Rappahannock Record

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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Retired Navy pilot visits alternative school

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LANCASTER—RichardAllen is just another guy. That, at least, is how he described himself to a small room of 11- to 15-year-olds at the Lancaster County alternative school last Friday. In reality, he has led a pretty remarkable life.

A retired U.S. Navy vice admiral, Allen has travelled the world, broken the speed of sound and dodged every bullet fired at him.

But he came from humble beginnings, he explained.

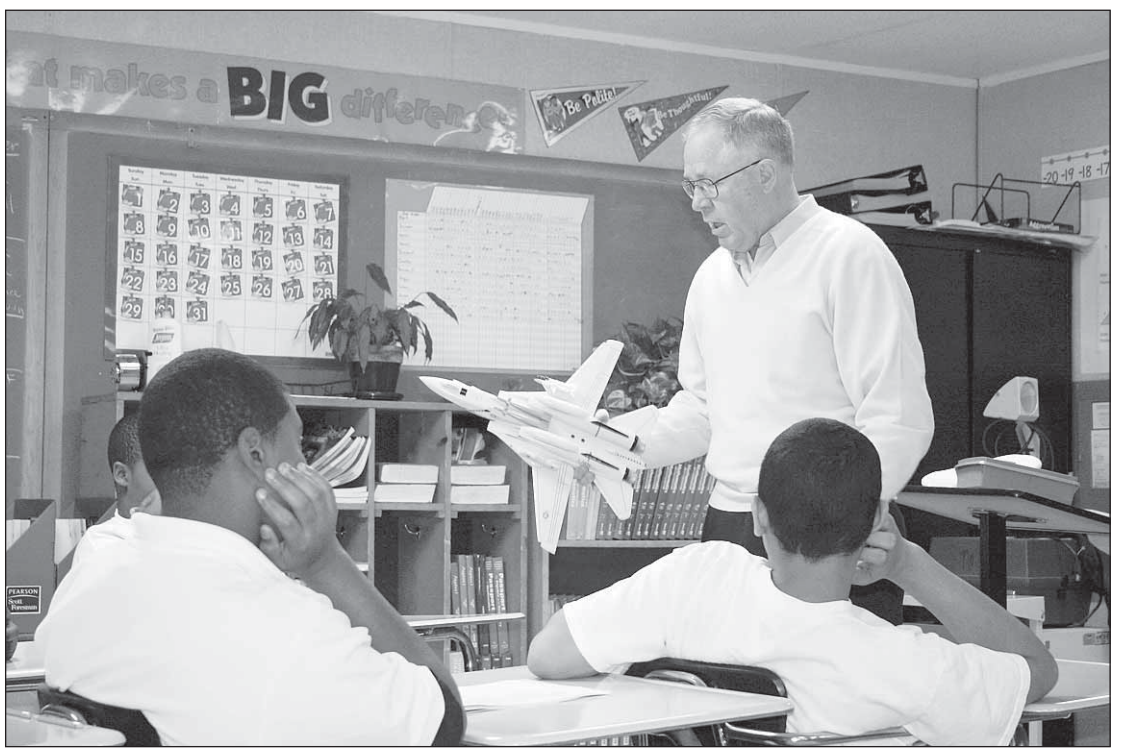
Allen grew up on a poor farm in northern Wisconsin that didn't have running water. When he was 10, his family sold the farm and moved into Cameron, a small town of about 800 people. Shortly after moving, his parents divorced.

The courts gave Allen's mother custody, with the understanding that he would spend summers with his dad, working. The first summer he did just that. He spent the summer working and then returned home for school. But five days later, after walking his younger sisters home, he took off and hitchhiked 70 miles back to his father's house.

The courts allowed him to stay there for the remainder of his childhood. But, life with dad wasn't all that Allen had hoped for. His dad let him know that he'd be teaching from the school of hard knocks.

His dad remarried, and as Allen described it his new stepmom was not very popular with either him or his dad. The pair boozed and fought a lot.

Allen still managed to graduate high school with decent enough grades to go to a local college. He worked three jobs and got into boozing himself. His grades began to slip to Cs and Ds. That's when a Navy recruiter tapped him on the shoulder.



Retired Vice Adm. Richard Allen shows students in the Lancaster County alternative school a model of the jet he flew in the Navy. He visited the school as part of a community outreach program led by the Virginia State Police.

On July 4, 1959, he left Wisconsin for Pensacola, Fla. to become a Naval aviator.

"I had never been in an airplane, never seen the ocean," he said. "I was just a dumb kid from Wisconsin and I was going to fly airplanes off aircraft carriers."

Over the next 37 years, his travels took him to dozens of countries around the world, in Europe, Africa and Asia. He fought in two wars, flying numerous missions but never taking a bullet. He had thrilling and harrowing moments, landing on aircraft carriers at night and nearly running out of fuel.

He showed the students his hat, a box full of medals and models of the planes he flew.

"Medals don't really matter," Allen said. "It's what's inside that matters."

He also noted that in 37 years in the military, his hat size never changed.

"Don't let success go to your head," he said.

He told the kids that they too could rise above their humble beginnings.

"If you've made mistakes, and we all do, if you have faith and you believe, you too can overcome."

Allen was speaking to the students as part of a program called Troopers on Patrol for Students (TOPS). Headed locally by Trooper Patrick McCranie of the Virginia State Police since 2004, the program brings positive role models into the alternative school.

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Candidate deadline for town council elections is March 7

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The filing deadline for candidates to get on the Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone ballots for the May 2 town elections is March 7.

In Kilmarnock, the mayor's seat held by Mike Robertson is up for election. As of Tuesday, Lancaster County registrar Peggy Harding said Dr. Curtis H. Smith is the only candidate who has filed for the post.

Smith serves on town council. If Smith is elected mayor, council would appoint his replacement to council, said Harding.

Also up for election in Kilmarnock are three council seats now held by Paul Jones, Gerald Sellers and Fletcher Brown IV. Harding said Jones has filed for re-election and John A. Smith also has filed for the at-large election in which the top three vote getters will win council seats.

In White Stone, the mayor's seat held by Lloyd B. Hubbard Jr. is up for election along with three council seats held by Jack Boles, Rose Pittman and Randy Reeves. No one had filed for any of the seats, said Harding.

In Irvington, three council seats are up for election. The seats are held by Norm Mosher, Rannie Ransone and Bill Evans. The only candidate to file so far is Dr. Robert Westbrook, said Harding.

Prospective candidates for the town council posts can contact the registrar's office at 462-5277 for more information.

All positions due election are for four-year terms.

The deadline to register to vote in the May 2 elections is April 3.

Sheriff Crockett issues public safety advisory

LANCASTER—A rash of residential break-ins, thefts and armed robberies reported recently in the lower Northern Neck—Middle Peninsula area indicate the need for an increase in public safety awareness.

Citizens are urged to take the following precautions to avoid becoming a crime victim, said Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett.

Home security

It is important to lock the doors and windows at night and whenever away from home. Keeping the door locked when at home, especially in the evening and before going to bed, may prevent a home invasion.

Don't hide the door keys under mats, flower pots or other "hidden" places. These spots are quickly found and with that key the home is now open to thieves. Check to see who is at the door before opening it. Don't be pressured into opening the door, if uncomfortable doing so. Employees of the telephone and electric companies, and local government employees, will readily show photo identification cards.

Make sure all outside lights are working. Replace broken or burnt out bulbs. Adjust automatic light timers as necessary.

Talk to neighbors about starting a Neighborhood Watch program. The sheriff's office will be glad to help get one started.

Vehicles

Remove keys from the car, even at home. Don't leave cash, check books, guns and other valuables in the car.

Lock the car doors when parking away from home. Park in a well-lighted area and check surroundings before approaching and opening the car.

Keep a working flashlight and four to six flares in the car in case of a break-down.

Mail and newspapers

Mail probably contains credit card and bank information, which is valuable, and can be easily stolen.

Mail bills from a post office, or use online banking to pay bills, instead of leaving them for pick up by route delivery.

Checks can be chemically "washed" and altered, and the bank account information can be stolen and used later.

Have the postal service hold mail and stop newspaper delivery, or have a trusted neighbor pick them up each day, if away from home overnight or longer.

Important numbers

Avoid having Social Security and phone numbers preprinted on checks. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles to have driver's license numbers changed so that they do not match Social Security numbers.

Cell phones

Program "in case of emergency" (ICE) number into cell phones. ICE can be used by first responders to contact family if one is involved in a medical emergency. Program the cell phone so that ICE brings up a list of immediate family members to be contacted in an emergency.

Suspicious activity

Report strange people, strange vehicles, and any strange behavior or activity to the sheriff's office immediately. If possible, get the license plate number of any suspicious vehicle.

For more information on home, business and personal safety, or to arrange for a public speaker on these, or similar topics, call Sheriff Crockett at 462-5111.

Police Reports

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported four arrests last week.

Ryan Maston Davis, 33, of Sharps was charged January 15 with eight counts of writing payroll checks while knowing that there were insufficient funds in the account.

Pam Dawn Williams, 53, of Montross was charged January 20 with writing a bad check in the amount of $465.97 to a Callao area business.

A 54-year-old Lottsburg woman was charged January 18 with petit larceny and resisting arrest.

A 27-year-old Callao woman was charged January 20 on an Essex County warrant with writing a bad check in the amount of $26.24 to a Tappahannock area business.

Menhaden bills to surface for subcommittee

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—Menhaden issues will top the agenda when a House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources subcommittee meets at 5 p.m tonight in the General Assembly Building.

The Chesapeake subcommittee will consider three menhaden bills, including a measure to set the limit at 105,000 metric tons per year and another setting a cap of 131,000 metric tons per year. Also on the docket is a bill to allow the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to adopt any legislation regarding menhaden.

District 99 Del. Rob Wittman said he expects a packed room and a lot of discussion.

With the filing deadline now past, legislators have 2,713 bills to consider before the 2006 session is complete.

Del. Wittman's bill requiring telephone companies to verify the accuracy of information provided in their directories was filed just before the deadline.

After several years of receiving phone books with missing numbers and pages, some Northern Neck Verizon customers in particular are outraged. Del. Wittman's bill would require phone companies to give subscribers a $10 credit per month for misprinted information and directory calls free of charge.

The bill was continued to next year since there is presently a case before the State Corporation Commission regarding Verizon. Traditionally, the General Assembly postpones any legislation that could affect the outcome of a court case in progress.

Another last-minute bill from Del. Terry Kilgore of Gate City would prohibit the transportation board from creating a new regulation diminishing Rural Addi-

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Citizens may comment on legislation through hotline

RICHMOND—Susan Clarke Schaar, Clerk of the Senate, and Bruce F. Jamerson, Clerk of the House of Delegates, recently announced that the General Assembly of Virginia will again provide a toll-free Constituent Viewpoint hotline.

Constituent Viewpoint will provide the citizens of the Commonwealth the opportunity to express their views on the issues before the General Assembly and provide legislators information concerning public opinion on these issues.

The toll-free number for Constituent Viewpoint is 1-800-889-0229. Callers in the Richmond area may dial 698-1990.

Constituent Viewpoint will receive calls from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each legislative workday through March 10. Constituent Viewpoint operators will request the caller's name and address, their telephone number for verification purposes, and the legislative issue on which they are expressing their view.

The Constituent Viewpoint operator will inform the caller of the names of his/her legislators, record the message and forward the information to the legislators for their review.

If a caller seeks additional information concerning legislation or wishes to speak directly with a legislator, the Constituent Viewpoint operators will provide the appropriate telephone number. The operators cannot transfer callers to another number.

For additional information regarding the service, call Johnye Bennett of the Senate Clerk's Office at 698-7460, or Jay Braxton of the House Clerk's Office at 698-1552.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

At Heads Up Hairworks in Kilmarnock, former partner Chris Young has moved from the gatekeeper's chair in the front room to the laid-back life on the porch. It's like the retiring preacher springing from the pulpit to the balcony.

Except Chris isn't retiring. In her 40th year as a professional hairdresser, after owning two shops in Maryland for 30 years and spending the last seven-and-a-half running Heads Up with co-owner and best friend Georgie Fary, she has sold her share to Kelly Oliver. They've switched chairs, and Chris is back to her first love: doing hair.

With Georgie, Chris continues to own the Heads Up house, where former resident Jenny Webb holds court from her portrait above the mantel. Miss Jenny was a seamstress and caregiver, and clients have said she taught them to make bread. She cared about women, and Chris senses her approval.

Now Kelly steps in. Chris will do no more payroll, order no more supplies, interview no more applicants, and douse no more fires, unless, of course, she's asked. The shop tone is that, when needed for color consultation or towel folding or sweeping or substituting for vacationing stylists or checking an apprentice's cut, everyone pitches in.

The eight stylists and eight auxiliary staff members are like family, an unusual achievement in a highly competitive business. The shop is not gossipy. Expectations of one another are high. And Chris is proud of the three women who've apprenticed under her tutelage.

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"Miss Chris gave me a profession," said Linda Weber, who started as a shampoo girl. Shampoo girls are critical to a shop's success, said Chris. If a client receives a good shampoo, the rest of the work is easy. But she saw in Linda – and in Michelle Wagner and Eleanor Sanford – greater things. All three have earned their licenses and built clientele.

Chris grew up near Washington, D.C., in Landover, Md., the middle of five children. Rearing them by herself, their mom worked three jobs to fill their modest needs. Along with that work ethic, she gave them the great gift of belief in themselves. There was nothing she thought they couldn't do.

"We had no grand resources," said Chris at her home on Boathouse Cove of Indian Creek. "But she was always encouraging us. If you want it, she said, you can do it."

The Methodist family went to Sunday school and church every week. Then when Chris was eight years old, her mother's employee invited Chris to her Catholic service. She entered that cinderblock sanctuary and felt the presence of God.

Instead of dismissing her young daughter's ardor, Chris's mother allowed her to convert to Catholicism. Chris transferred to Catholic school, where Sister Rosalie advanced her religious training. Eventually her mother and siblings also converted, and the church remains Chris's center. She and her sister, Anna, attend St. Francis de Sales every Sunday, and when Chris is away at a hair show, she always slips off and finds a mass.

She'll still attend those shows, for she loves learning. But she's planning on days off to return to china painting and the golf course. She'll continue her Friday "date nights" with husband Jim, a real estate appraiser. And she'll devote more time to her memory garden, which she created with a gift certificate from the shop after the deaths in 2004 of her older sister Sharon, 61, and Sharon's son, 31.

The bereavement group at White Stone United Methodist Church has been a godsend. But those early family departures, her mom's death at 52, and her sister Lisa's courage to return to school at 48, started Chris thinking about her own path. Four decades fly when a woman is doing what she loves, but there comes a time for change.

Saying goodbye was the hardest part of leaving her two shops in Maryland and she never dreamed she'd make such fast friends here. They've brought her recipes, taught her to make decorations, given her planting advice, helped her arrange her living room, shared their lives with her, cared for her during the blues. She learns from them every day, but now the classroom is on the porch. She's adding skin care for women to the curriculum.

Helping women is Chris's nature. She believes that if you give a woman knowledge, she can accomplish anything. She sounds a lot like her mom.

Reflections

by John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

A Season of Blessed Rest

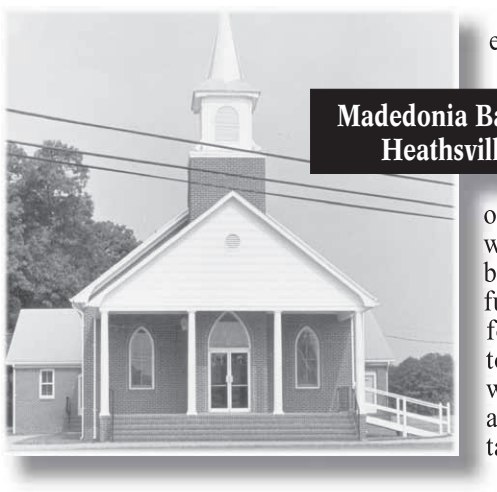
Are the decorations put away? Have you unwound the brittle greenery and tossed it? Did you get the ornaments off the tree? Were you careful to wind the lights in tangle-free loops? Did you make a biodegradable offering of the evergreen? Did you mash the tree back into a crate and deposit it in the belly of some already over-stuffed closet? I did.

Now, about the Christmas cards: Did we ever really get through addressing them, or did we just quit? Have we finally taken the time to read all the cards and family newsletters which we received? Whose presents were left over? How could that have happened? I thought I checked my list.

Say, are there holiday pounds packed upon your hips? Last nibbles of holiday treats lap over your belt, like mine have? Have you actually gotten control and begun that after-celebration diet about which so much conversation was invested?

My wife likens Christmas to childbirth—a subject foreign enough to me, mind you. She says that every woman, going through the breech, emphatically states that there'll be no more.... However, when love is tender and another new life comes along moms forget that it will be through a threshold of pain. Though unqualified to make the analogy, I do profess to believe it is true.

The fatigue of the holiday season (beginning with Thanksgiving) is that many of us harbor images historical, which may or may not be our actual history. We model habits, adjust taste buds, rearrange calendars to accommodate what we choose to highlight of the gathered friends, family and moments. It may just be after all that the artificial adjustment of our entire environment is what causes such stress.


Madedonia Baptist
Heathsville

The Bible recognizes that a lot of stress is because we get our priorities and ourselves out of whack. Read along with me: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace," (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15).

What gain have the workers from their toil? God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds. We cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. Truthfully there is nothing better for us than to be happy and to enjoy ourselves as long as we live. It is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all our toil.

I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before Him.

"That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by."

It is really the commercialization of Christmas that stressed us so. It has been written that Christmas is an odd time, when the whole family gathers in their bed clothes to sit around a dead tree, eating out of their socks, making small talk about a old man who dresses in red velvet and communes with reindeer and elves. Yet even that story can bless and lead us to the manger.

Looking back at Ecclesiastes I am taken to task over how out of phase I am at all seasons. My prayer life often is in sad repair. My calendar often has everything on it but time with God.

Winter can be our very best friend. Nothing in the yard really needs our attention. Obligatory visitations of others are less important than before. We, like all of nature, need rest: "a long winter's nap." Invest in reading in the Scriptures Holy. Like my Rosie, our Farmer matriarch over on the Corrotoman River, we can tease our hearts, backs and fingers with piles of fresh seed catalogs.

Irvington's master gardener, Suzanne Fleet, picks her landscape by what can be found in the Bible. Our Memorial Garden blooms with memories and Biblical truth.

Let's use the next few months to get ourselves, and our priorities reorganized. Let's be busy about God's schedule for our lives, not adverse seasonal adjustments. Seasons come and go, like friends and family. Pray more. Pray with me that God can get a hold of us this winter so sufficiently that come spring we bloom anew. We can bloom in God's garden of life.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, January 29:
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship, Men's Day
7 p.m., Evening Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 31:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 1:
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 26:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, January 30:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, January 31:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Wednesday, February 1:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, February 1:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road, Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m., Tone Chimes and Children's Choir
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, January 30:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 31:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 1:
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir Rehearsal

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
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 29:
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.,
Sunday, January 29:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, January 29:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road, Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor, 529-9223
Sunday, January 29:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock,Rev. Dwight Johnson
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, February 2:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659, Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
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 29:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
"Purpose Driven Life"
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharis
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
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 29:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, January 29:
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

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Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
Fourth 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 29:
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
Sunday, January 29:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, February 1:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran (ELCA)
Kilmarnock Methodist Church
89 E. Church St.
Saturday, January 28:
2nd and 4th Saturday
5 p.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257, Luther Baugham
Sunday, January 29:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, January 29:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday January 29:
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
Saturday, January 28:
9 a.m., Planning meeting at Emmanuel
Sunday, January 29:
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
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., BEUMM Council meets

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
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 28:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Saturday, January 28:
5 p.m., Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 29:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
2-5 p.m., District Leadership Training (St. Clare Walker-Middlesex)
Tuesday January 31:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, February 1:
6 p.m., Handbells
7:30 p.m. Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor, Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, January 29:
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, February 1:
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
Friday, January 27:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Saturday, January 28:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Meeting
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Soup and Sandwich Coffee Hour
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Monday, January 30:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Wednesday, February 1:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, January 29:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Youth Sunday
Guest Preacher, David Jones, Youth Leader
Nursery provided during Worship
4:30 a.m., Youth Meeting
Tuesday, January 31:
9 a.m., Budget and Finance Committee
Wednesday, February 1:
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, January 29:
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
Thursday, January 26:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 15)
Friday, January 27:
9:30 a.m., Finance Committee
Sunday, January 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "Passionate Faith"
(I Timothy 6:12-16)
Monday, January 30:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 13)
Wednesday, February 1:
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 16)
4 p.m., Pastoral Assistants

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd. Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, January 31:
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 29:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center, Syringa
725-1234
Sunday, January 29:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, January 26:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, January 29:
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 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, January 29:
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 26:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, January 29:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, January 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

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Obituaries

Sarah K. Ashton

FARNHAM—Sarah Kendall Ashton, 13, of Farnham died January 20, 2006.

Miss Ashton was the daughter of Steve and Linda Ashton and a member of Farnham Baptist Church. She was a gifted song writer and soloist.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Steven "Kyle" Ashton; her grandparents, Albert and Marjorie Hanks Jr. of Farnham and Louis and Doris Ashton of Lottsburg; two aunts and uncles, Howard and Wanda McGeorge and Danny and Tammy Hanks, all of Farnham; and many cousins.

Funeral services were held January 25 at Farnham Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery. Rev. John Penny and Rev. Kenneth Riggins officiated. Shane Cooley, soloist, sang "Thank You for it All" and "Keep Trying," which Miss Ashton wrote.

Pallbearers were Shane Cooley, Chris Balderson, Brad McGeorge, Drew McGeorge, Brandon Hanks, Keith Hanks, Joel Knight, Glen Vaughn, Richard Thomas Jr., and Brian Mothershead.

Memorials may be made to the Kendall Ashton Youth Program, c/o Farnham Baptist Church, P.O. Box 101, Farnham, VA 22460.

Betty T. Coombs

LANCASTER—Betty T. Coombs, 84, of Lancaster died January 21, 2006. She was a docent at Christ Church near Irvington and a member of the Rappahannock Art League.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Maurice R. Coombs; a son, David B. Coombs of Bedford, Mass.; a daughter, Dianne R. Coombs of Edwards, Colo.; four grandchildren, Sarah, Jason and Alexander Coombs, and Mitchell Hendrix; and a sister, Aubrey Nicholson of Australia.

Funeral services were held January 24 at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock with Rev. Richard Fichter Jr. officiating. Interment was in Christ Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rappahannock Art League Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1158, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or Historic Christ Church Foundation, P.O. Box 24, Irvington, VA 22480.

Hilton F. Dawson

CALLAO—Hilton Fallin Dawson, 92, of Callao died January 16, 2006. Mrs. Dawson was the wife of the late L. E. Dawson Sr.

She was a retired teacher, having taught 44 years in Richmond County Schools.

She was an active member of Bethany Baptist Church in Callao.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, L. Edelyn Dawson Jr. and Edwina Dawson of Callao; a granddaughter and her husband, Melanie V. Dawson and John G. Nichols of Williamsburg; a grandson and his fiancé, Lewis E. Dawson III and Rasa Zimlicki of Mechanicsville; two great-granddaughters, Helena Elise Nichols and Genevieve Virginia Nichols; three sisters, Naomi F. Sullivan of Callao, Murlean F. McDaniel of Crofton, Md., and Phyllis F. Cannon of Virginia Beach; and a brother, H. Kenneth Fallin of Warsaw.

Funeral services were held January 20 at Bethany Baptist Church with Rev. Kory Kiss and Rev. Curtis Hawks officiating. Pallbearers were M. Lee Cannon II, Brian Lee Christopher, Lewis E. Dawson III, David W. Fallin, Edwin C. Fallin, Michael R. Fallin, R. Creed Fallin, Arnold L. White and Jay M. Williams. Interment was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the L. E. Dawson Sr. Memorial Fund, c/o Lewis E. Dawson III, Treasurer, 8242 Candleberry Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Jones-Ash Funeral home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

James S. Day

WARSAW—James S. "Bud" Day, 90, of Warsaw died at his home January 20, 2006.

Mr. Day was the retired president of Tidewater Telephone Company. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of Virginia and served as president of the United States Independent Telephone Association in 1970.

Active for over 40 years in the Boy Scouts of America, he was presented the Silver Beaver Award in 1968.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Frank and Maxie; and his parents, Frank R. and Lucy T. Day.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy Bailey Day; a son and daughter-in-law, James S. Day Jr. and Betty Day of Bowling Green; a daughter, Marilyn G. Day of Plymouth, Ind.; six grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Judy Day, Matt and Gina Benedict, Neil and Shelly Day and Katie Benedict Friedman and Seth Friedman, Stuart and Dana Day and Rebecca Benedict Stachel and Aaron Stachel; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Beale of Franklin; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held January 22 at the Welch Funeral Home, Marks Chapel. Burial was in St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Richmond County Rescue Squad, Riverside Hospice, or a charity of one's choice.

Annie Eley

WHITE STONE—Annie Eley, 90, of White Stone died January 22, 2006.

Mrs. Eley was a lifelong member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Eley.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Brenda Williams; a daughter, Ms. Dorothy Mitchell, all of Fort Washington, Md.; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

A wake will be held at 11 a.m. and funeral services will be at noon Friday, January 27, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pastor Rowena Davenport will officiate and grandchildren will be the pallbearers.

Agnes S. Hathaway

REEDVILLE—Agnes Slate Hathaway of Reedville died January 23, 2006.

Mrs. Hathaway was the widow of Henry Hathaway.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret and Jimmy Hinson of Warsaw, Virginia Green of Wetumpka, Ala, and Elizabeth Dodson of Richmond; a son, Henry Hathaway of Lake Charles, La.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Norwood Slate of Chesapeake; and a devoted sister-in-law, Estelle Slate of White Stone.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 26, at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock. Interment will be 11 a.m. Friday, January 27, at Sunset Memorial Park in Chester. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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

Doris A. Headley

HEATHSVILLE—Doris Annette Headley, 66, of Heathsville died January 21, 2006.

Miss Headley was born October 20, 1939, to Lanman and Hazel A. Headley. She was a member of Smithland Baptist Church and was formerly employed by Northumberland County Food Services at Callao Elementary School.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Robert L. and Patsy Headley of Callao; a niece, Pamela Lynee Headley of Farmville; many companions of AmeriCare Plus and the Riverside Hospice staff during her long battle with cancer; and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Smithland Baptist Church January 24. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Smithland Baptist Church, Riverside Hospice, or the American Cancer Society.

Welch Funeral Home in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

Lucy V.S. Lane

RICHMOND—Lucy Virginia Stakes Lane, 94, of Richmond, formerly of Northumberland County, widow of Martin G. Lane, died January 20, 2006.

She was a member of The Northumberland County Historical Society and the former Lee-Jackson chapter in Reedville of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Martin S. Lane of Richmond; two nieces, Edwina Stakes Dawson of Northumberland County and Mary Stakes George of Lancaster County; a nephew, Llewellen E. Stakes of Richmond; two great-nieces; two great nephews; two great-great-nieces; and a great-great-nephew.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 27, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Central Chapel of Bennett Funeral Home, 3215 Cutshaw Ave. in Richmond. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 28, at Rehoboth United Methodist Church in Kilmarnock with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rehoboth United Methodist Church, c/o Brenda Wilmer, 60 Regina Road, Lancaster, VA 22503.

Raymond L. Robertson

REEDVILLE—Raymond Lee Robertson, 85, of Reedville died January 22, 2006.

Mr. Robertson was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville and served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a retired engineer in the menhaden fishing industry and a painter.

He served as a volunteer with the Smith Point Sea Rescue and the Reedville Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemarie Robertson; a daughter, Eva Ann Timberlake of Heathsville; a son, Raymond Lee Robertson Jr. of Louisiana; a stepson, Jimmy Lee Heflin of North Carolina; a sister, Naomi Vanlandingham of Reedville; two brothers, Joseph "Snap" Robertson of Reedville and Carter "Snookie" Robertson of Tappahannock; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 29, at 2 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church. Burial will be private.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess is handling the arrangements.

Ruth G. Shelton

MORATTICO—Ruth George Shelton, 93, of Morattico died January 21, 2006. She was the widow of Joseph S. Shelton.

Mrs. Shelton was a member of Norwood Baptist Church in Morattico.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George W. and Kay Shelton of Morattico; a granddaughter and her husband, Stephanie S. and Christopher Harvey; two great-grandchildren, Kaylin and Carson Harvey, all of Mechanicsville; a sister, Thelma George Wade of Norfolk; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held January 23 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Carlton Milstead Jr. officiating. Interment was in Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery in Alfonso. Pallbearers were Christopher Harvey, George Abbott Jr., Weston F. Conley Jr., Slater Pittman, Edward J. Davis Jr., Frank Smith, Dale George and Milton Conrad.

Memorials may be made to the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 176, Lively, VA 22507.

John B. Trimmer

RICHMOND—John Brian Trimmer, 44, died suddenly January 15, 2006.

Mr. Trimmer was born March 12, 1961. He was a musician who played most stringed instruments and many others, sang, wrote many songs, and for many years had his own band, "Wolftown." He also was a member of the band "Sign" at Northminster Baptist Church.

He was predeceased by his father, Jerry E. Trimmer; his paternal grandparents, John and Bea Trimmer; and his maternal grandmother, Ida Long Verlander

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patty Trimmer; his mother, Frances Trimmer; a brother and sister-in-law and their two children, David W. and Marie Trimmer, and Holden and Jessica Trimmer; friends and mentors, Charles Howard and Rick and Genny Glasco; special friends, Ronnie Mayes and Kristine Shelhorse; and uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held January 17 at Northminster Baptist Church.

The Bennett Funeral Home in Mechanicsville handled the arrangements.

Church Notes

■ Women's Bible study

A new Women's Bible Study will begin Wednesday, February 1, at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive.

The 11-week Beth Moore Study, titled "Jesus, the One and Only," will be held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Class content will be taught by video, followed by small group discussion.

■ King breakfast

The 10th annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast will be held at Queen Esther Baptist Church in Mollusk on Sunday, January 29, beginning at 9 a.m. Joan F. Henderson will be the guest speaker. Henderson earned masters' in personnel services and educational administration from Montclair State College, Montclair, N.J. A retired educator, Henderson serves as a college consultant.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God when the church is disappointing?" is the topic for a community discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive, off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone.

The 13-week series continues February 7 with "Where is God when family life is chaotic?" For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

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A simple thank you is not enough to express gratitude to all of our friends, neighbors and family who supported and prayed for us during Mom's battle with cancer and after her death.

There were so many cards and flowers, so much food and countless visits. The acts of kindness and generosity were overwhelming.

Living in a small town, where the genuine concern of friends and neighbors is a blessing, has been of great comfort to us.

Mom faced her illness with grace and dignity, and that strength came not just from within but from the love and support of family and friends. She was truly blessed to have so many people care about her.

And we continue to be blessed to have those same people care for us. Thank you for your love, your generosity, your acts of sympathy and your continued prayers.

The family of Bonnie Hinton

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Northern Neck Baptist Church

I would like to express my deep appreciation for all of the acts of kindness that were bestowed upon me during the loss of my husband George "G.O." Coleman. Words will never be able to express how much it meant to me.

God Bless you all.

Anna Coleman

Come Join Us for Worship
Kilmarnock Baptist Church
65 East Church Street
435-1703
Sunday: Bible Study - 9:45 AM • Worship: 11:00 AM
Fellowship After Worship
Wednesday: Worship - 6:00 PM • Fellowship After Worship
Bible Study - 7:00 PM
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to provide life-enhancing support to terminally ill patients and their families in the following areas: Southside, Tri-Cities, Central Virginia, Tappahannock and surrounding counties. We have three areas in which a volunteer may provide services: ***patient/family, bereavement and clerical support.*** We offer a training course, which upon completion allows the volunteer to visit patients in the home, hospital, or nursing home setting. It is recommended that individuals having a significant loss should wait at least one year before applying or attending the training.

The next training is scheduled for:
Part I on March 11 & Part II on March 18, 2006
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and are over the age of 18, please call: Marianne Capanelli, Volunteer Coordinator at 804-281-0451 if you would like to volunteer in the Richmond area or Bobbie Griffith, Volunteer Coordinator at 804-281-0451 if you would like to become a volunteer in the Tappahannock area. You may also call Toll Free at 1-800-501-0451.

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Interfaith holds annual meeting

The Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council installed 2006-07 officers and adopted a 2006 budget of nearly $100,000 at its January 19 annual meeting at Wicomico Church Parish Hall.

The new officers are secretary Bob Rosicky, president Michelle Lewis, immediate past president Judy Fay, Northumberland County representatives-at-large Terry Cooper and Nancy Acree, second vice president Bill Kling, first vice president Rev. Mike Ramming, treasurer Chris Naumann, and Lancaster County representatives-at-large Anne McClintock and Don Beard.

Rev. Dr. Tom Coye, pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock, conducted the installation ceremony.

Interfaith is dedicated to Jesus's instruction, "Feed my sheep."

Among its volunteer services, the council provides needy families and individuals with furniture and household items, free firewood, home-delivered meals, emergency food boxes donated by local grocery stores, school supplies, home repairs, wheelchair ramps, air conditioners and/or heat monitors, and new wells.

From left are (front row) Bob Rosicky, Michelle Lewis and Judy Fay; (next row) Terry Cooper, Nancy Acree, Bill Kling, Rev. Mike Ramming, Chris Naumann, Anne McClintock and Don Beard.

The council is supported by contributions from area churches, individuals, foundations, trusts and other organizations.

This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

Can you answer this riddle?

Do you know the name of the famous American who had only two years of schooling and later was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Law?

He began reading the ancient Greek philosopher Plutarch at age 11. Then, at age 12, when Blackbeard was captured, he wrote a ballad for the occasion. And at 83, he wrote an anti-slavery treatise.

He invented the lighting rod and founded the first American fire insurance company.

He is the man you have to thank if you see clearly through your bifocal glasses.

He is the man who wrote, "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

He was an inventor, philosopher, writer, and a politician of such fame that there were 20,000 mourners at the time of his death.

If you haven't guessed by now, his name was Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin was born January 17, 1706, exactly 300 years ago this January. He was the tenth child of 17. His father wanted him to be a clergyman, but could only afford to pay for two years of school. So young Franklin became an apprentice in his brother's print shop. This turned out to be a perfect fit.

Franklin soon had his own print shop and at 26 he began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanack." It sold so well that when his brother died leaving his wife without any means of supporting herself, Franklin sent 500 copies of his Almanack so his sister-in-law could make money by selling them.

For 25 years he published "Poor Richard's Almanack," creating hundreds of witty and wise sayings we still remember today.

"A penny saved is a penny earned." "God helps them that help themselves." And "he that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

After 300 years, almost everyone still knows Franklin's name and respects him.

I'm not quite sure why, but it may be because of what Franklin himself once wrote, "If you would not be forgotten/As soon as you are dead and rotten/Either write things worth reading/Or do things worth the writing."

He surely did both.

Franklin said he wished he had been born a century later. He was a man ahead of his time. But since he couldn't change what era he lived in, he acted to help shape the future he longed for.

He was the first person to study electricity and lightning and invented the lightning rod. And he was the first person to study the movement of the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic Ocean.

An early environmentalist, he protested the pollution from slaughter houses.

When Franklin saw a need, he filled it. As a result, in addition to his myriad inventions, he pushed for daylight savings time, helped establish the two-house Congress that provides representation to both large and small states and set up the first dead-mail office.

Franklin was an innovator his whole life.

At 81, he was the oldest delegate in attendance at the Constitutional Convention. And at 83, he was president of the Society for Promoting the Abolution of Slavery.

Perhaps the greatest legacy Franklin left us was a lesson in how to live fully throughout our lives: Stay actively involved in the present, but always with a goal of creating a better future.

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Answers on Aging

A friend is moving into a local retirement community, and she mentioned that it is "CCRC." What does this term mean?

A Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) is a type of housing community for older retired adults. A CCRC offers its residents a contract that provides residential living and health care services for the rest of their lives. Residents (usually 65 years old and older) receive board and nursing services. If a person decides to live in a CCRC, they usually agree to stay for the duration of their life and sign a contract to that effect. Residents may also pay an entrance fee and monthly fees; a portion of the entrance fee covers future health care needs similar to an insurance policy.

CCRCs are unlike other types of senior housing, in that they offer at least three levels of housing and special resident and health care services. CCRCs allow older adults to age in place—'age in place' is a phrase that is used when someone lives in the same home or community as they grow older. CCRCs have the resources to change a living arrangement when health care needs change.

To ask an expert about health and aging concerns, visit www.senior-navigator.org.

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Sara Mackey to speak at UUFR

On Sunday, January 29, Sara Mackey will be the speaker at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR). The UUFR meets at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

She will continue the series on the Unitarian Universalist affirmations and will speak on the seventh principle, the "interdependent web."

Mackey has a Master's of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. She has taught English as a second language, has been a pre-school teacher, an elementary school teaching assistant and a school nurse.

Mackey is the director of religious education at the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist. She lives in Richmond and is a member of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Glen Allen.

'Where is God when...?'series continues on Tuesday

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

On January 31, the discussion topic will be "Where is God when the church is disappointing?" On February 7, the topic will be "Where is God when family life is chaotic?"

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 will include chaos in life, divorce, addictions, financial crisis, serious illness or injury and death. Study books are available.

For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

Truth in Action drama team at Lighthouse Baptist Church

The public is invited to attend a special presentation by the Bob Jones University Truth in Action drama team at Lighthouse Baptist Church Wednesday, February 1, at 7 p.m. The program will feature an original drama, "Journey to Gehenna."

The drama team is touring the southeast United States. The members of the group are students at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

Bob Jones University is a fundamental Christian liberal arts university with an annul enrollment of some 5,000 students. BJU offers over 100 undergraduate majors in its College of Arts and Science and Schools of Religion, Fine Arts, Education, Business Administration and Applied Studies.

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Lancashire Lines
by Joan M. Foster

News and views were shared last Monday at Lancashire. Residents expressed concerns over the multiple murders in the Richmond area recently and the increase in crime closer to home. Folks shared their hopes for parents to take back authority over their children and to help them learn self-control and respect for self and others. Residents' Council during the afternoon confirmed that residents are happy with life at the Lancashire.

On Tuesday, folks painted snowscaped scenes and created snowflakes to display around their home. Everyone agreed that watching the lovely, fluffy flakes drift to earth is delightful and sitting near a toasty fireplace, sipping some hot chocolate is the ultimate pleasure of the winter season. Bea Jett was the big bingo winner in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, Rev. Hall hosted Bible study. The afternoon was filled with the exuberant sounds of gospel music and love for the Lord as Rev. Middleton played his electric guitar and led praise service.

On Thursday, residents reminisced with a Lawrence Welk video. Cassie Edwards was the big afternoon bingo winner. Thanks to Suzy Norman, T.J., and Little Jessie for pet visits.

On Friday morning, six folks traveled to Whitcomb Lodge in Beaverdam Park, Gloucester for the Historyland Division Long-Term Care Bingo Challenge and lunch. Bea Jett, Ernestine Jett, Louise Ward, Mildred Carter, Jeannette Angevine and Thomas Reynolds each won at least one game. Carter and Reynolds won three games each. Those back home watched a gospel video and the movie "Foxfire."

On Saturday, Jeannette Angevine was the big bingo winner. City Worship Center of Kilmarnock hosted a Bible study during the afternoon.

Thanks to Queen Esther Baptist Church for leading a Sunday afternoon worship service.

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

6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, 693-6079
Sunday, January 29:
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 26:
7 p.m., Bible Class
Saturday, January 28:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, January 29:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, February 2:
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 28:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, January 29:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday January 31:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, January 29:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, February 1:
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 29:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, February 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, February 2:
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
www.uufrappahannock.uua.org
Sunday, January 29:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, January 29:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, February 3:
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.
435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
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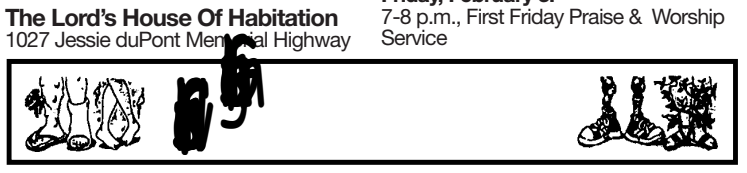
Sunday, January 29:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church, Nursery provided
Monday, January 30:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss
Tuesday, January 31:
7 p.m., Study Series Week 3 - Where is God When....the church is disappointing?
Wednesday, February 1:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, February 2:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's Restaurant
Friday, February 3:
7-8 p.m., First Friday Praise & Worship Service



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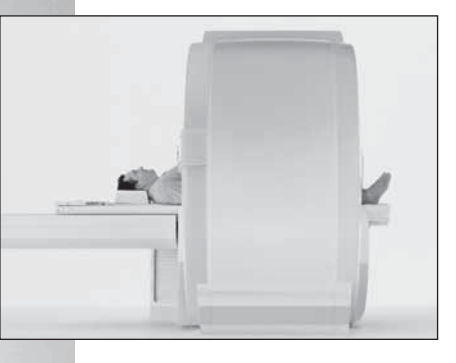

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From left, Austin L. Roberts III recognizes H.D. "Skip" Ackerly III as Bay Banks 2005 Employee of the year.

From left are Larry E. Brewer, Sylvia C. Vanlandingham, Austin L. Roberts III and Angelia R. Taylor.

Bay Banks honors employees

Bay Banks of Virginia Inc., holding company for Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company, held its annual Christmas Party on December 3, 2005, for all its employees, spouses and guests.

During the evening, H.D. "Skip" Ackerly III was honored as the Bay Banks 2005 Employee of the Year. Each year the employees select a co-worker whom they feel has gone beyond the call of duty to be helpful to fellow employees and to customers and one who has been a true asset to the organization.

Ackerly joined the bank in November 2001 and worked in the operations department as a courier. In February 2004, he moved into the position of purchasing agent.

"Skip's dedication, his commitment to quality, and his commitment to service excellence has earned him the respect of his co-workers throughout the organization, from White Stone to Montross, as evidenced by this honor that has been bestowed upon him," said bank president Austin L. Roberts III. "And it is because of employees such as Skip, with his knowledge, experience and commitment to quality, that gives our organization the ability to provide a high level of service to our customers and greatly enhances our commitment to the community as the most complete financial services provider. We are most fortunate to have Skip as a part of our family."

Ackerly is a member of the Northern Neck Rotary Club and serves as a director. He and his wife, Sandy, live in Lancaster. They have two grown daughters: Gayle in Edmonds, Wash., and Dawn in Amissville. They also have a 5 ½-year-old grandson, Ryan.

Roberts presented Ackerly with a sapphire logo pin, a framed Certificate of Appreciation and his name was added to the Employee of the Year plaque displayed in the lobby of the main office in Kilmarnock.

Also honored were Larry E. Brewer, Angelia R. Taylor and Sylvia C. Vanlandingham, all of whom celebrated their 25th year with the bank.

Brewer began his banking career in Richmond in 1976. He joined the bank in January 1980 and has worked continually since that time in the data processing and operations area.

Brewer is a member of Norwood Baptist Church of Morattico, where he serves as a Deacon and a Sunday school teacher.He is a past member and EMT of the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he volunteered from 1982 to 1989.

Taylor joined the bank in l980. She began her career in the housekeeping area, moving later to the position of internal courier, and then worked in the loan department as a file clerk. In 1985, Taylor joined the bookkeeping department as a proof operator. Today she works in the data processing area in conjunction with her position of proof operator.

Taylor participates annually as a representative for the bank at the Kilmarnock Firemen's Carnival. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Taylor and her husband, Steven, live in Reedville. They have one grown son, Steven Taylor Jr., of Baltimore and two grandchildren, Steven Keyshawn Taylor, 1, and Kyshia Sutton, 7.

Vanlandingham joined the bank in May of 1980 and since that time has worked in various positions within bookkeeping, operations and the credit card services departments.

"Sylvia has been our bookkeeping manager, our operations supervisor, operations/control officer, then assistant vice president, and today she is vice president and credit card services administrator of the VISA department."

Vanlandingham and her husband, Kenny, reside in Northumberland County. They have two grown daughters, Debbie Zelaya and Dawn Darrall, and six grandsons, Carlos, Alex, Chandler, Nicholas, Eric and Collin.

"Through longevity comes education and experience, and these are invaluable assets to any organization."

Austin L. Roberts III
President, Bay Banks

During their 25-year careers in banking, Vanlandingham, Brewer and Taylor have witnessed many changes in the industry.

"We are a better organization for the personal, professional service that these three special employees bring to our customers," said Roberts. "You simply can't put a value on the history they have with this company and their knowledge and expertise."

Roberts presented them with diamond logo pins and engraved diamond watches.

"There is no way to express our appreciation to Larry, Angie and Sylvia for the 25 years of devoted service each has given to our company. To be such faithful family members and to be dedicated to putting our customers first, day after day, for the past 25 years … this is truly remarkable and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts," Roberts.

He noted that individuals like them are what make bank and trust company "leaders in service excellence."

"Through longevity comes education and experience, and these are invaluable assets to any organization," said Roberts. " This experience is rare in today's ever-changing financial arena and something that sets us apart. We are grateful to them and to all who have helped lay the foundation for this company and those who help us continue on our journey to provide products and services that are of value to our customers, all delivered with a sincere smile and a true desire to be of service."

Woodland wildlife habitat workshop scheduled Feb. 11

Increasing wildlife habitat on private property is an essential component of sustaining the current wildlife populations in the region. A workshop will be held February 11 to provide the latest information on how landowners can improve the value of the habitat on private lands.

The course, Introduction to Wildlife Options, will meet at the Northern Neck Electric Community Room in Warsaw from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A $45 registration fee includes a comprehensive notebook and lunch. Couples may attend for $55. Pre-registration is required. Call Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development at 443-1118.

The workshop speakers will come from the game and non-game perspectives.

Jennifer Gagnon of the Virginia Tech Forestry Program will address sustainable forestry and how to clarify objectives in land management. Charlie Knoeller of the Virginia Department of Forestry will address financial resources to install wildlife habitat improvements and best management practices.

Melissa Hooper of the Virginia Tech Wildlife Program will address applied ecology and habitat management. Sandy Spencer of the US Fish and Wildlife will address the benefits of riparian buffers; and open field and early field successional systems.

Galon Hall of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will address forest management principals that impact habitat.

John Magruder of Three Rivers Forestry will address silvicultural practices in a short tour at Sabine Hall.

Dage Blixt of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will address what can be done when too much success of one species causes conflict and competition for space.

"Landowners have expressed a growing interest in understanding the principles of wildlife habitat management," said Bill Saunders, chairman of the Tidewater RC&D forestry committee.

A landowner's objectives are the most important element in determining how to manage forest land, said committee member John C. Barber. Their objectives can be as varied as increasing wildlife habitat to increasing the profit from the forest when it is harvested. This workshop can help landowners clarify their objectives.

Participants will gain practical forest management knowledge as well as information about the wildlife species in the region, he added.

The workshop qualifies for eight Category 1 Continuing Forestry Education credits as approved by the Society of American Foresters. Loggers qualify for continuing education credits in Virginia's SHARP Logger Education Program. Educators may qualify for continuing education credits depending on their local superintendent's office.

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Regional magazine announces winners of its 'Best Secrets' contest

Pleasant Living magazine recently published the winners of its Best Secrets of the River Country 2005 in its January/February 2006 issue.

Editor Robert Pruett announced that readers voted for their favorites in 40 categories from the best antique shop to the best wine selection. "We're pleased to reveal the best of the best from our readers' point of view," Pruett said. "Votes came from 780 readers throughout the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Richmond, and elsewhere, and we're pleased with the response."

This was the magazine's first such contest and Pruett expects considerably more votes in the coming years as the contest grows in popularity, he said.

Pruett urged readers to send their ideas for additional categories. He has plans for much more reader participation in the magazine beginning this year, added Pruett.

Selected businesses in some categories will receive a four-foot banner identifying them as winners, and winners in all categories will receive an official certificate.

Readers will be able to vote for the 2006 Best Secrets categories beginning in the March/April issue.

Pleasant Living is a bimonthly, literary-oriented magazine that celebrates life and culture in the River Country and reaches an estimated 30,000 readers. Founded in 1989, the magazine has offices in White Stone and Richmond.

Contest winners include antique shop, Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, Kilmarnock; attorney (tie), Jim Breeden, Irvington, Beth Hurd, White Stone, and Matt Terry, Irvington; barbeque, Something Different, Pinetree; bed and breakfast hotel, Hope and Glory Inn, Irvington; book store, Twice Told Tales, Gloucester; crab cakes, Trick Dog Café, Irvington; dentist, Dr. David Helsel, Kilmarnock; and furniture selection, W.F. Booth and Son, Kilmarnock.

Also, gift shop, Main Street Gifts, Kilmarnock; golf course, Piankatank River Golf Club, Hartfield; hair salon, Head's Up Hairworks, Kilmarnock; hiking trail, Beaverdam Park, Gloucester; historic site, Christ Church, Weems; home builder, Phillips Contracting Co., Cobbs Creek; ice cream, Moo's, Urbanna; jeweler, Ross's Rings and Things, Kilmarnock; local musician, Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys; lunch deal, Shuckers, Urbanna; marina, Nortons, Deltaville; most romantic place, Tide's Inn, Irvington; and museum, Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Reedville.

Also, nighttime entertainment, Donk's, Mathews, non-chain clothing, Urbanna Republic; outdoor experience (tie), Chesapeake Bay and Rivers, and kayaking at Belle Isle State Park; physician, Dr. James R. Robusto, Urbanna; pizza, Anna's, Gloucester; place to dance (tie), The Beacon, Topping, and Tides Inn, Irvington; place to spend an afternoon, Urbanna; place to take the children, Beaverdam Park, Gloucester; private school, Christchurch School; radio personality, Thea Marshall; radio station, WNDY 105 FM; realtor, Marvin Mason, Urbanna; and retirement home, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, Irvington.

Also, scenic view, Windmill Point; seafood, Trick Dog Café, Irvington; spa, Tides Inn Spa, Irvington; teacher (tie), Hyde Smith, Rappahannock High, Dr. Laurie White, Christchurch School, Carolyn Young, Christchurch school, Ed Gardiner, Ware Academy, Dixie Doerr, Middlesex Elementary, Nurse Faye Daniel, Middlesex Elementary, Genia Murfee, Middlesex Elementary, Danielle Hudson, Lancaster High, Ann Longest, Sunday school Ruby Lee Norris, Mrs. Craw, Mrs. Peter Worthington, Kate Neal and S. McCranie; weekend getaway spot, Tides Inn, Irvington; and wine selection, Kelsick Gardens, Gloucester.

Producer grants are available through USDA

The Agribusiness Development Services Office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) urges eligible agribusiness producers to apply for competitive grants through a USDA Value-Added Producer Grants program.

USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) recently announced the availability of approximately $19 million in competitive matching grant funds to help independent agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. Of this amount, $1.5 million is set aside for applicants requesting $25,000 or less. the deadline for application is March 31.

The grant program encourages independent agricultural producers to add value to their ag products, thereby increasing farm income. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures, but not for both. The maximum amount for a planning grant is $100,000 and the maximum amount for a working capital grant is $300,000. Applicants must provide matching funds.

Producers or groups interested in value-added, specialty agribusiness in Virginia may contact Charles Green at VDACS by telephone, 786-3502, or by e-mail, charles.green@vdacs.virginia.gov. VDACS' Office of Agribusiness Development Services works with prospective and existing agribusinesses to help them with location or expansion plans. Services range from providing marketing assistance to promoting regional cooperation to foster business growth and development.

Applications and additional instructions are also available at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm.

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"Don't wait in line, go on-line," advises IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski. "The IRS Web site is home to a great resource for answers to tax questions that arise during the filing season. Access 1040 Central at IRS.gov under the 'Individuals' tab and discover user-friendly tools that will make completing your 2005 tax return quick and easy."

No matter which form one uses, 1040 Central has the links to file the tax year 2005 federal income tax return, she said.

1040 Central also highlights changes in the tax law that directly affect taxpayers and provides access to the latest IRS news, tips, customer alerts, answers to frequently asked questions, forms and publications, details on tax credits, and a link to track refunds, added Wajciechowski.

Eastern Virginia Bankshares announces quarterly earnings

Eastern Virginia Bankshares announced net income of $1,820,000, or $.37 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with $1,660,000, or $.34 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2004.

For the year, the company reported net income of $6,700,000, or $1.37 per share, compared to $7,200,000, or $1.48 per share, for 2004.

The lower net income resulted from non-interest expenses rising almost 10 percent due to management initiatives to make the company more efficient and capable of future growth.

Average loans for the fourth quarter of $565,800,000 were up 10.7 percent from $511,100,000 for a year earlier.

The company's total assets increased by $68.500,000 over the year to a record $763,900,000.

President and chief executive officer Joe A. Shearin announced that the board of directors declared a dividend of $.15 per share, payable February 15 to shareholders of record as of February 1.

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Banks support Just Gardens tour

Chesapeake Bank and Bank of Lancaster will provide financial support to the 2006 Just Gardens tour of country gardens to benefit The Haven Shelter and Services.

"Both banks continue to support this community event, now in its sixth year. It is through their generosity and the generosity of merchants and tour-goers that we have been able to add over $50,000 to a building fund for a new shelter for The Haven," said tour organizer Anne Dickerson.

The Haven offers a range of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It has served the counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Essex and Westmoreland since 1978 when it began as an apartment for battered women asking for temporary refuge.

It was originally formed under the auspices of Family Focus of Richmond County. It reorganized in 1999 as a non-profit entity and has increased services to include education and close cooperation with other community service agencies as well as providing shelter.

The 2006 tour, May 12 and 13, will feature six gardens in Lancaster County.

From left are The Haven board chair Stacey Charez and Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Austin Roberts.

From left are The Haven board chair Stacey Chavez and Chesapeake Bank senior vice president John O'Shaughnessy.

"The gardens are a great cross section of sun, shade, formal, and informal styles," said Anne Olsen. "Three of the gardens are located in Laurel Point which is north of Kilmarnock off Route 3, and the other three gardens are in close proximity. The Master Gardeners will be on hand in each of the gardens to identity plants, and information about riverbank management and erosion control will be available," she went on to say. "It's a great learning tour, a wonderful way for newcomers to the area to get a first-hand look at what grows well in our area."

Tickets will be available in March at several locations. For more information, call 435-1271.

Initiative provides support for those impacted by imports

Farmers and fishermen who experienced a 20 percent drop in price due to foreign imports can petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for two more weeks.

While the potential for financial assistance is often the major attraction of the US Department of Agriculture's Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA), in the end, it is the technical training elements that provide the greatest overall benefits. In the current cycle, Intensive Technical Assistance will be offered for the first time, taking the benefit to an entirely new level.

The first step for producers is to file a petition. Producers of raw agricultural and certain seafood commodities impacted by foreign imports of competing products have until January 31 to petition the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to take advantage of the technical training benefits and even potentially qualify for financial assistance.

"Filing a petition, available through the USDA website, is a relatively simple process," said Trade Adjustment Assistance coordinator Jean-Louis Pajot. "Fax and email are recommended as the ideal delivery methods to ensure a prompt response and the paperwork must be filed and submitted to our Washington, D.C., office no later than January 31, 2006."

The petition form is available at www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/FASO930.pdf. it may also be requested by phone at 202-720-2916, or by email at trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Completed petitions may be faxed to 202-720-0876.

"The technical training benefits available through TAA are designed to help producers and fishermen improve productivity and explore additional commodities, marketing opportunities, and alternative enterprises," Pajot said. "All eligible producers receive technical training and may receive cash benefits up to $10,000, depending on the amount of production marketed and if they meet certain income criteria."

"While the financial aid is indeed appealing, not everybody obtains such relief. Anyone who can show that they produced and harvested a commodity that was approved for inclusion in the TAA Program qualifies for technical assistance," said Mark Bailey, National Program Leader, Economic and Community Systems Unit of the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES).

"Technical assistance is providing farmers and fishermen with alternative planning scenarios and implementation programs to enhance profitability," added Bailey. "This could include financial plans, quality improvement plans, marketing plans, strategic as well as tactical... really the entire gamut of agricultural risk management and mitigation tools."

The future of energy

by Chad Osborne

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter outlined an aggressive energy plan that called for better environmental protection, conservation and the development of alternative fuel sources that could be relied upon into the next century.

At the time of his proposed plan, Carter was concerned that the United States would soon face serious energy shortages, saying that three-quarters of the oil and natural gas we consumed for energy was running dangerously thin. He claimed the decisions Americans made then about energy would serve as a character test and called those difficult decisions the "moral equivalent to war."

Now, nearly 30 years later, Americans still have concerns about energy. Much of those concerns have developed through a very real war in Iraq, political unrest in Venezuela and the surge of hurricanes that pummeled the Gulf Coast.

The world's turmoil, many claim, is largely responsible for the rising cost in crude oil, which rose sharply to $70 a barrel last August, greatly increasing the expense of filling gas tanks and heating houses. Cheap oil prices in the past have somewhat undercut the development of other fuels, but recent cost trends have reignited interest in alternative fuels.

So, naturally, with the price of gasoline at the pump reaching the $5-a-gallon mark in some regions, there is increasing interest in development of alternative fuels.

"There has always been an interest in alternative fuels among environmentalists and other grassroots groups," said Radford University chemistry professor Francis Webster. "But now, with the price of gasoline so high, everybody is interested. Every day you see an article in a newspaper or magazine about developing alternative fuel sources."

This increased interest is bringing to the forefront more information about alternative fuels, some of which now work and some of which are in the works.

One of those alternative fuels being praised is biodiesel, a fuel source Webster and his students have been working on for nearly two years. The interest has been so high, Webster and a handful of RU students have built a biodiesel reactor in the professor's basement at his house and use the fuel they create to power a 1970s model Mercedes.

Webster recycles waste cooking oil donated by a local Sonic restaurant, whose owner has taken a deep interest in the project. The Mercedes was donated to the RU chemistry department by engaged parents of an RU student.

"It's unbelievable how many people have taken an interest in what we're doing," Webster said. "It used to be a few people were interested. Now, it's teachers and parents and friends and neighbors. People are always asking about our project and about these fuels."

At the moment, biodiesel is the alternative fuel getting most of the attention. President George W. Bush recently touted biodiesel as one of the nation's top alternative fu el sources. Even country music star Willie Nelson is in on the act, burning biodiesel in his cars and tour bus. Nelson also has partnered with group to form a company that markets a biodiesel blend, called BioWillie, at truck stops.

Perhaps the popularity of biodiesel comes partly because it's relatively simple to produce. Many plants produce burnable oils, and in the U.S. soybeans are the most common source for biodiesel, while rapeseed is the popular choice in England. This also creates an upside for farmers who could reap the benefits of increased demand for their crops.

However, as popular as the clean-burning fuel has become, skeptics say that while it can help, it is not enough to meet American's fuel needs.

Other alternative fuels include ethanol, solar and wind power and hydrogen.

Hydrogen has become a hit with environmentalists because it promises to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while increasing energy efficiency. When used in a fuel cell, hydrogen can power a car without using gasoline while emitting pure water into the air instead of gas fumes. However, cost for research and development into perfecting hydrogen as a fuel for automobiles could be extremely expensive.

Despite the costs for development, Webster said he believes hydrogen has a strong future in becoming a fuel source Americans turn to for their ever-increasing energy needs.

"I think fuel cells and hydrogen will eventually win in the end," Webster said. "But it must become cost effective to enter the mainstream. I do hope that in the future we take a broad approach to energy and not just toward one fuel source."

So, how will these alternatives to gasoline and diesel change the lives of fuel hungry Americans? More than likely, Webster says, lifestyles won't change much at all. "What people hope for is to develop technology that does not change our lives–a change so seamless you don't even notice."

(Chad Osborne writes for the Radford University Office of Public Relations.)

Animals for adoption

The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good, loving homes.
The dogs, puppies, cats and kittens change rapidly; in lieu of listing them, interested persons may call the league at 435-0822 or Joyce at 462-0091 to be advised of what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

Americans earn enough for food bill by Feb. 2

By the beginning of February, the average American will have earned enough money to pay his or her food bill for the entire year. Because the cost of food remains so low in the nation, Virginia Farm Bureau is celebrating February 2 as USA Food Freedom Day.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, American families spend on average 10 percent of their disposable income on food. That percentage has declined during the past 35 years. In 1970, USA Food Freedom Day would have been 15 days later.

Across Virginia, county Farm Bureau women's committees mark the event by taking part in some type of food donation effort. This year, the committee will collect non-perishable foods and monetary donations for local Ronald McDonald house charities.

"We have one of the safest, most affordable food supplies in the world," said Janice Burton of Halifax County, chairman of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Women's Committee. "We hope consumers will take a minute on February 2 to realize that their safe and affordable food comes from a farm or ranch prior to the grocery store."

IRS should be told of name changes

According to IRS spokeswoman Gloria Wajciechowski, newlyweds and the recently divorced should ensure the name on their tax return matches the name registered with the Social Security Administration. A mismatch could increase a tax bill or reduce a refund.

For recently married, if the bride takes her husband's last name, but doesn't tell the SSA about the name change, a complication may result. If the couple files a joint tax return with her new name, the IRS computers will not be able to match the new name with the Social Security number.

After a divorce, a woman who had taken her husband's name and made that change known to the SSA should contact the SSA if she reassumes a previous name.

"It's easy to inform the SSA of a name change by filing Form SS-5 at a local SSA office," Wajciechowski said. "It usually takes two weeks to have the change verified. The form is available on the agency's web site, www.ssa.gov, by calling 1-800-772-1213 and at local offices. The SSA web site provides the addresses of local offices."

Generally, taxpayers must provide SSNs for each dependent. For adopted children without SSNs, parents can apply for an adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), by filing Form W-7A.

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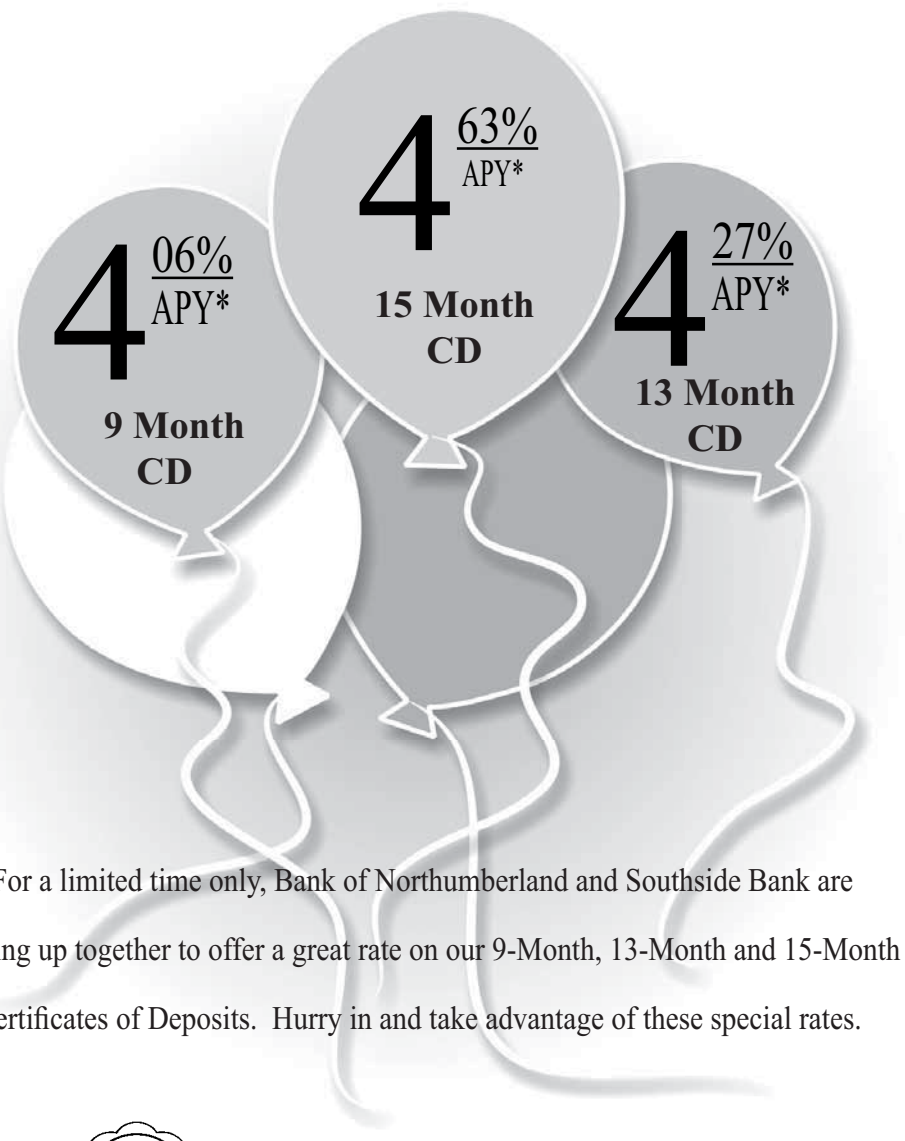

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Library announces brochure art winners

When asked to assist a Lancaster Community Library (LCL) committee by producing art for a new brochure, teachers at Chesapeake Academy and Lancaster public schools responded without hesitation.

Nancy O'Shaughnessy at Chesapeake Academy, Mary Grafton Yagel at the primary school, Marilyn Sprouse at the middle school and Shauna McCranie at the high school each undertook an art class project where students depicted the importance of the library in their lives.

Rappahanock Art League children's program chair Dorothy Pagano judged the works and chose first-, second- and third-place winners from each of the classes. Sprouse coordinated the effort.

"I like to go to the library because I can find good books there," said eighth-grader David Dorsch.

"Everytime you check out a book in the library, it takes you on an adventure," said fourth-grader Shawn Valdrighi.

"The Lancaster Community Library is a good place to go to get on the internet," said fourth-grader Thaouyen Nguyen.

"You can find good movies there," said eighth-grader Robbie Ewell.

"WOW! It's all free," said fourth-grader Brad Smith.

"The response from each of the teachers and Dorothy was overwhelming, said library committee chair Elaine Weekley. "They were generous with their time and ideas, and were as enthusiastic about the project as we were. You can't believe the art work—it's absolutely wonderful. This was truly a community effort and illustrates the importance of the library as a valued community resource."

The student art work is on exhibit at the library in Kilmarnock through the end of January.

From left, Chesapeake Academy art winners are (front row) Charles Mangano, seventh-grade; Whitney Spence, seventh-grade; Emma Hollowell, seventh-grade; and Madison Scott, fourth-grade; (next row) Emily Szyperski, fourth-grade; Lauren James, fourth-grade; Austen-Taylor Dozier, second-grade; Ann Eubank, second-grade; teacher Nancy O'Shaughnessy; and Brendan Brown, second-grade.

Lancaster Middle School art winners are (from left) Shawn Valdrighi, fourth-grade; Thomas Hyde, fourth-grade; teacher Marilyn Sprouse and James Ashburn, sixth-grade.

Lancaster High school art winners are (from left) Sarah Davis, junior; Kim White, senior; teacher Shauna McCranie and Tanesha Dameron, sophomore.

From left, Lancaster Primary School art winners are (from left) Libby Friday, third-grade; teacher Mary Grafton Yagel, Kyler Mitchell, third-grade; and Emily Lux, third-grade.

School Notebook

■ Earning honors

Terreka D. Maiden and Annie M. Otha, both of Kilmarnock, earned honors list recognition for the Fall 2005 semester at Virginia State University in Petersburg.

Maiden is pursuing a major in criminal justice. Otha is pursuing a major in public administration.

■ Spanish offered

The Rappahannock Community College Workforce and Community Development (WCD) Office recently received certification as an official registered provider of Command Spanish Inc. programs.

RCC can now offer on-site job-specific Spanish language and cross-cultural training in nursing, law enforcement, dentistry, public safety, construction, hospitality, banking, office management, warehousing and manufacturing and retail sales. For more information about Command Spanish classes, call the Workforce Development Office 333-6755.

■ Dean's List

John (Sean) Cusworth Walker, the son of John and Lucy Walker of White Stone, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester at Elon University. Walker is a graduate of Christchurch School, Class of 2003.

■ Brain Bowl

Billy Lackert, Kendrick Lee, Brian Moody and Holland Fisher of the Chain Gang won a highly competitive Lancaster Middle School Brain Bowl January 20. The team received free passes to physical education for a week, extra "big bucks" and other privileges. The public is invited to the next contests at noon, Friday, January 27.

Bank sponsors college lifelong learning program

The Bank of Lancaster Golden Advantage Club is the corporate sponsor for the 2006 Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL).

The program is planned and implemented by Rappahannock Community College Foundation volunteers. It draws on the resources in the education, work experience and life skills of residents in the Northern Neck.

Classes at the Warsaw Campus are Clones of God, Social Commentary in Mark Twain, Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, Sub-Saharan Africa, Euphoria and Despair, Chesapeake Bay: Diagnosis and Prognosis, Life's Stories: Memory to Memoir and Archeology in the Northern Neck.

The tuition cost to Golden Advantage members is discounted.

Brochures are available at all Bank of Lancaster offices and both RCC campuses. For more information call, 333-6700, or 1-800-836-9379.

From left are Bank of Lancaster assistant vice president and Golden Advantage Club director Theresa Ransone, Bank of Lancaster senior vice president Hazel Farmer and Rappahannock Community College director of college advancement Victor Clough.

A garden grows at the primary school

Parents coming to collect their children from Lancaster Primary School may have noticed several recent changes by the back entrance to the school.

New features have been added to the garden that lies between the back driveway and the third-grade classrooms. A split-rail fence now surrounds much of the expanded garden area, and a lofty arbor recently was installed at the east end of the garden.

Last week, a new feature appeared: a handsome sign, in the shape of a yellow sunflower, growing out of a pot. The flower head carries the message, "A Backyard Classroom" and the pot is inscribed "Sponsored by the Northern Neck Master Gardeners."

The sign was donated by Bob Saunders of Great Signs, whose company designed and installed the colorful structure. In the coming weeks, the names of other donors also will be added on plaques attached to the stem of the flower.

The garden was started in 2003 as part of the weekly third-grade after-school program (Students Using Math and Science). During the summer of 2005, the Northern Neck Master Gardeners developed a plan to expand the garden so that all teachers at the primary school could have access to the area and use it as a resource for their students.

From left are Bob Saunders of Great Signs, Sue Lindsay of the Northern Neck Master Gardeners and assistant principal Lori Watrous.

The installation of additional structures is now complete and the next stage will see the planting of flower beds along the perimeter fence and grape vines around the arbor to create a shady refuge on sunny days. Apple and pear trees, and several other deciduous varieties have been planted close to the fence to further enclose and shade the area containing picnic tables and benches where students can sit and work during teaching sessions.

Gov. Tim Kaine recently visited the garden and left a note for the Master Gardeners, thanking them for their efforts. Parents and other visitors to LPS are urged to visit the garden.

New state plan aims to integrate care for children

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has led development of a state plan to enable more children to start school healthy, ready and able to learn. National estimates have found that 25 to 40 percent of children are not ready to be successful in school.

Since 2003, more than 100 representatives from state agencies and private organizations have worked to create the Early Childhood State Plan, which coordinates existing programs and services into a more family-centered, prevention-oriented system of services that support the health and development of children and enable them to enter school ready to learn.

"Our current system of care is fragmented," said State Health Commissioner Robert B. Stroube M.D., M.P.H. "This plan can help integrate care, create nurturing environments and foster strong family involvement, factors which predict success in school."

The plan's first-year priorities include development of strong state and local leaders to coordinate and integrate services, creation of a virtual warehouse of data and technical assistance, exploring development of uniform performance measures across agencies and building enhanced planning and delivery of services.

The plan also calls for marketing the importance of early learning and nurturing environments to the general public and potential partners, and exploring resources to improve programs and services.

"Research shows that early childhood is a period of substantial brain development, which significantly impacts a child's emotional and intellectual abilities," Dr. Stroube said. "The more we can do to ensure solid development, the better we'll serve the future success of our children."

Brain development is influenced by certain environmental stressors and negative risk factors, such as early and prolonged exposure to poor nutrition, fear and violence. Virginia families face a number of critical challenges. Thirteen percent of Virginia children live in poverty and 17 of every 1,000 births in Virginia are to mothers between the ages of 15 and 17. The annual state and federal investment for Virginia children under age 5 is $1,068 per child. By comparison, $7,654 is spent for each school-age child in Virginia.

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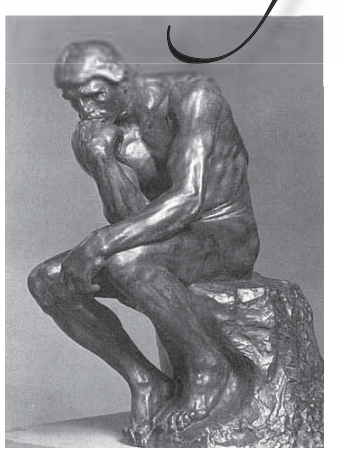

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Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, President of Rappahannock Community College, comments on RILL: "The first year of Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL) has been well received, widely attended, and positively evaluated. A lifelong learning program is a needed and welcome addition to the community, and the Educational Foundation is happy to announce the beginning of RILL's second year with seven courses for Spring 2006. Please join this successful venture for a course or two. Bring a friend, and come prepared to meet new friends. Enjoy lifelong learning, and add knowledge to your life!"

RILL Class Schedule

Clones of God
Feb. 27, Mar. 6 & 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Northumberland library, Heathsville

Social Commentary in Mark Twain
Feb. 28, Mar. 7 & 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Lancaster library, Kilmarnock

Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven
Mar. 1, 8 & 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Lecture Hall, RCC - Warsaw Campus

Sub-Saharan Africa: Euphoria and Despair
Mar. 20 & 27, Apr. 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Lancaster library, Kilmarnock

Chesapeake Bay: Diagnosis and Prognosis
Mar. 21, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — Lecture Hall, RCC - Warsaw Campus

Life's Stories: Memory to Memoir
Mar. 22 & 29, Apr. 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Lancaster library, Kilmarnock

Archeology in the Northern Neck
Apr. 11 & 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Lancaster library, Kilmarnock

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The RCC Educational Foundation is grateful to the Golden Advantage program at the Bank of Lancaster for its generous financial support of the 2006 RILL offerings through a yearlong promotional partnership

Storyteller visits Chesapeake Academy

Storyteller Jim Weiss visited Chesapeake Academy January 20 as part of an early childhood enrichment series. Area preschools also participated. Standing in back are (from left) Valerie Deitz of Kingdom Kids, Kathy Shearins of Kathy Shearins' Preschool, Jane Folliard of Urbanna Baptist Preschool and Helen Pittman of Helen Pittman's Preschool. The series is made possible through the Wiley Foundation. The next series event at the academy will be March 3 with a performance by Theatre IV.

Career coaches serve in local high schools

As part of the Community College Career Coach project, Rappahannock Community College recently placed two staff members in local high schools as part-time "career coaches."

Renee Johnson serves Gloucester and Mathews high schools and April Shockley serves Northumberland High. They act as academic and career advisors for students who express interest in programs offered by the community college system.

The project is intended to foster communication among high school students, teachers, faculty and community colleges in their region. Funding comes from the VCCS through the Virginia Department of Education. Participating high schools provide office space and assistance to integrate the career coaches into the high school environment.

RCC has been involved in the project since the beginning of the fall 2005 semester.

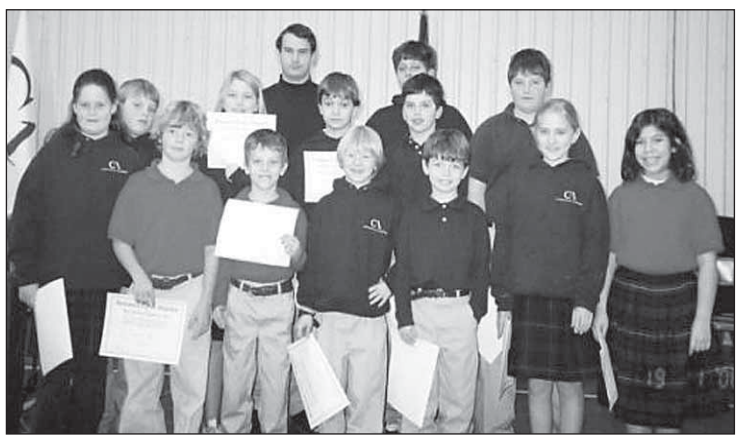
"Everyone there (Northumberland High) has made me feel like a part of the team," said Shockley. "It is great to have the opportunity to work with students one-on-one to help them plan their futures. It is especially exciting now as applications are beginning to be due. I look forward to learning where the students will attend college and what jobs they will line up for the future."

From left are career coaches Renee Johnson and April Shockley of the Rappahannock Community College Tech Prep program.

She has met with all students who took the federal ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests to review their scores and discuss college and career plans. She has administered the Kuder Career Assessment to all 10th-graders, juniors who did not take the ASVAB, and seniors who do not currently have college plans.

Shockley also has assisted students with college and scholarship applications and essays, helped them research job opportunities in their chosen career fields; printed, and posted on the NHS website, a monthly career and education newsletter for NHS students and parents; recruited students for the governor's Path to Industry Certification Initiative, and administered the required career assessments.

She also made presentations to the NJROTC classes on topics including a timeline for the senior year of high school, what to expect during the college admissions process, and how to write a winning personal statement or application essay.



From left are (front row) Brendan Brown, Billy Pipkin, Noah Johnson, Harrison Euler, Emily Szyperski and Mariana Mangano; (next row) Madison Scott, Tyler Lewis, Alexis English, Will Perkins and Alexander Crittenden; (next row) Austin Brown, Robbie Brent and Johnny Hudgins.

Chesapeake Academy lists spelling bee winners

Chesapeake Academy held a schoolwide spelling bee January 19.

There were two winners from each class in grades two through eight.

The school champion is sixth-grader Will Perkins, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Perkins of White Stone. He will represent Chesapeake Academy in the private school division of the Richmond Times-Dispatch spelling bee February 8 at the Steward School in Richmond.

Other winners are Brendan Brown and Harrison Euler in grade 2, Billy Pipkin and Noah Johnson in grade 3, Emily Szyperski and Madison Scott in grade 4, Mariana Mangano and Tyler Lewis in grade 5, Alexis English in grade 6, Alexander Crittenden and Austin Brown in grade 7, and Robbie Brent and Johnny Hudgins in grade 8.

School Menus

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Monday, January 30:
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Cereal & toast, Apple juice
Cheeseburger on bun or
Corn dog nuggets
French fries or
Mixed vegetables
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Tuesday , January 31:
Chicken biscuit or
Cereal & toast, Orange juice
Chicken patty on bun or
Deli turkey on bun
Mashed potatoes or
Green beans
Spiced apples or
Fresh fruit

Wednesday, February 1:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Grape juice
Steakum & cheese sub or
Fish nuggets
Corn or
Steamed broccoli
Peaches or
Fresh fruit

Thursday, February 2:
Sausage Biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange Juice
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
w/Italian bread or
Chicken sticks w/roll
Garden salad, or
green beans,
Spiced applesauce or
Fresh fruit

Friday, February 3:
French toast w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Fruit punch
Ham & cheese on bun or
Corn dog nuggets,
Peas or
Potato wedges
Pear halves or
Fresh fruit

College announces practical nursing graduates

From left are Rappahannock Community College practical nursing program graduates (front row) Suzanne Reiser, Ashleigh Lewis, Karen Berry, Cammie Vaughan, Trinket Sydnor, Sheronda Baylor and Amanda Eiras, and instructors Jan Brooks and Victoria McKay; (next row) Katherine Packett, Dianne Broache, Emilie Gray,Thomas Jarvis and Laura DeHart, and instructors Janice Bohannon and Dianne Lucy.

Grace Episcopal scholarship applications are available

Students who would like to apply for a Grace Episcopal Church Scholarship may do so anytime before June 1.

Applications are available at Lancaster High School or through the Grace Episcopal Church office.

Graduates of Lancaster High School and members of Grace Episcopal Church are eligible to apply for scholarship funds. To qualify for assistance, students must expect to attend a Virginia state supported college or university. Guidelines for completing the scholarship applications are available at LHS and Grace Episcopal Church.

The goal of the scholarship committee at Grace Episcopal is to help students, who without scholarship help, would have a difficult time attending college. Assistance may be continued throughout the undergraduate college career provided students re-apply using the form available at the church office.

The committee will consider all requests that comply with the guidelines.

Agricultural Foundation announces scholarship application deadline

The Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation, a non-profit scholarship organization based in Mechanicsville, recently announced the availability of 94 scholarships for local students.

High school seniors or current college students in eligible Virginia and Maryland counties must apply for a scholarship by submitting an application to the foundation by March 1. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available at www.colonialfarmcredit.com/scholarship.asp, by calling 746-4581 ext. 125, or by email to ddelby@colonialfarmcredit.com.

The mission of the Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation is "to provide financial support for higher education which will enable deserving students to grow, prosper, and contribute to their communities."

Colonial Farm Credit, a local lending cooperative, gave the initial seed money to begin the foundation in 1990. Since that time, the foundation has given out more than $900,000 to over 750 deserving students.

Anderson named to Dean's List

Susan Latasha Anderson has been named to the Dean's List at Norfolk State University. She is a senior majoring in accounting and will graduate in May.

She is a member of the Pre-Alumni Association, the NAACP, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is vice president of the National Association of Black Accountants.

She has accepted an offer of employment with the Department of Defense in Arlington after graduation.

She is the daughter of Sandra Mitchell of Kilmarnock and Bernard Anderson of Washington, D.C. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mitchell and the sister of Alonzo Anderson, all of Kilmarnock.

Susan Latasha Anderson

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Gov. Tim Kaine announces balanced transportation plan

RICHMOND—Gov. Timothy M. Kaine last week released a transportation initiative that provides for planning, protects designated transportation revenues, and helps relieve traffic congestion.

The governor's plan balances the sense of urgency and the demand for accountability expressed by thousands of Virginians who shared their thoughts on the Commonwealth's transportation challenges in a series of 11 town hall meetings the governor hosted since last November.

"This is a fiscally responsible plan that addresses our transportation challenges in creative ways," Gov. Kaine said. "We will change the way we do business, always insisting on accountability, and providing local officials with the tools they deserve to better link transportation and land use planning. We will partner with localities and the private sector, relying on modest, reliable revenues generated by those who actually use our transportation network."

Gov. Kaine's transportation initiative is crafted to ensure that those who benefit from these transportation improvements are the same people who pay for them. The initiative increases local highway construction programs for urban, secondary, and primary projects by about 90 percent. It also recognizes that asphalt isn't the only solution, doubling the amount of money spent on mass transit options.

"This initiative identifies stable, long-term funding streams that meet our transportation needs. Our plan will provide over an additional one billion dollars a year for transportation, coming from a combination of new revenue and public-private partnerships," Gov. Kaine said.

To ensure accountability, the Kaine transportation plan would lock up the Transportation Trust Fund to ensure the money intended for that fund can't be siphoned away for non-transportation projects.

It also would create the Commission on Transportation Accountability, to identify measurable ways to evaluate the performance of the transportation network. The Commission, which will include General Assembly representation, will set goals to measure the effectiveness of projects and get the best value for transportation dollars.

The plan would require a traffic impact statement for every rezoning request to ensure that local officials have accurate and comprehensive information about their zoning decisions before they act.

It would empower local governments to say no to rezoning requests that would overwhelm the local transportation infrastructure. The case law is ambiguous and localities are unsure about their ability to use their current authority to appropriately manage growth. It would support the transfer of development rights within a locality to protect the rights of property owners, while encouraging development near existing transportation, schools and safety infrastructure.

The governor's transportation initiative would help manage traffic congestion by using highway maintenance funds for highway maintenance purposes. Returning to that simple premise will increase non-interstate, local and regional highway construction programs by about 90 percent. Innovative use of Public-Private Partnerships will result in significant increases in the interstate highway construction program, according to Gov. Kaine.

It would provide better oversight of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The proposal would provide for planning and increased local partnership by expanding resources for the Intermodal Office within the office of the Virginia Transportation Secretary.

It would provide support for technology solutions as simple as synchronizing traffic lights and expanding the use of cameras and variable message signs that allow an improved response to incidents that cause congestion.

It also would expand several matching grant programs to help localities solve community-based transportation problems. The transportation plan grows those programs and makes permanent the idea of community choice.

The governor's transportation initiative uses revenue sources that are reliable, responsible, and depend on consumers of the transportation system to fund their improvements. The first of these is a 2 percent increase in the motor vehicle sales and use tax, bringing it in line with neighboring states and matching the sales tax rate on most other purchases.

One-third of current insurance premium tax proceeds would be dedicated to transportation. The auto insurance premium fee would increase by 2.25 percent. Virginia is currently the 41st lowest state in the nation in terms of average auto insurance premiums, and the fee increase will add only $18 to the cost of a policy for a typical Virginia driver.

Since the heaviest passenger vehicles cause the most wear and tear on the roads, the plan shifts to weight-based registration fees. Owners of the heaviest passenger vehicles would see a maximum increase of $13 a year in their registration fees. This fee would not apply to tractor-trailer trucks.

The plan would include enhanced fees for abusive drivers.

The proposal also would make use of General Fund surplus dollars for targeted, one-time expenditures. This would substantially advance or complete major transportation projects, make a significant contribution to public transportation, and support previously approved transportation bonds, allowing more funds to be directed to new transportation improvements.

"I am committed to work in a bipartisan way with the Senate and House of Delegates to address our transportation challenges in a serious way during this session," Gov. Kaine said. "If we have the courage to undertake these funding solutions, we can double transit funding; fund community choices, increase local and regional highway construction by 90 percent, protect our existing infrastructure, and seek long-term, innovative transportation solutions."

Reynolds wins

Lancaster Community Library board president Sherry Ransone recently presented lottery winner Ricky Reynolds and his wife, Paula, with a $15,000 check. Reynolds, who owns and operates Reynolds Garage in Ottoman, has bought a ticket every year since the lottery started 12 years ago. From left are Ransone, Ricky and Paula Reynolds and lottery chairman Jack Blaine.

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often forgotten about," McCranie said.

Lancaster is the only county in the Northern Neck that has its own alternative school. Children from other counties who struggle in the traditional program attend a regional facility in Warsaw. Lancaster students are able to stay close to home.

The alternative school is in a building behind the social services offices. Students who are assigned to the school have a minimum nine-week commitment, but some end up staying all year long.

The TOPS program stresses good behavior and good grades. With the help of game warden Bob Mathers, McCranie works to bring volunteers like Allen into the school every Friday to speak to the students. They strive to find people who haven't led the perfect life, but who made the best of difficult circumstances. With the help of donations from the Kiwanas Club and Dr. Steve Glessner of Bay Internists, the program also provides lunches for the the student of the week and pays for an annual field trip.

McCranie said he wasn't the best student. He had low self-esteem. He admitted that he would never have done anything like this program before. In fact, he visited the alternative school once several years ago, and found the kids rude and loud. He never planned to go back.

Then, during a faith walk with his wife, he began to think about giving back to his community. He was presented with opportunities to work with students in other communities, but he thought again of the local alternative school.

"This was something in my own community that I can go to as much as I want and maybe do something to help troubled kids," he said.

McCranie has bonded with the students and he said he's heard some success stories. Six or seven of the students who participated in TOPS are now doing well back in the traditional schools.

In stark contrast to McCranie's first visit to the alternative school, the students were on their best behavior last Friday, listening quietly and attentively to Allen talk, and asking questions about his planes and his experiences.

McCranie said the program has been blessed from the beginning with people willing to contribute money and volunteers willing to share the stories of their lives.

While McCranie and Mathers have worked to get the program off the ground, the people who really need to be commended are the teachers, who work in a very tough environment, McCranie said.

As for his own role in the program, McCranie said, "I have to be honest; I give the credit to God."

McCranie is actively seeking new volunteers to speak to the students, and always donations.

To share a story, call McCranie at 333-3800. To make a donation, call Kathy Deihl at 435-1681.

Sen. Warner's chief of staff plans to retire

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sen. John W. Warner recently announced that his longtime chief of staff, Susan Aheron Magill, will retire next month after 28 years of Congressional service, 24 of which were spent in his office.

Magill held a number of additional positions of responsibility. In 1996, she served as executive director for the Joint Congressional Committee for President Bill Clinton's second inauguration, a panel chaired by Senator Warner.

Given her lifelong interest in education, Magill has served for nine years on the Board of Visitors of her alma mater, the College of William and Mary, including the last three as the college's Rector. She is also a member of the advisory board of Mount Vernon and the National Council of Young Political Leaders.

Magill now moves to the private sector, taking a senior executive position in government affairs for the Pew Charitable Trusts, a non-partisan charitable organization based in Philadelphia.

"Susan Magill has devoted the last 24 years to advancing the interests of Virginia and the nation as my 'right hand' in the Senate," said Sen. Warner. "I wish Susan and her family the best of good fortune as she undertakes this new challenge."

"It has been an honor to work with Sen. Warner on behalf of the people of Virginia," said Magill. "I am grateful to him for the tremendous opportunities he has given me, and for the privilege of working with so many dedicated people both in and out of government."

Ann Loomis, who has served as Sen. Warner's legislative director for 18 years, will assume the reins as his new chief of staff.

Chris Yianilos, who serves as deputy legislative director and counsel, will become legislative director and counsel.

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tion Program funds available to any county with a population of less that 40,000 because the county has not met subdivision ordinance requirements.

The bill is of particular interest locally since Northumberland County just decided to forego adopting the state's new subdivision requirements and thereby risk losing its funding for the Rural Addition Program.

A bill from David Albo of Springfield would make wineries and all their associated activities eligible under production agriculture zoning districts.

Other bills of local interest have made progress in the first weeks of the General Assembly.

A proposed constitutional amendment from Del. Robert Marshall of Manassas defining marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman" has passed the House by a 73-22 vote and has been communicated to the Senate.

A bill from Sen. Martin Williams of Newport News requiring that crab pot buoys and floats be marked with reflective tape has passed the Senate on a 35-4 vote and has been communicated to the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

A bill introduced by Del. Robert Tatas of Virginia Beach to require the Board of Education to approve all comparative religions courses has passed the house on a 98-0 vote.

Del. Wittman's bill creating a biofuel production incentive program has been reported out of the Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by a 22-0 vote and has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Gov. Tim Kaine's budget proposes $3 million for alternative fuels, and Del. Wittman is hoping his bill will tap into some of that funding. The Virginia Farm Bureau federation supported his bill.

Del. Wittman's bill providing grants or loans for the purpose of installing high-speed internet in rural areas was reported out of the House Committee on General Laws by a 22-0 vote and should be voted on soon by the entire House. Del. Wittman noted that since it is his first bill likely to be up for a House-wide vote, he expects it to undergo a little "freshman hazing" and to have a bit of a bumpy ride as it works its way through the process.

Sen. Edward Houck of Fredericksburg has substituted his bill regarding the regulation of dangerous dogs with a much broader bill that creates a framework of penalties ranging from a Class 3 misdemeanor to a Class 5 felony for owners of animals that harm other companion animals or people. It also creates a dangerous dog register and prohibits dangerous dogs from being imported into the state. The bill has been reported from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by a 15-0 vote.

A bill from Sen. Henry Marsh of Richmond to place a moratorium on the death penalty has been passed by indefinitely in the Courts of Justice Committee by an 11-2 vote.

A bill from Del. Marshall of Manassas requiring seat belts in school buses has also been passed by indefinitely in the Education Committee.

Effort may improve delivery of services to military veterans

RICHMOND—Gov. Timothy M. Kaine last week signed an Executive Order shifting responsibility for veterans' services from the Secretary of Administration to the Secretary of Public Safety, and pledged to work to further improve the Commonwealth's delivery of services to its 750,000 military veterans and their families.

"Because of Virginia's leading role with our armed forces, we have a special obligation to provide the highest possible level of services to our veterans," Gov. Kaine said. "I am committed to providing additional state resources for our Department of Veteran Services to improve the delivery of services to our veterans and their families as they seek the federal benefits they have earned."

In addition, Gov. Kaine announced the appointment of Vincent M. Burgess as commissioner of veterans services. Burgess had been serving as acting commissioner since October 2005, after a decade of service in the executive ranks of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Burgess served in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer from July 1966 to April 1969, with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1967 to September 1968.

The 2003 General Assembly approved legislation creating a Department of Veterans Services. The legislation has consolidated services for veterans in one agency and improved the delivery of these services, and the commissioner has a direct reporting relationship to the governor when needed in crafting policy for serving veterans.

"For organizational purposes, the Department of Veterans Services has been under the oversight of the Secretary of Administration. While this arrangement has served the Commonwealth and its veterans well, I believe services could be further improved by shifting DVS into the same Cabinet secretariat as the Department of Military Affairs," Gov. Kaine said. "This will allow greater cooperation between the active duty military, the National Guard and Reserves, and Virginia's services for veterans and their families."

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