funds with none of it intended for Lancaster County.

"They look where the big bucks and the big votes are, not little old Lancaster County," said Jenkins.

Beauchamp said he was told by Sen. John H. Chichester that legislation would be introduced in the upcoming session of the General Assembly to get more funding for completion of the Taylor's Creek Road project.

The board unanimously directed county administrator William H. Pennell Jr. to draft "the strongest resolution you can" in favor of the funding for submittal to the General Assembly, VDOT, and the governor's office.

Following the action, Fred Ajootian of Ocran urged the board to stay away from vast projects for secondary roads in the future.

"These are just country roads," said Ajootian. "Keep the improvements as simple as possible."

Beauchamp recounted how the Taylor's Creek Road project got started in the first place when residents and property owners from 25 years ago had requested it.

Beauchamp said the board had an option to remove the project from the plan three years ago but did not because it would have forced the county to repay VDOT "a couple hundred thousand dollars" for preliminary work.

The project was estimated at $1 million less in 2003 than it is now. This year's six-year plan provides $1,233,000 in additional funding to meet the current estimate of $4.1 million for the project in its reduced scope.

The $1,233,000 in new funding for the Taylor's Creek Road project is the costliest project of the $3,154,233 in new funding approved in the plan.

The second costliest project involves the alignment of a .35 mile stretch of Merry Point Road where there is a 90-degree curve near the Merry Point Ferry landing. The plan allocates $1,169,000 in new funding starting in 2009-2010 for an overall project cost estimated at $1,293,000. The project has already received $124,000 in funding for preliminary engineering.

The plan includes additional funding of $483,223 countywide for such components as rural road additions to the state secondary system, traffic and safety services, and subdivision and site plan reviews.

The approved plan also includes funding for paving two currently unpaved roads at an estimated overall cost of $313,000.

One of the projects, estimated to cost $118,000, is the paving of .81 mile of Indiantown Road. Previously planned for construction next year, the work has now been delayed until 2009.

"The needs are going faster than the pot of money is filling up," Hathaway said of the delay.

Jerry Hamm of Indiantown Road said the paving project has been pursued since 1988 and affects 14 lots.

"To see it slip to 2009 is very, very discouraging," said Hamm.

Another paving project is for .3 mile of Hadlea Drive, off Scott Road. The project is estimated to cost $95,000. However, $81,000 of the estimated cost is not included in the funding plan for the next six years.

▼ *Sewer lines . . . .*

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ment between the county and Kilmarnock officials for Kilmarnock municipal services to serve the development.

"I don't know anything about this," said Beauchamp. "What kind of agreement?"

West said he had received assurances from Kilmarnock officials including Mayor Mike Robertson, town manager Lee Capps, and town attorney Chris Stamm that the extension of municipal services could be contracted.

"That's what's being expressed to me from the town of Kilmarnock," said West.

After voting the amendment down, the board tabled West's application to rezone the property for medium residential use (R-3) that would permit minimum lot sizes of 12,000 square feet.

The board unanimously tabled the rezoning request until its May 22 meeting, pending progress on the comprehensive plan revisions.

By consensus, supervisors agreed to structure the comprehensive plan review so that one chapter at a time is brought before the board.

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Lancaster board reorganizes for 2006

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The county board of supervisors reorganized for 2006 last week and unanimously re-elected F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. chairman.

Jenkins accepted the nomination by supervisor Peter N. Geilich, who was initially nominated by B. Wally Beauchamp, but declined to be considered for board chair.

However, Geilich accepted the nomination as vice-chair and was unanimously approved.

The board also approved its bylaws for 2006 with changes from years past. The board chairman can now make motions to call for votes and motions by supervisors no longer need to be seconded by another supervisor before coming to vote.

The board also approved its regular monthly meeting dates for 2006. The last Thursday of the month remains the date for scheduled meetings with the exception of January when the board will meet Tuesday, January 24, and May when the board will meet Monday, May 22. The board will continue to meet at 7 p.m. in the General District courtroom.

F. W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. (above) was re-elected by county supervisors to serve another one-year term as board chairman.

In other reorganizational matters, Ernest W. Palin Jr. was re-appointed to the planning commission, Beauchamp was re-appointed director of emergency services, Geilich was re-appointed to the historic resources commission and Jack Russell was appointed to the social services board.

Beauchamp and Palin will serve as board representatives to the Northern Neck Planning District Commission and Palin and Russell will serve on the Northern Neck-Chesapeake Bay Regional Partnership for economic development.

Prior to the reorganizational meeting, the board appointed Thomas Richardson as the District 5 representative on the board of zoning appeals. The seat was vacated by Jack Fitzpatrick late last year.

Police Reports

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was charged with contempt of court earlier in the same day.

A Gloucester woman, 24, was charged December 23 with using profane-threatening language over the telephone.

A Kilmarnock woman, 40, was charged December 24 with public drunkenness.

A Claybrook Avenue man, 43, was charged December 25 with failure to appear in court.

An Old Orchard Road man, 42, was charged December 27 with making a profane-threatening telephone call.

A Gloucester woman, 45, was charged December 29 with making a profane-threatening call.

Other responses

On December 21, the sheriff's staff responded to a threatening phone call on Nuttsville Road and a domestic argument on Chestnut Grove Road. The staff also received a motorist's report of a reckless driver on the Norris Bridge.

On December 22, the staff responded to a juvenile behavior complaint in the 2500 block of Merry Point Road and a disconnected emergency 911 call in the 5400 block of Irvington Road in which emergency services were not needed.

On December 23, the staff responded to a noise violation complaint in the 1900 block of Irvington Road, assistance for emergency medical services in the 3300 block of Crawfords Corner Road, a reckless driving complaint in the area of Merry Point and Buzzards Neck roads, a reckless driving complaint in the Brookvale-Lively corridor and a drunk and disorderly conduct complaint on First Avenue. The staff notified the county administration of a possible violation of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in the area of Windmill Point and Oyster House roads and received a child custody/visitation complaint in the 200 block of White Chapel Road.

On December 24, the sheriff's staff responded to a trespassing complaint in the area of Quarters Cove Drive and a drunk and disorderly complaint in Irvington.

On December 25, the staff responded to a trespass complaint that included a report of a man with a gun and shots fired on Good Luck Road, an unknown disturbance call in the 1300 block of Windmill Point Road, a domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of Little Bay Road and a suspicious vehicle complaint in the 300 block of Irvington Road.

On December 26, the staff responded to a single-vehicle accident on Regina Road, a suspicious vehicle complaint near Hillcrest Heights, a request from New Jersey authorities to attempt to locate a missing teenager and a possible drug overdose in the White Stone area.

On December 27, the staff responded to a complaint about a suspicious/disoriented person in the White Stone area, a traffic complaint in Irvington, a reported mental health emergency on Lara Road and a complaint about an assault by threat and a man with a gun on Lumberlost Road.

On December 28, the staff responded to an unauthorized use complaint on Carlson Road, a disorderly conduct complaint of juveniles interfering with traffic in the area of Rappahannock Drive and a traffic accident on River Road.

On December 29, the staff responded to a drunk and disorderly conduct complaint in the 400 block of King Carter Drive, a trespass complaint involving juveniles on Buzzards Neck Road, a drunk driving complaint in the Nuttsville area and a disconnected emergency 911 call on Chiltons Lane in which emergency services were not needed. The staff also received a complaint of assault on Ocran Road.

On December 30, the staff responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on James Lane, a disturbance/assault complaint on Buzzards Neck Road, a vandalism complaint on Reynolds Farm Road and a shots fired complaint on Newtown Road. The staff received a report of the theft of electronics from a vehicle in the 18500 block of Mary Ball Road, a complaint about a runaway juvenile in the 4200 block of Irvington Road and a motorist's complaint of a traffic violation in the area of Lancaster Court House.

On December 31, the staff responded to a disconnected emergency 911 call in the 2000 block of Crawfords Corner Road in which emergency services were not needed, an unauthorized use of a vehicle complaint in Lively, a verbal dispute in the 200 block of Carters Creek Road, a mental health emergency in White Stone, a bicycle safety complaint in White Stone, a game law violation complaint on Windmill Point Road at the request of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and checked on the well-being of a KeepSafe Program participant in the Heritage Point subdivision after prearranged telephone contact could not be made.

On January 1, the staff responded to a reported fight at Lancaster Landing, a domestic disturbance in the 8400 block of Court House Road, a domestic assault on Benson Road and assisted Northumberland County authorities with a shooting complaint.

On January 2, the staff responded to a larceny and assault complaint in the 18800 block of Mary Ball Road and received reports of the theft of tools from a construction site on Beachwood Drive, the theft of a television from the 100 block of Spring Street and the theft of two tree stands from the Ottoman area.

Also during the past two weeks, motorists reported deer strikes near Mary Ball and Devils Bottom roads on December 20, in White Stone on December 23, near East Church Street and Bluff Point Road on December 30 and near River and Rocky Neck roads on January 1.

Additionally, during the past two weeks, the sheriff's staff made 17 traffic stops with 11 summonses issued, provided motorist assistance seven times, received 10 calls for animal control services, responded to six building alarms, made five inmate transports and provided traffic control twice.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported 12 arrests over the past two weeks.

Michael Stevens, 22, of Haynesville was charged December 20 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Christopher O'Neal Thomas, 29, of Reedville was charged December 21 with two counts of distribution of a controlled substance and possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely crack cocaine.

Michael Dawson, 28, of Heathsville was charged December 23 with failure to obey a court order from Richmond County, writing a bad check for $42 to a Warsaw area business and two counts of writing bad checks for $46.50 and $46.29 to Callao area business.

Justin Kirk Mitchell, 18, of Heathsville was charged December 31 with felony eluding of a law officer as well as misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

A 62-year-old Farnham woman was charged December 19 with appearing intoxicated in public.

A 25-year-old Lottsburg man was charged December 19 with failing to appear in General District Court.

A 42-year-old Hague man was charged December 27 with appearing intoxicated in public.

A 27-year-old Heathsville man was charged December 27 with reckless handling of a firearm, assault and battery of a family member, stalking and making threatening phone calls.

A 38-year-old Fairfax man was charged December 29 with a probation violation.

A 19-year-old Norfolk woman was charged December 30 with larceny.

A 36-year-old Reedville man was charged December 30 with violation of a protective order.

A 20-year-old Reedville man was charged December 31 with appearing intoxicated in public and possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

The sheriff's staff also responded to reports:

• December 13 of a larceny from a construction site in the Reedville area. Taken was a 24-foot walk board, two 24-foot extension ladders, a 14-foot walk board and four ladder jacks, with a combined value of $1,200.

• December 22 of a break-in at a Reedville area residence. Undisclosed items were taken.

• December 25 of a B&E with intent to commit larceny from a Heathsville area business.

• December 29 of vandalism to mailboxes in the Westview Lane area of Heathsville.

• December 31 of a break-in at a Callao area business. Taken was $78 in cash, two cases of beer valued at $24.98 and two 12-packs of beer valued at $18.58; damages to the door of the store are valued at $500.

• January 1 of a break-in at another Callao area business. Taken were four cases of Bud Light beer valued at $60, and damages to a double pane thermo window valued at $200.

Northumberland County Crime Solvers

The Northumberland County Crime Solvers seeks information regarding a break-in and a wanted person.

Between December 24 and December 25, unknown person(s) broke into the Family Dollar store in Heathsville. No items were taken, but damage was done to a safe and a filing cabinet.

The Northumberland Sheriff's department is also looking for Reginald Keith Ball, 23, in connection with a shooting in the Burgess area on January 1, 2006. Ball is wanted on multiple felony charges.

Report related information to Crime Solvers at 580-8477. Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers remain anonymous and are not required to testify in court.