Rappahannock Record

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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Board to consider proposed changes at Windmill Point

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors meets tonight (February 23) to consider modifications to the 2003 master plan for development attached to the rezoning of Windmill Point Resort & Yacht Harbor.

The session begins at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.

Windmill Redevelopment Associates LLC is requesting that the number of residential units allowed at the site be increased from 148 to 200. The group has also requested the removal of a proposed 40-room hotel from the development plan.

The supervisors also will consider preliminary subdivision plat approval for a 98-lot subdivision, Reserve at Chase Lake, at Chase's Farm on Route 3 near Kilmarnock.

A public hearing is scheduled for an after-the-fact special exception requested by Michael B. Callis to operate a professional office at 8676 Mary Ball Road.

A separate hearing will address a special exception request from Kaballero.Com for data antennae at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad building and at Tabbs Creek Incorporated property at Little Bay and Old Point roads.

Police Reports

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

Perry D. Smith, 33, of Baltimore was charged February 13 with failure to appear in court.

A Roseneath Avenue man, 33, was charged February 8 with contempt of court.

A Boys Camp Road man, 55, was charged February 18 with drunk driving and unreasonable refusal to submit to blood or breath testing.

An Irvington man, 25, was charged February 19 with public drunkenness.

A Twin Branch Road man, 46, was charged February 19 with issuing a bad check.

A Lara Road man, 20, was charged February 16 with failure to appear in Hanover County court.

Also reported were charges filed against four other individuals.

A Little Bay Road man, 55, was charged February 10 with failure to appear in court.

A Kilmarnock man, 49, was charged February 14 with contempt of court.

A Nuttsville Road man, 37, was charged February 16 with nonpayment of fines and courts costs.

A White Stone area man, 19, was charged February 16 with nonpayment of fines and court costs.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported nine arrests last week.

Tammy J. LaFollette, 48, of

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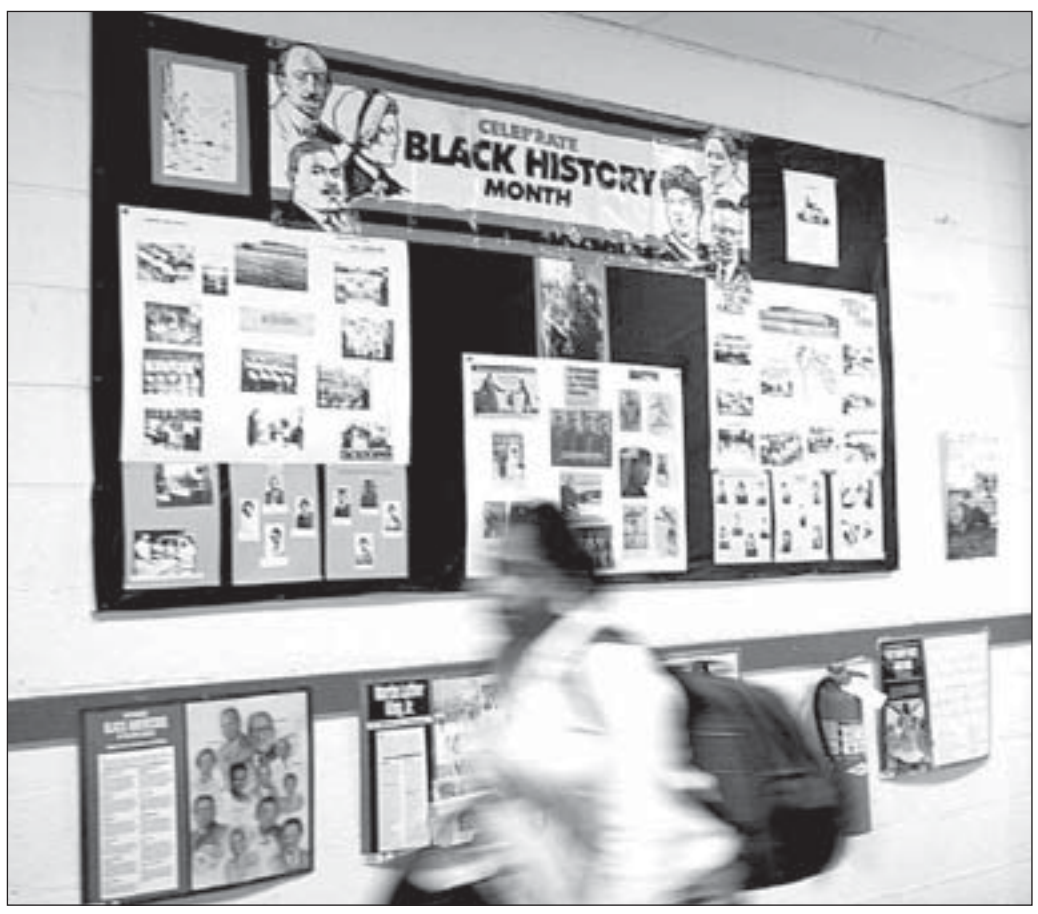

Local heritage highlights Black History Month

A Northumberland Middle School student rushes to class last Tuesday under a poster created by the NAACP in celebration of Black History Month. The display highlights students who attended high school in the same building during the days of segregation in the 1950s and '60s when it was known as Central High School. Bulletin boards such as this line the halls and classrooms of all three of Northumberland's schools this month. Other celebrations of Black History Month include jazz and blues performances at Northumberland Public Library March 5 and at the elementary school March 6. Folk tales, skits, morning trivia questions, trading cards, book reports and a field trip to the African American Museum in Richmond will also bring black history to life for students this month. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Proposals received for Northumberland school construction

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland County school system announced last week that it received four proposals in response to its search for companies willing to design and build an educational facility for students in grades 6 to 12.

Proposals were due to the school board office by 2 p.m. February 15.

The packages have been forwarded to two consulting firms who will spend the next few weeks reviewing and prioritizing them. Eperitus will review the packages with an eye to the educational specifications. Construction Control will examine the construction costs to determine whether they are realistic and will review the more technical aspects of the proposals.

On March 2, in a closed session, the school board and the board of supervisors will jointly review proposals from Ritchie-Curbow Construction Company, First Choice Public/Private Partners, Shockey LLC and H&M Construction Company.

"We are excited with the quality of the people who made proposals," said superintendent of schools Clint Stables. "They are some of the biggest construction firms in the state with hundreds of schools constructed. It's really encouraging."

The boards will primarily consider the qualifications, experience and references of the applicants in the first round, keeping the conceptual aspects a low priority at this time.

The goal March 2 will be to narrow down the pool to two companies for the second round.

The companies invited to continue further into the negotiation process will be required to make presentations to the community regarding their qualifications and past projects. The details of the individual proposals will, however, remain confidential during the competitive negotiations, explained Stables.

Two of Del. Wittman's bills advance to Senate

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—Nearly half of the 2,969 bills introduced in the 2006 General Assembly were beached last week as the tide changed and each house began to consider the other's bills.

Any bills that had not yet passed committees at that point were abandoned.

Nine of Del. Rob Wittman's 11 proposed bills sank, including one that would have required people charged with littering to clean up roadsides wearing a vest that says, "I am a litterbug."

Two of Del. Wittman's bills passed the House and are in the Senate Committee on Finance. One deals with high speed and broadband internet access in under-served areas and the other establishes a grant incentive program for biofuels production in Virginia.

He has vowed to re-introduce many of his unsuccessful bills next year.

Meanwhile, he is polling District 99 residents on issues ranging from using hand-held cellphones while driving to limiting the use of sludge in Virginia.

To comment on proposed legislation, he can be reached at 698-1099, or delrwittman@house.state.va.us.

Sludge

Of more than a dozen sludge bills introduced in the House, one survived.

A bill introduced by Del. Benjamin L. Cline of Amherst would charge sludge users $5,000 for a new permit and $1,000 for a permit renewal or modification fee. The money collected would support the administration and management of the Virginia Department of Health sewage sludge program.

The bill passed the House and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources.

Smoking

Restaurants in the Northern Neck could take on a "lighter" atmosphere if a bill to ban smoking indoors in most public areas is approved.

The bill passed the Senate by narrow margins and has gone to the House.

Proposed by Sen. Brandon Bell of Roanoke, the "Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act" passed the Senate by three votes. It is before the House Committee on General Laws.

Marriage amendment

Legislators may ask voters to decide if the state needs a Constitutional amendment defining marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman."

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Several bills didn't cross over

Several bills of local interest didn't make the cut at the General Assembly.

Measures that failed included bills on:

- reimbursing property owners for damages, awarding property owners legal fees and costs in condemnation proceedings.
- changing the penalty for a second conviction of stalking.
- requiring telephone companies to verify accuracy of information provided. (Continued to 2007).
- ensuring adequate water resources for subdivisions.
- assessing property devoted to water-dependent use. (Continued to 2007).
- providing state matching funds for the Rural Public Transportation program.
- mandating health insurance coverage for treatment by intensity modulated radiation therapy.
- proffering payments; purchase of development rights by locality.
- establishing a Constitutional amendment for assessments of real property.
- studying retainment and recruitment of law-enforcement officers.
- replacing school boards for neglect of duty.
- releasing dogs on or near posted land.
- establishing a harvest quota for menhaden (all bills).
- requiring an annual body mass index for public school students.
- increasing the cigarette tax.
- prohibiting the use of hand-held mobile telephones by operators of motor vehicles in motion.
- imposing a moratorium on the death penalty.

Anonymous gift boosts culinary arts program

WARSAW—An anonymous $250,000 gift will allow Rappahannock Community College to jump start its new "Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute."

"We're really excited about this," said director of college advancement Victor Clough, "What we hope to do is to have a few preliminary courses in the fall 2006 semester, and then, for spring 2007, have the regular core classes for this credentialed college-level program kick in."

College president Dr. Elizabeth H. "Sissy" Crowther noted the effort is to establish a curriculum far beyond a food service program. The institute would focus on "the art of cooking, how it's done in the finest restaurants," said Dr. Crowther.

The original $250,000 gift will launch the program, as well as hire an upper-level administrator to manage it. RCC is already recruiting nationally to fill this newly-created position. This search is being headed by Dr. Maureen Murphy, RCC's vice-president of instruction and student development, who also designed the curriculum.

Before the program can begin, however, the college must compensate for its lack of kitchen facilities by forming partnerships with individual restaurants and chefs. Clough said discussions are under way with leading regional resorts and restaurants to secure the use of their premises and expert advice for hands-on cooking classes.

Geared toward entry-level workers who intend to pursue a career in the hospitality industry, the program will offer three core courses. After completing these, students will choose from one of three tracks: lodging management, food service management, or classical cooking. With all three tracks filled, the program will initially accommodate 60 students, with the possibility of additional enrollment as more degrees are developed and approved.

The goal, according to Dr. Crowther, is to offer folks who grow up here an opportunity to train here, to stay here and make a decent living here in the tourism industry.

She noted that the college has been developing a relationship with the anonymous donor for some two years. As the concept for a culinary arts and hospital-

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Shortly after I wrote about the lone shoe repairman in downtown Youngstown, the dime store sold the cobbler's corner space out from under him. I wrote about the only humanly operated elevator left in town, and the bank upgraded its lifts to self-serve.

I write about something wonderful and it disappears. My columns are a jinx.

In this space I boasted that I thought we had the prettiest road in the county, and the next thing I knew, the timber company was cutting its swath. Mama, don't let your babies grow up to be loggers; I'll drive by with lips pursed and glare 'em down.

(I know; I've learned that timber's a crop. But I thought that after crops were harvested, land was replanted. Alas, there's not a seedling in sight. Timbered acreages resemble battlefields with the slain abandoned.)

I've written also that I love this place, its fields and woodlands, the warmth of its people, the slant of the sun. In the best of both worlds, I'm blessed with a house in the country and the amenities of town only five minutes away.

But the jinx continues and fortunes reverse. Soon enough I'll be able to walk up the James Jones bypass to Wal-Mart. Whoop-de-doo. Maybe I'll lighten my load by tossing my plastic bags and pop bottles on the road on the way home.

I've been in a snit about Wal-Mart, about the bigness it brings and the floodgates it opens. Last week as I picked up roadside trash, I huffed and sputtered about the changes. More traffic means more trash. Each day brings talk of new development. I'm scared I'll come home and find a strip plaza next door.

Opinions vary. One friend is ready to move. Another says we must work with rather than fight inevitable change. Another believes Wal-Mart will strengthen our smaller merchants, making them more attuned to buyers' needs of service and stock. Another says it'll drive downtown down the drain. Another says we haven't sufficient numbers; the super store will close in four years, its damage done.

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I'm trying to soften my heart, trying to look at all sides. Breakthrough changes such as the bridge, the hospital and the library have exponentially increased the quality of life in the Northern Neck. Although I assume there was initial opposition, fast food chains have not done us in. Dollar stores offer eclectic treasures without decimating commerce downtown. So change is not always bad.

It can interrupt, however, and the centuries have brought a string of interruptions: the deer is interrupted by the Indian who is interrupted by the settler who is interrupted by the retiree who is interrupted by the Wal-Mart. What we all want to do, of course, is lock the door once we're in.

Here's another thing: As I slump around stewing about a box store, people fight cancer, war, poverty, personal tragedy, natural disaster. Who do I think I am? How arrogant can I be? And what if a local family's fortunes improve thanks to new employment opportunities? Is that not reason to rejoice?

I'm making progress. Outside three deer stand motionless at the edge of our woods. We wake to a stately bald eagle staring at us from the white oak limb beyond our deck. What I think might be a broad-winged hawk sits in the pine tree five feet from my window. A red-bellied woodpecker brightens the feeder, and eight buffleheads frolic on the water. Days last longer, and the late sun paints the river rose.

At the Y Saturday I run into two boys I've tutored in other years. They are tall, good-looking middle-school students, and I am thrilled to see them. A friend gives me flowers in a Jefferson cup. At the house across the lane, a bouncing white pup exudes new joy. In town, Jay helps a woman jump the battery in her car, exhibiting the kind of friendliness you natives have taught us by example.

My perspective improves. Wal-Mart will not make or break the spirit of this place, where foundations are deep and priorities are nature and friendship and folks taking time to help folks.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Hold the "s" please

First, the Book of Revelation is a single, continuous revelation, not a series of revelations (no "s" please). It is not the Book of Revelations.

In fact it takes on even more importance since it is delivered from John as he received it from Heaven.

I am amused by the struggling faithful who express a confused level of biblical understanding because they have crashed upon the shores of Revelation. To me they will say, "Preacher, I just don't understand it."

The first thing that crosses my mind is, Why don't they get back into a more understandable area and strive to assess those teachings for their everyday lives? Rarely would I actually say that to anyone, however.

So for a few minutes let me add another voice to the fray about the Book of Revelation. One needs to remember that while it was a revelation to the apostle John during his imprisonment on the Isle of Patmos, it survived in a circulating collection of letters that eventually became the end of our New Testament.

One of our most important daily chores is to visit the mailbox. Some set their daily clocks by the event: What time is all the mail sorted? What's in the daily post anyway? Bills? Good news? Bad news? Might we find a love letter? Might we finally get that check from whom-so-ever promised: "You're the winner"?

The book of Revelation is a collection of seven letters. The message, interpreted through the Apostle John, is from Jesus to folks in Asia. Each part is a specific message to a particular church. They were written years and years ago, yet retain a freshness, if we press beyond sophomoric statements of misunderstanding. So what if we don't understand all the images at first? Our life circumstances have conditioned us to instant gratification. The Book of Revelation must be filtered through our lives and allowed to settle upon us. Received, distilled and applied is the way I most think about how the book relates to me.

Mt. Vernon Baptist
White Stone

Though written to identified congregations, the seven letters speak directly to our deepest needs, fears and hopes. At the end of each letter there is a plea for the receiver to hear and heed the words of God. We are asked to take the words of truth to heart. By doing so we appropriate the wishes of God, through Christ, as our personal life-changing experience. Can you identify the church you attend?

So, reach into the mailbox and pull out a letter. At some level in our lives it will apply directly to us. The letter is from God's only son. He speaks in powerful, colorful, visual images, to get us to understand how important the letter is. All seven are from the risen Lord.

The first is to the Church in Ephesus. It is a message for the distracted.

Next follows a letter to the Church in Smyrna. It is for those who are suffering.

Third follows a letter to the Church at Pergamum. There are words to those who compromise.

Fourth, we read a letter to the Church in Thyatira. There is advice for those who are corrupt.

Fifth, we read a letter to the Church in Sardis. It contains words of advice and a warning to us when we are lifeless.

Next to the last comes a letter to the Church in Philadelphia. They are guilty of being faithful. Are we so inclined?

The seventh letter is for the Church in Laodicea. They are suffering from a malignant case of lukewarmness. The red-hot passion of Christ's searing death upon a cross has cooled to barely tepid.

As we dash about our daily letter opening we will often rush to the end of the letter if it fails to have a noticeable letterhead. Who is it from? we ask. Once we have established the author, we are free to mount the words. God sent us the Book of Revelation.

It is written that over three billion pieces of so-called junk mail support the budget of our postal service, along with other rates such as first-class, air mail and so forth. You know, there is a lot of junk lying around in our hearts and minds as well. Maybe its time to clean out the box?

Tucked into the corner of the first chapter (1:17-19) Jesus said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever! I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later." John did just that. The rest is left to us.

Each letter was for all of us, those of us who are so labeled in each letter. These are letters about personality and lifestyle. They are for our instruction, rebuke, encouragement and hope. Read them for their content; do not be confused by their images. They are holy. We ought be. Read on.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, February 26:
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, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Winter Bible Study for all ages. Everyone welcome. (6 weeks)
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, February 28:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Rev. Frank G. Schwall Jr., Pastor
Thursday, February 23:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, February 27:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, February 28:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 1:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, March 1:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road, Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street, Kilmarnock; 435-1703, Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Saturday, February 25:
3 p.m., Blue & Gold Banquet
Sunday, February 26:
Boy Scout 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., Salt & Light
Monday, February 27:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop
Tuesday, February 28:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 1:
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir
Thursday, March 2:
6 p.m. Exercise Group

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
Providence
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m. Sunday School
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services

Maple Grove Baptist
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells
Richard C. Newlon, Minister
Sunday, February 26:
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 26:
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 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, February 26:
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, March 1:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road, Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor, 529-9223
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy., Callao, VA 529-6310, Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock, Rev. Dwight Johnson
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, March 2:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659, Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
11 a.m. Senior Outreach
1 p.m. Mid-day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

White Stone Baptist
517 Chesapeake Drive, Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor, White Stone: 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
Sunday, February 26:
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 26:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, March 1:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972; Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting, children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock;
435-1285, Rev. Dr. Howard Hanchey, Interim Rector, Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., Interim Asst. Rector
Sunday, February 26:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
3 p.m., Winter Choral Concert, Guest Conductor, Dr. Kenneth B. Kelley
Wednesday, March 1:
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
7 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

St. Mary's Episcopal
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712
The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Lent Schedule
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist, daily
Wednesday, March 1:
6 p.m., Soup & Speaker Series
7 p.m., Ash Wednesday
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 26:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector
Sunday, February 26:
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 26:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 1:
10 a.m., Healing Service, Communion
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Fri., Sat.

St. James Anglican/Episcopal
Rt. 14 at 626, Mathews County
Rev. William T. Kump, 757-244-7955
Roger Murch 436-9355
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
Sunday, February 26:
Quinquargesima
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 26:
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 26:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, March 1:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 E. Church St.
Saturday, February 25
2nd and 4th Saturday
5 p.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257, Luther Baugham
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday February 26:
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 23:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, February 26:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
7 p.m., Chancel Choir practice at Bethel
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Monday, February 27:
7 p.m. Finance Committee meets, Bethel
8 p.m., Adm. Council meets, Bethel
Wednesday, March 1
12 noon Ash Wednesday Service at Bethel
7 p.m., BEUMM Council meets

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, February 26:
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 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
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 25:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, February 23:
12 noon, UMW Trip to Heathsville (Healthy Beginnings)
6:30 p.m., Prayer Ministry
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Friday, February 24:
5-11 p.m., Scrapbook Club
Saturday, February 25:
5 p.m., Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 26:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday February 28:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, March 1
7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, February 26:
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, March 1:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road, White Stone; 435-3555, Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Friday, February 24:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Saturday, February 25:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Meeting
Sunday, February 26:
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 27:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Tuesday, February 28:
5:30-7 p.m. Pancake Supper
7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 1:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4
Sunday, February 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service Celebrating Women in Ministry
Guest Preacher: Dr. Edna Barnes, Dean of Students, Union PSCE
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"His Handmaids," dance group
Mission and Luncheon sponsored by the Witness & Service Ministry Group
Nursery provided during Worship
Monday, February 27:
7 p.m., Weems Community Meeting @CMPC
Tuesday, February 28:
9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, February 26:
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 23:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 19)
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "The Other Side of Wealth" (I Timothy 6:17-19)
Monday, February 27:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 16)
Tuesday, February 28:
10 a.m., Parish Nurse Committee
Wednesday, March 1:
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 20)
4 p.m., Pastoral Assistants

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd., Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
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 26:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, February 28:
7 p.m., Guided Truth Bible Study

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Sunday, February 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center,
Syringa, 725-1234
Sunday, February 26:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, February 23:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, February 26:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553
Rev. Donald O. Conaway, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:

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Obituaries

Sarah K. Attridge

HEATHSVILLE—Sarah Knowles "Sally" Attridge, 58, of Heathsville died February 6, 2006.

Mrs. Attridge was formerly a resident of Pennsauken and Camden, N.J.

She was a member of the River Stichers and the Ladies of the Evening quilting groups.

She was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Nancy Knowles; and two brothers and a sister in law, Robert Knowles, and Charles and Gloria Knowles.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick Attridge of Heathsville; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Steven Vance; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Attridge; five grandchildren, Cory, Kristyn, Erica, Kyra and Darig; a brother, Joseph Knowles; a sister-in-law, Josephine Knowles; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held February 10 at the Alloway Funeral Home in Merchantville, N.J., with internment in Bethel Memorial Park.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. March 4 at Heathsville United Methodist Church on Courthouse Road.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Virginia, 1328 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock, VA 22560.

Robert C. Betts

HEATHSVILLE—Robert Clinton "Bally" Betts, 45, of Heathsville died January 30, 2006, at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Betts was born in Burgess January 9, 1961, to Julius Clinton Betts and Shirley Noel Betts. He attended Northumberland County public schools. Prior to a career-ending injury, he was employed as a chef at the Graffiti Grill.

He was precedeased by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Shirely N. Betts; a devoted niece and caregiver and her husband, Shenell and Timothy Owens; three sons, Robert Betts Jr., Quinton Betts and Quinshawn Julius Betts, all of Richmond; three daughters, Tikisha McDougal and Jasmin Betts, both of Richmond, and LaToya Betts of Bethesda, Md.; two grandchildren, Antonio O'Conner and Tiara McDougal of Richmond; a granddaughter-to-be, Jayla Noble; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ruby Noel and James Myers, Pamela and Michael Porter, Doretha Cooke, and Darlene and Michael Jones, all of Richmond; a foster brother and his wife, Michael and Sandy Davis of Heathsville; six aunts, Adell Mitchell, Sylvia Sutton and Constance Rice, all of Kilmarnock, Cathrine Lopez of Fort Washington, Md., Earnestine Noel and Sylvia Carter of Burgess; three uncles, Raymond Betts of Richmond, Clinton Noel of Morgan City, La., and William Noel of Burgess; 11 great-aunts; two great-uncles; three nieces; five nephews, five great-nieces; a great-nephew; and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held February 4 at Lancaster High School with Hilton Scott officiating. Interment was at First Baptist Church cemetery in Heathsville. Pallbearers were Roy Dean Gordon, Wayne Howard, Michael Howard, Larry Noel, Barry Gordon and James Warner.

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

Mary B. Elswick

WHITE STONE–Mary B. Elswick, 81, of White Stone died February 17, 2006, at her home. She was predeceased by her husband, Herman L. Elswick.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy E. Kellum, and Kathleen E. and Leonard J. Acors of White Stone; two sons and a daughter-in-law, R. Darnell and Catherine S. Elswick of Ashland, and William L. Elswick of Kilmarnock; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 19 at Claybrook Baptist Church in Weems with Rev. Stephen Turner and Daniel Mochamps officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Hubert "Pee Wee" Blake, Herbert "Big Boy" Blake, Broaddus Blake, Phillip Abbott, Burt Chase and James Kellum.

Memorials may be made to Claybrook Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 15, Weems, VA 22576, or Hospice of Virginia, P.O. Box 2098, Tappahannock, VA 22560.

Sarah V. Green

LOTTSBURG—Sarah Virginia "Sally" Green, 74, of Lottsburg died February 14, 2006.

Mrs. Green was born in Cumberland, Md., and retired to Lottsburg in 1989. She was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church in Frostburg, Md.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Paul W. Green; a daughter, Kimberly A. Green of Lottsburg; and three grandchildren, one with a spouse, Rodney L. and Stacy McKenny of King and Queen County, and Kimberly J. Fletcher and Jessica D. Fletcher of Lottsburg.

A funeral service was held February 17 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home Chapel in Rainswood with Father James Bruse officiating. Pallbearers were William E. Cooke Jr., Donald H. Bowen, Rodney Edward McKenney, Rodney Lee McKenney, Wilbur E. Kent Jr. and M. Kevin Kent.

Memorials may be made to Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Riley J. Johnson Jr.

WHITE STONE — Riley James Johnson Jr., 70, of White Stone died January 28, 2006, at the Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock.

Mr. Johnson was born in Heathsville June 9, 1935, to Raleigh and Homer Savoy Johnson. He grew up primarily in White Stone and attended school in Baltimore and at A.T. Wright High School near White Stone.

Mr. Johnson

He married Eva Sydnor. No children were born to them, but they raised Grace Ann Darby as their daughter.

He married Genevieve Tomlin April 28, 1990.

He joined Sharon Baptist Church and later Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone, where he was a member of the Baltimore Helping Hands and community clubs.

He worked as a crabber and built his own pots.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Eva Sydnor Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve Johnson of White Stone; a daughter, Grace Ann Darby of Warsaw; a son-in-law, James Darby Jr.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Louis and Charles Johnson of Weems; two sisters, Stella Reed of White Stone and Elsie Williams of Baltimore; two brothers-in-law, Will Williams of Baltimore and Calvin Hill of Burgess; two sisters-in-law, Mable Hill of Baltimore and Juanita Hill of White Stone; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held February 2 at Mount Vernon Baptist with pastor Edith R. Davenport officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Kathleen King

WARSAW–Kathleen "Kat" King, 55, of Warsaw died February 17, 2006.

Mrs. King was a member of the Warsaw Church of God and was a retired certified nursing assistant.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Ray King; and her parents, Otis and Eugenia Abbott.

She is survived by three sisters, Marianne A. Jackson of Colonial Beach, Geneva Fisher of Enfield, Conn., and Jeanette A. Campbell of Poquoson; a brother, Albert J. "Buster" Abbott of Yorktown; and her mother-in-law, "Momma" Audrey Crowe of Warsaw.

A funeral service was held February 20 in the Jones-Ash Funeral Home Chapel in Rainswood with Rev. John Ross Bryant officiating. Burial was in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in Callao. Pallbearers were Jim Sawdy, Jason Bryant, Robbie King Jr., Winston Jones, Terry Daniels and Tommy Hayes.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck Inc., P.O. Box 262, Warsaw, VA 22572.

Constance D.R. Moore

WHITE STONE–Constance Doris Roberts Moore, 83, of White Stone died February 16, 2006.

Mrs. Moore was born in Syracuse, N.Y., on June 28, 1922, the oldest child of James Arthur Roberts and Pearl Anne Pink. Her immigrant ancestor of 1741 was Johann Philip Pinck of Rodheim vor der Hohe, Hessen, Germany.

She graduated from Central High School in Syracuse in 1940. She attended Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn., and completed her education at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore in 1946. She was a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps while at school.

She married George Moore of Franklin Park, N.J., June 22, 1945, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Syracuse, N.Y. Following her graduation from Hopkins, she lived in Philadelphia with her husband who was completing his medical education at Temple. She worked as a public health nurse for the Old York Road Visiting Nurse Agency in Jenkintown, Pa. Her husband's medical career took them to Denver, Colo., Ann Arbor, Mich, Fayetteville, N.C., Kathmandu, Napal, Durango, Colo., Battle Creek, Mich., and Charlottesville.

She held supervisory nurse positions in hospitals until 1952 when she accompanied her family to Kathmandu. During the two year assignment in Nepal, she served as clinic nurse for the United States Operation Mission. On occasion, she accompanied her husband into the field as technician for the control of malaria and kala-azar.

She and her husband retired to White Stone in 1977.

She was a member of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. She was active in church affairs throughout her life and in the Northern Neck Medical Auxiliary. She served as docent for Christ Church for 20 years.

Active in sports, she earned awards in archery, bowling and tennis. Her interest in bridge led her to tournament play. She participated in Little Theater and starred in many productions during the 1950s. She learned Spanish in Charlottesville and helped organize a newcomers group for arriving student families from Spain and Latin America.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Dr. George Moore of White Stone; three daughters, Barbara M. Grover of Marietta, Ga., Berwyn M. Brooker of Erie, Pa., and Devi M. Chancey of Chesapeake; four grandchildren, Aaron Bell Marshall and Emma Grace Brooker of Erie; George Moore Chancey and Benjamin Zeke Chancey of Chesapeake; a brother, Richard Hardesty Roberts of Pittsford, N.Y., and two sisters, Betty Roberts Litzenberger of Fulton, N.Y., and Fern Roberts Butler of Camillus, N.Y.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. March 18 at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the English Gardens of Christ Church near Irvington.

Memorials may be made to the Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Association, 1830 East Monument Street, Baltimore, MD 21205 or Historic Christ Church Foundation, Irvington, VA 22480.

Nannie H. Moore

LOTTSBURG—Nannie H. Moore, 85, of Lottsburg died February 16, 2006. She was a member of Melrose United Methodist Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, E.T. "Bill" Moore Jr.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Olivia M. and Eric Romans of Mechanicsville; a brother, Marvin Haynie of Heathsville, and a grandson, Travis D. Romans.

A graveside service was held February 18 at Melrose United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 82, Callao, VA 22435, or to the Melrose UMC Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 150, Lottsburg, VA 22511.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Paul E. Pollock

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

Mr. Pollock was born in Fulton, N.Y. He was a retired insurance chief executive officer. He worked in Asia for many years.

He was a past president of the USO in Japan and also was 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, Noelle 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 was held.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Alonza M. Thompson

CALLAO—Alonza Maxwell "Mack" Thompson died February 16, 2006.

Mr. Thompson was born July 13, 1948, to Alonza and Olivia Askins Thompson. He attended Northumberland County public schools and joined Lively Hope Baptist Church in Callao.

In 1973, he became an employee of Earl W. Withers Inc. in Callao and remained there until his death. He operated a front-end loader and had no problems making it known how good he was at performing his job.

He loved dancing and had a unique style that many tried to imitate, but none could master. He had a reputation for staying on the dance floor with or without a partner.

He was predeceased by his parents; and a brother, Stanley.

He is survived by a daughter, Theresa Veney of Callao; two grandchildren, Antoine and Antionaua; a brother, Henry Thompson of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Linda Thompson-White of Ft. Washington, Md.; a sister-in-law, Zell; five nephews, Tony, who was raised as a brother, and Stan, Bo, Jared and Van; three nieces, Rashiya, Sequoria and Crystal; three uncles, Warren, Carroll and William (W.C.); three aunts, Dangelo, Dorothy and Ida Mae; and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held February 20 at Lively Hope Baptist Church with pastor Frank Brooks officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Charles R. Thrift Sr.

CALLAO—Charles Reuben Thrift Sr., 83, of Callao died February 17, 2006, after an extended illness.

Mr. Thrift was a longtime member of Bethany Baptist Church in Callao and of the Booker Bible Fellowship Sunday school class, where he taught for years.

He was a World War II veteran, having served in the European theater.

He was a member of the Thrift Brothers Quartet which sang in churches throughout the Northern Neck for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Doris Thrift; two sons, Gregory Thrift and Charles Reuben Thrift Jr.; two daughters, Doris Ann Garland and Betty Reed Sims; eight grandchildren, Allen and Haydon Garland, Megan and Whitney Burnett, Burton and Jessica Thrift, Carol Glading and Susan Chandler; two great-grandchildren, Robert and Nathan Beane; a sister, Frances Sydnor of Kinsale; and a brother-in-law, Freddie Smith of Mechanicsville.

Funeral services were held at Bethany Baptist Church February 19 with Rev. Kori Kiss officiating. Interment was in Gibeon Baptist Church cemetery. Pallbearers were Tommy Thrift, David Thrift, George D. English Jr., Jimmie Jett, Charlie Overstreet and Louis Ashton.

Memorials may be made to Gibeon Baptist Church General Fund, P.O. Box 23, Village, VA 22570.

Jones-Ash Funeral home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Ruth E. W. Williams

REEDVILLE—Ruth E. Wildy Williams, 91, died February 12, 2006, at the Walter Reed Convalescent Home in Gloucester.

Mrs. Williams was born March 22, 1914, to Hammond and Annie Wildy of Edwardsville. She attended Julius Rosenwald School and joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville where she was active in many auxiliaries, choirs and singing groups.

She married Charles E. Williams April 29, 1949, and moved to Reedville. They had two foster daughters, Dorothy M. Scott and Bonnie Lucas.

She is survived by a nephew and his wife, Billy and Yvette Harding; nine nieces; four nephews; a sister-in-law; devoted neighbors, Booker and Frances Taylor and Marion Taylor; a special friend, Etta Lee; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held February 16 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville with pastor T. Wright Morris officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

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We cherish the memories of your love and faithfulness to us.
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Denise and Delores

Our hearts still ache with the pain of losing you. Charles we love and miss you. Happy Birthday February 27, 2006

Love,
Mom-Hattie, Becky, Janie
Brenda and Rudy

In loving memory of our Beloved
Tyron Maurice Henderson
who passed away one year ago
today, 2-21-05.
One year ago today you went
away. You never said goodbye. I
never question or even asked God
"Why"? When you left us it broke our hearts, but deep inside you'll always be apart. We still love and miss you bad, we know you're alright up there with your heavenly "Dad."

Forever in our hearts
Now in God's hands
Dad, Mom, Kavey, Kendall, & Essence

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

Thank you seems like such a small thing to say, but it comes from the bottom of my heart.

Thanks to all my friends for the calls, the flowers, a beautiful peace lily, food and for all the beautiful cards that expressed your concern during the loss of my brother, *Robert Wilkins.*

To the RGH Cancer Center and the nursing staff of RGH and the Lancashire, Thank you for your skilled and loving care. Dr. Joe Bessler, I want you to know that my brother loved you because you were not only his doctor but a true friend. I've never met a doctor with as much compassion as you have for your patients and for your profession. I ask that God will bless you and all your good works. My brother will always be in my heart and you will always be a part of our family.

Shirley W. McNeal
Sister of John Robert Wilkins

Shrove Tuesday service planned

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will host a Shrove Tuesday Prayer and Praise Service February 28 at 6 p.m. St. Stephen's music director Dixie Goertemiller (above) and Deborah Chappell, music minister at All Saints Episcopal Church in Dale City, will lead the service. Rev. Jeff Cerar will deliver a brief sermon and offer a time for individual prayer ministry. Pancakes will be served by the St. Stephen's "Levites," led by Ben Ward, following the service.

Church members to explore God's role in financial crisis

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, at 57 Whisk Drive off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone.

On February 28, the discussion topic will be "Where is God in financial crisis?" On March 7, the topic will be "Where is God in serious illness or injury?"

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 death and decision-making. Study books are available.

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

Oldest members honored

From left, Alliemether Hebbons, 91, and Williemae Carter, 90, were recently honored by the Hartswell Baptist Church senior citizens group as two of the oldest members of the group and the church.

Coan focuses on missions

Each year the Women of Coan Church have a special morning worship service to emphasize missions. The women of the church are in charge of the morning worship service and invite a speaker from the missionary group.

On Sunday, February 12, Gwen Barnes Bowles spoke on her work in India and the Far East. She explained the work of the missionaries to reach out to those affected by the tsunami and the street people, especially the young people of India.

Following the service, the ladies of the church provided lunch for everyone and a chance to view pictures of services and events in that part of the world.

As part of their work locally, the missionary group holds worship services at Farnham Manor the first and third Mondays of each month.

Lois Nash and Connie Godwin are in charge of this and present music and various readings. The missionary group makes a special effort to bring cheer and encouragement to these people who can no longer be at home.

Upcoming events include a trip for members of the church and their families to the Washington Zoo in April and a youth mission trip to the mountains of east Tennessee in July.

Unity March is Saturday at New St. John's

The New St. John's Senior Choir and Men's Chorus on Saturday, February 25, will host "Together We Praise In Unity" at 6 p.m.

Men are asked to come dressed in suits and march with the New St. John's Men as they remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other famous men throughout history.

Women are urged to come dressed in African attire and march with the Senior Choir members as they remember Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth and others.

Guests will include The Gospel Tones of Williamsburg and the All Together Singers of Colonial Beach.

The program will be held at New St. John's Baptist Church in Kilmarnock.

Pancake supper is February 28

The men of St. Mary's Church in Fleeton will serve their 46th consecutive Shrove Tuesday pancake supper February 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes sausage, apples, pancakes, coffee, tea and milk. Seconds will be available.

The fee is $8 for adults and $4 for children.

St. Mary's Church is at 3020 Fleeton Road in Reedville.

Virologist to address UUFR

On Sunday, February 26, Dr. Larry Graves will present "And there were viruses, old and new" at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR).

"Viruses are, indeed, probably as old as life on the earth," said Dr. Graves.

Dr. Graves, DVM, PhD, is an associate in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University.

His work involves influenza surveillance in India and Nepal and in the Baltimore area.

He said that influenza viruses were frequently found in gulls resting and feeding on the athletic fields of Baltimore, Md., and in mute swan on the Eastern shore. Type 5 influenza was isolated five years before the 1983 outbreak among chickens in Pennsylvania. Although the virus was not identical to the virus presently spreading throughout the world, it demonstrates that Type 5 was the cause of disease long before the current problems became apparent, he said.

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

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Concert Sunday to conclude Grace choral music workshop

Dr. Kenneth B. Kelley

The music committee at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock is preparing for their sixth choral music workshop Friday through Sunday, February 24 through 26.

Workshop participants will experience a weekend of singing and fellowship, culminating with a concert open to the public.

The original workshop was conceived by George Yeatman, a former choir director at Grace, who organized and directed the first three. Another was led by Jim Kulpa, a music teacher and Grace choir member. After a lapse of a year, the next workshop was directed by a guest conductor, one of Kulpa's former professors from Massachusetts. Three years later, the sixth is being organized by Grace choir director Susan Whitlow.

There has never been a charge to attend the concerts, although donations are gratefully accepted. All the event logistics are handled in-house. Grace choir members help with mailings, organizing music packets, and setting up and cleaning up. The Women of Grace provide lunch and snacks.

This year, the guest conductor is Dr. Kenneth B. Kelley, who brings a wealth of experience directing choral and handbell groups. He recently retired as director of music at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N.J., where he helped develop a choir program of 15 ringing and singing groups with more than 350 participants. He has also served as chair of Area II of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Dr. Kelley has degrees in organ and composition and a doctorate in conducting and choral music.

The accompanist for the workshop is Claudia Gale, the organist at Grace. Gale has accompanied all of the previous workshops but one, in which she sang alto.

In addition to Grace's pipe organ, the concert program includes several other instruments. The first piece, "Of the Father's Love Begotten," a traditional hymn, will feature handbells. Johnny Barnes, a Northumberland native with a master's in saxophone performance who is now teaching in Loudoun County, will accompany a Paul Halley arrangement of the Agnus Dei on soprano saxophone. "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by John Rutter, features an oboe descant played by Katherine Shrader, and percussionist and Northumberland Middle School band director Winnie McCrobie will play congas in "Asithi:Amen," a South African hymn.

This eclectic program of sacred music will also include "Jubilate Deo," by Benjamin Britten, "I Believe This Is Jesus," a spiritual by Undine Smith Moore, "Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether," by Harold Friedell, "Pater Noster," by Igor Stravinsky and sung in Latin, "Set Me As a Seal," by Rene Clausen, and "Pilgrim's Hymn," by Stephen Paulus.

Rehearsals for the workshop are 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 24, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 25. Participants will also rehearse for an hour at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 26, followed by the concert at 3 p.m.

Call the church office at 435-1285 to register for the workshop. "Walk-ins" will be accepted at the Friday night rehearsal if space allows. For more information, call 435-2549.

The concert is open to the public. In keeping with tradition, there will be no admission fee.

Church Notes

■ Bring a friend

"Bring a friend or neighbor to church month" continues Sunday, February 26, at White Stone United Methodist Church.

Adult Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship begins at 11 a.m. Coffee time will follow morning worship. For more information, call the church office at 435-3555.

■ Ministers to meet

The Lancaster County Ministerial Association (LCMA) will meet Monday, February 27, at Lee's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. The LCMA is a group of active and retired ministers and church leaders who meet regularly for fellowship, and to promote the activities of area churches.

All ministers are urged to attend. The agenda includes planning for Community Lenten Services which begin March 1. RSVP, 435-1285.

■ Study time changed

The Wednesday Bible study of "Revelation" led by Rev. Mike Ramming at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao will begin at 4 p.m. during Lent.

A mid-week Lenten worship service will follow at 5:30 p.m. beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1.

■ Laity workshop

There will be a leadership/laity workshop at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Saturday, February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The facilitator will be Dr. Bill Whittaker of Richmond. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Rev. Dwight Seawood at 436-0115.

■ Voices to celebrate

The Voices of Victory Choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate its 22nd anniversary March 12 at 4:30 p.m. The special guest for the celebration will be James N. Flowers Jr. and family of Seapleasant, Md. Flowers is the songwriter and singer of the gospel song, "Ride Out Your Storm." For information, call Juanita Fisher at 435-3725.

Bill Burmann flips pancakes.

Trinity Episcopal to serve pancakes

Shrove Tuesday, more commonly known as "Fat Tuesday," is right around the corner and the folks at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster are getting their griddles ready.

Trinity Church invites the community to a pancake supper Tuesday, February 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted

Plates will be piled with pancakes, sausage and fried apples, the coffee will be freshly brewed and the church members will be abuzz in the kitchen and dining area.

"We're always really pleased with the community's response," said Mariah Pollard, a member of Trinity. "The pancake supper is a fun way for us to feed the community and, at the same time, raise money for community outreach. Besides, it's a yummy, indulgent meal to eat before the Lenten season begins."

Last year the event raised over a thousand dollars, most of which were distributed locally; a percentage was also sent to the Episcopal Diocese Relief and Development Fund for tsunami relief.

Take-out meals will be available.

For more information about the supper or Ash Wednesday services Wednesday, March 1, at noon at St. Mary's Whitechapel and at 7 p.m. at Trinity, call the church office at 462-5908 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street,
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Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, February 23:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, February 26:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor
693-6079
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship and Children's Church, ages 4-9

Seventh-Day Adventist
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock
Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-443-3070/804-443-1821
Thursday, February 23:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, February 25:
2 p.m., Sabbath School
3 p.m., Worship Service

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, February 26:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, March 2:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Mass Schedule
Saturday, February 25:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, February 26:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday February 28:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education classes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, February 26:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, March 1:
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

The Lord's House Of Habitation
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Burgess; 453-7773
Rev. Raymond C. Boyd, Pastor
Sunday, February 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, March 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 2:
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Woman's Club of White Stone
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10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
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6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
6:30 p.m., Missions Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, February 28:
7 p.m., Study Series Week - Where is God When....in financial crisis?
Wednesday, March 1:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 2:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's Restaurant

Community Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will host worship gatherings for area churches during the Lenten season.

Each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m., beginning March 1 and concluding April 12, different lay leaders and preachers will lead worship. A fellowship lunch will follow at 12:30, also provided by various church groups.

The services began in 1964 and are sponsored by the Lancaster County Ministerial Association (LCMA), an interdenominational and interracial fellowship of active and retired ministers.

Kilmarnock was chosen as the site for these services because of its central location.

Over the years, hosting churches have included Kilmarnock Baptist, Kilmarnock United Methodist, Calvary Baptist, St. Francis de Sales Catholic, Grace Episcopal and St. Andrews.

A donation of $3 is requested for the luncheon. Contributions will be given to the Interfaith Service Council and to underwrite expenses for the Lancaster High School Baccalaureate in June.

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From left are George Lidicker and Gordon Slatford (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Inn appoints new general manager

Sedona Resort president George Lidicker recently announced the appointment of Gordon Slatford as general manager of the Tides Inn, succeeding Larry McAfee.

Slatford, a British transplant, most recently directed the repositioning of the Belmont Hotel and Golf Club in Bermuda and opened The Whiteface Lodge, a luxury resort in Lake Placid. N.Y.

Having graduated from Westminster, one of England's most elite culinary institutes, Slatford has an intimate knowledge of the hospitality industry. Early in his 30-year career, he received training at the Grosvenor House and Park Lane in London, both five-star properties.

"The Tides Inn is fortunate to have Gordon Slatford join the operation and feel he will make a great contribution to the resort and the Irvington community," said Lidicker. "Larry McAfee contributed greatly to the initial restoration and positioning of the Tides and will be missed by everyone. We look to Gordon's knowledge of resort marketing, successful team building, as well as product delivery and welcome his energy and vitality."

The Tides Inn at 480 King Carter Drive reopened for its 58th season February 17. Dining options, a spa, retail shops and the Golden Eagle Golf Club are open to the public. For reservations, call 438-5000, or visit www.tidesinn.com.

Slatford and his wife, Helen, have three children and will reside in Irvington.

The Home Depot acquires Chem-Dry

The Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer, recently announced that it had acquired Chem-Dry, the Logan, Utah, based franchisor for the world's largest carpet and upholstery cleaning provider.

Chem-Dry will be part of The Home Depot's At-Home Services division, which provides expert installations, including flooring, fencing, roofing, cabinetry and a host of other interior and exterior services. At-Home Services is one of the fastest growing businesses of The Home Depot, posting double-digit growth throughout 2005.

"Joining forces with Chem-Dry is an important part of our growth strategy to extend into and adjacent to our core retail business. This acquisition complements our At-Home Service and underscores the common vision Chem-Dry and its franchisees share with The Home Depot's quality products and excellent customer service," said Bob Nardelli, chairman and president. "Chem-Dry's leadership in the market provides us with a world-class entry into franchising and carpet cleaning, which are solid platforms on which to grow."

The transaction will ultimately allow Chem-Dry to extend its best-in-class cleaning services to The Home Depot's customer base. Chem-Dry franchisees will now have the opportunity to leverage The Home Depot's 11,000 daily At-Home Services appointments.

"We are very excited about becoming a subsidiary of The Home Depot," said Mat Ficklin, owner and operator of Chem-Dry of the Northern Neck I and II, in Kilmarnock. "Of course, all Chem-Dry franchises are and will continue to be locally owned and operated, and we don't forsee any major changes in that regard," said Ficklin. "This acquisition will be a tremendous growth opportunity for all franchises and will further reinforce Chem-Dry as the household name in carpet cleaning, both locally and nationally."

Winemaker to visit local inn

The Hope and Glory Inn recently announced it will offer a series of Virginia wine tasting events, with the rare opportunity to meet the winemakers.

Virginia wineries are expected to top 100 this year. The Northern Neck, home to two wineries three years ago, is expected this year to number eight including Irvington's White Fences Vineyard, which is affiliated with the inn.

The first of the wine sessions will be two "up close and personal" events featuring Brad Hansen, the winemaker for Prince Michel Vineyards and Winery near Charlottesville. Hansen studied under vintner and author Richard Vine, and received his master's in enology. His wines have received over 1,000 medals since his career began in 1990.

On Friday, March 3, the inn will host in its lobby a wine tasting reception which will feature several of Hansen's award winners. Hope and Glory Chef Craig Vanderpool will pair each wine with hors d'oeuvres. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $25 per person plus gratuity and tax. Reservations are required. White Fences winemaker and vineyard manager Mark Hollingsworth will assist at Friday's reception.

For the second event, Hansen and his wife, Lydia, will join 16 others at the Chef's Table on Saturday, March 4, at 7 p.m. for a dinner paired with Hansen's wines. Hansen and Vanderpool will address the menu for that evening and the wine paired with it. The cost per person is $75 plus gratuity and tax.

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Kirby exhibit opens Sunday

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The exhibit will be at Bay Country Studios at 577 Rappahannock Drive in White Stone while a reception will be held across the street at White Stone Wine and Cheese.

Kirby, who plans to attend the reception, was educated at the Art Institute of Chicago where she was a scholarship student from 1956 to 1958 in a bachelor of fine arts program in drawing, painting and sculpture.

Throughout her career, she has participated in juried and solo exhibitions in California, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. She has won numerous national awards and was honored by the Pastel Society of America in 2003 when she was made a "signature" member of the organization.

Her work in soft pastel is a journey into the study of light and how it illuminates shapes, heightens or obliterates details, sets forms in relief, and transforms and modifies color. Her studio in her home in Chesapeake is stocked with a variety of "found" and collected objects from her yearly travels that she uses in her still life drawings. A Master Gardener, she also makes use of her many household plants and flowers from her garden.

The exhibit will continue through March 31.

Diane Caplan

Caplan named sales manager

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Caplan has been active in the real estate community and is president-elect for Chesapeake Bay and Rivers Association of Realtors.

A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and Stuart Circle Hospital School of Nursing, she has a distinguished career in nursing, industrial management, recruiting, staffing and sales. Caplan is a consummate contributor to her community and church, past board member and officer of many volunteer organizations and has continued her Realtor education

Caplan lives in Laurel Point. Her mother has recently moved to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington.

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Farm families can score with pre-season safety reviews

In baseball, a player can make three mistakes before striking out. But in farming, it can take only one strike to put a player out of the game for good.

During Agricultural Safety Awareness Week March 5 to 11, Virginia Farm Bureau will urge farm families to review their safety practices and look for other ways to ensure a safe spring, summer and harvest.

Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, who is also a rancher and Farm Bureau member, joins the effort by asking all agricultural communities to make safety a part of their spring training.

"Starting the season off right begins with careful preparation," Ryan said. "Farmers, ranchers and baseball players alike must take the steps necessary to prevent injuries in order to have a truly productive season."

The national Farm Bureau Safety and Health Network has chosen "Step Up to the Plate for Farm Safety" as the 2006 theme for Agricultural Safety Awareness Week to call attention to safety as farmers prepare for the year ahead.

Parents and grandparents can keep safety in the family for generations to come by coaching children—including visiting children—on farm safety practices such as following a "no riders" policy for tractors and equipment and wearing protective gear, including seat belts.

"Like passing the love of sports from generation to generation, farm and ranch safety can be passed from grandparent to parent to child, and back again," Ryan said. "Everyone wins with safety."

For more information about Agricultural Safety Awareness Week, visit www.agsafetynow.com.

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Coffee tastings attract a crowd

Sheila Goss-Meader, a Seattle-trained barista, presides over weekly coffee tastings.

Billy Simmons, a finish sheetrock contractor, didn't used to be fussy about his coffee. But a trip to Roanoke to visit his sister changed all that.

"They didn't drink coffee, so I went to a coffee house every day. I've been hooked on good coffee ever since," said Simmons.

Now, he and the crew start and end their day at Paperback Writer in White Stone.

The coffee "is a thousand percent better" than anywhere else, said Simmons.

He should know. The construction boom takes him all over the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Paperback Writer, which opened in December, attracts a following with complimentary coffee tastings from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Recently, customers compared organic Ethiopian and Tasmanian blends in four-ounce tasting cups. Barista Sheila Goss-Meader noted that Ethiopian is the café's most popular brew and Mocha Latte with homemade chocolate and whipped cream is the most popular drink. Goss-Meader recently returned from professional barista training in Seattle.

Donna Ailsworth, who owns Positive Image in White Stone, comes by for a Mocha Latte every morning.

"My clients come in and say this is the best coffee they've ever had," said Lockley's Marina owner Jack Mazanian, who drives across the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge frequently for his caffeine fix.

Simmons, Mazanian, Ailsworth and Paperback Writer owner Penny Latham chatted about a variety of topics before they returned to work. Simmons is perfecting the coffee service at a weekly coffee house for young adults at Lighthouse Worship Center in Gloucester. Latham gave him some tips and vowed to help him find a used espresso machine.

Linda Bower of Pepper's, a ladies' apparel shop in White Stone, popped in and said, "I haven't had a decent cup of coffee in a week."

She had just returned from a trip to Atlanta.

So what makes the coffee so good? The ratio of coffee to water, the grind, contact time, water temperature (195-205F), and the action in the brew basket are factors.

"But the water is 90 percent of the equation," said Latham, who invested in a Cirqua Water System for maximum flavor.

Once you've had a barista-brewed cup at a café, can you be satisfied with a cup at home? Barista Goss-Meader said you can come close with filtered water, good beans and a French press. Beans, grinders and Bodum coffeemakers are also available.

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United States Ambassador to Kuwait Richard Lebaron and his wife, Jean, distributed calling cards to deployed troops during a February 11 visit to Camp Arifjan.

The cards were donated by River Towne Properties to service members stationed in Kuwait.

The calling cards were purchased with proceeds from a yard sale held by the firm and donations made by the staff. The gesture is an effort to help deployed troops stay in touch with their families and loved ones during their deployment.

Ambassador and Mrs. LeBaron are part-time residents of Alexandria and Northumberland County.

The Lebarons spoke to the servicemembers about the Kuwaiti culture, his job description and his work with the U.S. military.

"It is always good to feel supported," said Spc. Ricky Davis, a 243rd Engineer Battalion soldier from Alexandria. "It was nice to have the chance to hear his stance on issues."

Ambassador Richard LeBaron and Mrs. Jean LeBaron chat with a soldier while passing out phone cards to troops Feb 11 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The cards were donated by River Towne Properties.

Cut flower conference is March 11

Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University will hold its annual Virginia Cut Flower Growers Conference March 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Cooperative Extension Building on VSU's campus.

Conference speakers include Cathy Jones, manager of the 30-acre Perry-winkle Farm in Chapel Hill, N.C., that produces a diverse mix of flowers, vegetables and culinary herbs. A certified organic grower, Jones sells her products to restaurants and at local farmers' markets. She will talk about how she got started growing and selling cut flowers.

Leah Cook, owner of the 30-acre Wild Hare Farm in Cedar Grove, N.C., produces a wide variety of specialty cut flowers, vegetables and strawberries without using pesticides, herbicides or fungicides. She raises cut flowers in both heated greenhouses and unheated high tunnels. Cook will discuss early-season, mid-season and late-season flower production.

Jim Weirich, who has been involved for 11 years in the commercial production of peonies at his Peony Meadows nursery in Stony Point, has sold cut peony stems to selected florists in the Charlottesville area. His presentation will include an in-depth examination of specific varieties of peonies especially sited for small-scale production and marketing.

A $15 per person registration fee includes lunch. The pre-registration deadline is March 6.

To register, contact VSU alternative agriculture extension specialist Andy Hankins at 524-5962, or e-mail ahankins@vsu.edu; or call administrative specialist Carol Streetman at 524-5960, or email agsuite@vsu.edu.

Welch joins Burke's

Fred and Karen Burke recently announced that Dana Welch has joined the staff at Burke's Jewelers. Welch brings with her years of accounting and bookkeeping experience. She will handle the accounts and bookkeeping for the Kilmarnock and Gloucester stores. Welch and her husband, Alan, live in Kilmarnock with their two children, Ashley and Justin.

Telecommunications consulting firm opens new Richmond office

Comtel Communications recently opened its Richmond Client Services and Sales Center at 4551 Cox Road, Suite 475 in Glen Allen.

Comtel's sales division and client support is based out of this location, as well as a demonstration area for the company's new Voice Over Internet Protocol systems for commercial services.

"This new facility allows our staff to provide excellent client care along with a central location to showcase our latest technological additions." said company president and chief executive officer Benjamin R. Humphreys Jr.

Comtel Communications is a full-service telecommunications marketing and consulting firm with offices in Richmond, Virginia Beach, White Stone, Harrisburg, Pa., and Baltimore.

The company has over 50 agents and sales representatives and manages in excess of $12.5 million in annual billings.

Comtel is preparing to celebrate its 15th year in business. To learn more about Comtel and its services, visit www.comtelcommunications.com.

Beth Spillman to direct new training program

Carousel Physical Therapy has hired Beth Spillman, a certified personal trainer, to direct a new program called Club Carousel.

The program is open to those interested in pursuing a healthy life style under professional supervision and personal attention.

Spillman received a master's in gerontology and wellness research from Virginia Commonwealth University in May 2005. She received certification in personal training through the American Council on Exercise in November 2005.

Her experience includes working in health spas, practicing as a massage therapist and teaching aerobic exercise and transcendental meditation classes. She also has worked with the Arthritis Foundation teaching PACE (People with Arthritis can Exercise) and other arthritis programs.

She served as director of the Gloucester Adult Day Center for Bay Aging and as an ombudsman-mediator for the elderly.

She works part-time in the wellness program at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. She is also a personal trainer for the active older adult program at the Middlesex Family YMCA.

Beth Spillman

Tadlock promoted

Agency Services Incorporated, a premium finance company located in Linthicum, Md., recently announced the promotion of Edward Scott Tadlock to president.

ASI, a privately held company, celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2005.

Tadlock was hired in May 1998 as product manager and has since held the positions of vice-president and executive vice-president. In addition to being president of Agency Services Incorporated, Tadlock continues to maintain the title of executive vice-president and member of the board of ASI's sister company, Agency Insurance Company.

Tadlock and his wife, Lillian, live in Annandale. They have three children, Sarah, Catherine and Conner. Tadlock is the son of Norman and Anita Tadlock of Centerville. He is the grandson of Mary Latane Tadlock of White Stone and Lorena D. Conner of Monaskon.

Business Briefs

■ Festival planning

An organizational meeting for the 2006 Crab Festival will be held at Lee's Restaurant March 8 at 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the festival is asked to attend. To volunteer, call Shawn Donahue at 761-5520.

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Arts funding deadlines announced

The Virginia Commission for the Arts recently announced an April 3 application deadline for the commission's 2006-07 Local Government Challenge Grants and 2007-08 Performing Artist Tour Directory.

All applications and required attachments must be received by the commission by 5 p.m. This is not a postmark deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Local Government Challenge Grants encourage local governments to support the arts. The commission will match up to $5,000 (subject to available funds), tax monies given by independent town, city, and county governments to arts organizations and jurisdictions. The money, which does not include school arts budgets or programming by parks and recreation departments, may be granted either by a local arts commission/council or directly by the governing board.

The Performing Arts Touring Directory is intended to support Virginia performing artists and ensembles as well as increase opportunities for Virginians to experience high quality performing arts events statewide. Performing artists and performing ensembles apply to be listed in the Tour Directory with a set amount of funding reserved to support their touring; grants are made to the presenter, not the touring artist(s).

Any not-for-profit organization meeting eligibility criteria detailed in the commission's 2006-08 Guidelines for Funding can apply to receive a Presenter Touring Assistance Grant to support touring activities. The touring activities are restricted to those listed in the commission's annual Performing Arts Tour Directory.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The commission distributes grant awards to artists, arts and other not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, educators and local governments and provides technical assistance in arts management.

For a free copy of the 2006-08 Guidelines for Funding, additional eligibility information and other commission requirements, write the Virginia Commission for the Arts, 223 Governor Street, Lewis House - Second Floor, Richmond, VA 23219-2010; call 804-225-3132; email arts@arts.virginia.gov, or visit www.arts.virginia.gov.

Wright joins firm

Long & Foster Real Estate Inc. Bay/River Office manager Byrl Phillips Taylor recently announced that Olivia Shearin Wright has joined the White Stone office as a sales associate. Wright is a graduate of Northumberland High School. She and her husband, Andy, live in Callao. They have two sons, David and Konnor.

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Gallery hosts Northumberland Elementary student art exhibit

The Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock will feature more than 150 pieces of art done by the second- through fifth-grade students of Susan Lewis at Northumberland Elementary School. The work will hang in the exhibit room until March 3.

"We have some really vibrant, creative, and exciting art in this display. I hope that many parents, relatives and friends will come in to see what these children have done," said Dorothy Pagano. "Susan Lewis should be very proud of what she has achieved with her students."

Jordan Plante and brother, Michael, were the first to visit Northumberland Elementary's art exhibit. They stand in front of a pastel shell drawing.

Second-graders with art on display are Mary Katherine Hall, Jordyn Risk, Chandler Zelaya, Macy Swift, Rei Miller, Allison Burgess, Heaven Taylor, Integra Thomas, Olivia Vogel, Daniel Dietz, Logan Hunter, Beverly Thompson, Micaela Wilson, Rebekah Sheppard, Jordan Plante, Paul Lamb, A. J. Darby, Chryshanda Lee, Rajaa Shabazz, Whitney Rhoads and Rusoyl Kent.

Also, Taylor Beatley, Susan Jones, Emily Allen, Joshua Long, Jacob Maillet, Marley Kimmitt, Miranda Clark, Trevor Cantrell, Ahmad Muhammad, Viola Nicastro and Olivia Lawson.

Third-graders are Jonathan Brown, Mackenzie Dameron, Geraldo Trejo, Adam Parker, Tyler Lewis, Nathan Kiss, Joey Gaskin, Michael Croswell, Linwood Cottrell, Kristina Brown, Kayla Bryant, Carter Diehl, Kelly Galusha, Jada Brown, Danela Hancock, Susan Haynie, Cassandra Collins, Peyton Brady, Megan Byard, Clinton Hooper, Sierra Phillips, Rena Payne, Jack Jett, Josh Lanusa, Alexxus Canter, Haley Headley, Imani Gray, Sarah Schindler and Elda Terrazi.

Also, Miranda Blackburn, Sarah Haynie, Zachary Thompson, Benner English, Madison Rowzee, Martha Garcia and Rebecca Daniel.

Fourth-graders are Casey Thompson, Kirk Lee, India Eguiguren, Elizabeth (Paige) Augst, Shaquana Lampkin, Trevor Deihl, Bria Barbour, Rosa Rivera, Shelby Davis, Katie Douglas, Lauren Self, Katie Crowther, Treasure Crawley, Abby Loving, Alexis Conaway, Alicia Hooper, Jimmaka Palmer, Asia Henry, Banessa Silva, Collin Donovan, D. J. Hall, Tristen Brown, Brittany Wiseman, Zack Worley, Jamie Davis, Samantha Coates, Ray Payne and Riley Sanford.

Also, Cheyanne Marrero, James Webb, Dierra Green, DaJa' Ball, Kayla Wilson, Justice Gordon, Alexandra Pitman, Alysssa Merryman, Matthew Harris, Rebecca Daniels, Searra Kramer, Laura Mangano, Kaci Payne, ShaQuana Lampkin, Quantasia Johnson, Brennan Saunders and Tyaa Nash.

Fifth-graders are Dorian Morris, Brooke Fay, Destiny Thornton, Joshua Dodson, Lauren Brent, Deandra Lucas, Lizzie Hall, Cody Rhyne, Genevie Boarman, Darl'Kita Seldon, Robert Mitchell, Jessie Rew, Summer Allen, Beth Clegg, Kyle Elmore, Brandon Siddall, Andrea Curry, Cyle Duncan, Estefania Orrantia, De Vonta Butler, Beth Clegg, Jodi Newman, Andrea Davis, Nyasia Brown, Hannah Rogers, Shawn Redmond, Whitney Rice and Destiny Thornton.

Also, Dominic Scerbo, Patrick Cox and Lamont Dobyns.

In addition to the art work on the walls, there are ceramic tea pots crafted by gifted class students Dominic Scerbo, Lauren Brent, Alexandra Pitman, Danielle Reeve, Jack Jett and Hannah Rogers.

The Studio Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Desiree Saunders arrived at the Studio Gallery just after the Lancaster Primary School's exhibit was taken down. Her snow man was given a special place of honor so that she could have her picture taken with him.

From left are Joe Riley of Flotilla 3-10, teacher Joanne Nelson, students Jordan Baughan, Holly Sanford and Ed Grimes, Woodland Academy director Kathleen Hayden and Wayne Ploger of Flotilla 3-10.

Woodland students place in safe boating essay contest

Woodland Academy has another award for its trophy case. Three of its students won prizes in the National Safe Boating Council essay contest. The theme for the contest was "Why I Wear My Life Jacket."

Among students from around the United States, Jordan Baughan and Holly Sanford won first place in their age groups. Ed Grimes won honorable mention in his age group. These three were the only winners in Virginia.

The essay contest, sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council, was open to students ages 4 to 15. Woodland Academy life skills and computer teacher Joanne Nelson urged students in grades 4 to 8 to participate using the computer lab to access information and compose their essays.

Flotilla 3-10 provided materials and relevant internet sites. The lesson was intended to acquaint students with life jackets and other safe boating practices and to allow students to create their own essay on the computer. And apparently it worked. Their essays are on-line at www.boatingsidekicks.com.

Baughan and Sanford each received a $100 U.S. Savings Bond. Grimes received a boating safety DVD, a hat, and life jacket leader pins.

Sandford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sanford of Montross. Baughan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baughan of Lottsburg. Grimes is the son of Mr. And Mrs. Edwin Grimes of Montross.

At a recent academic night award ceremony, Nelson congratulated the students and presented them her own special recognition awards. Flotilla 3-10 commander Wayne Ploger presented a letter of congratulations and CG Eagle pins to the students and framed certificates of appreciation to Woodland Academy and Nelson in recognition of their "Recreational Boating Safety Partnership with the Auxiliary and commitment to teaching life skills so important in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula."

Nelson intends to introduce marine environment and other topics during the remainder of the school year. Flotilla 3-10 will present a special boating safety program before summer.

Chesapeake Academy posts honors

Chesapeake Academy in Irvington recently announced its Honor Rolls and Headmaster's Lists for the second term and first semester for the 2005-06 academic year.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the second term in grade 4 are Ryan Campbell, Lauren James, Rachel Jayne, Hannah Kellum, Reese Rogers and Emily Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the second term in grade 5 are Nathan Altaffer, Christopher Brown, Griffin Campbell, Preston Davie, Andrew Dozier, Thomas Euler, Elizabeth Hudnall, Starke Jett, Christian Johnson and Mariana Mangano.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the second term in grade 6 are William Chapman, Carter Clark, Alexis English, Alexis Hayden, Cyrus Jett, Emily Moore and Teddy Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the second term in grade 7 are Alexander Crittenden, Emma Hollowell, Ford Kirkmyer, Jackson Neal, Xander Stephens and Whitney Spence.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the second term in grade 8 are Patrick Best, Robbie Brent, Becca Britt, Georgia Courson, Mike Faulkner, Weston Johnson, Andy Schroeder, Patrick Szyperski and Ben Wrightson.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the second term in grade 4 are Dia Ferguson, Jennifer Radcliffe and Madison Scott.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the second term in grade 5 are Sam Keesee and Nicholas Neal.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the second term in grade 6 are Cyrus Jett, William Perkins and Lauren Waite.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the second term in grade 7 are Jamie Ahlborn, Kasey Ashburn and Austin Brown.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the second term in grade 8 are Kaitlyn Hand, Gretchen Lidicker, Hannah Newman, Jenny O'Shaughnessy, John Radcliffe and Rachel Wyvill.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the first semester in grade 6 are English, Hayden, Cyrus Jett, Moore, Perkins and Teddy Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the first semester in grade 7 are Brown, Hollowell, Kirkmyer, Jackson Neal and Spence.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the first semester in grade 8 are Best, Brent, Britt, Courson, Hand, Tim Johnson, Weston Johnson, Jenny O'Shaughessy, Schroeder, Patrick Szyperski and Wrightson.

Waite was named to the Headmaster's List for the first semester in grade 6.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the first semester in grade 7 are Ahlborn, Ashburn and Stephens.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the first semester in grade 8 are Hand, Lidicker, Hannah Newman, John Radcliffe and Rachel Wyvill.

Computer workshops to be offered in Warsaw

The Rappahannock Community College/Richmond County Public Library in Warsaw will offer free computer training, beginning with a "Find it Virginia-Public Library Workshop" at the library Thursday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The workshop will be offered again March 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Virginia public libraries now provide home access to the same databases and electronic resources they provide in the library.

A workshop on finding magazine, journal and other periodical articles by using the library's online databases will be held March 16 at 10:30 a.m.

A workshop on finding census and demographic data will be held March 23 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

A workshop on internet banking will be held March 30 at 10:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

A workshop on evaluating information will be held April 6 at 10:30 a.m.

A workshop on advanced Googling will be held April 13 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. To register, call the library at 333-6710.

Random Chicks strike again

The fifth-grade Random Chicks Brain Bowl team at Lancaster Middle School won their fourth Brain Bowl of the season on February 17. From left are Elizabeth Flynn, Meghan Frere, Brooke Hudnall and Casey Clark. The Brain Bowl is held Fridays at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater. The public is welcome.

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U.S. and Virginia teens support abstinence

Teens in Virginia and throughout the nation are receptive to messages about abstaining from sex, according to recent analysis.

Teens participating in the abstinence education programs across the country funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are increasingly supportive of abstinence and less supportive of teen sex, according to a 2005 HHS report.

Data collected in an on-going evaluation of abstinence programs funded by the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Virginia Abstinence Education Initiative mirror the national findings. Students participating in the evaluation say they strongly agree that having sex as a teenager would make it harder for them to study and stay in school in the future.

"We are encouraged by the trend in support for abstinence among teens and hope that this change in attitude is reflected in behavioral change," said Gale Grant, director of the VDH Virginia Abstinence Education Initiative. "Delaying sexual activity by as few as 18 months greatly reduces a teen's risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease or having an unintended pregnancy."

According to a 2004 survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, less than half of the nation's high school students are sexually active even though they are bombarded with many different messages about sexuality and relationships.

The VDH Virginia Abstinence Education Initiative works to create a positive environment for abstinence education by involving parents, teens, educators, health professionals, faith community workers and youth services providers. The initiative supports individuals and communities in promoting the abstinence message by providing resources such as brochures, posters and parent tool kits.

The VDH Virginia Abstinence Education Initiative website, www.canwait.com, provides residents with information about current topics related to abstinence education and upcoming training opportunities. It also provides information about current educational materials, local statistics and a directory of programs by locality. The site offers resources for teens, parents and partners in abstinence education.

Deadline nears to pick top teacher for 2005-06

Teachers, parents and students have until 11:59 p.m. March 1 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-06 "Teacher of the Year" award. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include $1,000 to the winning teacher and a $500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner also will be eligible for a national award that includes a special recognition and a $2,500 travel certificate.

Nomination forms are available at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less, why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by Response Insurance Company, a licensed member of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

School Menus

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Monday, February 27:
Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal & toast, Apple juice
Hot dog on bun or
Chicken sticks w/roll
Baked beans, Carrot sticks
Fruit cup, Fresh fruit

Tuesday , February 28:
Chicken biscuit or
Cereal & toast, Orange juice
French bread pizza or
Deli turkey on bun
Garden salad or Corn
Spiced apples or Fresh fruit

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

Thursday, March 2:
Sausage biscuit or
Cereal & toast, Orange juice
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
w/Italian bread or
Chicken sticks w/roll
Garden salad or Green beans
Spiced applesauce or Fresh fruit

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

Sciacchitano joins Golden Key

Amanda Dawn Sciacchitano

Amanda Dawn Sciacchitano of Weems has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society. She was honored during a recent induction ceremony at the University of Richmond.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Amanda be recognized by Golden Key," said Golden Key chief executive officer Alexander D. Perwich II. "Our members are inspired and motivated not only to achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the society's commitment to service."

The global organization provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class. Membership in the society is by invitation only, to students in all fields of study.

Sciacchitano is a junior at the University of Richmond where she is majoring in Spanish and international studies, with a minor in journalism. She is a 2003 graduate of Christchurch School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas Sciacchitano of Weems.

VCA announces grant deadline

The Virginia Commission for the Arts recently announced an April 3 application deadline for the Artists in Education Residency grants.

These grants are awarded to elementary and secondary schools/school divisions and tax-exempt arts and civic organizations for residencies by professional artists of various arts disciplines. The program offers schools a learning experience for their students and provides professional development for teachers and artists. It highlights the importance of the arts as essential components of a complete education and a valued part of community life.

Applicants may request up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of the residency. First-time applicants may request up to 2/3 of the eligible costs. Tax-exempt arts and civic organizations may work in partnership with local school(s) in planning and implementing the residency program. Please refer to the 2006-08 Guidelines for Funding (available from the commission) for more information.

All applications are reviewed by the commission's statewide Arts in Education Advisory Panel. Panelists are appointed by the commission from a list of artists, educators, arts administrators, and community members nominated from all areas of Virginia.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The commission distributes grants to artists, arts and other not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, arts educators, and local governments, and provides technical assistance in arts management.

For more information, contact Tatjana F. Beylotte, Arts in Education Coordinator, 223 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219-2010; call 804-225-3132; email tatjana.franke@arts.virginia.gov; or visit www.arts.state.va.us.

School Notebook

■ Guaranteed admission

Christopher Newport University recently made Rappahannock Community College its first partner in a guaranteed-admission agreement. "I am delighted that CNU chose RCC to be the first, and at this time, the only institution with which it has partnered on a transfer agreement," said RCC president Dr. Elizabeth "Sissy" Crowther.

CNU will guarantee that 15 places in its junior class will be reserved each year for RCC graduates who are members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for two-year colleges. Phi Theta Kappa requires minimum 3.5 grade average, which CNU will require of RCC transfer students.

■ Dr. Brooks speaks at RCC

On February 15, Dr. Christopher Brooks, department chair of African-American studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, presented "Why Is African-American History Important to You?" at Rappahannock Community College.

He compared the trials of various leading figures in African-American history to those of the Old Testament character Job, emphasizing that they had protested against injustice without abating their respect for duly-constituted authority.

■ Shelton on Dean's List

Sarah Shelton was named to the fall Dean's List at Old Dominion University, with a grade point average of 3.8. Shelton is a health science major, and will begin a registered nursing program in the fall.

She is the daughter of Ira and Lou Shelton of White Stone, and the granddaughter of Ray and Maria Rogers of Reedville, and Dinky and Bernice Shelton of White Stone.

■ Dean's List

James E. Lincoln Saunders of Kilmarnock has been named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the fall 2005 semester.

Essex student named to All State Chorus

The District XV All-District Choral Festival was held February 10 at Massaponax High School in Spotsylvania County.

Some 370 students from the counties of Stafford and Spotsylvania, the City of Fredericksburg, and schools from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula participated. Some 130 students auditioned for the 16 District XV spots in the All-State Chorus. Katy Beith of Essex High School passed her audition and was one of the four sopranos chosen to be a part of the All-State Women's Chorus.

Beith is the daughter of Paul and Sharon Beith of Howertons. She is a junior at Essex High School. She has sung in many choral organizations in Essex County including the Trojan Singers at EHS under the direction of Margaret Forrester, her church choirs, and the Essex County Community Chorus. She also participated in the School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community and has recently auditioned for the Residential Governor's School of the Performing Arts.

LHS publishes first semester B+ Honor Roll

Lancaster High School recently published its "high honors" B+ (3.5+) average Honor Roll for the first semester.

Students named to the B+ Honor Roll in grade 9 are Stephen Blunt, Afton Gill, Hunter Gurley, Tyler James, John Killion, Tiffany Koscienski, Jeremy Lux, Katherine O'Brien, Matthew Stevens, Karen Tignor.

Students named to the B+ Honor Roll in grade 10 are Jewell Beatley, Christopher Bennett, Emmalyn Carter, Dedrick Curry, Ann Fitzsimons, Danielle Freeman, Kimberly Hudson, Casey Jones, Melanie Logan, Catherine Miller and Charity Milstead.

Also, Lyna Nguyen, Louis Santangelo, S. Matthew Smith, Tanesha Smith, Gretchen Smither, Justin Stewart, Natalie Stickel, Dana "Trey" Stillman, Carlos Syversen and Lakeita Taylor.

Students named to the B+ Honor Roll in grade 11 are Linn Baumgardt, Devin Brown, Christopher Clark, Jessica Ercelino, Lisa Faulkner, Kori George and Brandy Gilbert.

Also, James Kellum, Marie Koehler, Yi Ma, Lucy McCann, Kari Mitchell, Steven Reid, Kylie Robbins, William Saunders, Rebecca Wineland, Graham Winstanley and Justin Winstanley.

Students named to the B+ Honor Roll in grade 12 are Jacqueline Broughton, Jessica Crockett, Jeffrey Darden, Brittany Dodson, Roxann Francis, Autumn Gaskins, Megan Headley, Joshua Jett, Erin Kellum, Leif Mieras, Patrick Oliver, Bethany Revere, Daniel Robertson, Candice Selph and Tiffany Smith.

LMS publishes B Honor Roll

Lancaster Middle School recently published its B (86+) average Honor Roll.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 4 are Kerstin Allen, Shadonta' Beane, Sharda Beane, John Blake, Crystal Blue, Travis Boyd, DeAndre Bromley, Tyquan Brown, Bridell Carter, Batiyah Coleman, Ta'Sheem Crosby, Dazah Davenport, Sophia Deskin, William Gill, Stephen Hodges, Tiffany Johnson, Stacey Kellum and Tomasia Kelly.

Also, NaJee Laws, Demetrick Lee, Elijah Lewis, Joshua Moore, Kate Nelson, Kaliq Noel, Ven'Toyia Noel, Nicholas Nonnemacker, Keyondra Norris, Samantha Randolph, Collin Ross, Weston Schomer, Scottie Scott, Brendan Self, Graham Shivers, William Smith, Demisha Sutton, Kevin Thomas, Shawn Valdrighi, KaDasia Veney and Matthew Walker.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 5 are Kai Antonio, Jhony Beltran, Holly Booth, Matthew Bullis, Liza Carter, Nell Carter, Casey Clarke, Shaquille Coles, Cheyenne Cooke, Carrie Crowell, Cassie Haydon, Motley Haynie, Jonathan Jackson, Marques Kelley and Cameron Kenner.

Also, William Lackert, Kedrick Lee, Dawn Marlow, Daniel McGrath, Janay Mickles, Keith Montminy, Brian Moody, Robert Nickens, Gerquel Owens, De'Jon Savoy, Tyler Shirk, Stephen Shrader, Ryan Smith, Brittany Stewart, Arkasia Sutton, Shaunessy Sutton, Tyasia Thompson, Jamie Thorn and Natalie Whay.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 6 are Katelyn Abbott, Corla Betts, Evan Bolt, Johnathan Buzzell, Daveshawna Carter, Terrence Clarke, Tensley Clowser, Michael Coleman, Zachariah Crabill, Corey Creech, Elizabeth Crowell, Blair Crowther and Alison Davis.

Also, Connor Ferrand, Melvin Gregory, Christopher Hampton, Kalisha Harding, Endeshia Haynes, Nathaniel Henderson, Jacquelyn Hinson, Joel Hudnall, Prince Jackson, Khadijah Kelly, Octavius Kelly, Natalie Kohlhepp, Katherine Lackert, Marquis Laws, Brooke Lee, Meshanda Lee and Marisa Logan.

Also, Jared Merrill, Chelsea Montgomery, Robert Moore, Ryan Morgan, Brianna Noel, Teara Rich, Ammoni Roane, Anthony Santangelo, Keirra Scott, Amber Seay, Cody Smith, Heather Smith, Eric Wagers, Ashley Warwick, Chukwan Wiggins, Michaela Woodcock and Shaneka Yerby.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 7 are Mark Adams, David Antonio, Shaina Baker, Brittany Barbery, Lawrence Barrack, Davis Brent, Richard Bunnell, Christopher Buzzell, Heather Carter, Erica Charnick, Carolyn Conaway, Jermaya Cox, Kevin Cutting and Jessica Grulkowski.

Also, Kenneth Hammell, Tremaine Harvey, Colie Haydon, Rachel Haywood, Anthony Hill, Clayton Hinson, Timothy Hudson, Margaret Jett, Kadesha Lee, Corbin Love, Tiffany Love, Lauren McCleery, James Merrick, William Mills, Kelvin Mitchell, Marcus Mondy, Tumarow Morning and Brooks Muschette.

Also, Lindsey Randolph, Ciera Saul, Ashleigh Saunders, Zachary Saunders, Melissa Schomer, Timothy Self, Lauren Selph, Gina Shores, Chelsie Smith, Keonta Smith, Martha Smith, Kevin Stewart, Alexander Syversen, Kenneth Thomas, Jasmine Walker and Danesha Walters.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 8 are Cassandra Alexander, Michael Alston, Samone Ball, William Barrack, Jihad Bullock, Samantha Cain, Genevieve Campagnola, Kallissa Childs, Jacob Christman, Kadriene Cox, Carol Davis, Lynasia Doggett, Olia Goins and Justin Gordon.

Also, James Harding, Shanise Jones, Tiena Joyal, Samantha Lackert, Shardaye Lee, Tracy Love, Marina McGrath, Gabrielle Mondy, Jasmine Moody, Ruth Murray, Kentel Noel, Thomas Raymo, Damitri Robinson, Tiara Scott, Anita Shepard, Carolyn Shrader, Quinton Thompson, Danielle Warner, Lamar Williams, Vantel Williams and Christopher Wright.

Registration deadline for Act test is March 3

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17.

The cost is $29 without and $43 with the Writing Test. An additional $18 fee is required for late registration.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, online test prep, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. Scores are used, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extra curricular activities and other information to help determine if a student is academically ready for college-level coursework.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test that includes four exams: English, reading, math and science. Students who take the optional Writing Test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time. Most colleges and universities don't require a writing score, so students should check the writing test requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT.

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Chief Benny Balderson (left) presents a print to former chief Ed Davis.

Ryan Gordon was recognized as "fireman of the year."

David Hudnall is "apprentice fireman of the year."

Kilmarnock firemen entertain the ladies; honor their finest

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Ladies Night February 18 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

In addition to honoring their biggest supporters, several firemen were recognized as well.

Chief Benny Balderson presented past chief Ed Davis with a print in appreciation of his 15 years as chief.

Ryan Gordon received the award for responding to the most calls and "fireman of the year."

David Hudnall was voted "apprentice fireman of the year."

Buddy Keyser received a print honoring his eight years as president.

The department also thanked local merchants who donated door prizes for the ladies; and the fine staff at Indian Creek for another great evening.

Local projects and oyster programs due VMRC review

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, at VMRC Headquarters, 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News.

Habitat permit applications are considered during the morning session. Fisheries hearings begin at noon.

Among habitat applications, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Conrad request authorization to install a submersible pump, a 2-inch diameter PVC raw water intake pipeline, and a 4-inch PVC discharge pipeline on an existing pier, and to change the use of the pier from residential to commercial.

The improvements are related to a proposed crab shedding facility at the Conrad property on a cove of Greenvale Creek on Rocky Neck in Lancaster County. The project is protested by two adjoining property owners.

Robert A. Badenoch is seeking after-the-fact authorization to retain a 15-foot long by 18.5-foot wide roof extension, timber siding to enclose the boathouse and a 132-square-foot deck addition to a previously permitted boathouse adjacent to his property on a cove of Bridgemans Back Creek in Northumberland County.

Among fisheries items, the commission will review the Virginia Seafood Council proposal to continue aquaculture experiments with the triploid nonnative oyster, Crassostrea ariakensis.

Bonnie-Leigh Jones is seeking a review by the commission of the licensing and compliance with special conditions regarding Ernest L. George's pound net at Windmill Point.

The commission is also expected to take action on the 2006 oyster restoration program and procurement procedures.

Knights of Columbus present community donations

Wes Werling of the Knights of Columbus last week presented some $4,000 in donations to several community organizations on behalf of the Infant Jesus of Prague Council at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock. From left are Rev. Jim Bruce of St. Francis De Sales, director of the Lancaster-based Court Appointed Special Advocate services Betty Wirth, Dave Spellman of the Knights council, Northern Neck District Boy Scouts of America chairman Sam Bridgeman, Rappahannock General Hospital senior vice-president and chief operating officer Randy Hester, Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity president Ed Pittman, Werling, Northern Neck Family YMCA co-director of development Lisa Shivers, Northern Neck Family YMCA branch executive director Mark Favazza, and RGH development coordinator Ann O'Herron. The Knights also awarded donations to the River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Healthy Beginnings, Special Olympics and St. Francis De Sales scholarship funds. (Photo by Robb Hoff)

▼ *General Assembly bills cross over . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

A bill introduced by Del. John Cosgrove of Chesapeake placing a referendum on the November 2006 ballot has passed the House and is nearing approval by the Senate.

Rural additions

Northumberland County recently considered adopting required changes to its subdivision ordinance regarding road standards. If the county decided not to update its ordinance, then the state threatened to withhold any rural addition funds from the county's road construction budget.

After much debate, the county decided that the funding was not great enough to warrant a change that could be much more costly to developers. They also learned the funding could be redirected into other construction categories.

The House passed a bill to limit the Virginia Department of Transportation's ability to withhold rural addition funds from localities.

Legislators amended the initial bill, sponsored by Del. William H. Fralinn of Roanoke, to require that counties "take" any roads not built to VDOT standards in order to receive the funding.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation.

Farm wineries

A bill introduced by Del. David B. Albo of Springfield making wineries and their activities, including wine tastings, musical presentations and similar agritourism activities, eligible under production agriculture zoning districts passed the House and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government.

Buoys

The Senate passed a bill sponsored by Sen. Martin E. Williams of Newport News to require that crab pot buoys and floats be marked with reflective material in order to be visible at night when illuminated. The issue has been taken up in the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

School supplies

Bills have passed the House and Senate to exempt school supplies from sales taxes for a limited time in August. The bills are meant to provide some relief to parents and teachers who are often burdened with long shopping lists in the days before school starts.

Ten similar bills were introduced in the House and three were introduced in the Senate.

The House adopted wording to provide a sales tax exemption, beginning in 2006, for certain school supplies, clothing and footwear, and computers purchased during a three-day period each year beginning on the first Friday in August.

The exempt items would include school supplies with a selling price of $20 or less, each article of clothing or footwear with a selling price of $100 or less, and each computer with a selling price of $1,500 or less. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

The Senate adopted wording to offer a tax exemption during a one-week period at the end of August each year. The exempt items would include school supplies, footwear, and clothing where the selling price of each item is $100 or less, and computers, computer hardware, computer software and portable calculators where the selling price for each item is $500 or less.

The House has not yet referred this legislation to a committee.

No Child Left Behind

Over the past several years, the state legislature has weighed the benefits and difficulties of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

A bill introduced by Del. R. Steven Landes of Weyers Cave passed the House. It would, in 2006, require the Virginia Board of Education to request certain waivers and exemptions from regulatory and statutory requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act from the U.S. Department of Education.

If the response from the U.S. Department of Education to requests for waivers and exemptions is unsatisfactory, then the president of the Virginia Board of Education would make recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly regarding additional actions that could be taken by the Commonwealth.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

School bus speeds

A bill introduced by Del. Edward T. Scott of Culpeper would set a maximum speed of 45 mph for school buses on highways with a posted speed limit of 55 mph. On highways with posted speed limits greater than 55 mph the maximum school bus speed would be 55 mph.

The measure passed the House and is being considered by the Senate Committee on Transportation.

Religion classes

Last year the Northumberland school board was asked to consider allowing a comparative religions course at the high school with dual credit through Rappahannock Community College.

Board members expressed concern at the time about the syllabus and the textbooks. They were concerned that the world religions be addressed with a balanced approach. They also worried about adopting a religion class when there would perhaps be other teachers interested in teaching a new elective course.

In the end, the school board decided to wait until the upcoming school year to make a decision.

The House and Senate have approved a bill authorizing only the Virginia Board of Education to approve comparative religions as an elective course. Apparently, in the process of revising the Standards of Quality, language was inadvertently altered during the 2004 legislative session giving that authority to local school boards, and the state wants it back.

The bill has been amended to state that comparative religions can only be offered at the high school level.

Commencement prayer

Del. Jeffrey M. Frederick of Woodbridge introduced a bill to require the Virginia Board of Education to develop guidelines regarding prayer during high school baccalaureate ceremonies.

The bill is meant to promote compliance with Constitutional restrictions and the observance of Constitutional rights.

It passed the House by an overwhelming majority and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

▼ *Police . . . .*

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Winchester was charged February 3 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

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

Brenda Lorena Palencia, 39, of Woodbridge was charged February 13 with two counts of obtaining drugs by fraud and one count of felony child neglect.

A 17-year-old Reedville female juvenile was charged February 7 with possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

An 18-year-old Callao man was charged February 13 with possession of alcohol under the age of 21, driving without a license and reckless driving.

A 23-year-old Lottsburg woman was charged February 15 with failure to appear in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

A 24-year-old Lottsburg man was charged February 16 on a Fredericksburg warrant with failure to obey a court order.

A 38-year-old Heathsville man was charged February 17 with writing a bad check for $65 to a Burgess area business.

A 37-year-old Heathsville man was charged February 18 with a second DUI offense within 5 years, driving on a restricted license and failure to wear a seat belt.

For the week ending February 19, the sheriff's office dispatchers handled 118 calls. Deputies responded to eight alarm calls, 48 citizen's complaints, 11 accident or traffic related offenses, two transports of inmates and 11 animal control complaints.

The sheriff's staff also received a report February 13 of a larceny of tools from a construction site in the Heathsville area. Taken was an 8-foot fiberglass ladder, blue and green and valued at $200, and a wheelbarrow valued at $60.

Lancaster County Crime Solvers

UP TO $1000 REWARD

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has warrants for John W. Fearing and Sherri D. Fearing.

John W. Fearing, 43, is a white male, with brown hair and brown eyes. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Sherri D. Fearing, 42, is a white female, with brown hair and green eyes. She is 5'1" tall and weighs 110 pounds.

Their last known address was 4661 Blackstump Road in Weems. Warrants are on file for failing to file state tax returns, and failing to file withholding tax returns.

Report information on these wanted people to Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls are not recorded. Callers could receive a reward up to $1,000.

Northumberland County Crime Solvers

The Northumberland County Crime Solvers seeks information regarding a recent crime.

Between January 11 and January 16, unknown person(s) entered a residence off of Turkey Lane in Lottsburg, and stole several containers of coins, valued at more than $200.

Report information on this crime to Crime Solvers at 580-8447. Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers remain anonymous and are not required to testify in court.

Lancashire Lines

by Joan M. Foster

The history of Raggedy Ann was discussed last Monday morning by a small group on the Chesapeake Wing at the Lancashire. Later, residents enjoyed a discussion on how to be heart healthy both physically and emotionally. A Valentine's social was a blast with Valentine bingo and hilarious antics with a Valentine dart board.

Valentine's Day was fun for folks. They learned about how "X's" and "O's" came to represent kisses and hugs on the bottom of notes and letters. Jay Jarvis and Herbert Carter led a gospel sing. Bea Jett was the top winner in bingo that afternoon.

On Wednesday, Rev. Herbert Hall taught Bible study. Rev. Herbert Middleton led a praise and worship service. "Jesus On The Main Line" and "Love Lifted Me" were two favorites.

Residents played horseshoes on Thursday. Ruth Crowther and Thomas Hoar tied for highest scorer in bingo. Pet Therapy later in the day was a joy.

Macon Hinson won first place in "Name The Game" Friday in the Rappahannock Wing group. A hymn sing was uplifting. During the afternoon folks enjoyed grilled cheese sandwiches for Creative Chefs.

Melvin Bromley was the big winner in bingo on Saturday. Later, the residents enjoyed a Bible study.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church hosted a Sunday worship service.

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