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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Rep. Jo Ann Davis.

Kilmarnock celebration to continue

KILMARNOCK—The town's 75th "Diamond Jubilee" anniversary celebration will continue March 18 with Pride of Kilmarnock Day and a visit by First District U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis

Kilmarnock's celebration began December 8, 2005, and will feature a year-long series of events to commemorate the town's 75th year of incorporation.

Rep. Davis will arrive at noon at The Pedestal on Main Street, according to town manager Lee Hood Capps. Activities will continue until 2 p.m. Music will be provided by The Baytones and The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band.

The event will include a U.S. Flag presentation ceremony, the announcement of a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) drawing competition, a flag donation center, recognition of Woman's History Month and acknowledgement of the 1952 downtown "Holocaust Fire."

Other guests will include Del. Robert Wittman, master of ceremony Tawne Hayes and Miss Kilmarnock Jessica Hinson. First Lady Ann Holton and former-First Lady Jinx Holton have been invited.

The event begins with a flag presentation ceremony by Rep. Davis. She will present the town a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in commemoration of Kilmarnock's 75th Anniversary.

In connection with this ceremony, area citizens are invited to bring with them any worn or torn U.S.flags for retirement. A donation center will be operated by Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Rep. Davis and Postmaster Bruce Babbs will announce details of the U.S. Postal Service 202nd anniversary commemorative cancellation stamp drawing competition.

"The town invites everyone to join us and celebrate the 'Pride of Kilmarnock,'" said Capps. "Come and enjoy our patriotic festivities as we continue to celebrate our 75th anniversary."

Northumberland teachers seek 6 percent salary hike

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—Teachers' salaries in Northumberland are falling behind, according to Garfield Parker of the Northumberland Education Association (NEA).

"It's important if you want to remain competitive, if you want to retain good, quality teachers, that you give us what we want," Parker told the school board last Monday.

The NEA is asking for a 6 percent salary scale increase for all educators to keep Northumberland in the middle of the scale of surrounding school systems.

Superintendent Clint Stables noted that the county had a tough budget year in 2005 and ended up falling behind neighboring counties. Northumberland gave only a 2 percent salary raise last year while most surrounding counties gave a 4 percent increase.

Board chairman Lee Scripture said the teachers were preaching to the choir and that the people that truly need to hear their plea are the county supervisors, who make the ultimate budget decisions.

Other budget requests from several education advisory committees sought:

• a full-time technology laboratory assistant at the elementary and middle school;

• exploratory foreign language classes at the elementary and middle school;

• a literary coach at the high school; and

• three new spots at the governor's school to accommodate 10th graders.

Stables noted that since a lot of final figures are still missing his initial budget estimates provide

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School board authorizes temporary facilities for junior ROTC program

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster school board opted Monday to pursue a three-year lease on a modular classroom to house an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Lancaster High School.

School board chairman Donald McCann said a three-year lease rather than a two-year lease would more likely coincide with the completion of a proposed permanent facility through the county's capital improvement plan.

The board also was presented a planning study including cost estimates for building an ROTC facility that would also serve as a fieldhouse for athletics, public restrooms and a concession stand.

The study prepared by Rancorn Wildman Architects provided three different layouts for the proposed facility with cost estimates ranging from $1,155,834 to $1,618,496.

Two of the layouts place the facility adjacent to the football field with either 6,450 or 6,930 square feet of space.

The third option would be a 5,805-square-foot addition to the existing school building for $1,155,834.

The board also received planning studies for three other projects.

The costliest among them is a proposed expansion of administrative offices at Lancaster Primary School, projected to cost between $865,800 and $1,020,100. The project includes 2,300 square feet of renovations and an addition of 1,650

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Forget about the weather

Outside the wind could blow, the rain could pour and the snow could fall; inside the mandolin wept and the guitar cried as Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group took the audience on a melodic journey along the back roads from the red clay of Georgia to the hills of Virginia and beyond. From bluegrass ballads to country favorites, they played to a packed house at a Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts "On Stage" concert Saturday night at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. From left are Jimmy Gaudreau, Linda Williams, Robin Williams and Jim Watson. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

Blizzard dusting

The Blizzard of 2006 brushed the Northern Neck last weekend. Snow clings to tree branches (above) in northern Northumberland where three to four inches fell. Areas of Lancaster County received only a dusting. Much to the dismay of teachers and students, the snow had melted by Monday morning and school started on time.

Luke Jennings, 6, Grant Biddlecomb, 2, and his brother Davis, 4, found enough snow around Reedville to build a snowman, with some help from their dads.

Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported eight arrests January 30 through February 8.

Dustin J. Rose, 25, of Windmill Point Road was charged February 1 with felony distribution of marijuana.

John C. Buchanan, 29, of Gwynn was charged February 6 with embezzlement of a motor vehicle.

A Doggett Lane woman, 18, was charged February 1 with disorderly conduct and two counts of curse and abuse at Lancaster High School.

A Greentown Road man, 48, was charged February 2 with public drunkenness when deputies responded for a domestic disturbance call on Greentown Road.

An Old Orchard Road man, 43, was charged February 2 with violating a protective order.

A Rivers Bend man, 78, was charged February 2 with failure to complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

A Leetown Road man, 22, was charged February 3 with driving while his license was suspended.

A Topping woman, 28, was charged February 7 with issuing a bad check.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported seven arrests last week.

Rodney C. Holden, 51, of Lottburg was charged February 7 with the distribution of a controlled substance.

Clifton Tomlin, 51, of Burgess was charged February 8 with a probation violation.

Donnell Carter, 22, of Heathsville was charged February 8 with a probation violation.

Bobbie J. McYoung, 31, of Heathsville was charged February 10 with grand larceny.

A 19-year-old Heathsville man was charged February 8 with possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

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A 28-year-old Florida man was charged February 11 with driving while intoxicated.

For the week ending February 12, the sheriff's office dispatchers handled 93 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to four alarm calls, 39 citizen's complaints, 13 accident or traffic related offenses, three transports of inmates and 10 animal control complaints.

The sheriff's staff also received reports of two larcenies on February 6. Taken from a residence in the Reedville area was a large number of collectable coins. Cash was reported taken from a residence in the Heathsville area.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Mary and Phil Hug grew up together in New Orleans. Their first date was dinner at The Venetian when she was 17 and he, a college sophomore. They married three years later, spent his Air Force stint in San Francisco, had two children, moved back to New Orleans and then to the banking business in Richmond.

Mary remembers Phil's piano years when he bought an upright, took lessons, practiced faithfully, bought a grand. She remembers that her birthday fly-fishing lessons led to regular trips to gorgeous Colorado streams. She knows he goes full tilt.

So why, 15 years ago, when their Stonehenge nest is empty and she is happy with golf, tennis and leisurely lunches, does she upset perfection and tell Phil that if he wants to pursue his dream of having horses, the time has come?

Lacking any horse knowledge beyond Phil's one childhood summer of riding, they buy a 20-acre farm with four empty stalls in Mechanicsville. They learn from vets, farriers, tack salesmen and anyone who knows a head from a tail.

"We made no bones about it," said Phil at their Eagle Landing home last week. "We didn't know a damn thing, but instead of playing like we knew, we asked. That accelerated our learning process."

They buy Sugar, a quarter horse, from their cabinetmaker; Paint, a pinto, for Mary; Doc, a quarter horse from a workman in lieu of monies owed; and Maggie, a classic appaloosa with white-spotted rump and white blaze that Mary finds for Phil.

"Now it's getting out of control," said Mary.

They engage a trainer at Alan-Brooke Farm in Hanover County. Maggie, against all odds, places fifth and seventh against 50 yearlings at the World Championships in Ft. Worth, where Mary falls for the soft eyes of Fancy, horse number five. Remember, they have four stalls. Phil builds a 15,000-square-foot barn with eight stalls, an indoor ring, tack and viewing rooms.

Hired hands come and go. The Hugs work the farm. Still banking, Phil's in the barn at 5 a.m., works in Richmond, rides at night. Mary, originally terrified to hold the lead rope for the vet, gears up and mucks, feeds, turns out, brings in, spreads manure. Riding Doc on her birthday, she jumps off when he rears, almost rolls clear, then feels her foot break under his half-ton body. Phil's dream, she says, is her nightmare.

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They buy horse number six in Columbia, Mo. A chestnut appaloosa without spots, Ginger wins the 1995 World Championship for two-year-olds and, in the same week in Ft. Worth, becomes the first horse to also win the limited western pleasure futurity and the open. This is dizzying stuff. Those three framed ribbons, her portrait, and her 22 national and world championship trophies adorn Phil's office.

Ginger retires from the ring to become a mom. Phil and Mary take breeding and delivery classes. They put Ginger under artificial light in December to fabricate spring. Ginger ovulates on time, artificial insemination takes, and 11 months later, Phil prepares to take milk samples with his new foaling kit.

"Too late," says Mary, who has seen the look in Ginger's eyes. Out come the front hooves and head in proper order. Phil catches the foal, named Buster.

They buy Hollywood, a great reining horse, and Phil works a week with the premier reining trainer in Texas. From dawn to dusk he learns control of the horse through voice and legs; learns fast gallops, fast stops, sliding stops, rollbacks, circles, spins. Reining is western riding's answer to dressage. Gold Bond Powder is Phil's answer to pain. He competes in chaps, spurs, hat and silk handkerchief tie.

The headiness of world championships mounts. Friendships grow. But barn toil is 24/7. Enough is enough. Phil retires from banking in 1998. They sell the farm in Mechanicsville and build on the Corrotoman, moving permanently in 2001. Now Mary plays tennis and golf. Phil tutors twice weekly at Lancaster Primary School. They have just returned from Egypt.

But horses are forever. They keep five at Scripture Farms in Wicomico Church where Phil patiently teaches human contact to Andy, Ginger's third colt. Andy will go to Florida in July for training at the farm of his sire, a hunt-seat appaloosa whom Mary selected as Ginger's perfect match. They've just bought a horse in Texas. Who knows what's next?

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Spring is right around the corner

With the ebb and flow of winter, folks hit by Cupid's arrow, those who are in their first few Valentine seasons, are making plans for the wedding of all time. They have found their mate. They will visit the venue of choice, rely upon an officiant (legal or ministerial) and walk the aisle planning to spend the rest of their lives together.

I guess that's why I like the Valentine season. It's all about love. Oh face it, the cards, flowers, candy, dinner out, frilly lingerie and more are about sexual attraction. God made us that way. God made a man and a woman attractive to each other for the purposes of populating his world, according to his teaching. He also encourages us to have these helpmates for love, support and comfort. With his help, our lust can become a deep and abiding love.

I suggest that the couple and/or parents establish a budget for the project. Make yourself stay within its parameters. There will come a rush of activities as dresses and formals are chosen, locations are reserved, flowers ordered, ministers and musicians booked. Secure your caterers early; some will provide menus and, in some cases, samples. Remember that travel and accommodations are necessary.

I've been known as "Marrying Sam" since 1975. Literally, I have performed ceremonies for hundreds and hundreds of good folks. Over 45 percent of those marriages ended in divorce. The model is forever; if or when that fabric is torn we trust in the grace and forgiveness of God.

I don't do pre-marriage counseling because I have found that by the time I am brought into the picture, minds are made up. I just give a bit of advice about the moral bonds of marriage and the legal issues that come into play.

Morattico Baptist
Kilmarnock

Usually before or during the ceremony I share the following little marital encouragement. Cut it out and spread it across whatever wedding plans are being nurtured in your family. It is an old piece, long ago included in the U.S. Army Chaplain's training program.

"Marriage Advice: Practical Rules for A Happy Life

Never both be angry at once.

Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.

Never speak loud to one another unless the house is on fire.

Let each one strive to yield most to the wishes of the other.

Let self-denial be the daily aim and practice of each.

Never taunt with a past mistake.

Neglect the whole world, rather than one another.

Never make a remark at the expense of each other; it is mean.

Never part for a day without loving words to think of during the absence.

Never meet without a loving welcome.

Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.

Never forget these happy hours of early love.

Never forget that this marriage is ordained of God, and that his blessing alone can make it what it should be."

(Irvin Allen Engle, The Cokesbury Marriage Manual, Edited by William H. Leach, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press:, New York, Whitmore & Stone, 1945.)

I dare to raise other potential problems for your consideration. In an era so fraught with controversy with issues pertaining to Church vs. State, I am not sure that I can continue to represent the State (or in our case the Commonwealth). Oh, I have no reservations about performing a worship service where men and women covenant with each other and God to live responsible and holy lives.

You see, I believe that separation of church and state was to allow the church to prosper and for laws not to interfere with one's practice of religion. More and more, that is being reversed. Too many laws and ordinances have been passed which I feel are counter to earlier documents. I also believe that marriage was ordained of God and is precisely authorized for one man and one woman. Looking down the road I see the potential that ministers will be faced with a host of uncomfortable issues, such as groups and collections of persons wanting some wedding, some union service.

Anyway, here's my point: Will ministers be exempt from marrying persons whose lifestyles are against his or her personal belief? Will ministers be forced to do all weddings because, by precedent, we have performed all such weddings which are licensed by the state in the past? In this wise, churches might be looking into stand-alone corporations, which can regulate individual practice by constitution and by-laws.

This is not as far afield as one might imagine. Every deviant behavior clamors for legal protection. If in the future, laws are passed that prohibit organizations from discriminating against any and all variation of lifestyles, will your pastor have to go against his or her personal beliefs just to be legal? Will every church have to have an open-door policy about marriages?

Don't take these issues lightly. We are most vulnerable about the issue of non-profit tax credit as it relates to our particular religious adherents. The day will come when a couple gets their license and is by that certificate married. Then a worship celebration of their covenant commitments will belong solely to each individual denomination, church and/or parish.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000, Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, February 19:
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 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Thursday, February 16:
7:30 p.m., Madge Wrigth Circle Mtg @ home of Beverly Benson
Saturday, February 18:
8 a.m., Men's Breakfast @ Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship-W.M.U. Focus
6 p.m., Winter Bible Study Begins Classes for all Ages
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, February 21:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 16:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, February 20:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, February 21:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 22:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, February 22:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, February 19:
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 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
WMU Sunday
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., Sweetheart Banquet
Monday, February 20:
5:30 a.m., Youth Ski Trip
6 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, February 21:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 22:
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 23:
6 p.m. Exercise Group

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service.
Providence
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m. Sunday School
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial
Highway Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
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, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road
White Stone; 435-1272
Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr., Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, February 19:
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 22:
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, February 19:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780, Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, February 22:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
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, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharis
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
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, February 19:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, February 19:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 to 4 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Sunday, February 19:
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, February 19:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
Sexagesima
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday, February 19:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; 529-5948
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, February 22:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, February 19:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday February 19:
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
Thursday, February 16:
10 a.m., Missions Committee meets at Bethel
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, February 19:
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

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, February 19:
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, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, February 19:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon,
Sunday, February 19:
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, February 18:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, February 16:
5-8 p.m., Spaghetti Supper
6:30 p.m., Prayer Ministry
8 p.m., AA-11th Step
Sunday, February 19:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Monday, February 20:
6-9:30 p.m., VBS Workshop
Tuesday February 21:
10 a.m., Evangelism
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
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 22:
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, February 17:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Saturday, February 18:
1-5 p.m., Girl Scouts
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., "Coffee Time"
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Monday, February 20:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Wednesday, February 22:
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
Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
9:45 a.m., Confirmation Class
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
Monday, February 20:
Office Closed
Wednesday, February 22:
10 a.m., Congregational Care Ministry Group
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Thursday, February 16:
8:30 a.m., Session
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 18)
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "What a Friend" (John 17:17-14)
Monday, February 20:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 15)
Wednesday, February 22:
9 a.m., Congregational Development Team
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 19)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.
Weems, 438-5853
Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
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, February 19:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, February 21:
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
Sunday, February 19:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center,
Syringa, 725-1234
Sunday, February 19:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages and faiths

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, February 16:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, February 19:
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
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship

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Colleagues and students remember Phil Semsch

When Rappahannock Community College professor emeritus Phil Semsch died January 11 in Charlottesville, he had been gone from RCC and its service area for over 13 years. Nevertheless, he is remembered fondly by many of the faculty and staff, and particularly his former students.

"Phil Semsch was probably one of the most admired professors ever employed by Rappahannock Community College," said professor emeritus Ron Carter of the English faculty.

"More than just a teacher and a mentor, he was an inspiration and role model for his students, and he did more than most of us could ever hope to do to mold their character, give them a sense of purpose, and instill in them an interest in the world around them and a desire to play an active part in it," said Carter.

University of Virginia graduate Chet Young said, "I took many of his classes. I did not enjoy politics, and still don't, but I did enjoy his insight into the underworld of government. When I left RCC, I applied to UVA and was turned down. . . .Phil wrote a letter to the Dean of Admissions recommending that they reverse the decision, and I was accepted. I have no idea what he said, but it obviously made a difference. . . .Phil opened that door for me, and I will forever be grateful."

Tom Rockson built on his RCC degree by attending and graduating from the College of William and Mary, then earning a master's at James Madison University. Now back at RCC as a full-time member of the English faculty, he calls Semsch "one of the best educators I have ever known."

"From the very start, professor Semsch's vision of my future extended far beyond the walls of RCC—beyond even my own expectations or ambitions. Throughout the nearly four years I spent here, professor Semsch closely monitored and encouraged my progress," said Rockson.

"Phil was a wonderful teacher and very interested in his students," said Catherine Courtney, who headed RCC's registered nursing program until her recent retirement. "He worked to get DuPont money for a scholarship for history majors through the Northern Neck Historical Society."

Petie Norris, RCC's Warsaw campus evening programs coordinator, adds, "I believe he was instrumental in forging the alliance with the Northern Neck Historical Society which resulted in $50,000 worth of Jessie Ball DuPont foundation money being made available to renovate either the interior or the exterior of the Chinn House."

"A very professional person—he had high expectations for his students, and they worked to his expectations." added Courtney.

"I loved just talking to him," said Leslie Smith, RCC's dean of technology and distance learning. "He was so knowledgeable on just about everything, and especially politics. He was a good listener and could always entertain you with his government work stories. But the thing that I most admired about Phil was his ability to work with students. He would find students that he thought might have promise, and would help them make it through RCC, and beyond. He kept in touch with those students and followed their careers."

"I remember how much Phil's students loved him," said English professor Joseph Swonk. "They followed him down the hallways before and after classes, like little chicks following their mother. They were always in his office talking to him and picking his brain about civic issues of the day. Phil made students feel important, and he challenged them to think about history and politics, which were his first loves. He involved them in political activities, including lobbying for the college and for various other good causes, and he organized trips to various historical and political events so the students could gain first-hand experience of the real world. In looking back to those good times when our students were actively involved in student government, I have to believe it was Phil who inspired them and was willing to lead them. I believe him to be one of the most popular professors that ever taught here!"

"I knew professor Semsch as an employee here and also as my teacher when I was taking classes back in the eighties," said Betty Appleby, administrative assistant to the vice president of instruction and student development, "He knew something about everything. We used to love to 'get him off the subject' in class, just to hear him tell us stories about the days when he worked with the federal government. We also hated to see him come into class with little white strips of paper hanging out of his pocket because we knew they were 'pop quizzes' he would be handing out to us. . . .He was a great mentor to our students and a friend to all of us."

"His office was wall-to-wall books," said Cathie Thomas, associate professor of business management and information systems technology. "He was sort of curmudgeonly, but always had time to talk to students. He had the highest expectations of his students, and loved engaging them in political and historical discussions."

Another staff member, administrative assistant Mary Gaskins of the Student Development Office, said, "When I first came to college as a new employee on the Glenns Campus, Phil was one of the first people that I encountered. He served as a mentor to me. . . .My first day of work, out of the blue came this white-haired, distinguished-looking man with his hands in his pockets and a wonderful smile on his face. He reached out and shook my hand and introduced himself—and the rest is history. Throughout my tenure we shared many wonderful things. . . .Because of my involvement in area politics. . .we had many, many conversations. He even gave me advice in some areas."

She also noted "Students just loved him, and didn't mind attending his class. He was one who made learning fun and challenging for them. I treasure the time that we had."

Speaking of one of the honors earned by Semsch, Warsaw Campus Dean Wallace Lemons said, "The Rouzie Award was given in honor of Robert and Ruth Rouzie of Tappahannock, to recognize outstanding community service. Phil gave talks all over the place including at the senior facility, Westminster-Canterbury, and the XYZ Club in Tappahannock. He was instrumental in bringing many local and state political candidates and representatives of political issues to come to the college to give presentations and debates on topics of particular interest to people of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula."

Lemons also mentioned the many students to whom Semsch was an inspiration, particularly Mike McKenney, now Commonwealth's Attorney for Northumberland County.

When RCC awarded the title of professor emeritus to Philip Semsch, the resolution issued by the College Board described him as a challenger, mentor and motivator; one who exhibited exemplary commitment to the service of the college and community; and a dedicated teacher, advisor, and civic leader.

He is perhaps best remembered, however, in the words of Leslie Smith: "Phil was just a great guy all around."

Obituaries

Beulah M. Austin

WARSAW—Beulah Maybell Austin, 93, died January 31, 2006, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Miss Austin was a retired domestic worker.

She is survived by two sisters, Birdie Mitchell of Washington, D.C., and Marylee Mansell of Fort Lauderdale.

Funeral services were held February 10 at the Washington Funeral Home Chapel in Tappahannock. Interment was in Angel Visit Baptist Church Cemetery in Dunnsville.

Dorothy S. Bryant

FARNHAM–Dorothy Satterwhite Bryant, 76, of Farnham died February 11, 2006.

Mrs. Bryant was a member of Varina Episcopal Church, Varina Episcopal Church Women's Club and Simonson Homemakers Group.

She worked at Miller and Rhoades Department Store for 20 years and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Fred E. Bryant Jr.; a son, Fred E. Bryant III of Farnham; a sister-in-law, Alma Satterwhite Larsen of Farmville; two sisters, Helen and Florence; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at North Farnham Episcopal Church February 13.

Memorials may be made to Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department, 127 Pine Street, Warsaw, VA 22572.

Thelma M.P. Clarke

OTTOMAN—Thelma Miriam Payne Clarke, 82, of Ottoman died February 10, 2006.

Mrs. Clarke was the widow of Marvin Stevens and J.C. Clarke.

She was a member of Millenbeck Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by five daughters, Jeanette Packett, Linda Norman, Diane Williams, Mary Alice Mitchell and Alma Tate; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, February 19, at Millenbeck Wesleyan Church with Rev. Winfield Talley officiating. Interment will be in Corrottoman Baptist Church Cemetery in Ottoman.

Doris A. Chilton

LIVELY—Doris A. Chilton, 92, of Lancaster County, died peacefully at home February 12, 2006.

Mrs. Chilton was born in Arlington January 27, 1914, to Harry A. Allard, a U.S. Department of Agriculture biologist, and Eva Howard Allard. She spent much of her childhood in Oxford, Mass., at her ancestral home. She moved permanently to the Northern Neck in 1972 with her husband, Leroy B. Chilton, who was originally from the area. Her long-standing love of nature and animals suited her long and healthy life on the Rappahannock River.

She is survived by two daughters, Lynda Weber of Lancaster County and Betty Finkle of Los Gatos, Calif.; two grandchildren, Amy Finkle of California and Kevin Finkle of Oregon; and a great-grandchild, Makiah Perrier of California.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Welfare League, P.O. Box 975, White Stone, VA 22578, or Friends of the Shelter, P.O. Box 1089, White Stone, VA 22578.

Martha S. Howard

BURGESS—Martha S. Howard, 71, of Burgess, died February 8, 2006.

Mrs. Howard was a charter member of New Friendship Baptist Church in Burgess.

She was predeceased by a son, James Guy Howard.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen J. and Juanita Howard of Chesapeake, and John D. and Tunde Howard of Danville; and three grandchildren, Aaron Richard Howard, Christina Shelley Marie Howard and Jesse Ian Howard.

Funeral services were held February 10 at New Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Taylor officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Marian C. Hughes

LANCASTER–Marian C. Hughes, 88, of Lancaster died February 8, 2006.

Mrs. Hughes was a member of Farnham Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Hughes.

Funeral services were held February 10 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood.

Memorials may be made to Farnham Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 101, Farnham, VA 22460, or Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Center, 101 Harris Drive, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Dale S. Lockard

HAMPTON—Dale Stewart Lockard, 79, of Hampton died February 10, 2006.

Mr. Lockard retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1965 and returned within a year to Langley Air Force Base where he retired again 22 years later.

Born in Maysville, Pa., he was a longtime Hampton resident. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church for 40 years and a member of VFW Post 147.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gladys Swann Lockard; a son and daughter-in-law, George E. and Elaine Lockard; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held February 14 at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in Hampton with the Rev. Wayne Harrison officiating. Interment was in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in Callao.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood assisted with local arrangements.

Gary E. Mapes

KILMARNOCK–Gary Edwin Mapes, 52, of Kilmarnock died February 8, 2006.

Mr. Mapes was the son of the late Edwin J. and Blythe H. Mapes, formerly of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and the bookkeeper for The Green Association for 25 years.

He was a graduate of Orange High School in Chagrin Falls and John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was a member of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club for 20 years, Amateur Radio Association, and the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society.

He is survived by his caretakers, Virginia Rhodes, Judy Hammell, Stacy Carter and Alice Redmond.

Graveside services were held February 10 at Christ Church Burying Ground near Irvington with pastor Jim Nard officiating.

Memorials may be made to Kilmarnock-Lancaster Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 333, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

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Obituaries

Douglas W. Montgomery

WEEMS–Douglas William Montgomery, 47, of Weems died February 6, 2006.

Mr. Montgomery is survived by his wife, Virginia M. Montgomery; a son, Douglas W. Montgomery Jr.; his father, James E. Montgomery Jr. of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; two sisters, Anne Espinosa of Mountain View, Calif., and Gail Andres of Plainwell, Mich.; and a brother, Frank Montgomery of Panama, Fla.

Funeral services were held February 12 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Revs. Mary Dell and Bill Sigler officiating. Interment was in White Marsh Cemetery in Lancaster. Pallbearers were Chris Kellum, Mark Kellum, Reese Hinson, Temple Ryland, Mark Schellhaas and Kenny Hudgins.

Memorials may be made to Kilmarnock Baptist Church, P.O. Box 99, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

H. Gayle V. Palmer

BROWNS STORE—Homer Gayle Van Palmer died quietly February 5, 2006, at her residence on the hill in Browns Store.

Ms. Palmer was born to Farrell Palmer Jr. and Classie Mae Daye in Northumberland County April 7, 1955, She attended Northumberland County public schools and joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville.

She is survived by a son, Darryl Palmer; her son's father, William Newton; a grandson, Ray'quawn Ball; her father, Farrell "Juke" Palmer Jr.; a godmother, Alma B. Butler; a goddaughter, Natasha Williams; five sisters, Flossie Brooks of Lottsburg, Blanche Thompson of Lancaster, Phyllis Darlene Walters, Sherren Ball and Garnette Rice of Heathsville; two brothers, John Wayne and Kernell Palmer of Heathsville; a sister-in-law, Trinia Rice of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers-in-law, Edward Brooks of Lottsburg, Jerry Ball and Kenneth Rice of Heathsville; eight aunts, Dorothy Butler and Lucille Cooper of Baltimore, Priscilla Sutton, Lucille and Shirley Palmer, and Inez Butler of Heathsville, Audrey Palmer of Reedville and Louise Palmer of Syracuse, N.Y.; six uncles, Joseph and David Palmer of Syracuse, Sterling Palmer of Reedville, Frank Butler and Cleveland Palmer of Heathsville, and James Daye of Riverside Convalescent Center in West Point; six nieces, Cheryl Mitchell of Fredericksburg, Shaketia Wilson of Richmond, Geri "Katie" Ball, Ursula "Maggie" Walters and Brittany Rice of Heathsville, and Lashunda Palmer of Atlanta; ten nephews, Jeff Brooks of Lottsburg, Terry Thompson of Fredericksburg, Purcell, Darryn and Terrance of Heathsville, Delvin and Antwan of Reedville, Solomon of Heathsville and Corey Thompson and Avery Ball of Richmond; 18 great-nieces and great-nephews, Mesha, T. J., Jasmine, Jamal, Shayniah, Zhy'Mari, Tori, Taylor, Travis, India, Devan, Jermiah, Kyjuan, Keymijah, Kierra, Allan, Makaliah and Corey; five cousins, Little Cookie, Smurf, Lesha, Kee Kee and Dexter; special friends, Mary Williams, Violus Bromley, Arlene Elsworth, Tunisa Ann Taylor, Artea Palmer, John Richard Williams, Everett Winstead, Deloris Bromley and Louise Wonsom; and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held February 12 at First Baptist Church in Heathsville with pastor John S. Fountaine officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Palmer, Stanford Palmer, Terry Thompson, Kermit Greene, John Landers and Anthony Ball. Honoraries were her nephews, Avery, Delvin, Antwan, Corey, Solomon, Darryn, Terrance and Purcell.

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

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Charles W. Paul

LANCASTER—Charles Winfield Paul, 57, of Lancaster, died in his sleep on the morning of February 6, 2006.

Mr. Paul

Mr. Paul was born March 23, 1948, to Superior Court Judge Malcolm C. and Hulda W. Paul of Washington, N.C. He graduated from Washington High School in 1966. He began undergraduate studies at Wake Forest University and completed them at Campbell University, where he met his future wife, Nancy "Ray" Nettles. After five years of dating, the couple married July 28, 1973, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He began work as a probation officer with the Raleigh Probation Department. He returned to Campbell University and Northwestern University in Chicago for a graduate degree and began a trust officer career with Central Carolina Bank in Durham, N.C. While living in Durham, the couple had two sons.

In 1982, the family moved to Rocky Mount, N.C., where he worked for Centura Bank. In 1986, they moved to Midlothian where he worked for Wachovia Bank.

He loved sports and devoted 11 years to coaching his sons and their friends in Huguenot Little League in Richmond.

In 2000, he moved to Kilmarnock and was a senior vice president and trust officer with Bay Trust Company. He was chairman of the Bank of Lancaster/Bay Trust customer relationship management team.

He participated in the Northern Neck Rotary Club's Seafood Festival and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. He served on the River Counties Community Foundation advisory board for four years, two as chairman.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy "Ray" Paul; two sons, Carlyle Barrow "Bear" Paul of Arlington and Westray Rives Paul of Midlothian; and a sister, Joannie Gurkin Keller of Newnan, Ga.

Funeral services were held February 9 at Irvington Baptist Church. Graveside services were held February 10 at Oakdale Cemetery in Washington, N.C.

Memorials may be made to the River Counties Community Foundation, P.O. Box 222, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Paul E. Pollock

WICOMICO CHURCH—Paul Edward Pollock, 67, of Wicomico Church died February 7, 2006.

Mr. Pollock worked in Asia for many years. He was the past president of the USO in Japan. He was also active in the American Boy Scouts in Japan.

He was a member of the Northumberland Lions Club and played with the Warsaw tennis group.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Pollock of Wicomico Church; a daughter and son-in-law, Noell and Sean Coughlan; a granddaughter, Alexa Coughlan, all of Port Lucie, Fla.; and a brother, Joseph Pollock of Minetto, N.Y.

A private memorial service will be held.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Suella R. Robinson

RICHMOND—Suella Reynolds Robinson, known by many as "The Daffodil Lady," died February 9, 2006, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Robinson graduated from what is now James Madison University and married John Payne Robinson. After she married, she taught school in Alexandria for many years. In 1962, she and her husband retired to White Stone. She was active in Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock and the Rappahannock Garden Club. She also was a member of the Cobbs Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As an avid gardener, she exhibited in countless daffodil shows, many on the national level, from 1963 to 1986. She won some top awards, and was a national judge of the American Daffodil Society until impaired vision forced her to retire.

She moved to Westminster Canterbury in Richmond in 1986, yet continued an active lifestyle. She visited the ill and took adult education classes on a variety of subjects. She served on the grounds committee at Westminster Canterbury and spent many hours doing volunteer work on the gardens and landscaping.

In 2005, friends dedicated a special garden to her at Westminster Canterbury in honor of her service.

She also was a dedicated volunteer at the Lewis Botanical Gardens from its inception in 1986 to the present. Many of her bulbs were planted at the garden and The Sue Reynolds Robinson Daffodil Garden was dedicated in her honor in 2003. She was a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Payne Robinson.

She is survived by a sister, Ann R. Ripple of Richmond; and a brother, Charles H. Reynolds of Hilton Head Island, S.C.

A memorial service for her was held in The Commons at Westminster Canterbury Retirement Home in Richmond February 14. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at Christ Church near Irvington at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, or Westminster Canterbury.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock is assisting with the arrangements.

Bernard C. Rose Sr.

WEEMS—Bernard Carroll Rose Sr., 68, of Weems died February 13, 2006.

Mr. Rose was a retired Ampro Fisheries employee.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Louise Hodges Rose.

He is survived by his wife, Delma W. Rose; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lildred and Hank Abbott of Hartfield, Eunice Rose and Ray Gaskins of White Stone, Donna and Raymond Lewis of Kilmarnock; a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard C. Rose Jr. and Ann Rose of Weems; two stepchildren, C.W. Gordon of Gloucester and Wanda Backshies of Missouri; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 15 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Marion Paul White officiating. Interment was in Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Cemetery in Weems. Pallbearers were Hank Abbott, James Ketner, Lacy Rose Jr., Brian Lee, C.W. Gordon, Thomas Hudson, Dr. Joseph Bessler and Matthew Benson.

Memorials may be made to Kilmarnock-Lancaster Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 333, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Angela D. Stevens

WARSAW–Angela Dameron Stevens, 37, of Warsaw died February 7, 2006.

She was the manager of the Lottsburg Cafe and a member of Totuskey Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Danny Ray Stevens; her parents, William "Boy" and Betty Dameron; a son, Bradley Stevens; a daughter, Brittany Stevens; two brothers, Jason Dameron and Wayne Lowery King; a sister, Kim Hayden; and many other family and friends.

Funeral services were held February 9 at Totuskey Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bradley and Brittany Stevens Education Fund, c/o Tina D. Moss, 15979 Richmond Road, Callao, VA 22435.

Welch Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Gladys M. Trader

FARNHAM—Gladys McClarin Trader, 87, of Farnham died February 12, 2006.

Mrs. Trader was known for her kindness and culinary talents, especially Chesapeake Bay seafood.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Authur Lemerle Trader. She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lemerle "Lee" Cofer Trader of Rainswood and Parker Preston Trader and Kim Trader of Lancaster; three grandchildren, Carly Ann Wong of Nashville, Tenn., Michael Christopher Trader of Key West, Fla., and Matthew Paul Trader of Mechanicsville.

A funeral service will be held in the chapel of Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood Thursday, February 16, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Yeocomico Episcopal Church Cemetery in Kinsale.

The Rev. May called to Grace

The Grace Episcopal Church vestry recently announced The Rev. David Hickman May will serve as the church's next rector.

Rev. May's appointment has been approved by The Right Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

Rev. May will come to Grace from St. Andrew's Church in Richmond, where he served as priest in charge from 1996 to 1999 and as rector from 1999 to present. He is a board member of the Faith Leaders Initiative, a organization whose mission is to address the continuing issue of violent crime in the city of Richmond, and as a board member of SynerGeo, an ecumenical community development organization which provides services and programs in the St. Andrew's neighborhood.

He also serves as chaplain at St. Andrew's School in Richmond. Rev. May is co-director of the Young Priests Initiative of the Diocese of Virginia, a program to identify and encourage rising college juniors in the diocese who are discerning a call to ordained ministry.

In January, Rev. May was elected by the 211th Annual Council to the Diocesan Standing Committee Class of 2009.

Rev. May received a bachelor's in dramatic arts from The University of Tennessee, a master's in dramatic arts from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Divinity from The School of Theology at Sewanee. He served as assistant rector at the Church of Our Savior, in Charlottesville from 1993 to 1996.

Rev. May, his wife and two children will move to Kilmarnock in late March. He will lead services at Grace Church April 2.

Women present melodrama

The Women of Grace celebrated Valentine's Day February 6 with a melodrama called "Victor Rings the Bell." Joyce Wellford directed a cast of 12 cleverly costumed women in this humorous performance. Jane Jarvis was the reader. The group will meet March 6 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Michael Malone of St. John's Church in Warsaw will discuss church vestments.

White Stone UMC promotion continues

"Bring a friend or neighbor to church month" continues during February at White Stone United Methodist Church.

"If you are looking for a spiritual home, please come and visit with us," said Rev. Richard Gordon. "We are on Methodist Church Road, just off Route 3 in White Stone.

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Christ Church seeks volunteers

The education committee at Christ Church is putting the finishing touches on its annual spring training programs for new and returning volunteers.

Training dates are March 7, 9, 14, and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Bayne Center at Christ Church.

Some sessions will concentrate on information needed by new volunteers, said education director Robert Teagle. Others will be of interest to new and returning volunteers.

Visit www.christchurch1735.org/volunteer.html, or call the Foundation for Historic Christ Church office at 438-6855.

It is not too late to join the volunteers for the upcoming season, which starts April 1, said Teagle.

From left, Karen Sciacchitano, Betty Martin, Cathy Baumhardt, Betty Otley, Karen Mullins, Kathy Moeller, Sylvia Dozier and Bonnie Dawson gather for a planning session.

Seminar set on tithing

Rev. Phillip C. Lee of the Bread of Life Christian Center will teach on the Biblical truth about tithing and giving in the church, and what the money should go towards.

This will be an in-depth exercise with lesson handouts, so participants can take the teachings back to their home and church, and they can research the issue further.

Everyone is invited. Rev. Lee urges pastors and ministers throughout the Northern Neck to attend. Sessions will be held February 20, 22 and 26 at 7 p.m. at the Break of Life Christian Center at 10177 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway near Good Luck Road. For more information, call 435-7648.

Sharon Baptist plans black history activities

On February 25 at 4 p.m., Sharon Baptist Church will host a black history matinee. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served.

On February 26 at 3 p.m., the church will host a program of musical renditions by The Sharon Community Choir and Calvary Ensemble Choir singing jointly, recitations and dramatizations, praise dancing and presentations. The dramatizations will feature the Montgomery Bus Boycott, fashions by Brooks Chewning, "I Have a Dream Speech" by Cecil Taylor, and Mathews Gaskins Jr.'s views on what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would say about today's world.

The fellowship hall will be transformed into a museum with exhibits, artwork, memorabilia and heirlooms. Soul food will be served.

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Christian Community Fellowship dinner set

On Tuesday, February 21, the first monthly dinner meeting of Christian Community Fellowship (CCF) will be held at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping at 6 p.m.

Scott McKinley will share his testimony as he experienced the miracle healing over cancer.

McKinley is vice president of Rappahannock Homes at Hills Quarter in Kilmarnock. He is senior pastor of Chesapeake Christian Center. McKinley was born in Arlington, and has lived in the Northern Neck for most of his life.

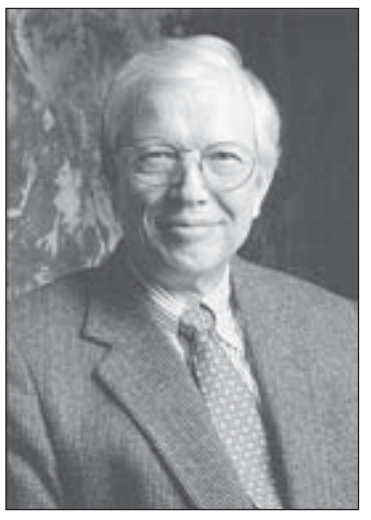
He discovered the overwhelming love of God after a season of alcohol and drug addition during his teen years, said McKinley. He was never the same after encountering the grace of God, he said.

In 1990, he traveled to Australia to share the gospel and met his wife Christine. They have three sons and make their home in Remo.

The purpose of CCF is "Let brotherly love continue…(Heb. 13:1)" and to share the love of God with friends and neighbors and to see lives changed through the power of the Word of God, the Gift of the Holy Spirit and the witness of Jesus Christ.

CCF is not a denomination, but men and women of like mind who meet and share what God is doing in the body of Christ and to inspire others to be active in the church and community.

For dinner reservations, call 438-9368 or 436-6498.



Dr. Sibley Towner

Dr. Towner to speak

On Sunday, February 19, Dr. Sibley Towner will present "Weird Things That Used to Happen When Calvinists Met UU's" to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR).

The UUFR meets at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

Dr. Towner will discuss Calvin and Servetus in Geneva and then extend the Calvinist/UU saga to the present era of nearer rapprochement.

Dr. Towner received a doctorate from Yale University. He served as a seminary professor for nearly four decades and is a professor emeritus of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. He has published books, articles, and a commentary on Ecclesiastes in The New Interpreter's Bible.

Dr. Towner and his wife, Jane, have lived in the Northern Neck for 20 years.

Community forum to address addiction

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 February 21, the discussion topic will be "Where is God in addictions?" On February 28, the topic will be "Where is God in financial crisis?"

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 serious illness or injury, death and decision-making.. Study books are available.

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Rev. Jones speaks to Methodist Men

The Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men met February 8 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Morattico.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Robert Jones, pastor of Bethel and Emmanuel United Methodist Churches. Rev. Jones is an avid SCUBA diver and visits the Islands annually to dive and photograph the underwater beauty of the coral reefs. Much of the area and the underwater scenery have suffered during the last two years from various storms, he said.

The men will hold a yard sale March 4 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their building on Route 201 south of Bethel Church.

The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at either Bethel or Emmanuel. The next meeting is March 8 at Bethel. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Robert Jones

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Scout Sunday celebrated

Bethel United Methodist Church celebrated Scout Sunday February 12 with attendees from Cub Scout Pack 222, Boy Scout Troop 222, Brownie Troop 663 and Girl Scout Troop 3202. From left are (front row) Thomas Hyde, Kayleigh Webster, Emilie Webster; (next row) Kelsey Jett, Judy Hammell, Stevie Pittman and Tyler Pittman; (next row) Timmy Croxton, Josh Jett, Shane Hammell, L. B. Shelton, Kenny Hammell and Jonathan Frith.

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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.

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

Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship, Youth Service
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street,
Tappahannock; 443-5165
Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, February 16:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Northern Neck Religious Society & Friends (Quakers)
Alice & Dave Hershier 804-453-7062
Sunday, February 19:
11 a.m., Discussion
12 noon, Social Fellowship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, 693-6079
Sunday, February 19:
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
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Thursday, February 16:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, February 18:
2 p.m., Sabbath School
3 p.m., Worship Service

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, February 19:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, February 23:
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, February 18:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, February 19:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday February 21:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education classes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, February 22:
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, February 19:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, February 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, February 23:
7 p.m. Teen Empowering
7 p.m. Youth Ministry

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone, 758-4790; L. Lowrey
Sunday, February 19:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, February 19:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, February 24:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whist Drive, White Stone
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Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
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Sunday, February 19:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church
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Monday, February 20:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Tuesday, February 21:
7 p.m., Study Series Week 4 - Where is God When....in addictions?
Wednesday, February 22:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, February 23:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's Restaurant
Friday, February 24:
7-10 p.m., Teen Night

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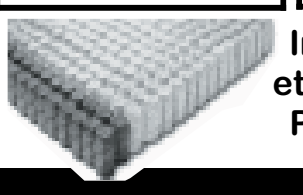

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Church Notes

■ Praise workshop

Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock will hold a Praise Workshop February 25, starting with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Sister Millicent Williamson of Randlestown, Md., and Sister Phyllis Parker of Washington, D.C., will address praise theory, praise dance, and praise through song.

■ Black history program

Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Wicomico Church will hold its annual Black History Program sponsored by the church Sunday School Sunday, February 19, at 4 p.m.

The special guest for the program will be Rev. Robert Jones, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church in Essex County. He will be accompanied by his church choir.

■ Leadership workshop

Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Wicomico Church will have a Leadership/Laity Workshop February 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The facilitator will be Dr. Bill Whittaker of Richmond. Lunch will be provided.

■ Celebration set

The Voice's of Victory choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate its 22nd anniversary March 12 at 4:30 p.m.

The special guest will be Elder James N. Flowers Jr. and family of Sea Pleasant, Md. Flowers is the songwriter and recording artist of "Ride Out Your Storm." Repast will be served immediately after the program.

■ Weldon memories

The Shiloh Baptist Church Ministry of Consolation will hold a Black History Month program "Memories of Funeral Director Julia F. Weldon and honoring area morticians on February 25.

The program will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Cockrell, Lewis, Weldon Memorial Room at The H.E.L.P. Center (next to Shiloh Baptist Church, a mile east of Burgess).

■ Men's Breakfast

Wesley Presbyterian Church at 1272 Taylors Creek Road in Weems will hold its monthly Men's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, February 18.

■ Liturgy study

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao invites the community to a four part "Liturgy" Bible study March 5 at 10 a.m.

Led by Rev. Mike Ramming, the study will explore the origins, structure and meanings of western Christian liturgical worship and why "the church" at large has found it beneficial for so many centuries.

■ 26 years of singing

The Mount Vernon Gospel Chorus of White Stone will celebrate 26 years of singing God's praises, Saturday, February 18, at 5 p.m.

Guests will be The New St. John Mens Chorus, The B.C. Dunaway Singers of Hartswell Baptist Church, The Mount Olive Mens Chorus, The Beulah Mens Chorus and Harmony to Heaven singers.

■ Ushers day

The Ushers Ministry of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Farnham will celebrate its annual day Saturday, February 18, at 4 p.m. The Gospel Tones of Williamsburg will be in concert.

■ Women of freedom

The Women's Ministry of Sharon Baptist Church in Weems will host a study and fellowship Saturday, February 18, at 10 a.m. on "Being a Woman of Freedom."

Women of all ages are invited to attend.

■ Revival

The Northern Neck Minister's Conference is hosting a week long Holy Ghost-filled Revival" at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest pastors for Thursday, February 16, is Rev. Michael Reed. The guest pastor for Friday, February 17, is Rev. Rodney Waller.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God in addictions?" is the topic for a community discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 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 28 with "Where is God in financial crisis?" For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

Music workshop to conclude with free public performance

Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock will host its sixth music workshop Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, culminating with a free public performance Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m.

A choir of some 60 singers, with an organist, a saxophonist, an oboist and a drummer, will be led by Dr. Kenneth B. Kelley, the recently retired director of music at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N.J.

Workshop participants will learn and perform sacred music from a variety of genres, from traditional hymns to jazz to South African and including works by Igor Stravinsky, Benjamin Britten and John Rutter. Some of the works will be sung in Latin.

There is time to register for the workshop. Prospective participants should have some musical knowledge and some experience singing Latin.

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Students shadow bank and trust company

Students listen to a presentation by Bay Trust Company trust officer William E. "Top" Allaun III. From left are Andre Henderson, Amanda Dreylick, Amanda Hall, Marquita Bryant, Keyondra Frederick, Bank of Lancaster's Warsaw client services manager Natalie LaPrade, Markie Pitts, Julisa Hackett, Auriel Walker, Shirmari Carter, Ashley Hayden and Donald Robey.

"Groundhog Shadow Day" was a big success at Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company.

In partnership with the "America's Promise" program and the American Bankers Association, Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company joined the nationwide effort to introduce young people to the workplace and to the skills and education needed in order to succeed in today's job market.

The bank and trust company gave local high school students the opportunity to have an up-close look at the banking industry and its careers.

"Job shadowing" with the bank and trust company were Amanda Dreylick, Keyondra Frederick and Andre Henderson from Lancaster High School; Julisa Hackett and Markie Pitts from Washington & Lee High School; Ashley Hayden and Donald Robey from Colonial Beach High School; Marquita Bryant and Amanda Hall from Rappahannock High School; and Shimari Carter and Auriel Walker from Northumberland High School.

The students visited with the bank's offices throughout the Northern Neck to mentor with branch managers, tellers and customer service representatives. They also toured the bank's operations center, the trust company's headquarters; and visited with the customer care center, VISA, human resources, marketing, compliance and audit departments.

The exercise included learning how to complete a job application, completing a loan application and learning the importance of good credit. The students were also treated to a luncheon at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Bank president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III and several staff members participated in the luncheon and discussed the company's operations, marketing, and the public relations commitment of a community bank and trust company.

A tremendous amount of time and teamwork goes into preparing for such an event, said "America's Promise" program coordinator Hazel Farmer.

"The bank and the trust company also appreciate very much the assistance given to us by the high schools in order to make this day possible," said Farmer. "We truly feel it is a worthwhile experience for the students and we work hard to make it a rewarding and memorable day for them. It is all a part of our company's commitment to 'America's Promise' to invest in the future by investing in our children."

Following their day of job shadowing, the students are required to submit a paper on their new perspective of the working world and what they found to be of the greatest interest to them from their experience at the bank and trust company.

Seek advice from a consulting forester before selling timber

Be very careful when considering the sale of timber.

Forest landowners in Lancaster and Northumberland counties have recently been solicited by mail and by phone to sell their timber, according to Rich Steensma of the Virginia Department of Forestry. The target audience is mostly absentee landowners, and these buyers may not have the best interest of the landowners in mind. Please share this information with absentee relatives and neighbors, added Steensma, the county forester for Lancaster and Northumberland.

"I have heard countless reports in the past week of such practices as offering to buy timber from land of estates without a clear title, a disregard for property boundaries, knowingly harvesting the trees of adjacent landowners, and having no regard for the compaction of farm fields, which causes huge repair expenses and reduces the annual crop yields for the farmers who rent those lands," said Steensma.

Fair payment for timber is another concern—seller beware. "Like all businesses, the timber industry has its share of bad actors; though from my experience, I can say about 90 percent are honest and ethical," Steensma said.

It is good business to competitively buy low and sell high; this is the basis for a free-market economy, he explained. The key word, however is competitively. As a seller, the objective is to find the best price for the product. But, there is no law to protect one from "giving away" their timber.

"The best information I can pass on to you is to get comparative, competitive bids," Steensma said.

A lump-sum bid process is the safest method where the seller is paid 100 percent of the timber's value when the contract is signed, before the first tree is cut, he said. Most landowners have an opportunity to sell their timber once or twice in their life; as a result, they do not have the inside track on the value or worth of their timber.

"I urged you to hire a consulting forester to establish your boundaries, estimate the product's volume and value, and market your timber to as many buyers as possible," said Steensma. "Without a basis of volume and estimated value, you have no idea whether $200 per thousand board feet is better than $100 per thousand," said Steensma. "With no volume estimate, there is a huge trust factor of proper payment based on per-unit sale."

A consulting forester works on commission. In most cases, they more than pay for the services they provide. It is not uncommon to see thousands of dollars difference in price, said Steensma. This variance depends on the timber buyer's marketing ability for logs and the mill's need for wood.

Not all timber is worth $3,000 per acre, but most of it is worth at least $200 per acre.

"If anyone comes knocking on your door, calling on your phone, or sends a solicitation to your mailbox, consider contacting your county forester or someone you may know in the industry," said Steensma. "I am here to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth with no strings attached and have the information you need to successfully sell your crop so there will be no surprises. Call me at 435-1831 with any questions."

Do not assume a tree is older because it is larger. Most people make this assumption when they agree to select cut. In most cases, a tree is larger because it grew faster," said Steensma. "Select cutting is destructive to future forest health and productivity because it removes the best growers and leaves the junk behind," said Steensma. "You'd be better served by clear-cutting or thinning, taking the worst and leaving the best."

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Local banker to chair preparedness task force

In the wake of recent natural disasters, American Bankers Association Chairman Harris Simmons recently appointed a Joint Preparedness Task Force in alliance with the state bankers associations.

"Bankers have been at the forefront of efforts to repair, rebuild and restore the Gulf Coast region," said Simmons. "As with every emergency, the lessons learned are many."

The task force serves to share those lessons so that the banking industry is even better prepared to protect the financial assets of customers, provide banking services as quickly as possible and speed relief when necessary and help rebuild communities, he said.

"We want to build on our industry's long record of effective response," said Austin L. Roberts, who has been named chairman of the task force. "Learning from the past will improve our efforts in the future."

Roberts is president and chief executive officer of Bank of Lancaster and immediate past chairman of the ABA Community Bankers Council. He serves on the task force with 11 other bankers and state bankers association executives.

Plans for the task force include investigating and documenting best practices exhibited by banks in the aftermath of recent hurricanes as well as other emergencies. Its goal is to produce materials that will help bankers as they review and update their disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

The group also will outline a coordinated emergency plan for ABA and state associations so they can respond to disasters in the most effective manner possible when working with state and local regulators and law enforcement agencies.

Paramount's Kings Dominion begins hiring for 2006 season

Paramount's Kings Dominion, central Virginia's largest summer employer, is accepting applications and conducting on-site interviews for the park's 2006 season.

The 400-acre theme park will hire more than 3,000 seasonal associates in all aspects of park operations including admissions, rides, merchandise, food and beverage, games and ecology. Select positions in human resources, marketing and resale are also available.

Job seekers interested in weekend or summer employment at Paramount's Kings Dominion can visit www.kingsdominion.com for a list of available opportunities. On-site interviews are held at the park's human resources office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Job fairs are also scheduled February 11 and 25 and March 11. The job fairs will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park's human resources office.

All applicants must be at least 15 years of age to apply and interview. For directions, call 1-877-753-5627.

Paramount's Kings Dominion is 20 miles north of Richmond off Interstate 95 at Exit 98. The park opens for the season April 1.

Bank promotes Dew

David E. Dew

Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III recently announced that David E. Dew has been promoted to assistant vice president.

Dew joined the bank in April 2003 as a loan originator and in February 2004 was named branch manager of the White Stone office. Dew was promoted to branch officer in April 2005.

Under Dew's leadership, the White Stone office has seen a 25 percent increase in loan production and total income has increased by 61 percent.

Dew also serves on several of the bank's service improvement teams responsible for communications and employee recognition.

He began his banking career with Bank of America in Richmond, where he served as a personal banker and loan officer. In January 2003, he obtained his Virginia real estate license.

He is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College where he earned a bachelor's in sociology. He was president of Theta Chi Fraternity and is an alumni advisor and director on the alumni association board.

Dew is president of the White Stone Business Association and chairman of the Friday-by-the-Rivah events. He is a board member of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, a member and director of club services for the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club and chairman of the Bay Seafood Festival.

He is a member of the Northern Neck Assembly, the Northern Neck Association of Realtors and Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

He received the 2003 Affiliate of the Year award for the Chesapeake Bay & Rivers Association of Realtors. He is an active participant in the bank's program supporting DARE Day at Lancaster Middle School.

He lives in White Stone with his wife, Katie Horsley Dew. They are expecting their first baby in August. The Dews are members of Grace Episcopal Church.

"David embraces our philosophy to provide the highest quality of professional service and is eager to meet the needs of the communities we are privileged to serve. He is an asset to our company and our community. We are proud to have him as a part of our bank's family," Roberts said.

Extension agent recognized for pesticide program work

The Virginia Pesticide Control Board recently recognized 14 Virginia Cooperative Extension agents for their outstanding participation in three programs: pesticide container recycling, pesticide disposal and pesticide applicator recertification.

In the pesticide disposal program consideration, Matt Lewis, an Extension agent for Lancaster and Northumberland counties was recognized for outstanding performance during 2005.

J. Carlton Courter III, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, presented Lewis with a commemorative plaque and a gift basket of Virginia's Finest products.

This was the seventh year for the recognition program. Extension agents or district directors, Virginia Tech Pesticide Program personnel, or office of pesticide services investigators interested in nominating someone for a 2006 award should contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Pesticide Services at 371-6558.

Forage and grazing session set in New Kent

The Eastern Virginia Forage and Grazing Animal Management Conference will be held February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New Kent High School.

Eastern Virginia forage producers and tradesmen will talk about forage production. Land clearing regulations, cost share, species selection, equipment selection and specialized sessions for horses, beef and small ruminants will be covered.

The beef session will qualify for Beef Quality Assurance recertification credits.

A $5 registration fee is due in advance.

For reservations, call the Hanover Extension office at 752-4310.

Business Brief

■ Stroke screening

Life Line Screening will be at White Stone United Methodist Church at 118 Methodist Church Road near White Stone March 15 to screen for stroke.

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is $109. A complete vascular package with osteoporosis screening is $129.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287. Pre-registration is required.

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.

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Fishing for profit workshop is Feb. 24

Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University will hold an "Income Opportunities through Recreational Fishing" workshop February 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Pavilion at 4415 River Road in Ettrick.

The workshop is for pond owners, agricultural professionals, extension agents, bait shop operators and anyone interested in learning more about earning income through recreational and fee fishing operations.

Presenters include Ken Holyoak, president of Ken's Hatchery and Fish Farms in Alapaha, Ga., who has spent the past 10 years developing the Georgia Giant Hybrid Bream that grows up to 5 pounds. Holyoak will discuss operating a fee fishing business and raising stocker fish for fee fishing operations.

Ron Southwick, assistant director of fisheries for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will talk about the growing market for recreational fishing in Virginia.

Mike Osterling, fisheries and aquaculture specialist with the Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, will focus on producing and marketing spot for live bait.

A $10 per person registration fee covers workshop materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Friday, February 17. To register, call Debra Jones, VSU administrative assistant, at 524-5496, or email dbjones@vsu.edu.

Strawberry school, trade show set for February 23

Critical issues for strawberry growers will be the focus of the Virginia Strawberry School and Trade Show February 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Advanced Technology Center on the Tidewater Community College campus in Virginia Beach.

Dr. Barclay Poling, a small fruit specialist, will discuss strawberry production and Dr. Frank Louws, a plant pathologist, will examine strawberry diseases and control. These authorities, both North Carolina Extension specialists, also will explore other topics of importance for growers.

A trade show will feature a number of commercial suppliers displaying their products and explaining their services. Time is allotted to tour the exhibits and meet the vendors.

The Virginia Strawberry School and Trade Show is free and includes a pork barbecue and fried chicken lunch. The registration deadline is February 20, but organizers invite everyone to attend even if they do not register. To register, email Cal Schiemann, Extension agent, at cschiema@vbgov.com or Jill Wright at jwright@vbgov.com, or call 757-427-4769.

The event is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, USDA Risk Management Agency, Virginia Cooperative Extension, North Carolina Cooperative Extension and participating trade show vendors.

The Virginia Beach Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension has also scheduled a Strawberry Field Walk with Dr. Poling and Dr. Louws at the Henley Farm Market at the intersection of Indian River and Princess Anne roads at the Pungo stoplight in Virginia Beach. It will take place February 22 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and give growers an opportunity to hear the experts discuss plant conditions, diseases and other factors in the farms' 15 acres of Chandler and Sweet Charlie strawberries.

The walk will be cancelled in case of severe weather or extremely wet field conditions. Call the Virginia Beach Extension office at 757-427-4769 or 757-426-5775 on the morning of February 22 for an update on conditions.

Real estate office seeks help with care packages

The Long and Foster Bay/River Office in White Stone has adopted a Marine Reserve Unit in Richmond. The office plans to provide "we really care packages" while the unit is deployed in Iraq.

The office would welcome assistance from the public with donations during the time the unit is deployed. Call the White Stone office at 435-2673, or the Deltaville office at 776-6534 for a list of acceptable items requested by the Marines.

Items, for those who wish to donate, can be dropped off at the Long and Foster Bay/River Office at 387 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone, or at the satellite office on General Puller Highway in Deltaville.

The office is working closely with the unit members remaining behind in Richmond, to provide as many items as possible for the care packages that will be repacked, shipped directly and individually addressed by the unit to their men in Iraq.

Requests include travel-size, unscented hygiene items and tiny non-perishable food items. Weapon cleaning material is also on the list.

Preserving farmland remains a priority

Good farmland is disappearing at a rapid pace in Virginia, and efforts continue at the state capitol and in the countryside to preserve some of this valuable resource.

"A farmer's greatest asset is his land," said Brock Herzberg, a legislative specialist for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Many of our producers have expanded operations to make a profit. But as communities grow, new neighbors often want to change the landscape. And many times the most productive land is also in the path of development."

Virginia farmers have been asking for financial support to preserve farmland since 2000, Herzberg said. Gov. Tim Kaine has proposed $2.45 million in his state budget to provide an initial pool of matching funds for localities' purchase of development right (PDR) programs. The money would also pay for a full-time employee in the office of farmland preservation, which currently has no staff.

Meanwhile, Sen. Emmett Hanger, of Augusta and Del. Harvey Morgan of Middlesex, are carrying a $15 million amendment to fund a local and state PDR program. Six Virginia localities have PDR programs, but more localities are financially unable to join them. Purchasing development rights for farmland allows farm owners to recoup some of the accumulated value of their land in exchange for signing a covenant to keep it in agricultural use.

"Farmers appreciate these efforts, particularly at a time when budget dollars are so tight," Herzberg said.

Property owners are urged to learn more about the many different options currently available to keep their land in agriculture. Virginia Cooperative Extension, with input from Virginia Farm Bureau, has compiled a handbook detailing options for landowners. At least a dozen methods are possible—everything from taking advantage of local and land-use taxation laws to conservation easements to estate planning.

"This is a very hot topic. This has been a top priority issue for farm and forestland owners, and it's been a top issue in the Virginia Ag Initiative and for groups like Farm Bureau and the Agribusiness Council," said Jim Riddell, assistant director of agriculture and natural resources for Virginia cooperative Extension.

Close to 70 percent of the farmland in Virginia is expected to change ownership in the next decade as farmers retire. The state lost an average of 23,260 acres of farmland annually to development from 1992 to 1997, according to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Haynie joins Carousel team

Merthia I. Haynie

Merthia I. Haynie recently joined the staff at Carousel Physical Therapy.

Haynie graduated with a doctor of physical therapy from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Md., in 2005. She received a bachelor's in biology from Hampton University in 2001.

During her graduate clinical work, she worked extensively with upper extremity injuries with the primary area of focus on the shoulder, elbow and hand. She dealt with neurological disorders affecting the upper extremities. Haynie worked closely with a certified hand therapist who was experienced in splint fabrication and orthotic devices.

She also specialized in treatment of the injured worker by providing treatment for a variety of orthopedic conditions. She created functional work circuits for work hardening/work capacity clients to assist with simulation of occupational tasks in preparation to return to work following occupational injury.

Haynie was involved in performing functional capacity evaluations of the injured worker as well.

"Utilization of proper body mechanics during occupational tasks is extremely important not only when rehabilitating the injured worker but also in prevention of injury," said Haynie.

She has worked closely with neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation providing physical therapy to patients with a variety of disorders.

Haynie is interested in expanding care in the women's health field. Her doctoral research project was titled "The Effect of Exercise on the Second Stage of Labor in Nulliparous Women." Her research was selected for a poster presentation at the annual American Physical Therapy Association's combined sections conference in San Diego in February 2006

Ag survey is under way

How are agricultural producers surviving when fuel and other input costs continue to rise?

Are government program payments providing producers an adequate safety net when crops are damaged by dry weather or tropical storms?

The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will give Virginia agricultural producers the chance to answer these and other questions in the upcoming Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

The ARMS survey provides the leading economic indicators of state and national agriculture for producers, agribusiness and government. The results will show the impact of higher expenses, the shifting global markets, farmer production decisions and governmental policies on the agricultural economy.

"Reliable, accurate descriptions of the current economic health of Virginia's farms are crucial," said Kevin Barnes, director of Virginia Agricultural Statistics. "This will be the last chance to provide an annual economic snapshot before the 2007 Farm Bill is finalized."

During 2004, the USDA distributed to producers $13.3 billion in farm program payments, including $2.3 billion in conservation funding. Forecast for 2005 is $21.4 billion in farm payments with the increase due primarily to more counter-cyclical payments and emergency program payments. Data from the ARMS survey is used to measure the benefits of direct, counter-cyclical, and ad hoc emergency payments as producers continue to look to the marketplace for economic reward.

Producers chosen to participate in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey will be visited by an interviewer during the February through March data-collection period.

Results will be published in a series of USDA reports on the farm financial situation.

Farm Production Expenditures, the first report with results from the survey, will be released in August 2006. For a copy of the report, visit www.nass.usda.gov, or call 800-727-9540.

Boating workshop is March 15

A workshop involving Boating Infrastructure Grants, the Clean Vessel Act and the Virginia Clean Marina Program will be held March 15 at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping from 3 to 6 p.m.

Registration is $5; the workshop includes light refreshments.

To register, send the fee to TMTA, c/o Pete Hall, P.O. Box 40, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035 by February 22. Specify the date and venue.

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Governor's School wins annual Blue Crab Bowl

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) in Warsaw last Saturday won the 2006 Blue Crab Bowl at Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

The Blue Crab Bowl is the Virginia regional competition for the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB), an academic tournament focusing on ocean science.

Nearly 70 students from 14 high schools competed. In addition to honors and awards, the winning team landed an all-expense-paid trip to the NOSB May 13 to 15 in Pacific Grove, Calif.

The Blue Crab Bowl is a cooperative effort between the Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences and the Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography at Old Dominion University, and the Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program and Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William and Mary.

From left are Jonathan Lee, Abby Hodges, Tiffany Lee, Luke Bessler and Kevin Goff.

Using questions designed by marine scientists, the round-robin, double elimination contest tested students' knowledge of oceanography, geology, biology, and maritime history. Guided by their teacher coaches, students broadened their awareness and understanding of the oceans as they prepared for the competition.

The CBGS team members are Abby Hughes, a senior from Rappahannock High School; Luke Bessler, a junior from Lancaster High School; Tiffany Lee, a senior from Essex High School; and Jonathan Lee, a junior from Essex High. The coach is Kevin Goff.

Fauquier High School finished second; Broadwater Academy, third; and Churchland High School, fourth.

Other competing teams include Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School, Coeburn High School, Flint Hill School, Fredericksburg Academy, Grafton High School, James Monroe High School, Liberty High School, Maury High School, I.C. Norcom High School and Paul VI Catholic High School.

The NOSB is a program of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research & Education and is funded through the National Oceanographic Partnership Program, a collaboration of 15 federal agencies. Its purpose is to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens.

Darla Williams reads to children at Family Literacy Night.

NES holds Family Literacy Night

Northumberland Elementary School held it's February Family Literacy Night February 6 for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first-grade and second -grade students and their families.

The evening began in the gymnasium with a presentation of "Caps for Sale." Desiree Roberts' kindergarten class presented the classic story as drama.

The families were then reminded of the evening's events. These included an arts and crafts room where children made valentine butterflies with foam, craft sticks, wiggly eyes and glue.

the second element involved reading. The children heard Darla Williams and Edie Overton read aloud books by Ezra Jack Keats. The adults heard reading specialist Sue Swift and reading recovery teacher Jan Bates go over "comprehension tricks." Parents were given handouts with strategies and suggestions to use at home with their child.

The third element involved "treasure hunt" rooms. The participants were divided by age with first- and second-graders in one class and younger students in another. The children then went on book "treasure hunts" with their adult "book buddies." The younger group read easy reader books and wrote a sentence about the book on a strip of paper. The adult cut the strip in pieces and the child tried to put it back together. When the child was successful, he/she received "treasure."

Tonya Mitchell helps her son, Denzel, with a project.

First- and second-grade students read more challenging books with their "book buddies" and answered questions about the book. The students turned in completed pages to the facilitator to receive "treasure."

At the end of the evening, each participant was given a bag of treats to eat or take home. Roberts' class and Ruth Cockrell's class earned free ice cream by having the highest number of students present.

N.E.S. will hold it's next Family Literacy Night in April.

Marsh to review *A Reluctant Rebel*

On Thursday, February 23, Rappahannock Community College will welcome Dr. John Harding and the Hon. John O. Marsh.

Dr. Harding, of Northumberland, chairs the RCC board. He recently completed a book, *A Reluctant Rebel*, which will be reviewed by Marsh, of Northumberland.

Marsh also will speak on public policy to 8 a.m. United States government II classes on both campuses through the colleges electronic classroom facilities. The public is invited to attend the lecture in either classroom.

The book review, also open to the public, will take place immediately following the class, at 9:15, in the Warsaw campus library.

A Reluctant Rebel is a somewhat fictionalized account of the life of Dr. Harding's great-great-uncle William Harding (1797-1878). It celebrates life in rural Virginia. This is a subject Dr. Harding is intimately familiar with. He has lived in the Northern Neck all his life, practicing dentistry for 31 years before retiring. He will sign copies of his book following the review.

Marsh served in the Army during World War II and the Virginia National Guard, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He earned a law degree from George Mason University in 1951, and after a decade of private practice, was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives and served four terms from 1962 to 1971. In 1973, he was named Assistant Secretary of Defense (responsible for legislative affairs) and in 1974 became National Security Advisor for then-vice-president Gerald Ford.

When Ford became presdient, Marsh achieved Cabinet rank as Counselor to the President. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed him Secretary of the Army. He retired from this position in 1989.

Following this appointment, he served as Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, an advisory body relating to all U.S. Reserve forces, until 1994. In 1995, he was named by Secretary of Defense William Perry as chairman of a blue ribbon panel to study "Quality of Life" issues in the U.S. military.

Marsh has received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Department of Defense six times and the President's Citizen's Medal for Public Service. In 1990, the Virginia Press Association selected Marsh to receive its Virginian of the Year award.

LHS publishes first semester A Honor Roll

Lancaster High School recently published its "highest honors" A (4.0+) average Honor Roll for the first semester.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 9 are Tyesha Harvey, Megan Jackson, Takeia Jones, Marlene Logan, Taylor Nelson Fariss, Nathan Rose, Christopher Smith and Michael Stickler.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 10 are Jessica Abbott, Rebecca Buzzell, Cameron Carter, Sara Caudle, Seth Christman, Isaac Clark, Racquel Francis, Marcus Greene, Sarah Hollowell, Emily Kohlhepp, Wayne Lamkin, Tiffany Lee, Shanita Mitchell, Katherine Walker and Samantha Whay.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 11 are Luke Bessler, Nathan Blake, Sarah Davis, Amanda Dreylick, Thomas Frere, Cleon Rice, Alexandra Sherrill, Emily Shrader and Jocelyn Stephens.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 12 are Jessica Barefoot, Timothy Blake, Courtney Carter, Rebekah Conboy, Jacob Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Charles Joyal, Therese Killion, Jessie Love, Brianne Oltermann, Erica Patton, Mary Louise Sanders and Kimberly White.

Rewarded for courage

The character trait celebrated at Lancaster Primary School in January was courage. Students exemplifying courage had breakfast with the principal and received certificates and gifts. Kindergartners and first-graders from left are (front row) LaNaysha Savoy, Christian Sutton, Karen Beltran, James Franklin, E'Myia Doggett and Robert Sticklen; (next row) Keyasia Diggs, Leanne Nguyen, Jamond Thompson, John Brandon, Marquita Lee; (next row) DaKwain Veney, McKenzie Mason, Ralph Waller, DeNesha Maiden, Shawntasia Laws; (next row) assistant principal Lori Watrous, Sophie Headley, Wyatt McCranie, Amber Davis and Wyatt Kemp.

Second- and third-graders from left are (front row) Trevon Henderson, James Weldon, Matthew Abbott, James Michael Bryant, Barry Jackson; (next row) Kayleigh Webster, D'Sean Wright, Abby Nelson, Caleb Smith, Tyler Noel; (next row) Sadacia Ball, Antonio Owens, Ronesha Veney, DaVante Stewart, Timothy McDaniels; (next row) Branden Benza, Rodesha Veney, Watrous, Daisia NayBall, Tyler Reed and Jamea Smith.

Essay scholarship deadline is April 3

Enterprising high school students in Virginia can earn money for college, showcase their writing skills, and honor their heroes when they enter the "My Political Hero" essay writing contest.

The entry deadline is April 3. The contest is sponsored by Virginians for Integrity in Government, an organization with the mission to educate the public on political issues of interest to Virginians, by offering balanced, non-partisan information on a variety of topics.

Students may find all the contest rules at www.MyPoliticalHero.org. They must select living Virginians, male or female, whom they admire for some public service in their lives. Past winners have written about elected officials, their teachers, their coaches, and others who have exerted political influence in a positive way.

First prize is a $1,000 scholarship. Winners may use their scholarship award on any type of post-secondary schooling, including college or trade school.

The winning essay will be published in Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine.

Local students earn Dean's List at Virginia Tech

Three Lancaster County students recently were named to the Dean's List at Virginia Tech.

Senior Elizabeth R. Harding of Lancaster is majoring in accounting and information systems at the Pamplin College of Business.

Junior Cori T. Pflugradt of Lancaster is majoring in biology at the College of Science.

Senior Whitney A. Dawson of Weems is majoring in marketing management at the Pamplin College of Business.

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Online databases available

Elizabeth and Connor Flynn work on homework projects using online databases such as Grolier, World Book and Find It Virginia at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

LMS publishes A Honor Roll

Lancaster Middle School recently published its "red and white" A (94+) average Honor Roll.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 4 are Chelsea Alldredge, Brittany Ashburn, Olivia Beck, Cameron Brent, Carlee Broadus, Justin Fisher, Trenae' Henderson, Aleah Hill, Montgomery Hurst, Thomas Hyde and James Joyner.

Also, Samuel Kelley, Katherine Keyser, Allesia Muschette, Benjamin Nickerson, Hannah Richardson, Laura Smith, Kenosha Stewart, Micaela Syversen and Kashaila Veney.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 5 are Brandi Benton, Kelvonna Clayton, Marissa Coates, Dorothy Flynn, Meghan Frere, Samuel Friday, Lauren Hudnall, Bradley Hudson, Skylar Kellum, William Kellum, Thomas Lackert, Bethany Milstead, Thomas Morning, Cheyenne Nicholson, Kala Ross, Hannah Smith, Alexander Webster and Nicholas Whay.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 6 are Ashley Alberts, Samoya Ball, Zachary Bullis, Abigail Clark, Mary Hooker, Destiny Howard, La'Terron Jones, Maya Lee, Jonathon McDaniels, Ashley Rose, Sarah Smith, Jonathan Stickler and Carrington Veney.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 7 are Brittany Davenport, Thomas Flynn, Emma Hand, Phillip Humphreys, Natalie Jackson, Latore' Middleton, Rebecca Patton, Cassandra Quick, Kelsey Rollins, William Savoy, Danielle Shelton, Sydney Shivers, Christina Syversen and Cheniera Wiggins.

Students named to the A Honor Roll in grade 8 are Alexandra Barton, Sean Bowles, Kristen Connelly, Robert Crowther, James Johnson, Ryan Joyner, Katelyn Keyser, Kathryn Mitchell, Douglas Montgomery, Michael Nonnemacker, Grace Perkins, Elizabeth Shelton, Jade Traylor, Andrea White and Shanice Yerby.

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From left are counselor Carrie Bailey, Coreka Turner, Michelle Williams, Karen Turner, Holli Perez, Pam Winder, Meredith Powell, Samona Carey, Ashleigh Ramos, Karen Elmore, Whitney Hix, assistant coordinator Roz Stein, Lanell Jarvis, president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, Kathrine Hogge, Josiah Gayfield, Ashley Bibbens and TRIO administrative officer Paula Fisher.

'A' Club holds semester luncheon

"It's great to see new faces here, and it's great to see people returning," said Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, president of Rappahannock Community College, at an "A" Club luncheon January 25.

"This is an exciting day," said Dr. Cowther. "I have several lists of students' names, but this is the one I like to hear about."

The luncheon, sponsored by the Student Support Services office at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, honors SSS participants who were enrolled in at least two classes during the preceding semester, and earned an A or an S ("satisfactory") in each class.

Some 23 students who registered for the fall 2005 semester were recognized, including Erin Heath, Josiah Gayfield, Pamela Pittman, Ashleigh Ramos and Pam Winder of Gloucester County; Kathrine Hogge and Ashley Smith of James City County; Andrea Finn and Whitney Hix of King William County; Jessica Davis of Lancaster County; Faith Boyd, Lanell Jarvis, and Michelle Williams of Mathews County; Christian Marshall and Meredith Powell of Middlesex County; Holli Perez of New Kent County; Charles Rockwell of Newport News; Ashley Bibbens and Karen Elmore of Northumberland County; Maleasa Sutherland of Richmond County; and Samona Carey, Coreka Turner, and Karen Turner of Westmoreland County.

Gayfield, Heath, Hix, Perez, Powell, Smith, and Williams are charter members of the "A" Club, having earned top grades since fall 2004; Ramos, Karen Turner, and Winder have been members since spring 2005. One more charter member, Charles Rockwell, qualified for both fall semesters.

TRIO programs administrative officer Paula Fisher said that the "A" Club is not an exclusive group.

"It's open to everyone who is willing to put in the extra time and effort necessary to excel," Fisher said.

The students who attended excel in many different ways, she added. An informal survey revealed that they cherish such diverse career goals as the Christian ministry, human resources, occupational therapy, nursing, elementary or childhood education, or teaching special education, history, English, or English as a second language.

Forensic scientist to address CBGS Science Symposium

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School third annual Science Symposium will be held March 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Virginia Commonwealth University Student Commons, The Richmond Salons.

Dr. Marilyn T. Miller of the VCU Department of Forensic Science will speak.

She will discuss the real-world issues of criminal investigations and their relationship to forensic science. She will show examples of how physical evidence is tested in a modern forensic laboratory.

Several CBGS students will present their senior research projects. The student talks include "An Evaluation of Green Roofs for Reducing Stormwater Runoff and Improving Local Water Quality," "The Effect of Widgeon Grass Density on the Habitat Preferences of Small Fish and Invertebrates" and "The Value of Oyster Aquaculture Gear for Enhancing the Abundance and Diversity of Marine Life."

This event is free. The public is invited.

Carter to teach chamber music class

Richard Carter of Millers Tavern will present his third Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning course, beginning March 1 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

The course will continue March 8 and 15. Classes will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Carter, a retired editor and writer for the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C., has selected three composers for the subject of his course. His emphasis will be on Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven and the development of chamber music in the classical era, including string quartets, piano trios and quartets, and cello and violin sonatas (Beethoven).

Knowledgeable about the cultural life of the period, 1780 to 1825, Carter will add anecdotes ranging from the French and Napoleonic wars to prostitution in Vienna.

Recordings, lecture and discussion will be used by Carter, according to Libby Singleton, a volunteer from Essex County, who arranged for the course.

"Richard Carter has prepared a bibliography of special books and compact disc recordings for students to continue to enjoy reading and listening pleasure, even after the course is completed—truly lifelong learning," said Singleton.

Carter has wide experience, his activities including production, exhibition catalogues, books, lectures and films for the Smithsonian Institution, the Freer Gallery of Art, and the Sackler Gallery. He was honored by the Smithsonian with Outstanding Service Awards in 1989, and in 1991 to 1995.

For 25 years, he has written articles on music for a number of publications, including the Washington Post. Recently, he has been associated with the American Association of Retired Persons.

To register, call Sharon Drotleff at the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation Inc., at 333-6707 or 877-722-3679.

School Notebook

■ VIMS lecture

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science will hold an After Hours Lecture Thursday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Gloucester Point Campus.

VIMS professor emeritus and tide expert John Boon will present "The Tide Next Time." Advance registration is required. Register at www.vims.edu/events, or call 684-7846.

Christ Church earns award of merit

The Foundation for Christ Church education programs recently received an Award of Merit for Best Practice in K-12 Architectural Education from the American Architectural Foundation.

AAF President and Chief Executive Officer Ronald Bogle announced the award January 24. As a program of "national distinction," Bogle noted the Foundation of Christ Church and other award recipients will be featured on the AAF website and be invited to take part in an upcoming symposium on K-12 architectural education.

The foundation offers educational programs to students of all ages free of charge. Nearly 1,000 students participate each year in field trips, outreach programs, summer history days, and other activities.

Last fall, some students had the opportunity to assist archaeologists excavating areas believed to be the site of a 1670 church which stood at Christ Church.

Students come from elementary schools in Lancaster, Northumberland, Gloucester, and surrounding counties. Each summer, high school juniors and seniors from across the country participating in the College of William and Mary's Pre-collegiate Program in Early American History also visit.

Lancaster Middle School to host annual Science Fair

The Lancaster Middle School will host its sixth annual Science Fair February 22 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The Science Fair will be held in the gymnasium, with approximately 450 student projects encompassing five grade levels, competing for cash prizes donated by the Lancaster Middle School PTA. Projects will be judged by 30 to 40 judges selected from the scientific ranks of the surrounding community.

Middle school students participate in Science Fair activities to meet Science Standards of Learning that require students at each grade level to investigate and observe scientific principles and phenomena.

The Virginia Science Museum's traveling BioExpress van has been invited to set up scientific exhibits and deliver selected hands-on science presentations to LMS students. Volunteers from the PTA and the local community will assist in moving students to and from the classrooms and exhibit areas.

Parents and community members are invited to visit the Science Fair throughout the day and into the evening to see the exciting projects that represent the culmination of the scientific research and study during the school year.

Bus driver training scheduled for March

The Lancaster School Board in March will offer the state certification course required for all new school bus drivers.

The mandatory 48-hour course provides full certification to drive a school bus, said Lancaster school transportation director Tim Guill.

To qualify, all trainees must have a CDL learner's permit from DMV prior to the first class.

The classroom portion of the course will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays March 7 through 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lancaster Primary School.

Behind the wheel training will include a minimum of 14 hours without students and 10 hours with students, he said.

There is no charge. However, those who complete the course would be expected to serve as a substitute/field trip driver for the Lancaster school system.

To register, call Guill at 435-3183 by 4 p.m. March 1.

School Menus

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Monday, February 20:
School Closed
President's Day

Tuesday , February 21:
Chicken biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Pepperoni pizza or
Cheese pizza
Garden salad or
Green beans
Spiced applesauce or
Fresh fruit

Wednesday, February 22:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Grape juice
Corn dog nuggets w/roll or
Ham & cheese on bun
Potato wedges or
Corn on cob
Sliced peaches or
Fresh fruit

Thursday, February 23:
Sausage biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
w/Italian bread or
Chicken sticks
Garden salad or
Green beans
Spiced applesauce or
Fresh fruit

Friday, February 24:
French Toast w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Fruit punch
Cheeseburger on bun or
Chicken nuggets w/roll
French fries or
Peas
Pear halves or
Fresh fruit

Random Chicks win again

On February 10, the Random Chicks won their third Brain Bowl Challenge of the season at Lancaster Middle School. From left are Elizabeth Flynn, Meghan Frere, Brooke Hudnall and Casey Clarke. The next Brain Bowl Challenge will be Friday, February 17, at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

Accounting scholarships available

The Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA) Educational Foundation, is accepting scholarship applications from Virginia college and university students for the 2006-07 academic year. The application deadline is April 17.

The foundation promotes business and accounting education.

The foundation offers more than $22,000 in undergraduate, minority undergraduate and graduate scholarships. To qualify for an undergraduate scholarship, recipients must have completed a minimum of three hours of accounting course work, be enrolled in three additional accounting credit hours and have an accounting GPA of 3.0. Graduate scholarship applicants must be enrolled or have been accepted in a graduate accounting program at an accredited Virginia college or university.

The foundation also offers the Goodman and Company annual scholarship to a junior or senior accounting major enrolled at a Virginia college or university who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need to pursue a career in public accounting.

Other selection criteria for all awards includes overall academic performance, entry essay, faculty recommendation(s), and community and/or extracurricular activities.

For an application, visit www.VSCPAFoundation.com, email foundation@vscpa.com, or call 800-733-8272.

GED classes held weekly

Adult education and GED prep classes are held weekly in Lancaster and Northumberland.

In Lancaster, the education class is Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the technology center at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock. The prep class is Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In Northumberland, the education class is Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center in Heathsville. The prep class is Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A new six-week GED Fast Track class will begin Thursday, February 16, at the Adult Learning Center in Heathsville.

The GED TEST OUT continues through March. One may take a free practice GED test. For those who pass, the adult education administration will pay the $43.50 fee for all first-time GED test takers.

To enroll, call 580-3152.

On Dean's List

Ashley Kohlhepp has again been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University. She is the daughter of Bayard and Debbie Kohlhepp of Heathsville. She is the grandaughter of Fray and Betty Pauley of Lively and Margaret Kohlhepp of Weems.

The Haven is recruiting teens for advisory board

Teens may join The Haven Teen Advisory and Action Board.

Teens from Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties are promoting efforts to prevent teen dating violence. They learn to be a peer educator and an advocate for teen safety.

Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 25, at The Haven administration office in Warsaw. Lunch will be provided.

To register, contact Darlene Hayes at 333-5370, 1-800-224-2836, or www.havenshelter.org.

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

This course will be offered at:
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"Firemen of the year" from left are Eric George, Mike Ercelino and Donnie Elbourn.

Corporate officers from left are President Paul Elbourn, Vice President Charles Brocklebank, Secretary Maria George, Assistant Secretary Robert Blake and Treasurer Todd Booth. Other corporate officers are assistant Treasurer Gordon George and Sergeant at Arms Scott Brown.

Field officers from left are (front row) Lieutenant Dan Sanders, Assistant Lieutenant Brian O'Bier, Engineer Gary Hodges and Training Officer Aaron Conkle; (next row) Chief Tommy Evans, Assistant Chief Chris Hanley, Captain Carl Long and Assistant Captain Steve Pittman.

Members of the board of directors from left are (front row) Charles Brocklebank, Dan Sanders, Brian O'Bier and Clyde "C.D." Hathaway; (next row) Tommy Evans, Mike Ercelino, Donnie Elbourn and Carlie Woolard. Gordon George also is a director.

Windmill Point resort seeks discharge increase

WESTLAND—The developers of Windmill Point Resort & Yacht Harbor have applied for an expansion of the existing permit to discharge treated sewage into the Windmill Point boat basin.

Windmill Point plans to release treated sewage at the present rate of 30,000 gallons per day and eventually expand the rate to 80,000 gallons per day.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comments about the application to determine whether or not a public hearing will be held.

The comment period extends until March 20. Comments can be e-mailed to Denise Mosca at DEQ at dmmosca@deq.virginia.gov, faxed to (804) 527-5106, or mailed to DEQ at the Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A, Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Comments must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and all those represented by the person commenting.

If a public hearing is requested, the reason for holding the hearing and concerns about the application should be included.

Written comments also should include a brief statement about how the person writing the comments will be affected by the operation of the facility.

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White Stone fire department holds annual banquet

WHITE STONE–On January 21, the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department held its annual banquet at the White Stone Event Center. Mike Ercelino, the outgoing president, opened the evening with a handshake turning his duties over to new president Paul Elbourn.

During 2005 all of the members gave their time to the fire department and the community. The department responded to 95 calls.

Tommy Evans received a plaque for "most calls answered" with 89. The junior member receiving the plaque for "most calls answered" was Jason Rice with 40. Bobby Haynie received a plaque for "truck driver of the year."

Donnie Elbourn received a plaque for his life membership after 25 years of service. Mike Ercelino received a plaque for his service as president. The department also presented Chief Donnie Elbourn, President Mike Ercelino and firefighter Eric George with "fireman of the year" plaques.

Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department President Jeffery Haywood presented a plaque to Donnie Elbourn thanking him for his outstanding service to the community.

The WSVFD Competition Team presented Frederick Hess with a shadow box containing a team picture and a team shirt bearing the initials WCH on the sleeve in memory of his son Wayne C. Hess. Donnie Elbourn stepped down as chief and handed his duties over to Assistant Chief Tommy Evans.

The department presented Donnie Elbourn with a plaque for his service as chief and a fishing rod so he can enjoy his new found spare time. His field officers from 2005 gave him a framed drawing of the firehouse.

On January 1, new field and corporate officers began their duties. Field officers are Chief Tommy Evans, Assistant Chief Chris Hanley, Captain Carl Long, Assistant Captain Steve Pittman, Lieutenant Dan Sanders, Assistant Lieutenant Brian O'Bier, Training Officer Aaron Conkle and Engineer Gary Hodges. The corporate officers are President Paul Elbourn, Vice President Charles Brocklebank, Treasurer Todd Booth, Assistant Treasurer Gordon George, Secretary Maria George, Assistant Secretary Robert Blake, and Sergeant at Arm Scott Brown. Members of the board of directors are Donnie Elbourn, Mike Ercelino, Brian O'Bier, Dan Sanders, Carlie Woolard, Gordon George, Tommy Evans, Charles Brocklebank and Clyde "C.D." Hathaway.

Chief Tommy Evans has been in the department for 15 years. He has held all field positions with the exception of assistant lieutenant. He has received the "fireman of the year" award three times. Evans served as assistant chief to Donnie Elbourn for five years. Evans also has served as a member of the board of directors.

President Paul Elbourn has been in the department for 19 years. He has served as vice president to Mike Ercelino for the past five years. Elbourn has served four years as a field officer holding the positions of assistant lieutenant, lieutenant, and assistant captain. He has received two "fireman of the year" awards and served on the board of directors for nine years.

Mike Ercelino has been in the department for 11 years. Ercelino was vice president for three years, and served on the board of directors for 10 years. Ercelino has received four "fireman of the year" awards. Ercelino was president for five years which tied him for the longest running president.

Donnie Elbourn has been in the department for 25 years. Elbourn has served on the board of directors, and been a leader in the department. Elbourn was a field officer 23 years with the department, holding all field positions with the exception of lieutenant. Elbourn held the position of chief for 15 years which made him the longest running chief in department history. Elbourn also received three "fireman of the year" awards. Elbourn took his life membership effective January 1. Elbourn has been instrumental in the development of the White Stone Fire Department and many of its upcoming firemen.

Lancaster Republicans to review border patrol

Mike Egerer, the chief financial officer and one of the owner's of New Technology Management Inc., will speak on border patrol at the Lancaster County Republican Committee meeting Thursday, February 23.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bank Training Center on School Street in Kilmarnock.

NTMI specializes in designing, implementing and maintaining the most advanced security and surveillance systems. NTMI was selected to secure our nation's borders. For the last 15 years, Egerer and his team have been responsible for the technological advances in security, surveillance and intrusion detection along the northern and southern land borders of the U.S.

Egerer will discuss the nature of illegal immigration and the government's efforts to control it. Using real examples, he will give an understanding on the complexities of the problem the nation faces. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/ Drones, heat sensing equipment and other cutting-edge technologies will be addressed.

For more information, call Bernadette Barber at 462-7255.

Democrats to meet in Northumberland

The Northumberland County Democratic Committee will meet Thursday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. Candidates for the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate may attend. Local contests also will be discussed.

Officers recently elected for 2006 are chairman Dick Saxer, first vice-chair James Long, second vice-chair Robert Lindsey, treasurer Bill Gee, and secretary Gary Wood.

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New scam invades the Northern Neck

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Sheriff's Office reports that a possible new scam has invaded the Northern Neck.

Scam artists are taking advantage of the confusion that the new Medicare and Medicaid options are creating.

The office has had several reports of senior citizens being approached by people offering to help them receive free or greatly reduced rates on medical care and medicines.

The subjects are usually well dressed and extremely friendly. After they gain one's confidence, they tell unsuspecting seniors to sign over their deeds or other important documents in exchange for a lifetime of free medicine or medical care.

One citizen reported that the person who spoke to him stated that if the governments think one doesn't own anything they can't charge one anything.

Some of the plans seem to be similar to annuities, where a person can receive a cash advance in exchange for naming a person or company as the benefactor of his life insurance policies.

The sheriff's office recommends that people who receive such offers have them examined by an attorney, or other financial advisor. Any such important decisions should also be discussed with one's family members before any papers are signed.

The office also advises not to let anyone rush you into signing any such agreement and this is a sure warning of foul play. Ask for printed material to review, with a contact number to call to verify information. It is not rude or a sign of weakness to have another person review proposals of such importance.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

The Northumberland County Crime Solvers seeks information on an incident that occurred between January 14 and January 16. Unknown persons entered the property of RMC Mechanical near Callao and stole scrap copper from the business.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime in Northumberland may call Crime Solvers at 580-8447. Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers are not required to testify in court.

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square feet. The purpose is to increase administrative office space, improve direct observation of the front doors and hall by staff, and provide a more welcoming entrance.

The next costliest project is the creation of a bus loop to use the rear of Lancaster Primary School for bus loading and unloading of students. At an estimated cost of $549,120, the project also includes adding 63 parking spaces in front of the school for a total of 143 spaces at that location.

The other plan presented to the board is for a re-designed entrance to the high school band room to prevent stormwater pooling. The project is estimated to cost between $75,000 and $90,000.

School superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore also informed the board that the board of supervisors authorized the school division last week to pursue a request for proposals to repair a problem with sewage backups in the band room bathrooms.

Among other action, the school board authorized Latimore to proceed,, along with the county administration, on a request for proposals to provide health care coverage for employees for the upcoming school year.

The board also approved a policy for the donation of out-of-date computers and software. The criteria gives first preference to economically and academically disadvantaged students.

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only a very rough guideline.

Due to increased real estate values after the 2005 reassessment, the county will be losing 15 percent of its previous rate of state funding for schools. The governor's proposed budget offsets that loss, providing an additional $300,000 for the upcoming school year.

The county's Virginia Retirement System contribution may increase by $445,000. Fuel costs are anticipated to increase by $180,000. Two new buses would add $126,000 to the budget. Health insurance increases could require another $115,000. A 3.25 percent salary increase would cost the county a minimum of $275,000. Each percentage point in a raise for teachers will cost the county $90,000.

While it's tough to tell how things will shake out this early in the game, Stables said, the total budget increase request looks to be around $850,000 in county funds for the 2006-07 school year.

The school board will hold its initial budget presentation at 5:30 p.m. March 6. The final public hearing and budget approval is set for 6 p.m. March 20. The school budget is due to the board of supervisors by April 1.

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