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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Inauguration ceremony is Saturday in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG—Governor-elect Tim Kaine announced last week that nearly 40 groups, representing every region of Virginia, will participate in the inaugural parade. The parade will immediately follow the swearing in ceremony Saturday, January 14, in Colonial Williamsburg.

"These groups represent every region of the Commonwealth," said Governor-elect Kaine. "We are looking forward to having a wonderful inaugural parade that is a big part of our celebration of Virginia."

The inaugural ceremony will begin at noon at the Colonial Capitol.

The parade will begin at the Colonial Capitol, continue past the inaugural grand stands and proceed a mile down Duke of Gloucester, past the reviewing stand at the Palace Green, in front of the Colonial Governor's Palace.

The inauguration is an official function of the General Assembly which decided to hold the ceremony in Williamsburg due to renovations under way at the State Capitol Building.

The swearing-in will be the first in Williamsburg since Gov. Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated in 1779.

The formal swearing-in occurs during a joint session of the House of Delegates and the Senate. The program includes the administration of the oaths of office to the governor, the lieutenant governor and the attorney general, an Inaugural Address by the governor and the parade.

The inaugural theme is the "Promise of Virginia." Festivities surrounding the inauguration began January 6, with a pre-inaugural Latino reception in Arlington. A pre-inaugural ball was held January 7 in Abingdon.

Three inaugural balls will be held in Williamsburg and Richmond on Saturday, and an open house will be held at the Executive Mansion in Richmond Sunday, January 15.

For a more detailed list of Inaugural events, visit http://www.kaineinaugural.com.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006

2006 General Assembly convenes

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—Virginia's General Assembly convened yesterday in the Patrick Henry building where it will meet while the Capitol building undergoes restoration.

Also due to the construction, Virginia's gubernatorial inauguration will take place in Williamsburg at noon on Saturday.

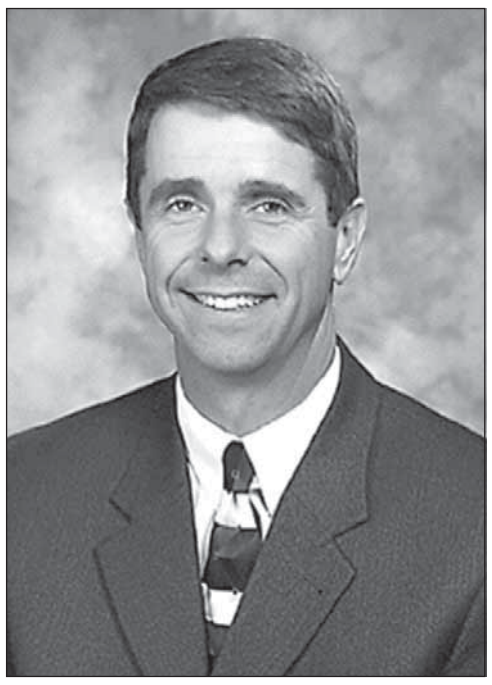
District 99 Del. Robert J. Wittman began his freshman year with a running start. As of Tuesday, he had already filed six bills and was preparing to file a handful more.

Picking up the torch from former Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr., Wittman has submitted a bill regarding the penalty for subsequent offenses of stalking. Del. Pollard submitted a similar bill last year on behalf of several women in the Northern Neck who suffered under the hands of second-offense stalkers, but the bill never made it off the table.

Del. Wittman is asking that state law make a second stalking conviction occurring in two years a Class 6 felony rather than a Class 1 misdemeanor and also increase the penalty for subsequent convictions.

Another of Del. Wittman's bills would require that courts award property owners legal fees and costs in cases of imminent domain where the property owner successfully appeals for damages and is awarded at least 20 percent more than the petitioner's offer. Currently the law places it on the judge's discretion whether to award legal fees and costs and only in cases where the difference is greater than 30 percent.

He also has introduced a bill to allow Virginia Economic Development dollars to fund the installation of high speed and broadband internet access in under-served areas. It also address attracting internet service providers to rural areas in the Commonwealth.



Del. Robert J. Wittman Jr.

He introduced a bill requiring persons convicted of littering on any highway to perform a minimum of 100 hours of community service with the Virginia Department of Transportation. They would be required to wear a blaze orange vest with the phrase "I am a litterbug," while picking up litter along the highway.

A house joint resolution requests a study as to whether state funds paid to law enforcement officers is adequate to retain them. The idea is to study the scope of each position's duties among all law enforcement agencies to determine how they should be compensated.

A constitutional amendment Del. Wittman has introduced would make waterfront property used for water-related industry such as seafood and ports subject to the same land use taxation laws as agricultural and forest lands. Currently, Del. Wittman said, high waterfront taxes are putting some small water-based industries out of business.

Del. Wittman also plans to introduce a bill requiring that menhaden management decisions be based on sound science. He noted that recent caps on harvests by federal regulators were reactive and not based on the information provided by their own scientific experts.

Another bill he plans to introduce would create an incentive program to bring biofuel manufacturers into the Commonwealth. Del. Wittman proposes that the state provide 20 cents per gallon cost sharing on the production of up to 80 million gallons of fuel. This would commit about $8 million per year through 2016 to encourage all sorts of biofuel manufacturers to set up shop in the state.

Del. Wittman also plans to introduce a medical bill that would require health insurance providers, including Medicare, to cover IMRT radiation technology, such as that performed by Dr. Christopher Walsh in Montross. This technology focuses radiation only on the exact size and shape of a tumor rather

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Planners set public hearing on capital improvement budget

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER— The county planning commission will meet next Thursday, January 19, at 7 p.m. in the Lancaster general district courtroom.

The commission has set a public hearing for the county's five-year capital improvement budget for projects costing more than $10,000.

Planning/land use director Jack Larson said no additional funding requests have been received from school or county offices. Projects currently in the plan include the addition of county office space and renovation or replacement of the school bus garage in Lively.

The capital improvement plan has been funded by two borrowings totaling $4.3 million since 2002. Past projects include the replacement of the Lancaster High School roof and renovation of the Lancaster Primary School interior.

The commission had earlier advertised a public hearing for a request from Yankee Point Sailboat Marina to amend proffers on the industrially zoned property to allow for a snack bar. However, Larson said the hearing has been continued until February 16 at the request of the applicants because they are unable to attend the meeting January 19.

Lancaster supervisors to meet early

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors for Lancaster County will meet Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the Lancaster general district courtroom.

The date is different than the customary last Thursday of the month for supervisor meetings. The change was approved by the board during its reorganizational meeting held last month in order to enable all of the supervisors to attend.

No public hearings have been advertised by the board for the January 24 meeting.

Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported two arrests last week.

A Harvey Lane man, 26, was charged January 4 with domestic assault and battery.

A Hampton man was charged January 3 with contempt of court.

A Clark Point Road man, 40, was charged with allowing a dangerous dog to roam at large.

Armed robbery

The sheriff's staff responded to an armed robbery January 5 in the 10100 block of River Road across from the Village Center. The incident was reported shortly after 10 p.m. and Virginia State Police also responded to the scene with a tracking dog. No injuries were reported during the robbery, which remains under investigation.

Other responses

On January 3, the staff responded to complaints about reckless driving in the Chinns Mill-Belle Isle Road area and in the White Stone area.

On January 4, the staff responded to a traffic accident in the 3500 block of Irvington Road and a fight reported in the 600 block of Morattico Road. The staff received a complaint of attempted burglary on Meadowlark Lane, motorists' reports of deer strikes on Windmill Point Road and River Run Road, a report of larceny of cash from the 100 block of Shady Lane and a complaint about a verbal dispute on Wilson Lane.

On January 5, the staff

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Teen sentenced to seven years in death of child

HEATHSVILLE—A 13-year-old Northumberland County boy was sentenced January 5 to seven years in the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system in connection with the death of a 2-year-old girl.

The boy was convicted December 1 of second-degree murder in the death of Anania Rice of Essex County.

The sentence is the maximum allowed by state law. However, Northumberland County Commonwealth's Attorney Michael McKenney noted the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court is obligated to hold periodic reviews of the boy's case. The reviews could result in a shorter sentence based on conduct, performance and other criteria, explained McKenney. The first review will be held in two years. Subsequent reviews would be held annually.

Rice was killed while visiting her father, Ananias Russell Rice Sr., 34, of Northumberland. The girl's mother is Laura McGhee of Dunnsville.

Murder trial is continued

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The murder trial of Maurice O. Brown, 23, of Warsaw, scheduled to begin on January 9, has been continued.

Brown faces charges of second-degree murder of his five-month-old daughter, Kashayla T. Brown, on April 7 and felony child abuse.

Defense attorney John Hamilton said Brown had requested the continuance, which Judge Harry T. Taliaferro III of Virginia's 15th Judicial Circuit granted until January 27.

Citing a lack of communication and cooperation from his client, Hamilton also requested that he withdraw as counsel for Brown.

Judge Taliaferro found adequate reason for Hamilton's request and took the request under advisement until new counsel can be appointed for Brown.

A new trial date for Brown will be set January 27.

Two local students are serving as senate pages

RICHMOND—Two Lancaster County youth, Taylor Ann Nelson of Kilmarnock and Sean Tyler Bowles of White Stone, are serving as pages in the Senate of Virginia during the 2006 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

Nelson is the daughter of Rosalyn Jean Nelson and attends Lancaster High School.

Bowles is the son of Cynthia M. Thomas and attends Lancaster Middle School.

Pages and messengers reported to Richmond for orientation January 8. They serve until the session adjourns March 11. The duties of the pages and messengers include running errands for the senators and Clerk's Office staff, collating and filing bills, and assisting committee clerks with meetings and recycling.

While in Richmond, pages and messengers are responsible for maintaining their schoolwork. A mandatory two-hour study session is provided Monday through Thursday evenings.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

By chance, Doug Power, 70, of Sam's Cove, and Franz Baichl, 35, of Chase's Cove, were boating on Carters Creek last summer when Franz stopped his powerboat to admire the Egyptian cotton sails on Doug's wooden sailboat, Vim, a 26.5-foot Sea Islander built in Japan in 1955. Doug invited Franz to come aboard.

They discovered that both were from California. Doug had been a winery equipment salesman in Sausalito. Franz was from Santa Cruz. Doug had come to Irvington in 2000 with his wife, Tove, to be near Virginia family. Franz had been here a few months, coming from Charleston, S.C., and buying the house adjacent to his girlfriend's.

They talked mainly, however, of their passion for wooden boats, of wood's beauty and flexibility, of its ability to bend but not to break. Franz probably mentioned his three races to Bermuda and a trip to Nicaragua on his 60-foot sailboat, Twilight. They probably discussed the then upcoming Turkey Shoot Regatta.

Then Doug described a Francis Herreshoff design he'd seen in a fiberglass reproduction in the 2004 Leukemia Cup. He said his dream was to build that boat in wood. Franz said he'd help. Although Doug didn't know it at first, it was almost like wanting to craft an egg and meeting Faberge.

Building a boat is a long, expensive, demanding, frustrating, arduous process. Yet two men - one twice the age of the other, having known each other only a fraction of an afternoon, without references or written contract - committed to thousands of dollars and hours in the construction of a wooden version of Stuart's Knockabout, designed and built only once by the great Herreshoff for Willoughby H. Stuart Jr. in 1934.

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Doug discovered that Franz was not just some young, semi-retired guy with time to spare. Franz's grandfather, a California shipwright, taught him to use his hands and imparted mechanical sense. He also philosophized: If you want something, build it.

Young when his parents divorced, Franz lived in a foster home, honed his building skills at a vocational school while living in Mexico with his mother, and traveled the world with his grandmother. That variegated childhood, combined with his Austrian roots, gave him drive. There's little he can't or won't try. He believes he can do anything, and he succeeds.

In Charleston, he bought, renovated and sold commercial properties. He built 100 wooden boats at his Low Country Boatworks. A furniture and cabinet maker, he specializes in the circular. In the Irvington garage where he and Doug work daily from 8 to 5, he's building a round table with an inlaid compass rose.

Doug, on the other hand, had never done serious woodworking. He had repaired his boat, as all owners of 50-year-old wooden boats must, but he'd vastly underestimated the complexity and scope of building a boat. He has become Franz's dedicated, eager and extremely grateful apprentice.

"So many people take on a project –an airplane, boat, home renovation – and find out it's way above their capabilities," said Doug. "Here I am with a guy who's got all the skills and tools to make it absolutely perfect. Rather than being agonizing and frustrating, it's been fun. This thing is going to be a piece of art."

Doug purchased Herreshoff's traditional plank-on-frame plans from the Mystic Seaport Museum, and Franz reworked them for modern cold-molded construction. They built removable pine stations to give the hull its gorgeous lines. The inside will be unpainted and finished in bright, showcasing contrasting woods of purple heart, a dense tropical hardwood used for the longitudinals, and the rock maple of the floor timbers.

Three layers of skin, made of aromatic, acidic Spanish cedar to resist worms, are glued with Resorcinol and screwed with copper rivets. To be finished by early May, the boat will be strong, light, and maintenance-free. It will also be Doug's, with unlimited sailing rights for Franz.

"Nobody's making any money," said Franz. "We're both spending money. We've got all winter to finish. We're having fun, and it's real gratifying for both of us."

"I am amazed and appreciative," said Doug. "Who would guess in the little town of Irvington that two people would get together on an afternoon in Carters Creek and decide to build a boat? It's like I put my hands out and said that what I needed was a boat builder to come into my life. It's magical."

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Is church boring?

Library shelves and video collections loom large with ideas for keeping church exciting. Tons of denominational mail stretch our boxes with suggestions. No matter the wealth of documentation, no matter the range of study, no matter the wealth of sterling advice, we need to examine ourselves first, then our churches. You see, I actually think all churches are exciting for some worshippers. They are all exciting at various times.

My good friend Curtis Hawks, now retired to preaching every Sunday, shares a bit of humor when he says that every minister pleases every member sometime. We please some when we come. We please others when we go.

Ask the question, "Why do I go to church?"

Want to hear my answer? Sure you do. I go to church to encounter my living, loving Lord and His son who has died on the old rugged cross to save my soul. Every worship service provides me opportunity to receive heartfelt blessings from the Divine.

Sometimes I find it in the prayers of the faithful. Sometimes I find it in the voice of the messenger. Sometimes the architecture blesses me. At other times the music rallies me. Mind you, I am in the pulpit all the while.

Go to church for God, for yourself, for your family, not the preacher.

After 30 years in the pastorate I still find that God will reveal new meanings to old text time and time again. It is of no consequence that a passage is familiar as it is being read anew by a fellow struggler with the truth. A twist here, a turn there, a new life situation and I am being blessed by what I had brought to the fore with fresh inspiration. God is not rewriting text; He is reinterpreting it for me, for you.

Kirkland Grove
Heathsville

Prayers always give me a lift and burden my soul as well. When all about me are praying I feel so strengthened, yet so vulnerable. I can't even count the times when God has interrupted my prayers with every indication that He will not honor my petition, only my faithfulness. I am so transparent that I can't conceal my feelings when some particular prayer, lifted high above the present, rains back on this pastor with bad, sad news. It is hard to continue leading the service when that happens. The older I get the more it happens. I know that it is simply that God is trying to get my ministry on track. He is nudging me to where His plans for me are, not letting me lead Him.

I'll get another shot at that particular prayer issue. The next time I'll be prepared to minister in that situation as needs direct, not hearts tug. Every time I am so challenged, I am reminded that I am a servant in the hands of an angry God, who seeks to save the lost through my minuscule ministrations.

I am especially affected by church music. Many a hymn has sent my faith soaring. Words, pianos, bells and organs punctuate the message and carry it aloft, pulling me from the mundane towards the holy. Any number of choirs and soloists have lifted a burden, paved a rough spot and moved me to higher ground. I am not talking about performance. I am talking about the musician of the moment who is able to tell the story with fingers and voice because he or she or they know the man of the cross. So powerful is their faith's expanse that it supercedes any conversation about ability, and only prompts faithful obedience to God's inspiration.

Just weeks ago I watched a Graham crusade replay. The master of ceremonies handed a mike to George Beverly Shea. With hands and voice a-tremble he took me straight way to the master's throne. I know that he is beyond his prime. I know that God has left him here because he is not finished with that scratchy-voiced, white-haired old man. Oh there was a day when he spewed thunder across the airwaves and stadiums alike. Volume gone, his faith still soars and lets us hitchhike to heaven, even if it is just for a short while.

How could we not get excited about church? It is the spot where we meet to celebrate our living God. Get over the exercising of the mundane and get on about massaging the faith of the place. Go ahead and expect miracles. Demand them. Claim them. Share them.

If the preacher bores you, if the music is out of tune, pray. If the music is too loud, be thankful you can hear. When the plate is passed, give. When the Word of God is read, listen. When the minister has stayed too long, brag; some other church will fetch him. When folks around you whisper, unwrap candy, gum, and scold their children, remember that you're in God's house, not your own. We were all young once. If some youngster has wiggled and twisted you to exasperation, try and capture his or her imagination. Relieve that mom so that she can invest in the service. Don't wait to be asked to serve in some capacity, volunteer. If you have an assignment, perform to your best ability. Be sure when you're absent, that another is ready to take your place.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street, Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, January 15:
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 18:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Saturday, January 14:
8 a.m., Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 17:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Rev. Frank G. Schwall Jr., Pastor
Thursday, January 12:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Pastor Search Committee
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, January 16:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, January 17:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 18:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, January 18:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, January 15:
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 18:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship & Deacon Ordination
2 p.m. Cub Scouts
4 p.m., Unity in Christ Worship at Lancaster Middle School
Monday, January 16:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 17:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 18:
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Providence
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
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 15:
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 15:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, January 15:
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 18:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road, 529-9223
Lottsburg, VA, Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer
Sunday, January 15:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock, Rev. Dwight Johnson
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, January 19:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659, Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
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 15:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
"Purpose Driven Life"
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
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
Sunday, January 15:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
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 15:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, January 15:
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

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Sunday, January 15:
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 15:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
Second Sunday after Epiphany
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday, January 15:
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 15:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, January 18:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 E.Church St., 529-6269
Saturday, January 14:
2nd & 4th Saturday of each Month
5 p.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, January 15:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday January 15:
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 15:
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 16:
Office Closed
Tuesday, January 17:
7 p.m., PPR Committee meets at Bethel
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Bethel's UMW meet

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 15:
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 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, January 15:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
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 14:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, January 12:
7:30 p.m., Finance Meeting
Saturday, January 14:
3:30 p.m., Lutheran Church
5 p.m. Lutheran Church
6 p.m., Emmaus
Sunday, January 15:
Commitment Sunday
7:45 a.m., UMM Breakfast
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
4 p.m., Community Unity Worship
Tuesday January 17:
10 a.m., Evangelism Meeting
6 p.m., Trustees Meeting
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, January 18:
7:30 p.m. Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor, Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 15:
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 18:
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 15:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Coffee Time
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Wednesday, January 18:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 19:
7 p.m., Church Planning Meeting
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),
Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor, Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, January 15:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
4:30 a.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, January 16:
Office Closed
Tuesday, January 17:
7 p.m., PNC Training with Carson Rhyne
Wednesday, January 18:
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 19:
5 p.m., Session Meets

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, January 15:
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 12:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 13)
Sunday, January 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "The Right Words: (Zephaniah 3: 7-13)
4 p.m., Unity in Christ Service @LMS
Monday, January 16:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 11)
Wednesday, January 18:
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 14)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd. Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
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 15:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 17:
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 15:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center, Syringa
725-1234
Sunday, January 15:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, January 12:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, January 15:
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 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock; 443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, January 12:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, January 15:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, January 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor, 693-6079
Sunday, January 15:
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 12:
7 p.m., Bible Class
Saturday, January 14:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, January 15:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, January 19:

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Obituaries

Lillie H. H. Bryant

REEDVILLE—Lillie Hall Harrison Bryant, 89, of Reedville died January 5, 2006.

Mrs. Bryant was the widow of John Randolph Harrison and Claybron Bryant.

She was a member of Afton United Methodist Church in Ophelia.

She was predeceased by a son, Gilbert Harrison.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Carole Harrison of Reedville; a daughter and son-ion-law, Alice and Ben Winstead of Weems; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; a brother, Gilliam Hall of Kilmarnock; and a sister, Ilva Collins of Wicomico Church.

Funeral services were held January 9 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Brant Hayes officiating. Interment was in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in Callao. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Lee Jr., Nathan, Glenn, Dean and Allen Harrison and Randy Hall.

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

Annie L. Coates

TIDEWATER—Annie L. Coates, 104, of Tidewater died December 29, 2005, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Coates was the widow of Thomas Joseph Coates and a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by three children, Lizzie B. Webb, Katie Ruth Sanford and Robert Joseph Coates.

She is survived by 106 lineal descendants, including nine children, Violet Mozingo and Harrison Coates, both of Haynesville, David Coates, Sam Coates and Tommy Coates, all of Tidewater, Lucy Thurston of Downings, Annie Gray Douglas and Alice Swann, both of Callao, and Thelma O'Bier of Alfonso; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Virgie Ambrose of Warsaw.

Funeral services were held January 1 at Jerusalem Baptist Church with Rev. Neal Schools, Rev. Kornel Kiss, Rev. Chance Mace and Rev. Allen Hopkins officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Todd O'Bier, Danny O'Bier, Eddie Douglas, Melvin Mozingo, Gary Coates, Jimmy Packett, William Taylor and David Wayne Coates.

Memorials may be made to Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 385, Warsaw, VA 22572.

Welch Funeral Home Marks Chapel handled the arrangements.

John D. Hancock

KILMARNOCK–John Dewitt Hancock, 41, of Kilmarnock, formerly of Fredericksburg, died January 1, 2006, at VCU Medical Center in Richmond.

Mr. Hancock was a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Hancock of Fredericksburg; his mother and stepfather, Sue and Del Beauchamp of Deland, Fla.; two brothers, Greg Hancock of Portland, Ore., and Don Hancock of Deland; a grandmother, Ruth Salter of Newport, N.C.; a devoted companion, Martha Balderson of Kilmarnock; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held January 5 at the Found and Son Funeral Home in Fredericksburg with Rev. Bill Sigler officiating. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kilmarnock Baptist Church Building Fund, Box 99, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Online condolences may be sent to foundandsons.com.

Frank D. Milton

BURGESS—Frank Delano Milton, 67, of Burgess died December 15, 2005, at Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Mr. Milton was born in Burgess November 24, 1938, to Marvin Junior Middleton and Genova Campbell Middleton. He attended Northumberland County public schools and joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville.

He was employed by the Zapata Haynie Corporation in Louisiana and worked as a fisherman for over 25 years until 1990 when illness precluded further employment.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Marlene Parker; and three brothers, Clarence "Lump" Milton, William Otis Milton and Charles Milton.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Milton of Burgess; three daughters, Sylvia Jackson of Burgess, Bernice Milton of Lancaster and Tasha Milton of Baltimore; two goddaughters, Rita Newman of Colonial Beach and Ann Shabazz of Burgess; four grandchildren, Katrina Crockett, Shawn Gathers, Theresa Parker, and LaTonya Jackson; two sisters, Mavis Dates and Sylvia Carter; two brothers, Thomas and McArthur Milton; three aunts, Julia Taylor, Barbara Gordon and Doris Bromley; five uncles, Joe Howard, Lloyd Middleton, Sunny Middleton, Herbert Middleton and Monroe Middleton; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services held December 17 at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems with pastor Rodney D. Waller officiating. Interment was in the Milton Family Cemetery in Burgess.

Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home near Lancaster handled the arrangements.

Charles V. Pillette Sr.

ROCKVILLE, MD.—Charles V. Pillette, 90, died January 6, 2006, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Born in Salem, Ore., he served the Navy Reserve as a pilot in WW II. He lived in Westport, Conn., Lancaster, and resided at the Rockville Nursing Home for the past seven years.

He is survived by five children; a stepdaughter; and 12 grandchildren.

Interment will be private.

Contributions may be made to the Rockville Nursing Home Van Fund, 303 Adclare Rd., Rockville, MD 20850.

Pumphrey's Colonial Funeral Home in Rockville handled the arrangements. Visit www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com to sign the family guestbook.

Gladys F. Spence

BROWNS STORE—Gladys Fallin Spence, 77, of Browns Store died January 9, 2006.

Mrs. Spence was a school bus driver for Lancaster County for 25 years. She was a member and deacon of Providence Baptist Church in Heathsville.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold L. Spence; and a son, Leonard "Sput" Spence.

She is survived by a son, Victor Spence of Mila; a daughter-in-law, Frances Spence of Heathsville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Russell and Joyce Fallin of Glen Allen, and Kendell and Lydia Fallin of Heathsville; a brother, Rosie Fallin of Lively; a sister, Iris Cushman of Ohio; a granddaughter, Sarah Spence; a great-granddaughter, Chelsey George; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held January 11 in Providence Baptist Church. Interment was in Moreland Cemetery in Sampson's Wharf.

Memorials may be made to Northumberland County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 310, heathsville, VA 22473.

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

A. Leslie Thornton Jr.

LANCASTER—Arthur Leslie Thornton Jr., 83, of Lancaster died November 29, 2005.

Mr. Thornton was born January 20, 1923, in San Antonio, Texas, to Arthur Leslie Thornton Sr. and Evelyn Ray Thornton.

He was a retired insurance broker and a member of St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Aviation Unit during World War II in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He was active at UVA in Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, as a football manager, the Eli Banana Ribbon Society and later in the Jefferson Society. He was a graduate in the class of 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Ann Wood-Thornton; a daughter, Leslie Conover Thornton of Arlington; a son, Richard Knox Thornton of Richmond; a stepson and wife, Jeffrey S. and Tracy Wood of Sterling; and two granddaughters, Kimberly and Katelynn Wood.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 21, at St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church in Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kilmarnock Animal Welfare League, 44 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Rosie M.C.C. Walters

HEATHSVILLE—Rosie Marie Curtis Christian Walters, 94, died January 4, 2006, surounded by her family.

Mrs. Walters was born May 20, 1911, to John Wesley Taylor and Easter Elizabeth Taylor in Leonardtown, Md.

She joined the First Baptist Church.

She married William Christian; they had two children, Precittia and William.

After the passing of her husband, she married Lewis Walters.

She worked for many years in the seafood industry at Earl Cockrell Seafood and later at Lorin Sisson Seafood.

She was predeceased by her husbands, and a son, William Prentice Jr.

She is survived by a daughter, Precittia Estelle Taylor of Kilmarnock; a grandson and his wife, Melvin Crockett Sr. and Mary Crockett of Weems; a sister, Margaret Taylor of Westmoreland; a daughter-in-law, Beatrice Christian of Warsaw; two brothers, Henry Curtis of Warsaw and Paymus Taylor and his wife, Lucy, of Westmoreland; 12 grandchildren, four with spouses, Ellen and pastor Russell Smith of Tappahannock, William and Elva Christian, and Harry Christian of Camden, N.J., Luther Christian of Petersburg, Terry Christian of Richmond, Dorothy Christian of Woodsbro, N.J., James Christian of Baltimore, Roosevelt Taylor of Richmond, Precittia and Michael Ball, and Rosa Morrison of Warsaw, and Clifton and Sheryl Taylor of Wicomico; 21 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held January 7 at the Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home in Lancaster with pastor Russell Smith of Macedonia Baptist Church in Center Cross as the eulogist. Interment was at the First Baptist Church in Heathsville. Pallbearers were Frank Howard, Clarence Reed, Kelvin Forrest, Terreance Waddy, Herbert Reed, and Charlie Paige Jr.

Correction

The names of the pallbearers for Crystal L. Rose were inadvertently omitted from her obituary last week.

The pallbearers were her cousins, Dustin Rose, Shawn Rose, Bobby Conners, Todd Clingan, Katie Barrack, Mary Ellen Barrack and Sarah Barrack.

Belle J. Wiggins

LANCASTER—Belle Jennie Wiggins, 86, of Lancaster died January 4, 2006.

Mrs. Wiggins was born October 29, 1919, in Merry Point to Warner and Mary Anna Tomlin. She graduated from A.T. Wright High School in White Stone in the late 1930s.

She married Martin E. Wiggins October 29, 1939. They had four sons.

She was a longtime member of Willie Chapel Baptist Church in Lancaster where she served on the Flower Committee and many other committees.

She followed her husband to Baltimore where she lived for six years while working at Archies Laundry. They then decided to return to Virginia where she was employed as a mail carrier. She also worked for the Oyster House, the school system and the Department of Social Services.

She was predeceased by her husband, and two sons, James H. and Bernard R. Wiggins.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Willie E. Wiggins and Rasta Melvin D. Wiggins Sr. and La-Tanya B. Wiggins; 11 grandchildren, Darnell M. Jefferson, Desiree C. Jones, Danetta L., Dewanda P. and Denise M. Wiggins, Cassandra S. Acree, Melvin D. Wiggins Jr., Allison D. Walker, Breania M. Wiggins, Malcolm D. Wiggins and Marcus D. Wiggins; six stepgrandchildren, Tumpei L. Pollard, La-Kenya L. Vincent, Rochelle O. Vincent, Erica R. Cunningham, Ashey M. Cunningham and Eric R. Cunningham; 12 great-grandchildren, Darnell Jr., Dominique, Devon, Duane, DeShawn and DeAndre Jefferson, Robbi Blakey, Darren Nelson, Da'Shawnda Bumberry, Deron Harris, Demetris Dukes and MaJahil Walker; a stepgreat-grandchild, Jarrad Pollard; a sister-in-law and husband, Alverta and Elgia Butler; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held January 8 at Willie Chapel Baptist Church with minister Craig Harcum officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home near Lancaster handled the arrangements.

Harmony A. Yerby

WICOMICO CHURCH—Harmony Anastasia Yerby, two weeks old, died December 28, 2005, at Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock

Miss Yerby was born December 14, 2005, to Tikesha Taylor of Northumberland County and Otis Anthony Yerby of Lancaster County.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Anthony Yerby Jr. of Lancaster; two grandmothers, Sharon Taylor of Heathsville and Donna Yerby of Lancaster; two grandfathers, Floyd Fallen of Heathsville and Otis Yerby of Lancaster; an aunt, Tasha Redmond; two uncles, Calvin and Shaquille; four great-grandmothers, Christine Taylor of Heathsville, Diane Williams of North Carolina, Margaret Yerby of Lancaster and Oneta Williams of Heathsville; two great-grandfathers, Leon Doublin and Marshall Wilson; a stepgrandmother, Gladys Fallin; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held January 2 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church with pastor Dwight Seawood officiating. Interment was in Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Wicomico Church. Pallbearers were Christopher Veney and Calvin Redmond

Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home near Lancaster handled the arrangements.

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May God bless you.
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Calvary Baptist, Grace Episcopal, KilmarnockBaptist, Kilmarnock UMC, Living Water Lutheran, Morattico Baptist, New St. John's Baptist, River of Life-Assembly of God, St. Andrews Presbyterian, and St. Francis de Sales Catholic

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January 15, 2006

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Food & Fellowship *(Lancaster Middle School Cafeteria)*

Church Notes

■ King breakfast

The 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast will be held at Queen Esther Baptist Church in Mollusk January 29 at 9 a.m. Joan S. Henderson will be the guest speaker.

■ Crusade set

A community outreach crusade sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Loretto will be held at Lancaster Middle School February 3 at 7:30 p.m. and February 4 at 4 p.m.

On February 3, the speaker will be pastor Milton Stewart of Grace Assembly of God in Fort Washington, Md. On February 4, the speaker will be Bishop Royce Wood of Holy Trinity Worship Center of Northeast Washington, D.C.

■ Friday services

Fire Friday/Come As You Are Service will resume Friday, January 13, at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church. The speaker will be Lisa Veney of First Baptist Church in Loretto.

■ Bring a friend

January is "Bring a Friend or Neighbor to Church" month at the White Stone United Methodist Church. Adult Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service at 11 a.m. The church choir, under the direction of Brenda Burtner, adds a joyful touch to the service.

Throughout the month of January, coffee and fellowship time will be held in the Church Library following services.

■ Men's breakfast

The Calvary Baptist Church Men's Ministry will host a Men's Ministry breakfast in the church fellowship hall February 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. A devotional period will be held from 7 to 8 a.m.

"Hake fish and fixins" will be served. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children ages 12 and under. For tickets, call trustee Burton Moody at 462-7220, or trustee Leaonard Scott at 435-9673.

■ King celebration

The seventeenth annual Essex County Community Celebration of the Life and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Monday, January 16, at 7 p.m. at the Angel Visit Baptist Church, Dunnsville.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Smith Jr., pastor of the New Light Baptist Church in Richmond, will be the preacher. Music will be provided by the Southside Rappahannock Baptist Association Choir under the direction of Herbert Dungee Jr.

There will be a re-enactment of Dr. King's work by Tony Cosby of Richmond.

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Conservancy benefactor dies

Alan M. Voorhees, 83, an honorary director and benefactor of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, died December, 18, 2005, of an apparent stroke at the Berkeley Hotel in Richmond, which he owned. He also owned the Westmoreland Berry Farm and donated an adjoining 729 acres to the Nature Conservancy. From left are Philip Reed and Mary Louisa Pollard of the NNLC and Voorhees, a few days before he died, viewing a new conservation easement by Treenie Chilton in Lancaster. "The NNLC would not be where it is today without the vision and generosity of this remarkable man," Pollard said.

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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 14:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, January 15:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday January 17:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education class

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, January 15:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, January 18:
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 15:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, January 18:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, January 19:
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 15:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, January 15:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, January 20:
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.
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Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Saturday, January 14:
9-10 a.m., Food Bank
Sunday, January 15:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church, Nursery provided
Monday, January 16:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss
Tuesday, January 17:
7 p.m., Study Series Week 2 - Where is God When....war destroys people and property?
Wednesday, January 18:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, January 19:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's

Rev. Sanderson to speak Sunday

Rev. Jim Sanderson will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, January 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR).

His talk is the first in a series of seven on the Unitarian Universalist affirmations. He will discuss "the inherent worth and dignity of every person."

Rev. Sanderson is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula in Newport News where he serves on the policy board.

The UUFR meets at 560 Chesapeake Drive.

Local team to help sister Baptist church

White Stone Baptist Church will send a mission team to a sister church, Union Baptist in Tylertown, Miss., to help repair damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The team of Dennis Martin, Stewart Revere, Milton Ronquest and Robert Ronquest will join a group from Ocean View Baptist in Norfolk to make the trip. They will leave Virginia January 12 and return January 21.

Work in Mississippi will consist of roof repair and demolition and debris removal. The team also will survey other needs at the Gulf Coast church to plan future action.

Union Baptist Church is an "adopted church" through a program of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Discussion to address war issues

A 13-week study series entitled, "Where is God when...?" has begun at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., a mile north of White Stone.

On Tuesday, January 17, the discussion will be "Where is God when war destroys people and property?" On January 24, the topic will be "Where is God when different religions claim to be true?"

One or more persons who have life experience with the topics will facilitate each week. The sessions will be interactive and each participant does not need to attend all sessions.

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

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Real estate company moves to Irvington

The Virginia Land & Real Estate Company recently opened a branch office at Goodwin Hall, previously the Irvington Baptist Parsonage, now home to Watermark Title Company.

Principle broker/owner Virginia T. Henry moved to the Northern Neck in December 2002 with her husband, a Class A builder, Forrest Henry. They have continued to pursue their expertise in all phases of real estate, development and construction. Virginia T. Henry has held her license since 1979 and her brokers license since 1985. She is a member of the Kilmarnock Planning Commission.

Sales agent Catherine Crabill has been licensed in the Northern Neck since 2001 and a resident since 1996. A multiple award-winning agent, Crabill has enjoyed living in many extraordinary places including, Santa Fe, N.M., Aspen, Colo., and Kona, Hawaii. Discovering the Northern Neck in 1996 with her husband, Chris, put an end to their wander lust.

"Settling here has provided a Huck Finn/Norman Rockwell life for our four children. Our search is over," said Crabill.

Sales agent Nancy Thorsen is a recent graduate, Magna Cum Laude, of Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's in international studies majoring in Middle Eastern culture. Having studied abroad in Malaysia, england, Spain, and at The University of Haifa, Israel, her passion for an international career is tempered by her love for the great life afforded in the Northern Neck.

The Virginia Land & Real Estate Company is a member of the Chesapeake Bay and Rivers, and Northern Neck MLS systems which can be accessed by the public through their newly constructed/under construction website www.valandco.com.

For more information, call The Virginia Land & Real Estate Company at 438-9009.

From left are Catherine Crabill, Virginia T. Henry and Nancy Thorsen.

Bloxom reappointed to post by Kaine

Robert S. Bloxom was reappointed Virginia secretary of agriculture and forestry December 29, by Gov.-elect Tim Kaine. "We were proud to have the opportunity to create this new secretariat during the Warner-Kaine administration, and proud to make Bob Bloxom the first secretary of agriculture and forestry," Kaine said. "Bob earned the respect of legislators from both parties during his service in the House and as secretary. I'm glad he is willing to stay and be a part of this team."

Prior to his 2004 appointment to the post by Gov. Mark Warner, Bloxom served as a member of the House of Delegates for 25 years. During his tenure in the General Assembly, he served as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay commission and on a number of committees, including Agriculture, Appropriations, and Labor and Commerce committees.

"I'm happy that Gov. Warner was able to focus on agriculture and forestry," Bloxom said. "Now we're looking at raising the bar so that we can continue to do the research and education and marketing and land protection that continues that sort of emphasis on moving Virginia agriculture forward."

At a November 28 news conference, Bloxom called on the state legislature to allocate $25 to $50 million in cost-share funds for local governments to use to purchase development rights from farmland owners.

According to the 2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture, nearly 129,000 acres of Virginia farmland has been lost to development since 1977. Bloxom noted that the trend is growing.

"You can't subdivide land once or twice and then expect to be able to use your land to cultivate or harvest. If this loss of farm and forestland continues unabated, we will lose the land base which is so critical to us. And it's really essential to the survival and profitability of Virginia's agricultural sector," he said.

He noted that six Virginia localities are already paying for purchase of development rights, or PDR, programs from their own tax localities, and that many more would be interested in starting one if they had financial support. "Now it's the state's turn to join and help localities in the battle to preserve farmland and forestland."

Bruce L. Hiatt, president of Virginia Farm Bureau, said Bloxom's reappointment bodes well for the state's agriculture and forestry industries.

"This will allow for a seamless transition between administrations and solid representation in the coming months," Hiatt said. "Secretary Bloxom has been instrumental in advancing issues of importance to Virginia farming and forestry, and we're pleased that we'll continue to work with him."

Farm Bureau to ask legislators to 'stop and think about farmers'

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation leaders have been busy planning for the General Assembly, and they will urge legislators to "stop and think about farmers."

The hot-button issue for farmers is reforming Virginia's eminent domain laws. Eminent domain is the right of a government entity, utility or other authority to condemn a private citizen's property in order to make it available for public use. The condemning authority is required to offer monetary compensation to the landowner for the condemned property, but disputes often arise regarding the land's true value.

"We want the General Assembly to stop and think about farmers," said Martha Moore, VFBF director of governmental relations. "We want them to stop taking our property, and to stop and think about the budget impacts with regards to agriculture."

Moore noted that farmers' concerns over eminent domain have intensified since last summer, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a local government can condemn private property for use by a developer to generate higher tax revenue. That ruling came in Connecticut, in the now-infamous *Kelo v. City of New London* case.

While the property in Connecticut did not involve a farm, the implications are still the same," Moore explained. "You could take someone's farm and sell it to someone else for another use to try and get higher tax revenue."

Joe Waldo, a Norfolk-based attorney who specializes in eminent domain cases, said farmers are right to be concerned. Even though Virginia politicians say a case like Kelo couldn't happen here, he pointed out that agencies often feel farmland is cheap and owners shouldn't be paid much for it.

"Families have worked generations for it, lifetimes for it," Waldo said of the Commonwealth farmland. "People have sweated for their land. And Virginia, especially, of all our states—remember our history—is the state where Thomas Jefferson said 'I will not sign the constitution until we have a Bill of Rights which includes the protection of private property."

Moore said another issue Farm Bureau will focus on during the legislative session is increased funding to protecting the environment through Best Management Practices for farmers. Millions of dollars are needed to help farmers reduce agriculture's impact on the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways.

Pesticide disposal container programs to continue for 2006

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), in cooperation with the Virginia Pesticide Control Board, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and participating localities, recently completed the Pesticide Disposal Program and the Pesticide Container Recycling Program for 2005.

Since its inception in 1990, the Pesticide Disposal Program has collected and destroyed 1,245,851 pounds of pesticides, making Virginia one of only 14 states to dispose of more than a million pounds of unwanted pesticides. The Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program has recycled 745,000 containers since it began in 1993.

The 2005 Pesticide Disposal Program concluded in August 2005 with 87,526 pounds of canceled, banned, or unwanted agricultural and commercial pesticides collected and destroyed. For 2005, the program focused on 18 counties and six cities in Northern Virginia and the Northern Neck. The 2006 Pesticide Disposal Program will be held in Albemarle, Buena Vista, Augusta, Charlottesville, Bath, Harrisonburg, Clarke, Lexington, Culpeper, Staunton, Faquier, Waynesboro, Fluvanna, Winchester, Frederick, Greene, Highland, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Warren.

In 2005, the container recycling program collected 57,008 pesticide containers from 16 localities and 12 pesticide dealer locations throughout Virginia. Granulated containers are recycled and used in a number of different non-food products. The recycling program will continue in 2006. Localities must apply annually for participation in the program, and VDACS will publish a list of participating counties in the spring.

The Pesticide Disposal and Plastic Container Recycling Programs are free for participants. They are funded through pesticide fees collected by the VDACS Office of Pesticide Services.

Thanks for pizzas

Pizza Hut manager William Mussar (left) receives thanks from Mozell Carter for the pizzas donated to the fourth annual Celebrating Christmas with Jesus youth outreach program held at Dream Fields in December.

Business Briefs

■ DMV holidays

In observance of Lee-Jackson Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service centers will be closed on Friday, January 13, and Monday, January 16. DMV offices will be open on Saturday, January 14.

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Sailing book by Burgess is expanded

Chesapeake Sailing Craft: Recollections of Robert H. Burgess has been reissued.

The first edition contained 236 photos of commercial sailing craft. The new edition includes 150 additional images and captions. It is edited by William A. Fox, who considered Burgess his mentor.

For the 1975 edition of *Chesapeake Bay Sailing Craft*, the author selected illustrations from thousands of photographs he made of Chesapeake sailing craft over a 50-year period. The images were very personal to Burgess who said, "Each scene represented is still fresh in my mind, and I must old some kind of record for having boarded so many sailing craft, from sloops to five-masted schooners, and clammered over them from the hold to the crosstrees, from the ends of the jib booms of some to under the bilges of others as they lay hauled out on marine railways. Just within my time as sail was passing on, I knew personally more than 200 individual Chesapeake sailing vessels of various rigs, the pungies, bugeyes, schooners, sloops, skipjacks and rams."

Burgess hated to see the modern era arrive on the bay as he no longer could site or visit his true loves. The hundreds of steamers and schooners were sold, left to decay, or refurbished to become living classrooms. Burgess penned 11 books, was curator for the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, and lectured around the bay on his favorite subjects.

The expanded edition is in honor of the man, his life's work, and the era of sail that the historian so loved.

It is priced at $34.95 and is available from booksellers on Tidewater Publishers at www.cmptp.com, or 1-800-638-7641.

Coders offer course

Coder and medical office manager Jennifer Hodges and coder Meredith Palmiotto recently traveled to Richmond to accept a $300 donation from Tammy Deluca, president of the Richmond Association of Coders, for the newly formed Northern Neck chapter of the American Association of Professional Coders, the Bay River Coders Association.

The Bay River Coders will assist local members with continuing education and networking opportunities.

Rose Moore and Deluca are teaching a 25-week AAPC certified professional coder course which will begin January 18. The course will be held Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rappahannock General Hospital training center in Kilmarnock.

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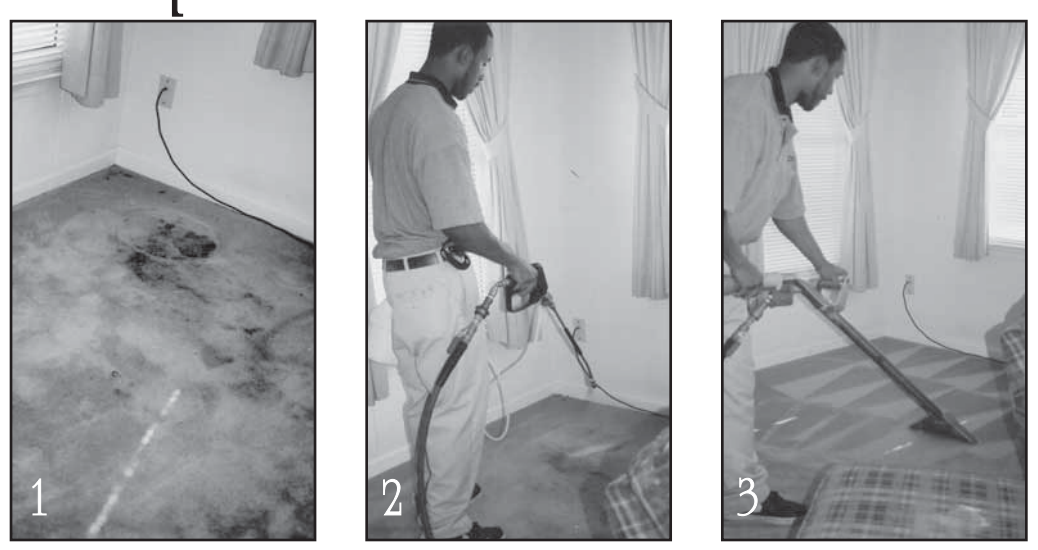

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Bank announces promotion

Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III recently announced that Keisha Godfrey has been promoted by the board of directors to credit risk officer.

A graduate of Lancaster High School, Godfrey began working at the bank as a teller during summer break from college. In 2003, she worked as a permanent part-time teller and later moved to the position of customer service representative. In September 2004, she began working in credit administration as an assistant.

Godfrey earned a bachelor's in English language and literature from the University of Virginia. She also participated in the London Study Abroad Program for a semester through the University of Wisconsin- Steven's Point. Since joining the bank, Godfrey has attended Virginia Bankers Association's Commercial Lending School and completed courses relating to mortgage lending and compliance.

Along with her responsibilities as credit risk officer, she serves on two of the bank's service improvement teams.

Godfrey is treasurer for the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the White Stone Church of the Nazarene.

Keisha Godfrey

"The bank's management and its board of directors recognize that Keisha is one of Bank of Lancaster's, and in fact, our community's talented young individuals with unlimited potential," Roberts said. "Keisha is committed to our company's philosophy of service excellence; her vision and her dedication to professionalism are the strengths that our company recognizes as vital to our pursuit to provide our customers with the highest quality of service and counsel. We are proud to have Keisha as a part of our risk management team and our bank's family."

2005 was a big year for U. S. agriculture

Farmers and ranchers nationwide won some important legislation in 2005. Topping the list for Virginia's farmers was the passage of the federal comprehensive energy bill.

"The biggest success we saw this past year was the favorable legislation on renewable fuel sources," said Wilmer Stoneman, associate director of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "This bill provided an opportunity to use our grains and other commodities, as well as waste products, for the benefit of society."

The bill increased dramatically the amount of renewable fuels used in the auto fuel market. By 2012, 7.5 billion gallons of renewable fuels such as ethanol and soy biodiesel will be part of the domestic fuel market.

"Right now 70 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive of Virginia," said Andrew Smith, VFBF senior assistant director of governmental relations. "There is a tremendous amount of fuel consumed in the Virginia corridor, and this makes biodiesel and ethanol a critical component for the state's economy."

As for the new year, work on the 2007 Farm Bill will be a hot topic, and according to Stoneman continuing farm programs for emerging commodities in the state is critical.

"Virginia Farm Bureau will be keeping an eye on the debates and the future of farm programs that will help to support and meet the needs of emerging commodities such as the fruit and vegetable growers and the wine and grape industry," he said.

According to the state's latest agriculture statistics, Virginia's 47,500 farms generated more than $2.6 billion in cash receipts in 2004.

Virginia horse owners to vote in referendum

In the spring, all Virginia horse owners over the age of 18 have the opportunity to certify their eligibility, and then to vote on an assessment on manufactured equine feed.

The purpose of the referendum, which is authorized by the Board of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), is to determine if horse owners approve the collection of an assessment of $3 per ton or $0.075 per 50-pound bag of manufactured equine feed sold or imported for sale in Virginia. Funds collected will be remitted to VDACS and used by the Virginia Horse Industry Board to conduct programs in market development, education, publicity, research, and promotion of Virginia's equine industry.

To be eligible to vote in the referendum, horse owners must file a notarized official affidavit by 5 p.m. April 14, with the director of VDACS division of marketing. The affidavit form is available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov, or by calling 786-3952. Horse owners may also pick up the forms at the VDACS central office at 102 Governor Street in Richmond.

VDACS will mail ballots to certified horse owners April 28. Completed ballots must be postmarked or hand delivered to VDACS in an official pre-addressed ballot envelope by 5 p.m. on May 26. Judges appointed by the VDACS Commissioner will count the completed ballots and certify the referendum results. The commissioner will publicly declare the results by June 5 and certify them to the governor and the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

For additional information about the equine feed referendum, contact Pat Mullins, Virginia Horse Council President, at 540-872-2523, or Glenn Petty, Virginia Thoroughbred Association Executive Director, at 540-347-4313.

DMV Select to serve Northumberland County

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) last week announced a new partnership to provide selected DMV services beginning January 17 to Northumberland. Called DMV Select, citizens and local governments contract with the agency to conduct vehicle-related DMV transactions.

DMV has 39 DMV Select partners throughout the state. Each DMV Select has online access to DMV allowing the partner to update customer records immediately as well as issue vehicle decals.

The Northumberland DMV Select is operated by Treasurer Ellen Booker Kirby in the treasurer's office in the courthouse at 72 Monument Place in Heathsville. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Our contractual partners provide a valuable service to Virginians," said DMV Commissioner D.B. Smit. "Our customers in the Northern Neck may need to drive 30 minutes or more to visit a full-service DMV customer service center. Now, area customers can receive many routine motor vehicle-related services at this convenient location."

DMV also offers a variety of services at www.dmvNOW.com., by mail or by phone at 1-888-337-4782.

Overseas thanks reaches Tappahannock store

"The TV sets in the ship's mess are enjoyed by Carter Hall's Sailors and Marines each day and the 'Deployment Dollars' drawing are a daily reminder for us of the civilian support we are receiving."

This expression of thanks arrived recently by e-mail to the Richmond Council Navy League, said president Joe Moschetti.

The story began to unfold about 30 days before Carter Hall was to leave its Little Creek base for a six-month deployment to the Middle East. When the Wal-Mart store in Tappahannock was contacted by Moschetti and learned of the ship's need for television sets, store manager John Bechard was quick to respond.

"Thanks to the prompt response, we received three TVs from area Wal-Mart stores," said Moschetti. "Our Navy League Council met with Carter Hall's officers and crew in November and made the presentation of the three new TV sets for the ship's mess." The council also has developed a program that allows for a daily drawing aboard ship and gives a "coupon" to a member of the ship's crew, which is redeemable at the ship's store.

This is known as the "Deployment Dollars" program and Wal-Mart has been a major contributor to its success, said Moschetti. The Richmond Council with corporate and individual contributions has been successful in extending the program to eight Navy and Coast Guard ships, he said.

"Usually these Navy ships deploy for six months and through our 'Deployment Dollars' program we present the ship with a check in the amount of $1,000 and a six-months supply of chits or coupons for the daily drawing," said Moschetti. "It has proven to be a very successful program and is a small way to say 'thanks' to those in the sea services, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, for their service to our country."

He thanked the Wal-Mart store in Tappahannock and manager John Bechard for their support of the program.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encouraged to call the council's office at 804-355-7557. The council's goal in 2006 is to have "Deployment Dollars" available to every ship departing from the Little Creek and Norfolk bases for an overseas deployment.

IRS mailing address changes

The Internal Revenue Service urges individual taxpayers and tax professionals in Virginia to be aware of changes that will affect where they send paper tax returns and payments starting in 2006.

The change is the result of redistributing workload among IRS processing centers to provide better service to taxpayers.

"The mailing address change affects Virginia paper returns, with and without payments," IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski said. "Individual taxpayers preparing their own individual paper tax returns, and tax professionals with clients living in Virginia, should send paper tax returns to the IRS in Atlanta, Georgia.

The change in the IRS tax filing process center is expected to affect almost half of the 3.4 million tax returns sent to the IRS by Virginia taxpayers, she said.

For additional details and new mailing addresses for specific tax returns, individuals and tax professionals are urged to visit www.IRS.gov.

Food exposition seeks vendors

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is inviting companies which grow, produce or process food and beverage products in Virginia to showcase their wares and fare to hundreds of food industry buyers at the 2006 Virginia Food and Beverage Expo.

The expo will be held March 22 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. It attracts buyers from grocery and specialty stores, restaurants, institutions, hotels, distributors and brokers from the Mid-Atlantic area and beyond.

To participate, exhibitors must be Virginia-based companies which produce, process or manufacture a food or beverage product in the Commonwealth. Product labels must have a Virginia address.

To sweeten the deal, Expo organizers are offering a discount to exhibitors who register early. Participants can save $25 on the registration fee if they pay in full by January 27.

Exhibitors at the most recent expo ranged from large, nationally-known companies to small entrepreneurs. They presented a diverse selection including desserts, snack foods, condiments, wines, baked goods, peanuts, confections, meats, seafood and beverages.

Exhibiting companies which manufactured and sold a new product between March 1, 2005, and February 28, 2006, are eligible to enter the Best New Product Competition. Products must be totally new and not represent a change only in packaging or container size.

Booths are reserved on a first-come, first-served, paid-in-full basis. To ensure that exhibitor information is included in the show program, the department must receive completed registrations by February 24.

Additional details and the exhibitor registration form are available at www.vaexpo.com, or contact Jack Fox at 371-7794, or jackfox@vdacs.virginia.gov.

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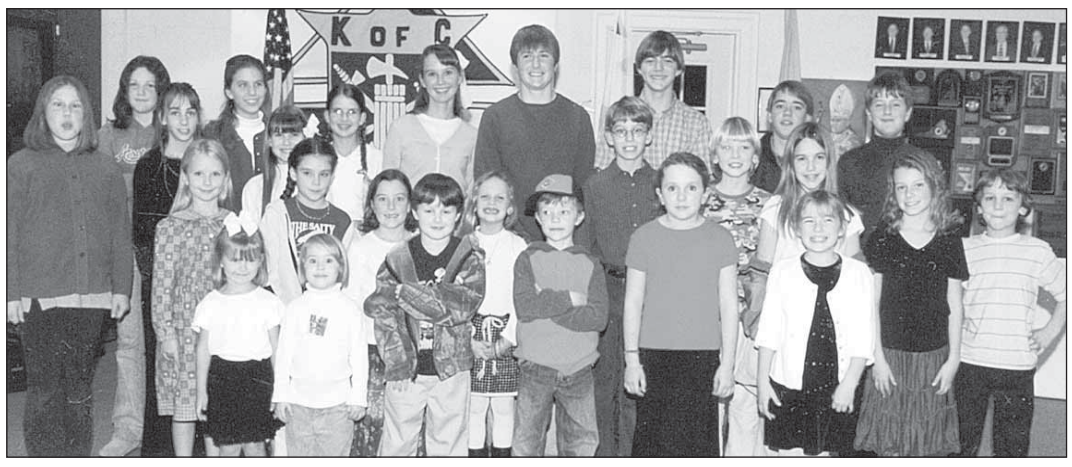


Children of the Northern Neck Homeschoolers Association met in December for their annual elocution night.

Homeschoolers hold elocution night

The Northern Neck Homeschoolers Association held an Elocution Night at Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church in December.

Parents and friends enjoyed listening to many topics and styles. Participants included three-year-old Alyssa Wright with a humorous poem about a donkey, and Brittany and Haley Sadler's presentation of the preamble to the Declaration of Independence.

The presentations displayed the students' reading, oratory and writing skills. Original writings ranged from the subject of temptation by McAyla Beatley to a comic story about a disappearing supermarket by Joseph Stallings which amused the audience. Humorous and serious prose and poetry rounded out the evening.

The event was part of the association's yearly schedule and was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The next association event will be a play at the Church of the Nazarene in White Stone in March.

Road to college leads through Iraq for Arsene

The Army encourages U.S. soldiers in Iraq (Kenneth Arsene, at right) to make friends with the locals. Arsene has returned to the United States and has re-enrolled at Rappahannock Community College.

For Kenneth Arsene, 44, of Newport News, his current enrollment at Rappahannock Community College is not his first.

An Army reservist and ex-Marine, Arsene took courses several years ago toward an associate's at RCC; then, like so many others, he had his life turned around by the events of September 11, 2001. His subsequent missions to Kuwait and Iraq instilled in him a deep appreciation of the advantages, especially educational opportunities, that are available in the United States.

"We have it good here," said Arsene, mentioning that he has seen conditions of poverty where people were thankful even to get clean water and food.

"They're hungry for education too," Arsene said. "The Iraqi children had a zeal for learning—all you had to do was show them a book. Here in the U.S. we have an abundance of education, and for the military that education is free. There's no excuse for not taking advantage of it."

Arsene's plan is to complete his associate's at RCC, hopefully by Spring 2006, then transfer to a four-year institution—"I'm looking at Old Dominion University," he says—and get a bachelor's or higher degree in criminal justice. "ODU has one of the best criminal justice programs on the Eastern seaboard. I'd like to become a counselor or probation officer on the city level; I want to work with angry teenagers. I could do it now," he says, citing his experience of dealing with young soldiers, "but I need that degree."

As a history buff, Arsene found another kind of hands-on education waiting for him in Iraq. He was stationed near the ancient sites of Babylon and Kish, and had several opportunities to explore and photograph ruins dating back to 4000 B.C. "It was awesome!" he said, speaking of sites associated with such well-known Old Testament figures as Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel.

"It made me realize that it's all true—it's real," said Arsene

"I could have gone anywhere, but I wanted to come back to RCC because I liked the school," said Arsene. "The instructors here have a passion for young minds and a genuine concern to see everybody succeed. They're very caring people."

He mentioned English professor Joseph Swonk in particular, who "saw my potential and built me up." As for the inconvenience of traveling to RCC's Glenns or Warsaw Campus, Arsene said, "It doesn't seem like that much to me. I've seen people walk miles to get knowledge. My experience in the Middle East has helped me to focus on what matters to me. It's all about hard work—those doors are going to open if you just apply yourself."

Arsene is employed by the Virginia Port Authority Police Department, and is also a military police instructor in the Army's Active Reserves.

From left are Debbi Devivi, Jani Kirkwood, Blake Smith and Hillary Pugh.

Smith wins writing contest

Every year, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7167 hosts a writing contest for middle school students. The writing contest, Patriot's Pen, instructs students to complete an essay describing and defining today's patriots.

This year, the auxiliary awarded Blake Smith, the son of Randy Smith and Sharon Baldacci of Heathsville, a certificate and check for his first-place essay. Smith submitted his essay through his eighth-grade English class at Northumberland Middle School.

He was presented with his award at Northumberland Middle School by Hillary Pugh of the Ladies Auxiliary, assistant principal Debbi Devivi and eighth-grade English teacher Jani Kirkwood.

Christmas corresponding

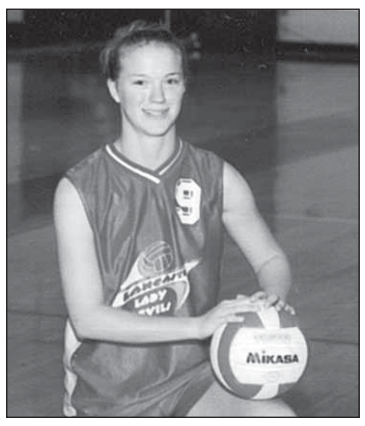
The Ladies VFW Auxiliary 7167 and the Rappahannock High School Beta Club teamed up in December to send Christmas wishes to troops. Working with Adopt-A-Platoon, the Auxiliary and Beta Club were assigned a platoon serving overseas to send holiday cards and candy canes. From left, club sponsor Beth France and president Kimberly Yackel were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ladies Auxiliary for all their hard work in making this program such a success.

School Notebook

■ GED test

The General Educational Development Test will be administered February 4 at Essex High School in Tappahannock. Examinees will be tested in writing, mathematics, social studies, science and reading. Candidates may register for the test at their school board offices on or before Wednesday, January 25.

Candidates must provide two forms of identification, including picture identification. The initial cost of the complete test battery is $43.50 for five tests. Thereafter, the fee for a full battery is $35 or $7 for each retest. For additional information, call 443-2151.



Madison R. Smith

Smith attends leadership conference

Madison R. Smith, the daughter of Dr. Curtis H. Smith, vice-mayor of Kilmarnock, and the late Marilyn Bowles Smith, recently attended and completed the National Congressional Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

She was one of 400 high school juniors and seniors, selected from all 50 states, based on their scholastic and extracurricular achievements, school officials' recommendation, and desire to further their knowledge of how the U.S. governmental processes work. Students had the opportunity to visit various federal departments, such as the State, Treasury, Homeland Security and Defense, and met various officials in seminars and work sessions.

She visited the U.S. Capitol and saw both the House and Senate in session. She visited the offices of Sen. George Allen, Sen. John Warner and Rep. Jo Anne Davis, and had a private tour by staff of the Capitol complex. She also visited the Library of Congress and observed a session of the Supreme Court.

Seminars included a Model Congress session, and mock sessions of national and international situations, with students assigned current Cabinet and White House positions. Students were assigned "play books" containing comprehensive background material about foreign countries, maps, political leadership, state of their economy and military. Each night Smith had at least 40 pages or more of such material to study prior to the sessions, not knowing until the last minute what position in the government she would be assigned.

As part of the total experience, she had to room, college dormitory style, with three other young women from around the country. Her roommates came from Montana, Texas and Pennsylvania. She enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know people from other regions and backgrounds, broadening her experiences beyond the Northern Neck of Virginia, said Smith. She still keeps in contact with her new friends by email, she added.

Smith is a junior at Lancaster High School, with plans for college.

Teachers learn new method for monitoring water quality

Lancaster Middle School teacher Brandi Brown experiments with the Coliscan method.

A new method of monitoring water for bacteria was introduced to local teachers at a recent workshop on Coliscan.

The Coliscan method involves growing bacteria from water samples on Petri dishes in an incubator and counting the colonies to determine the level of bacteria in the water, explained Hugh Markham of the Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development Council. Markham organized the program under a grant from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Program.

Comparing a sample with the next allows water bodies with higher levels of bacteria to be identified, he said. Interest, in this case, is focused on the streams and rivers in this region.

It is envisioned that students will collect samples of water from predetermined water bodies and simultaneously plate-out their samples in the classroom, said Markham. The next day, the students will be able to count the colonies of E. coli bacteria, indicators of the severity of the bacteria in the water.

"The opportunity to learn will be rich," said Markham. "Students will learn about the watersheds in their neighborhood, which ones are impaired and for what reason they are impaired. They will learn sampling methodology including the importance of following certain protocols. They will gain field experience obtaining their samples. Then they will learn about bacteria and the importance they play in our everyday lives."

The teacher training was conducted by DEQ citizen monitoring coordinator James Beckley at the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District office in Warsaw. Teachers included Brandi Brown from Lancaster, Ken Newsome from Essex, Keith Peyton from Richmond, Jenny Christman from Northumberland, and Rick Harman from Westmoreland.

For more information, call 443-1118.

The Northern Neck Regional Education Program
is offering a 6 week self paced and instructor led **Computer Course**.

This course will be offered at:
Northumberland High School
Thursday Nights from 6–8 p.m.
Start Date: January 19, 2006
Tuition fee: $35.00

Each class will be filled on a first come first served basis!
Call 580-3152

Scholarship announced

Mary Winston McCullough Scholarship applications are available.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and is renewable for up to three successive years for a total of four years. The scholarship is for undergraduate studies at an accredited college, university, or post-secondary technical school.

The recipient must demonstrate academic responsibility and/or special gifts or talents. No specific grade point average will be required. Residents of Lancaster County, members of Grace Episcopal Church, home schooled students, or graduates of Lancaster High School are eligible. The deadline for completed applications is March 1.

Interested applicants should contact their guidance counselors or Grace Episcopal Church for application information.

School Menu

LANCASTER
Monday, January 16:
School Closed
Tuesday , January 17:
Chicken biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Pepperoni pizza or Cheese pizza
Garden salad or Green beans
Spiced applesauce or Fresh fruit
Wednesday, January 18:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or Cereal & toast, Grape juice
Hot dog on bun or Hot pocket
Potato wedges
or Steamed broccoli
Mixed fruit or Fresh fruit
Thursday, January 19:
Sausage biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange Juice
Chicken breast w/roll or
Fish nuggets w/roll
Mashed potatoes or
Peas & carrots
Pear halves or
Fresh fruit
Friday, January 20:
French toast w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Fruit punch
Cheeseburger or
Grilled cheese sandwiches
Vegetable soup or
Carrot Sticks
Sliced peaches or
Fresh fruit

Kellum honored

Brandi Kellum was named to the Dean's List at George Mason University with a 3.9 GPA for the fall semester. She is majoring in special education and psychology. She is the daughter of Thomas and Patricia Kellum of Kilmarnock.

Blaze claims Kapitan residence

Fire destroyed the Balls Neck home of Pete and Carol Kapitan Saturday night while they were out of town. Firefighters responded to a call from neighbors at 9:45 p.m. The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department was the first on scene, but by the time they arrived the house was already fully involved, said Capt. Benny Balderson. "All we could do was put water on it," he said. Drawing water from a pond across the street, tankers from White Stone, Upper Lancaster, Fairfields and Kilmarnock doused the fire, but could not save the two-story house. The Kapitans returned home just behind the fire trucks. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Gov. Warner re-dedicates Capitol

RICHMOND—Gov. Mark R. Warner recently re-dedicated the Virginia Capitol building to the Commonwealth and its citizens.

He was joined by Gov.-elect Tim Kaine and members of the General Assembly in the interior rotunda of the new extension. Unveiling a bronze plaque to adorn an interior wall connecting to the existing Capitol building, Gov. Warner officially recognized the progress made on the three-year Capitol restoration and extension project.

"Over the past several years, citizens have witnessed the transformation of Capitol Square," said Gov. Warner. "The Capitol's historic restoration will revitalize and preserve the area and help ensure that this monumental building will continue to serve as the people's house of government. The renovations will also help increase Capitol Square's appeal as a major tourist destination for decades to come."

The $83.1-million capitol restoration and extension project includes the renovation and restoration of the exterior and interior, and the construction of a 27,000-square-foot extension under the south lawn. Upon completion of the project in late 2006, the Capitol will have new mechanical and electrical systems; a new roof, elevators, stairwell and legislative meeting space; the building will be fully accessible and ADA compliant providing many features for the disabled; the legislative chambers and rotunda will have been restored to their original color and décor of the time period; and there will be a new visitor entrance at Tenth and Bank streets with a new visitor center in the underground extension providing educational and museum exhibits.

First occupied in 1788, the Capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson and French architect Louis Clerisseau. Designated a National Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this is the first major renovation in the Capitol since 1904-1906, when the wings and the steps on the South Portico were added.

In April 2003, Gov. Warner signed legislation authorizing the sale of bonds to help fund the renovation and rehabilitation of the State Capitol and other buildings including the Washington building and the newly named Patrick Henry and Oliver W. Hill buildings.

The $15.8-million interior renovation of the Washington Building, built in 1923, began in November 2005 and is scheduled for completion in 2007. The $32-million renovation of the Patrick Henry building, the former Old State Library, was completed in the summer of 2005. This building, constructed in 1939, now houses the governor's office, cabinet secretaries, and the Departments of Planning and Budget and General Services. It will serve as the temporary home of the 2006 General Assembly Session.

The $26.3-million renovation of the Oliver W. Hill building, formerly known as the Finance Building that was built in 1895, was completed in October 2005 and houses the office of the lieutenant governor and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

For information about the Capitol restoration and extension project, visit www.VirginiaCapitol.gov.

CAPINNÉ distributions announced

President Don Kennedy of the Northern Neck Rotary Club and treasurer Ken Knull of the Northern Neck Rotary Charitable Trust recently announced that $27,600 was distributed to 26 local charities and programs in Lancaster and Northumberland counties during the Christmas season from funds raised through the annual CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction.

"We are pleased that we are able to assist programs which mean so much to so many in the community," Kennedy said.

The event at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club was supported through donations of items from many businesses in the counties and by artists from as distant as Baltimore and Florida. The attendees enjoyed dinner and were generous in their bidding for items.

Most of the funds were distributed to organizations providing human services and health care, including Interfaith Service Council, Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Hospice Support Services, Healthy Beginnings, the Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Center, the Northern Neck YMCA, CASA, Boys and Girls Clubs, and area museums and libraries.

The Northern Neck Rotary scholarship program aids students who exemplify excellence and demonstrate the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." The funds added to the scholarship endowment in 2005 will essentially enable the program to be offered in perpetuity.

Since 2003, a small portion of the revenues have been set aside to grow a fund with which some large-scale project yet to be identified may be undertaken.

According to Kennedy, planning for the 2006 dinner and auction has already begun. CAPINNÉ mean "Caring about people in the Northern Neck."

Collision sends drivers to hospitals

REEDVILLE—A two-vehicle, head-on collision near Reedville Friday night sent a woman to a Richmond hospital in a helicopter.

Concepcion Mata de Rockson, 41, of Reedville is now recovering at VCU Hospital from non-life threatening but serious injuries. The other driver, Warren Burrell O'Brien, 67, was transported to Rappahannock General Hospital where he was later released.

O'Brien was driving a 1998 Nissan Altima westbound on Route 360 just east of the hard curve approaching Reedville when his vehicle crossed into the westbound lane striking de Rockson's 1984 Ford station wagon head-on.

Virginia State Police Sgt. Kevin Barrack said O'Brien was charged with reckless driving and other possible charges are pending.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

Lancaster County Crime Solvers

Law enforcement is asking for the public's assistance on an armed robbery that took place in the 10000 block of River Road near the Village Center in Ottoman January 5 between 10 and 11 p.m.

A black male entered the home by gunpoint and took money and a portable phone from the owner of the residence. The suspect left on foot.

Report information about a suspicious person or vehicle in that area, or information about the robber to Lancaster Crime Solvers at 462-7463.

Law enforcement also is seeking information on wanted person Kevin Terrell Harcum.

Harcum

Harcum, 37, is described as a black male with brown eyes and black hair. He is 6'4" tall and weighs 235 pounds. His last known address is 2448 Merry Point Road. He works for Glenn Pinn Roofing Co. of Merry Point.

Harcum may be in Newport News or the Hampton area.

A felony warrant is on file for sex with a minor, without force; and a misdemeanor warrant for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He also is wanted for probation violation.

Report information regarding Harcum to Lancaster Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls to Crime Solvers are not recorded. Callers do not have to give their name and will not be asked to appear in court. Information could lead to a reward up to $1,000.

Callers # 996, 999 and 1009 call 462-7463 to claim rewards.

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responded to a traffic accident near Mary Ball and Old Orchard roads. The staff received a report of assault and battery on a school bus, a complaint of larceny of a television in the 3000 block of Lara Road and a complaint of annoying/obscene telephone calls in the 1600 block of Little Bay Road.

On January 6, the staff investigated a disconnected emergency 911 call in the 1600 block of Morattico Road in which emergency services were not needed. The staff also received a motorist's report of an animal strike near Lancaster Primary School, a walk-in report of an assault and a complaint of annoying/obscene telephone calls in the 10000 block of River Road.

On January 7, the staff responded to a traffic accident near Avis Trail and Mary Ball Road and received reports of residential burglary in the 100 block of Bagpipe Lane and vandalism to a vehicle in the 200 block of Chesapeake Drive.

On January 8, the staff received a motorist's report of a deer strike in the 3000 block of Lara Road and responded to a traffic accident on Devils Bottom Road, a complaint about the larceny of deer stands on Black Stump Road and a complaint about a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Whispering Pines Road.

On January 9, the staff responded to a report of vandalism in the 17800 block of Mary Ball Road.

Additionally during the week, the staff made 13 traffic stops with six summonses issued, made seven inmate transports, provided motorist assistance four times, received three calls for animal control service, provided traffic control once and responded to one building alarm.

In calls for fire department service, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department, the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department and the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department responded to Balls Neck Road for a house fire.

The Kilmarnock department also responded to an appliance fire in the 100 block of Black Stump Road, the Upper Lancaster department responded to a traffic accident at Mary Ball and Old Orchard roads, and the White Stone department responded to a traffic accident in the 3500 block of Irvington Road.

Northumberland County Sheriff Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported four arrests last week.

Jeffrey Eric Brooks, 43, of Tappahannock was charged January 3 with writing two or more bad checks within 90 days with a total value of $200 or more to a Callao area business.

Devon Traven Veney, 22, of Farnham was charged January 6 with perjury.

A 48-year-old Heathsville man was charged January 4 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

A 48-year-old Reedville man was charged January 7 with driving under the influence of alcohol.

The sheriff's office also issued summonses last week to an individual in the Callao area for two violations of no county dog tags and no rabies vaccinations; summonses for one violation each were written to a Burgess area individual.

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than on healthy parts of the body as well.

Del. Wittman said he is keeping a close eye on several other bills that have already been introduced. One is a bill from Del. John Cosgrove of Chesapeake directing the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to adopt and implement regulations put forth by federal regulators. Similar legislation has been shot down in committee twice in the last two years. Wittman said such legislation would be bad for the local economy.

He is also watching a bill introduced by Del. Samuel A. Nixon of Richmond that would change the structure of how utility taxes are collected. Northumberland County administrator Kenneth D. Eades said he is also keeping a close eye on this bill, which would require that the state charge a flat $5 fee on all utility bills and collect the funds and then make distributions to localities. Northumberland would stand to earn less through this system than it does now.

Del. Wittman also is closely watching a bill from Del. H. Morgan Griffith of Salem that would put a moratorium on the harvesting of horseshoe crabs.

Other bills that may be of local interest address:

• releasing dogs upon or near posted land. Introduced by Del. Mark L. Cole of Fredericksburg, this bill would prohibit releasing dogs at the border or upon posted land with the intent to cause them to run across that land to flush out game and drive it into a place where it may be taken.

• comparative religion as an elective course. Introduced by Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple of Arlington, this bill reallocates the duty to authorize a comparative religion class from local school boards to the board of education.

• crab pot buoys. Introduced by Sen. Martin E. Williams of Newport News, this bill requires that buoys and floats be marked with reflective material so they are visible at night.

• harvest quotas on menhaden. Introduced by Sen. John Watkins of Midlothian, this bill adopts the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's cap of 105,783 metric tons per year harvest from the Chesapeake Bay through 2010.

• dangerous and vicious dogs. Introduced by Del. Rosalyn R. Dance of Petersburg, this bill expands the definition of a dangerous dog to include one that, without provocation, has chased, confronted or approached a person in a threatening or aggressive manner.

• the removal and replacement of school boards. Also introduced by Del. Dance, this bill requires the board of education to replace any school board for neglect of duty in any locality in which all elementary and secondary public schools fail to meet the standards of accreditation for four consecutive years.

• defining marriage. This constitutional amendment introduced by Del Robert G. Marshall of Manassas would require a voter referendum in November. The proposed amendment would provide that marriages recognized in the Commonwealth be defined as only a union between one man and one woman.

• annual body mass index requirements for public school students. Introduced by Del. Robert D. Orrock of Thornburg, this bill would require all schools to measure the body mass index of each student and send the relevant information home notifying the parent of the BMI percentile by age and any relevant information about the potential health risks for those overweight and underweight.

• cigarette tax. Introduced by Del. David L. Englin of Alexandria, this bill would increase the cigarette tax rate from 30 cents per pack to 80 cents per pack.

• handheld mobile cellphones. Introduced by Sen. Henry L. Marsh III of Richmond, this bill would prohibit the use of handheld mobile phones by the operators of motor vehicles while the vehicles are in motion.

• death penalty. Introduced by Sen. Marsh, this bill would place a moratorium on all executions.

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