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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Local funding remains in Senate budget for now

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—One major advantage of having a local representative chairing the Senate Finance Committee is that he looks out for his people.

The Senate and House each finished reviewing their own budget amendments last week and passed their bills.

When freshman Delegate Rob Wittman failed to push through seven of 10 budget amendments in the House, Sen. John Chichester took the ball and ran with it, scoring funding for some 15 local museums and historical organizations in the Senate Budget Bill.

The Senate bill includes some $1,010,500 in funding for local, non-state organizations including the Colonial Beach Historical Society, $5,500; Historic Bluff Point School, $5,000; Kinsale Foundation, $20,000; Mary Ball Washington Museum, $30,000; Menokin Foundation, $30,000; Morattico Waterfront Museum, $20,000; Northern Neck Farm Museum, $10,000; Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society, $100,000; Reedville Fishermen's Museum, $100,000; Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, $10,000; Richmond County Museum, $10,000; Steamboat Era Museum, $50,000; Stratford Hall, $100,000; The Haven, $100,000; Virginia Quality Life, $300,000; Westmoreland County Museum, $100,000; and Westmoreland Poor School Society, $25,000.

Sen. Chichester also garnered $150,000 for first-year start up costs for pilot project birthing centers in the Northern Neck and Emporia, $80,000 for the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center and $20,000 for the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

The Senate budget bill also includes $780,000 for the Bay Agency on Aging for Adult Day Break services.

In the House Budget Bill, Del. Wittman secured $13,000 for the Richmond County Museum, $50,000 for the Westmoreland County Museum and $50,000 for The Haven.

The Senate passed its budget bill March 23 by a 39-1 vote. It is now before the House Committee on Appropriations.

The House passed its budget bill March 23 by a 60-39 vote. On March 28, it was reported from the Senate finance committee. Prior to adjourning March 11, the two chambers must agree on a final version of the budget to send to Gov. Tim Kaine.

In other recent legislation, Del. Wittman saw his first bill pass the Senate last week. It would provide funding for high-speed or broadband internet infrastructure as an economic development incentive

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Cause of death at Callao sawmill: blunt force trauma

CALLAO—A longtime employee of Withers Sawmill in Callao was killed on the job last week when he fell under a large piece of equipment, according to the Northumebrland County Sheriff's Department.

Alonzo Thompson, 58, of Valley Road in Callao was operating a rubber-tired log loader on the afternoon of February 16 when he suddenly fell while the vehicle was still in motion, said several coworkers who witnessed the accident.

The loader ran over his head.

The sheriff's department, Callao fire and rescue teams and the Mid-County rescue squad responded to the scene, but little could be done.

The chief medical examiner speculated that Thompson may have suffered a massive heart attack, causing his fall, but the official cause of death remains blunt force trauma to the head.

Reports are pending from a toxicologist and an investigative team from the Occupational Safety and Heath Administration, but negligence does not appear to have been a factor.

Thompson had worked for the sawmill for some 30 years.

Girl loses limb in car accident

LOTTSBURG—A teenage girl lost her arm and remains in serious condition in a Richmond hospital following an accident last week near Ridge Road.

According to a report filed by Trooper Patrick McCranie, the accident occurred at 9:15 a.m. February 21 on Coan Stage Road a half-mile east of Ridge Road, near the girl's home.

The trooper said Scyler Alexander Folan, driving a 2005 Hyundai Elantra, took the first of Coan Stage Road's sharp turns too fast and lost control off the left shoulder of the road. The car overturned down an embankment.

Passanger Brittany Nance, 15, of Heathsville was flown to MCV in Richmond where she remains in critical condition.

Folan, 16, of Lancaster was also injured and transported to Rappahannock General Hospital.

Neither youth was wearing a seatbelt.

Folan was later charged with reckless driving.

RW-C celebrates Hoodie-Hoo Day

On the heels of frigid weekend temperatures and an early morning snowfall, residents and staff at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury gathered outside the Chesapeake Center last month to speed spring's arrival with the call of "Hoodie-Hoo."

RW-C's answer to Groundhog Day, it was the community's third annual celebration of The Northern Hemisphere Hoodie-Hoo Day, copyrighted by Wellcat Holidays & Herbs of Lebanon, Pa.

"Hoodie-Hoo Day is always on February 20 at high noon, local time," said Lillian George, office administrator for RW-C's clinic, avowed opponent of winter, and initiator and organizer of the tradition at RW-C. "It's to chase winter and make ready for spring one month from now, which would be March 20."

About 50 revelers waved signs and donned light spring hats atop heavy winter gear. George led the group in the 10-second countdown. After the exuberant shout, residents John Helm and Dr. Jim Harnsberger sounded pitch pipes for the group's debut of "Oh Hoodie-Hoo," the anthem written this year to the tune of "Oh Danny Boy" by resident life assistant Amy Lewis.

Punch and cookies followed inside, and by mid-afternoon the sun was out.

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury revelers (above) chased winter away, at least for the rest of the day.

Two residential developments return to hearing docket

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—The March meeting of the Northumberland board of supervisors may instill a bit of deja vu for some. The county has re-advertised public hearings for two proposed developments in the Reedville area.

Anticipating another large crowd due to the interest in these developments, county staff has again moved the evening portion of the meeting to the Northumberland High School auditorium.

The board convenes at 3:30 p.m. at the courthouse Thursday, March 9, to conduct regular monthly business and will reconvene for hearings at the high school at 7 p.m. after a dinner break.

Last month, an advertised public hearing on a cluster development for Main Street in Reedville was postponed when the county learned that the state health department had placed a moratorium on new connections to the village's water supply.

The developer, Watson Construction and Development, was given an additional month to explore building a community well to provide water to the subdivision.

Located behind the gas station

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May ballot has room for more candidates

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

In Kilmarnock, the mayor's seat and three council posts are up for election.

As of Tuesday, assistant registrar Sherry Bowles reported that Dr. Curtis H. Smith is the only candidate who has filed for mayor. Incumbent mayor Mike Robertson announced last week that he will not seek another term.

For Kilmarnock council, incumbents Paul Jones and Fletcher Brown IV have filed for re-election, and Barbara Robertson also has qualified.

In White Stone, the mayor's seat and three council posts are up for election.

Incumbent Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard Jr. has filed for re-election, said Bowles. R. M. "Mac" Davis has filed for council.

In Irvington, three council seats are up for election. Incumbents Ralph D. "Rannie" Ransone and Norman G. Mosher have filed and newcomer Dr. Robert Westbrook also is seeking a council seat.

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

All positions due election are for four-year terms.

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

Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported five arrests during the past week.

A Chase Street man, 35, was charged February 25 on a King William County warrant with domestic assault and battery.

A Gloucester man, 43, was arrested February 24 after staff responded to the 2700 block of Black Stump Road for a disconnected emergency 911 call. The man was charged with violating a protective order.

A Gloucester man, 37, was charged February 22 with issuing a bad check and misdemeanor construction fraud.

A Topping man, 45, was charged February 21 with contempt of a court order.

A Farnham Creek Road woman, 27, was charged with issuing a bad check.

Other responses

On February 21, the staff responded to concerns about an unsecured and unattended building on Bald Eagle Road.

On February 22, the staff responded to the North Main Street area to assist Kilmarnock police in locating a suspect involved in a suspicious vehicle and eluding police incident. The staff received a fraud report in the 1500 block of Weems Road and responded to the Lively area for a drunk driving complaint.

On February 23, the staff responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 1400 block of Chownings Ferry Road and a traffic complaint in the area of Christ Church Road, investigated a suspicious person complaint in the 4200 block of Mary Ball

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Murder appeal ends in hung jury

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—A 13-year-old boy convicted of killing two-year-old Anania Rice last year has appealed his case to the Circuit Court.

The girl was killed while staying with her father, Ananias Russell Rice Sr., 34, of Heathsville last August. Her mother, Laura McGhee, lives in Essex County.

On August 4, her father brought her bruised and lifeless body to the Northumberland sheriff"s office. She was taken by the Mid-County Rescue Squad to Rappahannock General Hospital where she was pronounced dead an hour later.

The boy was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced in December to a maximum of seven years in a juvenile detention center, with a review after three years.

The appeal brought the boy's case before an open court and jury last week. The case had previously been tried behind closed doors in juvenile and domestic relations court.

But, following 56 hours of testimony and deliberation, the trial ended with a hung jury. A jury in Virginia must reach a unanimous decision.

The judge was forced to declare a mistrial and dismiss the jury.

A new trial date will be set

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

You could say Kurtis Hess has always been a weightlifter. The weights he lifts are obstacles to other people's achievement.

In high school, he met with Virginia Gov. Lindsay Almond to try to persuade him to reject racism and keep schools open in Prince Edward County. As an ordained Presbyterian pastor, presbytery administrator and seminary professor, he has started youth groups, boosted women entering the ministry, taught new ministers to deal with conflict, and eased the search process for congregations and pastors striving to connect.

Over the last six years he's fought as well for himself. Friends nationwide have backed him up.

In 2000, he and Jean, married in 1965, were weekenders in Clifton Landing. They still taught in Richmond: he, at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and she, in special education.

On a driving trip, Kurtis told Jean he didn't know on which side to pass the car ahead. They were on a two-lane road. That double vision led to a diagnosis of lymphoma, removal of nodules from his knee, chemotherapy and radiation.

Because neurological imbalance lingered, he and Jean prudently sold their sailboat, replacing it and their weekend home with a more manageable 49-foot DeFever trawler. Naming her Edelweiss after a closing hymn at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, they moved happily aboard and cruised the bay. They continued to teach and kept an apartment in Richmond.

Rare and tough to buck, Kurtis's T-cell lymphoma returned in 2004 as he approached cancer's five-year finish line. The new tumors were in his brain. There followed more chemo, more radiation and, halting a hopeful stretch, an MRI revealing another tumor.

Doctors at MCV recommended a stem cell transplant, which, they said, was like digging up all the ground, replanting grass seed, and having the good new grass crowd out any weeds that might return.

Kurtis would be his own donor. Rigorous preparation included dental work, growth shots, more chemo. He and Jean sold the trawler and bought a Toyota Highlander and a house in Hills Quarter.

"There was a percentage chance I wouldn't make it," said Kurtis at his home last week. "But we were preparing for making it or, if not making it, for Jean's ability to live comfortably on her own."

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In spring 2005, Kurtis entered the MCV bone marrow unit. The goal was to harvest four million stem cells, half to be cleansed and put back into Kurtis's body, and half to be frozen. Doctors gathered four times the needed cells. It was a wonderful sign.

"We needed two miracles," said Kurtis. "We needed the stem cell process to be 100 percent correct, and we needed the purification and cleansing process to be 100 percent correct. We had 99 percent."

Every day brought glitches, but his immune system rose and he left the hospital after four weeks. Days later, unanticipated intestinal problems sent him back for another month and unfathomable weakness.

"I couldn't button my shirt," he said. "I had Velcro tennis shoes and couldn't do those. It was tiredness like no other tiredness."

He has had two more tumors and two more rounds of chemo and radiation since the transplant. Shingles have damaged his vision. He and Jean traveled 8,252 medical miles last year and received a single medical bill – out of hundreds – for $145,000.

But his spirits are high. At church coffee hour a few weeks ago, Kurtis delivered deepest thanks for the prayers, cards and humorous e-mails he'd requested from the Campbell family. He said hundreds of former students – pastors now – had kept him on their church prayer lists. Then to the hushed crowd he announced that his January 25th MRI was tumor-free. The congregation burst into song: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Blessings flow as well from the medical and insurance communities. He's had so many wonderful doctors, nurses, therapists, needle-stickers. He says the MCV bone marrow unit and the cancer units at MCV and Rappahannock General Hospital have been exceptional.

At 64, he is not afraid to die, but there's so much here to love: Jean, twin daughters and a son, seven granddaughters. And there's Friendship, the center-cockpit sailboat he's bought with his closest pal and former Campbell pastor, Bill Morris.

So look for Kurtis on the water, in a front right pew at Campbell, volunteering at the palliative care unit at RGH, or faithfully at the YMCA, once again lifting weights.

Reflections

by John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

And finally, good-bye

The Apostle Paul has offered us a dialogical way of putting all things in perspective when he bids a final farewell to colleagues near and far. As Paul concludes his Letter to the Romans (16:17-20), he speaks of the men and women of faith in Rome, 24 people (17 men and seven women); and, then he mentions nine other people who were not in Rome, but were truly a blessing to him.

Before Paul says good-bye to the Roman brethren, he gives them a warning to live in harmony, by faith in Jesus, God's only son, crucified and resurrected for our individual salvation. Our mortality is at risk from the moment we are conceived in our mother's body. Accidents, illness and death are all around us. Look at this true, humorous analysis:

Avoid riding in automobiles: they are responsible for 20 percent of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home: 17 percent of all accidents occur in the home.

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks: 14 percent of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water: 16 percent of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

Of the remaining 33 percent, 32 percent of all deaths occur in hospitals: above all else, avoid hospitals.

Now, you will be pleased to learn that only .001 percent of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Who'd have guessed it? The safest place for us to be at any given point in time is at church!

Norwood Baptist
Morattico

Every time I mount a sacred desk to speak the Word of Life, I do so as a dying pastor trying to share the wealth of my accrued faith with a dying congregation. I would hope we could all catch the spirit of Paul and seriously work at relating to friends and family in such an honest way that when and if we lose a loved one, we'd have no regrets about our relationship.

When one amongst us gets an horrific diagnosis of a fatal disease, we rally in wondrous ways. Teams gather, families knit together, previous grievances become moot, prayers are lifted, and fellowship ensues. I always get caught up in the fray. I always want to perform miracles, fix the problem, and pronounce the victory. My faith in Jesus, however, always brings me to task when I ponder: Has some good person shared the absolute truth with this individual? Do they have a personal experience of Jesus? Do they know that the shed blood of Jesus has saved them? Come back to earth with me for a moment and let's spread the Gospel amongst us.

We are all dying, all the time. The Bible, however, portrays the love of God in human flesh so that we can know beyond all understanding that we who believe in Christ as our savior will live beyond this earthly existence. Therefore, we all ought make our peace, our profession in him, and then attend the things about us.

If and when tragedy alerts us to an imminent trauma, we who hold the true lease on life should be ready to die. Not only that, we should help prepare our loved ones as well. I can't think of a finer life-attitude to exemplify than to live each day as if it were our last, to be always loving and thoughtful about those to whom God has given us.

Want it in a less flowery way? I pray daily for the power of forgiveness, which causes me to live every day as if it were my last. Once that is accomplished I can get on with the things of this earth, which the Bible has already warned me shall all rot and decay.

Too many folks are dabbling with the occult, the supernatural, trafficking in philosophical sects, all seeking some way to understand their spiritual lives. Come back to the Bible, back to faith, and realize that believers already own the map.

Before I was born, I was a spirit in harmony with God. At the end of this life, I have the option to return to the essence of God and spiritually live with him forever. This is not some brief respite from suffering; rather it is our total victory over the grave.

Listen to me: it's even bigger than all the above. It is a promise from God that our loved ones who shared their common faith in Christ will be reunited beyond the grave. Our earthly deaths are but a pause in our relationships. We are reunited in perfection, without all the problems and foibles of humanity.

Join me, let's all get more excited about our heavenly home and less conditioned to try and preserve that which is only earthly, only temporary.

Start living the Bible. Trust in its truth. Enjoy the freedom from humanity it promises.

Man, I am so ready. I long for the time when all God's children are gathered home. My too often clinging to life has warped my idea of destiny. Do you remember from the passion of Christ that he said that at that juncture we would lift the cup together? What a joy to represent such a savior!

I'll be looking for you on the other side.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000,
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, March 5:
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 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Winter Bible Study for all ages. Everyone welcome
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 7:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Rev. Frank G. Schwall Jr., Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, March 8:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, March 5:
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 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road, Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
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
Sunday, March 5:
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
2:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, March 6:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop
Tuesday, March 7:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 8:
12:05 p.m., Community Lenten Service at St. Andrews
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 9:
10 a.m., Claybrook-Dunaway Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. Exercise Group

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
Lebanon
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Providence
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
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, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road,White Stone;
435-1272,Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr.
Sunday, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, March 5:
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 8:
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, March 5:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock, Rev. Dwight Johnson
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, March 9:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659 Rev. Rodney D. Waller
Sunday, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
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, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, March 8:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville, 453-4972;
Rev. Steven P. Hency,
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 8:
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with prayers for Healing

St. Mary's Episcopal
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712
The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Lent Schedule
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist, daily
Wednesday, March 8:
6 p.m., Soup & Speaker Series
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, March 5:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 5:
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, March 5:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
First Sunday in Lent
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Service of Holy Communion
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 5:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, March 8:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257, Luther Baugham
Sunday, March 5:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, March 5:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday March 5:
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, March 2:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, March 5:
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
Tuesday, March 7:
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel UMW meet
Wednesday, March 8:
6:30 p.m., BEUMM meet at Bethel

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 5 :
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, March 5
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon,
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 4:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797**;** (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, March 2:
6:30 p.m., Prayer Ministry
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Friday, March 3:
4:30-8 p.m., Youth Pancake Supper
Sunday, March 5:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Monday, March 6:
10 a.m., Congregational Care Meeting
6 p.m., Emmaus
Tuesday March 7:
9:45 a.m., UMW Meeting
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, March 8:
3:30 p.m., Brownies
6 p.m., Handbells
7:30 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, March 5:
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 8:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Friday, March 3:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Monday, March 6:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Wednesday, March 7:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor, Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Dr. James Wright
Nursery provided during Worship
Monday, March 6:
6 p.m., Taste of Ministry Dinner sponsored by Congregational Care
Wednesday, March 8:
3:45 p.m., Community Mission Program & Chesapeake Bank
Thursday, March 9:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women's Circle and Spring Tea
4 p.m. Worship Ministry Group

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 2:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 20)
Sunday, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "It's Only Fair (Haggai 1:1-4)
12:30 p.m., Youth Education Committee
Monday, March 6:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 13)
Wednesday, March 8:
10 a.m., Welcoming Committee
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 17)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd. Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
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, March 5:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 7:
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, March 5:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Center for Spiritual Awareness
Freeshade Community Center,
Syringa, 725-1234
Sunday, March 5:
8:30 a.m., Orientation
9 a.m., Meditation Service
Non-denominational for all ages

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, March 2:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, March 5:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553, Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
3 p.m., 28th Church Anniversary
Rev. Bunny Dunaway and B. C. Dunaway Singers
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock;
443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan
Thursday, March 2:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Northern Neck Religious Society & Friends (Quakers)
Alice & Dave Hershier 804-453-7062
Sunday, March 5:
11 a.m., Discussion
12 noon, Social Fellowship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, 693-6079
Sunday, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship and Children's Church, ages 4-9

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Obituaries

Evelyn L. Atwill

REEDVILLE—Evelyn Lewis Atwill, 93, of Reedville died February 24, 2006.

Mrs. Atwill was a lifelong member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Jones Atwill.

She is survived by a sister, Dorothy Lewis Fletcher of Warrenton; a brother, John M. Lewis of Virginia Beach; a sister-in-law, Alice S. Lewis of Reedville; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held February 28 at Roseland Cemetery in Reedville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Roseland Cemetery, or a charity of one's choice.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Vashti B. Courtney

OTTOMAN—Vashti B. Courtney, 81, of Ottoman died February 24, 2006.

Mrs. Courtney was predeceased by a son, Howard Clayton Courtney.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Howard T. Courtney; a daughter, Jennifer Allen of Newport News; two sons, Da n Courtney of Doswell and Glenn Courtney of Lancaster; three sisters, Estelle B. Harding of Mechanicsville, Christine Naumann of Mollusk and Doswell B. Marks of Tappahannock; and a brother, Monroe Belfield of White Stone.

Funeral services were held February 28 at Corrottoman Baptist Church in Ottoman. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Upper Lancaster Rescue Squad, or the Corrottoman Baptist Church Building Fund.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Robert P. Cowart

LOTTSBURG—Robert Page Cowart, 85, of Lottsburg died February 24, 2006. He was a retired Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force and a civil engineer.

Mr. Cowart was born at Cowart, July 25, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. William Slater Cowart. At age five, he moved to Florida with his parents where he attended school in several towns through the tenth grade. He graduated from high school in Kingston, Pa.

Mr. Cowart

He graduated as a civil engineer from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1943 and joined the Army Artillery Corps. He transferred to the U.S. Air Force and served in Italy during World War II. After returning to the U.S., he attended meteorological school in Illinois, then taught in a USAF Weather school in Mississippi, where he met and married Doris Stojcich.

After earning a master's in engineering at the University of Michigan, he was transferred to Saudi Arabia to help build an airport at Dahran. Upon returning to the U.S., he taught ROTC at Texas A& M, followed by a tour of duty at Prestwick, Scotland. He continued his military career working with the Ballistic Missile Division, building vast underground missile silos. After retirement, he was a resident engineer and deputy director for the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore subway systems. He ended his engineering career as the resident engineer for a hydraulic power station in Vidalia, La.

He held professional registration in three states and was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineering and the National Society of Professional Engineers. He was also a member of the school board of Cherry Hill, N.J., a deacon of Pilgrim United Church of Christ at Cherry Hill. He was a trustee of Melrose United Methodist Church in Lottsburg, a board member of the Northumberland Historical Society, and secretary of the Northumberland Lions Club. He was the institutional representative and board member for the Boy Scouts of Camden County, N.J.

He was predeceased by his parents, and a brother, Col. William S. Cowart.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Larry Newtzie; a son, Robert Page Cowart Jr.; five granddaughters, Rachel Kuchta, Kathlyn Gwaltney, Chandra Tucker, Christi Cowart and Melinda Page Cowart: a great-grandson; two sisters, Virginia Shafer and Alyce Whiteside; seven nieces; and three nephews.

Funeral services were held March 1 at Melrose United Methodist Church. Internment was in the Cowart family cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Melrose United Methodist Church, Lottsburg, VA 22435, or to Callao Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 82, Callao, VA 22435.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Frederick M. Graham

WICOMICO CHURCH–Frederick M. Graham, 84, of Wicomico Church, formerly of Richmond, died February 25, 2006.

During World War II, Mr. Graham was a first lieutenant in the Army Air Force.

He retired from Rockwell International and was a realtor at Slater Realtors.

He was a former member of Derbyshire Baptist Church, White Point Yacht Club, and was a charter member of Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

He was predeceased by a brother, John; and a son-in-law, Elliott Hornbeck.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Leah; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane Hornbeck of Richmond and Anne and Dennis Walker of Midlothian; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kathy Graham of Mechanicsville; six grandchildren, one with a husband, David and Elizabeth Hornbeck, Katie and Mike Kolakoski, Kevin Walker and Billy and Matt Graham.

Funeral services were held February 28 at Woody Funeral Home in Richmond.

Memorials may be made to Mid County Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 355, Heathsville, VA 22473, or to Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Theodore J. Kneip

LOTTSBURG—Theodore Joseph "Ted" Kneip, 79, of Lottsburg died February 15, 2006, at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

A native of Minnesota, Mr. Kneip earned a doctorate in analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois. At New York University, he researched and taught environmental medicine for 25 years.

He served in the United States Navy and was an active member of Flotilla 310 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

After his retirement, he moved to Northumberland County in 2000 to enjoy sailing. In 2003, he married Barbara Guild Warren of Northumberland and Albemarle counties.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; six children, Katherine Kneip Faust of Eagle River, Wis., Lawrence Kneip of Wykoff, N.J., Daniel Kneip of Portland, Ore., Joseph Kneip of Boston, Mass., Stephanie Kneip Broomfield of Clinton, N.Y., and Edward Kneip of San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held.

Welch Funeral Home in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

Martha S. Scheu

IRVINGTON—Martha Smith Scheu of Irvington, wife of Robert S. Scheu, former president and chief executive officer of Marine Midland Bank of Western New York, died February 26, 2006.

Mrs. Scheu was born in East Aurora, N.Y., to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith. She graduated from Emma Willard School and Bradford Junior College.

She was active in the Buffalo community serving as president of the Junior League of Buffalo, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, vice president of Child and Family Services, and was a director of the Community Welfare Council, Planned Parenthood, and the Niagara Frontier Vocational Rehabilitation Center.

She also served as a director of the Women's Board of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and was active at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery where she served as treasurer of the members gallery and vice president of the members council.

When the Scheus moved to Virginia in 1985, she began tutoring in the adult education program and continued for many years. She also served on the Rappahannock General Hospital development committee and was active in the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic raising funds and working in public relations.

She was predeceased by a son, Christopher Cole Scheu.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Stephen Scheu; a daughter, Susan S. Woodworth of Mass.; two sons, Donald S. Scheu of Lancaster and Stephen E. Scheu of Tennessee; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, P.O. Box 1694, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Buck Slaughter

REEDVILLE—Buck Slaughter, 87, of Reedville died February 21, 2006.

Mr. Slaughter was born in Fleeton October 16, 1918, to Thomas Clawson Slaughter Jr. and Virginia Edwards Slaughter. He grew up in Fleeton and began his education attending the one-room FleetonSchool. He graduated from Reedville High School in 1935 and went to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg at age 16. He participated in intercollegiate boxing and rode on the equestrian team. He graduated in 1939 with a degree in business and agriculture. He remained an enthusiastic Hokie throughout his life.

Mr. Slaughter

After college, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. During World War II, he was assigned to the 71st Coast Artillery at Fort Story in Virginia Beach. From there he transferred to the 246 Coast Artillery in Alaska.

Upon returning from the war as a captain, he was placed on the inactive reserve. He and his brother, Tom, joined their father in the T.C. Slaughter Company. Huff & Puff Pet Foods, a subsidiary company, occupied the waterfront in Reedville for many years where he managed the plant and became president. He was active in the Virginia Canners Association and served as vice president.

In 1949, Buck married Lilian Nelson Hinton, whose forbearer, Elijah Reed, revolutionized menhaden fishing in the Chesapeake Bay; Reedville was named for him.

Mr. Slaughter was also a farmer for over 30 years. He maintained a sizable herd of beef cattle at Waterloo Farm outside of Burgess until the mid 1990s. He also owned and operated Reedville Water Works.

He always found time to contribute to the community. After the war, he and his childhood friend, T. Waller, obtained a fire truck and organized the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department. He was Reedville's first fire chief and remained active as a charter member for many years. He also served for years as a director on the board of the Bank of Reedville/Bank of Virginia.

He was a lifelong member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville and taught Sunday school for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lilian; two daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth Nuckols of Richmond, and Jude and Tom Kelly of Virginia Beach; a son, Taylor Slaughter of Burgess; three grandchildren, Virginia Reed Kelly, Elizabeth Brooke Kelly and Mathew Jordon Slaughter; and caregivers Eugene Churchill, Carol Haynie, Linda Cleckely, Reneen Robinson, Wanda Cockrell, Helen Holden, Patricia Dorsey and Deneen Smith.

Funeral services were held February 25 at Bethany United Methodist Church with Rev. Donna McEwan officiating. Pallbearers were Thomas Clawson Slaughter III, Thomas Clawson Slaughter IV, William B. Slaughter, William B. Slaughter Jr., John Michael Kelly, Robert Daniel Kelly, Jerome Francis Kelly and Eugene Churchill. Interment was at Roseland Cemetery in Reedville with Northumberland American Legion Post 117 performing military honors

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethany United Methodist Church, the Reedville Rescue Squad, or the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

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

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Adeline M. Trickey

NEWPORT, ORE.—Adeline Marie Trickey, 66, of Newport, Ore., died January 15, 2006, from complications from surgery and vascular disease.

Mrs. Trickey was born in Newton, Mass., April 14, 1939, to Thomas and Clara Welch Waters. She was raised primarily in Massachusetts and graduated from Ayer High School in 1956. In 1960, she graduated from Framingham State College with a bachelor's in education. She moved to northern Virginia and taught elementary school in Fairfax County for 33 years.

After retiring in 1994, she taught English as a second language for several years before moving to Lancaster County in 1999, where her family had a second home since 1978. She moved to Oregon in October 2005.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Alan Trickey of Newport; a son, David Trickey of Green Bay, Wis.; a foster son and his wife, Robert and Camille O'Neill of Falls Church; two granddaughters, Tani and Hana O'Neill, both of Falls Church; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and John Ward of Easton, Md.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Kathleen Trickey and Juan Alvarez of Santa Fe, N.M.; and a niece, Erica Baca of Dallas, Texas.

A celebration of her life will be held at the family home in Newport April 14 at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Bateman Funeral Home in Newport is handling the arrangements.

George O. Viau

KILMARNOCK—George O. Viau, 83, of Kilmarnock died peacefully February 25, 2006, after a long illness.

Mr. Viau, a native of Lowell, Mass., was a retired civil engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration. He also was a retired aviator and officer with the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He started his career as a master plumber in his father's plumbing and heating business, O.P. Viau and Sons, in Lowell. After entering college he discontinued studies to train and serve as a pilot in World War II. He resumed his studies after the war, and married Therese G. Morin of Lowell in 1952. He was recalled for active duty in the Korean Conflict. Following the war, he continued to serve with the U.S. Air Force in France. He later completed his civil engineering degree at the University of Maryland and became a certified professional engineer.

He resided in Alexandria for 26 years with his wife and four daughters. He worked for the FAA for 30 years. He also was an instructor in Dale Carnegie courses for 20 years. He retired from the federal government and moved with his wife to Lively in 1985.

He was a member of the Moran Creek Yacht Club and was active on the Lancaster County Redevelopment Committee. He was a member of St. Frances De Sales Catholic Church, and the Military Officers Association of America.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Therese M. Viau; four daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and John Ho of Wellesley, Mass., Suzanne and Daniel Klett of Arlington, Jacqueline and Bernard T. Nolan and Marti and Dwayne Fleger of Reston; six grandchildren, George, Christine, Madeleine, Gregory, Kirstie and Kalla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dr. David and Pauline Viau, and Richard and Virginia Viau of Lowell, Mass.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Frances De Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock. Burial will follow at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to the charity of one's choice.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

John C. Willis

HARTFIELD—John Currie "Pat" Willis of Hartfield died February 23, 2006.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward Fauntleroy Willis and Thelma Wood Willis; and a brother, Edward Jones Willis II, all formerly of Richmond.

He tried a variety of careers and finally found his niche aboard his beloved 65-foot buy boat, the Muriel Eileen which he ran for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Ellen Levis Willis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Currie Barton and Kelli Barton of Cottageville, S.C., and Robert C. Barton of Key West, Fla.; a daughter, Jaquelin Reade Willis of Saluda; three grandsons; a stepson, Richard Currie Willis and his wife, Elizabeth, of Virginia Beach; a stepdaughter, Allison Brewer of Charlottesville; his stepmother, Nancy Willis of Richmond; a half-brother, Clark Willis of Kansas City, Mo.; two half-sisters, Janet F. Willis of Fredericksburg and Elizabeth Willis Denison of Richmond; a sister-in-law, Robin Willis of Petersburg; nephews; nieces and many extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held February 27 at Lower United Methodist Church in Hartfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 98, Deltaville, VA 23043, or the Lower United Methodist Church building fund, P.O. Box 98, Hartfield, VA 23071.

Bristow-Faulkner Funeral Home in Saluda handled the arrangements.

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Sharon Baptist celebrates black history, local heritage and 'The Spirit of Weems'

Sharon Baptist Church in Weems celebrated "The Spirit of Weems" February 26 with a program dedicated to leaders of the church and wider community.

The program, "Weems: A Community Rich on Accomplishment," was orchestrated by Katie Chewning and dedicated to "those countless individuals who paved the way."

The program began with the Calvary Ensemble and Sharon Community Combined Choir directed by Keith Avery performing "Do Lord Remember Me" and "I Free" with soloist Faith Waddy.

Community members 85 years old and older were then honored. They included Eva Jackson, Etta Beale, Clara Sanders, Edna Fisher and Charles Winstead.

Alashia, Alesia and Brooks Muschette sang "Yonder Come Day."

Sunday school members interviewed church seniors and shared the information with the church family. Alesia Muchette interviewed Floyd Carter; Brook Fisher, Rev. Robert Edwards; Renada Johnson, deacon Marvis Jones; Runesha Johnson, Harvey Boyer; and Shamerah Taylor, Lloyd Hill.

Autumn Gaskins recited "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou.

Cecil Taylor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Burgess recited Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Capt. Matt Gaskins Jr. presented what he thought Dr. King would say today, if he were alive.

The Unity Praise Dancers performed "Unity" directed by Alicia Waddy.

The First Baptist Church of Lorettro Mime Ministry performed and minister Shawn Henry and his brother Tyrell Henry sang.

Deacon Horace Tiggle described the history of the seafood industry and its effect on the community.

Capt. Gaskins presented a plaque to James Delbert Thomas for being a sports mentor and Brooks Chewning presented a plaque to George Mahoney for coaching and refereeing.

The program then celebrated the Men's Club members who executed church projects when the fishing season was over. Receiving plaques were Nathaniel Jones, Pernell Raines, Matthew Gaskins Sr., Edward Chewning, Horace Tiggle, Matthew Gaskins Jr., Floyd Carter, William Yerby and Raleigh Fisher Sr.

Claudette Carter Henderson was recognized for her community contributions through micro-enterprise counseling. She presented "It takes a village to raise a child," on youth enterpreneurship.

The late Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King were eulogized. Everette Short presented biographical information about Parks as minister Barbara Tiggle portrayed her refusing to give up her seat.

The Divine Praise Dancers of Antioch Baptist Church in Champlain directed by Patricia Blagmon also participated.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Chewning of Houston, Texas, modeled casual and formal Africa attire throughout the program.

Palestine Lodge 100 and Fourth District supervisor Jack Russell were recognized.

Pastor Rodney Waller said grace and gave a benediction and attendees proceeded to view memorabilia and heirlooms celebrating the church's heritage. They included heirlooms and artwork by Faith Waddy and Larry Hearn, a seafood display by Capt. Matthew Gaskins, the Bright Light Quartet and Sunday school displays by Latrisa Fisher and an African display by Claudett Henderson. The guests also sampled soul food.

The black history committee included chairman Faith Waddy, Ora Fisher, Betty Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Horace Tiggle, Capt. Gaskins Jr., Geraldine Avery, Sandra Smyre, Autumn Gaskins, Vera Waller, minister Barbara Tiggle, Everette Short, Tyrell Henry, Latrisa Fisher, musician Keith Avery and videographer Mary Maiden.

From left, Brooks, Alashia and Alesia Muschette sing "Yonder Come Day."

Capt. Matt Gaskins Jr. analyzed current affairs in relation to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Dream." While great strides have been made, the journey is far from over, explained Capt. Gaskins.

George Mahoney of Weems received recognition as a mentor to youth.

Autumn Gaskins recites "Still I Rise."

Brooks and Bobbie Chewning model formal African attire.

The Mime Ministry of First Baptist Church in Loretta was one of several visiting troupes to perform.

James Delbert Thomas of White Stone received recognition as a mentor to youth.

Claudette Carter Henderson spoke on the significance of youth entrepreneurship.

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Church Notes

■ Deacons Day

The Sharon Baptist Church deaconesses and deacons will hold their annual day March 12 at 4 p.m.

Their special guest will be the Rev. John Fontaine of First Baptist Church in Heathsville. He will be accompanied by one of his choirs.

■ 22nd anniversary

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 elder James N. Flowers Jr. and family of Seapleasant, Md.

■ Book study

The Women's Ministry of Sharon Baptist Church in Weems will hold a study session March 4 on the book *Becoming a Woman of Freedom* by Cynthia Heald.

The session will begin at 10 a.m. Books will be provided and refreshments will be served.

■ Women's workshop

The Sharon Baptist Church Women's Ministry will host a workshop for women of all ages, "Identifying and Dealing with Neglect and Hurt" March 18, beginning at 10 a.m. The workshop will be conducted by Jacqueline Taylor.

She has lived in Richmond since 2001, and is a member of the First Pentecostal Church of Richmond, along with her 19-year-old son, Arthur. She is involved in Ladies Ministries and oversees a satellite church on the East End of Richmond under the direction of her pastor, Joseph Forbush.

■ Ordaining deacons

Pastor Dwight Johnson and The New Saint John Baptist Church family will hold a Deacon Ordination Service for brother Larry Waller and brother Curtis Haynes Sunday, March 5, at 4 p.m.

Guests will be pastor Don Hall and the Zion Baptist Church choir and congregation of Kinsale.

■ Women to gather

The Annual Cultural Program, sponsored by the Northern Neck Baptist Women's Missionary and Educational commission will be March 18 at 6 p.m. at New Zion Baptist Church in Warsaw. The Rev. Dale S. Bunns is pastor.

A pageant entitled, "A Portrait Gallery of Biblical Women," will be presented by missionaries of the Northern Neck. Narrators will describe "Women of Fame and Shame" of the Bible.

■ Celebration

Holy Tabernacle of God in Lancaster will celebrate its 28th anniversary Sunday, March 5, at 3 p.m.

The guest preacher will be pastor Bunny Dunaway. The B.C. Dunaway Singers will render music and will be joined by the congregation of Hartswell Baptist Church.

■ Revival set

Holy Tabernacle of God will hold a revival March 7 to 10, at 7 p.m. with minister Cynthia Foster of the Church of Abraham in Ordinary. Local choirs will render music each evening.

■ Veney to preach

Minister Lisa Veney of the First Baptist Church in Loretta will preach at Holy Tabernacle of God in Lancaster March 11 at 3 p.m.

The Harmony to Heaven Singers of New Saint John's Baptist Church in Kilmarnock will render music.

■ Youth ministry

Youth Explosion, an all youth ministry led by Nicole Turner and the youth department of Holy Tabernacle Church of God, will be held March 12 at 4 p.m. at the church.

Youth of all churches are invited. Refreshments will be served.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God in serious illness or injury?" is the topic for a community discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive, off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone.

The 13-week series continues March 14 with "Where is God when we grieve the death of a loved one?" For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

■ Lenten learning

Grace Episcopal Church will begin its five weekly Lenten Learning programs Tuesday, March 7, in Grace House. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., the program will begin at 6:10 p.m., the service of Compline will follow the program at 6:45 p.m. The four subsequent programs will be March 14, 21, 28 and April 4.

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Seventh-Day Adventist
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock
Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-443-3070/804-443-1821
Thursday, March 2:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, March 4:
2 p.m., Sabbath School
3 p.m., Worship Service

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, March 5:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, March 9:
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, March 4:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, March 5:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday March 7:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Ed classes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, March 5:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, March 8:
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, March 5:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, March 8:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 9:
7 p.m. Teen Empowering
7 p.m. Youth Ministry

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone, 758-4790; L. Lowrey
Sunday, March 5:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, March 5:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, March 10:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whist Drive, White Stone
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435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Friday, March 3:
7-8 p.m., Prayer Vigil
Sunday, March 5:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service & Children's Church, Nursery provided
Monday, March 6:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss
Tuesday, March 7:
7 p.m., Study Series Week - Where is God When....in serious illness or injury?
Wednesday, March 8:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 9:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's

What is spiritual growth?

On Sunday, March 5, the Rev. Buffy Boke will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR). Her talk will reference the third principal of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship that "we affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth."

Rev. Boke was ordained to the UU ministry in 1985. Since then she has served congregations in Vermont and New Hampshire. In Vermont, she served as part-time consulting minister to a congregation in Chester, and later served for six years as minister for the First Universalist Society of Hartland Four Corners. She accepted the call to ministry last year and began her work in August with the Unitarian Fellowship of the Peninsula.

Rev. Boke is married to Nick Boke and they have a grown daughter, Charis.

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

Study series to consider God's presence during illness

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 March 7, the discussion topic will be "Where is God in serious illness or injury?" On March 14, the topic will be "Where is God when we grieve the death of a loved one?"

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 decision-making. Study books are available.

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

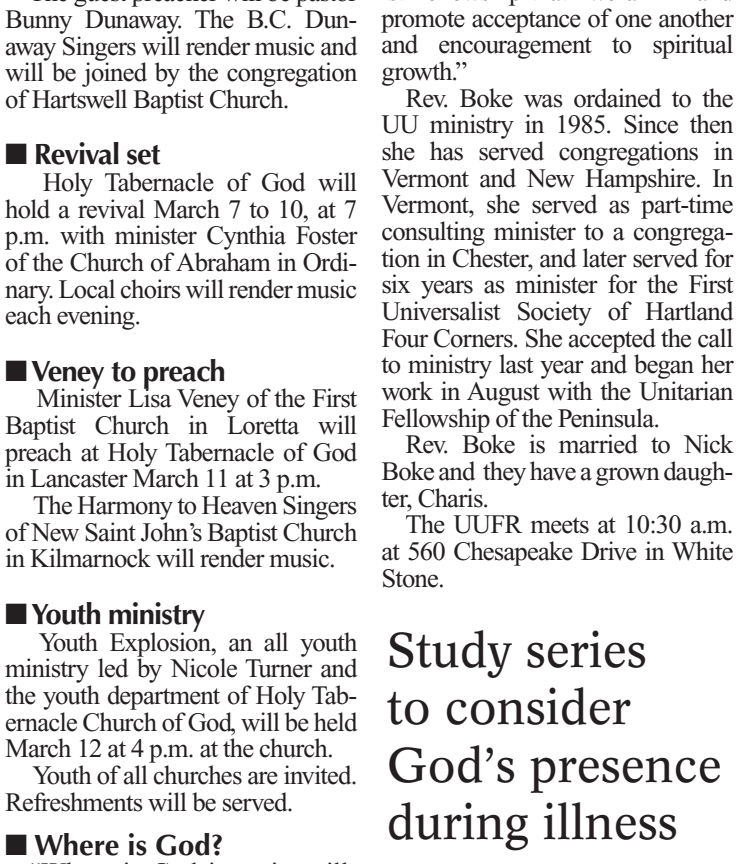
Rev. Turner to lead midweek Lenten service

This is the 42nd year the churches in the lower Northern Neck have joined in an expression of church unity during the Lenten season. Each Wednesday, worshipers gather at noon for a 30-minute service followed by a light lunch.

The Community Lenten Services are hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock through April 12.

On Wednesday, March 8, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Steve Turner of Claybrook Baptist Church. The worship leader will be Chaplain Jane Fitzgerald of the River of Life Assembly of God and the lay leader will be Marjorie Page of Wesley Presbyterian Church.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church is at 435 East Church Street in Kilmarnock.



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Bank announces two promotions

Pamela J. Fawver

Sylvia C. Vanlandingham

Pamela J. Fawver and Sylvia C. Vanlandingham have been promoted at Bank of Lancaster to the office of vice president.

Vanlandingham, a resident of Northumberland County for 35 years, is a graduate of the Valley Vocational Technical School in Fishersville. She is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association's School of Bank Card Management at the University of Oklahoma.

Entering the banking industry in 1974, Vanlandingham became a part of the Bank of Lancaster family in May of 1980 when she joined the bookkeeping department. Having had extensive experience in all phases of bookkeeping, proof and teller operations, in 1987 Vanlandingham became supervisor of the bookkeeping department. She was promoted in 1993 to operations officer and in 1995 was elevated to the office of operations and control officer.

In 1999, Vanlandingham joined the bank's VISA department and became the card services manager. She was also promoted to assistant vice president.

Vanlandingham was elected by co-workers in 1991 as employee-of-the-year. She has worked on numerous service improvement teams including mission statements, Y2K, and the 75th anniversary. She chaired the product manual team. Vanlandingham now is a member of the customer relationship management team.

She is a life member of the Northumberland County Rescue Squad. She actively worked in the squad for 11 years as an EMT/shock trauma tech and has served as president. Vanlandingham has also served on the boards of the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce and the Northumberland County YMCA. She is a member of the Tibitha Church of God in Fleeton, where she is a member of the choir and serves as treasurer of the women's group.

Vanlandingham and her husband of 39 years, Kenny, live in Reedville. They have two grown daughters, Debbie Zelaya and Dawn Darrall, and six grandsons.

Fawver, a life-time resident of the Northern Neck, joined the Bank of Lancaster in February 1998 as manager of the Montross office, bringing with her 20 years of banking experience. In 1999 Fawver was promoted to branch officer and in 2001 she was promoted to assistant vice president

A graduate of Rappahannock High School, Fawver attended James Madison University and continued her education through Rappahannock Community College. She is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers' School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia and is enrolled at the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Fawver is co-chair of the internal/external measurement team. In partnership with the American Bankers Association, she is involved in the bank's commitment to General Colin Powell's "America's Promise Program" and has taken a leadership role in promoting national consumer education events such as "Teach Children to Save Day" and "Groundhog Job Shadow Day." Fawver has also made numerous presentations to school-age children With co-workers at the Montross office, she participates in the Sponsors for Success program at Cople Elementary School.

She is scholarship chair of the Warsaw Rotary Club, is on the advisory board of Riverside-Tappahannock Hospital, and is vice president of the Northern Neck-Southside Area Bankers Association. She has served on the boards of the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce and the Richmond and Westmoreland Counties Habitat for Humanity. She is a past member of the Richmond County special education advisory board and has served as secretary for the George Washington Birthplace National Memorial Association. She is a member of Rappahannock Baptist Church where she serves as trustee and Sunday School secretary.

Fawver and her husband, Bruce, live in Richmond County and have two grown children, Kyle and Erin.

"Both Pam and Sylvia epitomize what our company is all about," said bank president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III.

"They not only provide excellent leadership in the areas where they have direct responsibility, but they are invaluable to our company as a whole," said Roberts. "Each of these capable ladies has a strong commitment to service excellence, fully understanding our company's desire to create long-standing relationships with our customers through products and services that are of value to each individual customer.

" Through their civic responsibilities, they also clearly understand that as community bankers, it is our responsibility to give back to the communities we serve. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I make this announcement. Their promotions are well deserved and a clear indication of the confidence and respect our board and senior management team have for Sylvia and Pam because of their professionalism and their years of dedication and commitment."

Business women to meet

The Northern Neck and Essex County Business and Professional Women will celebrate "Women's History Month," Thursday, March 9.

The meeting will be held at the Essex County Museum at Water Lane and Prince Street in Tappahannock. A board meeting will begin at 5 p .m. A dinner and business meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Virginia Business and Professional Women president Debbie McCaffrey will attend.

The BPW's "Women's Historical Trails" Program will place an historical marker to commemorate the life of Sally Louisa Thompkins of Mathews County. Jefferson Davis commissioned her as a regular military officer so that she could continue to operate her hospital when private health facilities were closed during the Civil War.

The March program will feature guest Anita Harrower. She will present "The Civil War Women."

Harrower will provide a voice for Southern white women with stories and music in a program that explores the roles women played and reveals the strength, warmth and wit that helped women cope with the challenges of work and home life during those years.

She and her husband, Gordon, live in Dunnsville.

BPW, a national organization, is the leading advocate for all working women. At the national, state and local levels, efforts to support legislation favorable to working women and individual development for women is it's primary focus.

The local organization awards three scholarships annually to women at Rappahannock Community College who are returning to school and over $30,000 in scholarships are awarded annually at the state level.

A "Scholarship House" project has raised over $200,000 toward the building of a residence to house 10 women on the Old Dominion University campus as a perpetual gift that will keep giving to deserving women. A fund-raising effort with the local business community to benefit the scholarship program is under way.

Visitors are always welcome. Due to limited seating capacity, notify Joann French at 333-3032, or Priscilla Vaughan at 443-2271 by Tuesday, March 7.

From left are Dr. Wilkie Chaffin and Dwight Forrester.

Forrester is named employee of the year

Dwight Forrester, a conservation specialist at the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District, was recently presented the Chaffin Conservation District Employee of the Year Award.

The award is for employees with one to four years experience at one of Virginia's 47 soil and water conservation districts.

Forrester was chosen based on his contributions to his district and conservation in general. The award was presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in December. Three district employee-of the-year awards were given in Virginia in 2005, each with a cash award funded by Dora and Wilkie Chaffin.

From left are Christine Stevens of Holland America, Mary Brent and Carol Hallett of Adventure Travel, and Lorraine McKenna of Holland America.

Travel agency owners visit new cruise ship

Mary Brent and Carol Hallett, owners of Adventure Travel were invited guests at the introduction of Holland America's newest cruise liner, the ms Noordam. The event was held on the ship in New York City where the Noordam began cruises to the Caribbean on February 22.

The ms Noordam is the most recent in a series of Holland America's "vista class" ships featuring "signature of excellence" service. The event gave agents an opportunity to experience the details and service of the ship to better advise clients with first-hand information.

In addition to the inaugural cruise event, Brent and Hallett spent time evaluating hotels, Broadway shows and other tourist attractions to develop a New York tour based on personal evaluations. Adventure Travel will have a New York Christmas tour.

Free trade boosted in Bahrain

From left are Rev. Leach, Ambassador and Mrs. Al Belooshi, and David Leach.

Rev. Grace Leach and David Leach of White Stone Academy recently attended a reception in Washington, D.C., celebrating the signing of a free trade agreement between the U.S. and the Persian Gulf Kingdom of Bahrain.

Congratulations were received by the Bahrain ambassador and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Naser Al Belooshi.

The academy has helped foster educational and development activities in the kingdom, which will become the regional home of high-tech farmers partnering in hydroponics, a soil-less agriculture project, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

Rev. Leach reports that the kingdom's first privately owned radio station and university for women are expected to open soon and that Bahrain will open the 2006 Grand Prix season by hosting the Formula One race March 12. For more information, visit www.click-bahrain.com.

Potomac River Fisheries Commission to meet March 9

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission will meet Thursday, March 9 at 2 p.m. at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach.

Items on the agenda include crab, oyster and finfish harvest reports, adoption of a striped bass spring season minimum size limit and the commercial quota for summer flounder. The commission will receive an update on the 2006 ASMFC winter meeting and elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary for 2006.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of allowing two crab pot licenses on a single boat and discussion of a 2006 crab harvest limit. The staff will present several options, for the future public hearing, dealing with reducing the number of crab pot licenses and/or the number of authorized crab pots and clarifying language to restrict only one crab pot license per person.

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Ag trade gap diminishing

U.S. agricultural exports reached $63 billion in 2005, about $1.6 billion higher than 2004, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Agricultural imports for the year totaled $59.3 billion, or about $5.3 billion higher than 2004. The U.S. achieved a $3.7 billion surplus, which was lower than the $7.4 billion surplus in 2004.

Since 2003, foreign agriculture imports have increased by more than $13 billion. The current trade surplus is the smallest since the early 1970s. Analysts expect that surplus to be smaller in 2006, possibly even negative if the current trend continues.

The United States still sells more food and fiber to world markets than it imports. However, concern is growing over how America can keep its farmers in business if consumers continue to buy products from abroad instead of domestically.

"I think we have always said that competition comes from around the corner," said Tom Sleight, director of marketing with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "I think Virginia producers are feeling that every step of the way. Whether it is tomatoes coming in from California or Florida, or apple concentrate coming in from China. Competition is rising every day."

The top five countries importing to America are Canada, Mexico, Spain, Australia and Ireland. The top five agricultural products coming into the nation include wine and beer, red meat cuts, snack foods, processed foods and vegetables.

Beyond the economic concerns over foreign agriculture imports, there are nutritional and safety concerns. While all food products entering the country must meet USDA and U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards, there are no American regulations on how that food is grown while in the foreign country.

"It is interesting. In the United States, consumers do not worry about if they can find what they want. They are more worried about how it is produced and the type of cultural conditions it is produced under," Sleight said. "That is becoming more important."

The consumer needs to let local grocers know that they care where their food is produced.

"The grocer needs to know that it makes a difference to you where that product is produced," Sleight said. "Of course you can purchase from roadside stands and farmers markets. Then you will have a high probability that it is a fresh and locally grown product."

About 20 percent of Virginia agriculture products are exported each year.

Overall, the U.S. had a record trade deficit of $725.8 billion in 2005, which is dramatically higher than the $617.6 billion deficit in 2004. The high cost of imported energy and a wide trade gap with China of more than $200 billion are the primary reasons, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Studio to hold art workshops

Workshops in watercolor and acrylics will be held at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock during March.

Phyllis Greenway of Yorktown will teach "Line, Shape and Color: An Adventure in Abstraction" March 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students will work with shapes, lines and color to expand their knowledge of composition and what makes a painting work. Water media, pastels, or ink may be used.

Lella Lee Edwards, known for her colorful watercolors and pastels, will teach Beginning Acrylic March 17, 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will learn basic acrylic techniques and will focus on design and color. To sign up for a course, call 436-9309.

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Tappahannock hospital announces staff changes

Riverside Tappahannock Hospital vice president and administrator Elizabeth Martin recently announced several medical staff developments.

After 17 years at Tappahannock Internal Medicine, Dr. Jeffrey Margolis announced his retirement effective February 28. Riverside will host a cake and punch reception in his honor in the hospital rotunda at 1:30 p.m. March 15. Members of the community, medical staff, Riverside staff, and patients are invited to recognize Dr. Margolis. No RSVP is required.

Martin announced that Dr. Michelle Hawkins has temporarily joined the practice on a full time basis. Dr. Hawkins is board-certified in internal medicine. She completed her residency at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburg and earned a medical degree from Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Hawkins will be in the practice until April 29, at which time Dr. Carrie Sun, also board certified in internal medicine will take over the practice until a permanent physician is hired.

Dr. Colin Forrester at Callao Family Practice left the practice February 28 to relocate to Canada. Martin noted that Dr. Forrester has provided care for the residents of the Northern Neck for many years in Callao location and in Westmoreland.

Effective March 1, Riverside acquired the practice. Arrangements for temporary physician coverage are in place and aggressive recruitment for a permanent physician has begun.

After 13 years at Tappahannock Gynecology, Dr. Mike Spooner will retire in June. Martin announced that Dr. Laura Park Gogia will take over effective July 14.

Dr. Gogia completed her medical degree at Medical College of Virginia and participated in a six-month rotation at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital during her training. She will complete her OB/Gyn residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati before joining the practice.

Martin also reported that Tappahannock Family Practice is staffed by Dr. Shirag Shah. Dr. Shah will continue to see patients at the practice through the end of April at which time a new temporary physician will be brought in if a permanent physician has not yet been hired.

Dr. John Michos moved his pulmonary practice from Warsaw to Medical Arts Building A on the hospital campus last month. Patients can continue to maintain ongoing pulmonary care through his new office.

Riverside plans to add an additional family practice provider to the office of Dr. Richard Dunn to provide more access to services. Dr. Alison Dunn and Dr. Sharon Band continue to offer pediatric services in the Warsaw practice.

Martin noted that the growth in the practice has been unusually strong and Riverside is increasing the office staffing to be sure patients are served well. The office phone system has had numerous problems resulting in significant issues with patients being able to access the practice for appointment scheduling, she said. Those issues have been corrected and patients are encouraged to notify the office if they experience difficulties in the future, she added.

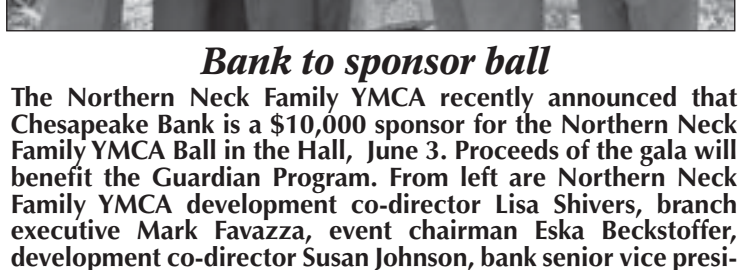
Martin is pleased to announce the addition of two new physicians to the hospitalist team.

Dr. Allen Joslyn is board certified in internal medicine. He will join the staff in June. Dr. Joslyn earned a medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1983 and completed his residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. He has practiced internal medicine at Bedford County Memorial Hospital since 1986, where he served as the president of the medical staff.

Dr. Stewart Jennings is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. He will join the hospitalist team in August. Dr. Jennings earned his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and completed a combined internal medicine – pediatrics residency at MCV.

Dr. Joslyn and Dr. Jennings will join Dr. Randy Ferrance, internal medicine/pediatrics and Dr. Irim Massay, internal medicine, to complete the hospitalist group. Hospitalists are physicians who focus exclusively on the care of hospitalized patients. They work hand-in-hand with primary care physicians to provide a strong continuum of care between the inpatient and outpatient settings, while focusing their skills on the acute needs of hospitalized patients.

"We at Riverside are acutely aware of the growing need for additional physicians in the community," said Martin. "We are committed to prioritizing our recruitment efforts and financial investments toward filling many of these positions. We are also recruiting in the areas of general surgery, orthopedics and anesthesia/pain management, so that we can bring partners to our already successful specialists in the community. We appreciate greatly that our community is seeking their care locally on a more frequent basis. We appreciate your continued patience as we seek only the very best qualified physicians to join our team," said Martin.



Bank to sponsor ball

The Northern Neck Family YMCA recently announced that Chesapeake Bank is a $10,000 sponsor for the Northern Neck Family YMCA Ball in the Hall, June 3. Proceeds of the gala will benefit the Guardian Program. From left are Northern Neck Family YMCA development co-director Lisa Shivers, branch executive Mark Favazza, event chairman Eska Beckstoffer, development co-director Susan Johnson, bank senior vice president John O'Shaughnessy and bank assistant vice president Tom Richardson. To become a sponsor, or receive an invitation, call Johnson at 438-5187, or sjohnson@peninsulaymca.org.

Recent invention may help keep waterways clean

Adam Hagermann of Fredericksburg worked in a marina for five years. During this time, he noticed the inefficiency of fueling up boats and decided to develop a product called the Fuel Retainer.

Designed with environmentally friendly features, the Fuel Retainer offers convenience by making it easier to pump fuel into an engine and also reduces fuel spillage onto waterways. The product prevents staining and marring ordinarily caused during fuel pumping. It provides convenience, utility, economy and safety.

The original idea is now being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the boating industry. Hagermann is hoping to have the Fuel Retainer in full production and available to the public within the very near future.

Additional information about the Fuel Retainer can be obtained by contacting the publicty/press department of Invention Technologies Inc. at 800-940-9020, ext. 2285; or at products@inventtech.com.

Sue Jett

After 43 years, Jett retires from banking

After 43 years of service in the banking industry, Sue Jett has decided it is time to retire.

Jett started her career in banking when she was a teenager as a file clerk, at a bank that was then known as Peoples Bank of Reedville.

During her career, she has "seen it all - done it all." Jett rose through the ranks of responsibility to her final position of market manager with Northern Neck State Bank, overseeing the daily operations at Reedville and Burgess branches.

"The customers were my favorite part of the job," said Burgess.

She has met so many wonderful people and developed lifelong relationships, she said.

Jett said she looks forward to building a flower garden and spending time with her family, her husband, Mitchell, her two children, Michelle and Troy, and her four grandchildren, Anna, Jesse, Kendra and Joshua.

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Business Briefs

■ March artist

Nancy Sweet of Hallieford, a member of the Mathews Art Group and Rappahanock Art League, is the featured artist for March at The Gallery at 206 Main Street in Mathews. She has exhibited and won ribbons in many area art shows.

■ NARFE to meet

The National Active and Retired Federal Employes Association (NARFE), Northern Neck Chapter 1823, will meet Tuesday, March 7. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. at the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative building in Warsaw.

Guest speaker Archer Di Peppe will discuss antiques. Di Peppe is also knowledgeable on Civil War history, drug companies and other subjects. He was a history teacher and worked for the Peace Corps.

■ Stroke screening

Life Line Screening will hold screenings for risk of strokes at White Stone United Methodist Church March 15 beginning at 9 a.m.

Each screening takes ten minutes or less. A complete vascular screening, including the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index is $109; with the osteoporosis screening, it is $129. To schedule an appointment, call 800-697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

■ 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.

■ Drafting a plan

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a Business Plan Workshop from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 21 and 22 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Pre-registration is required. A $40 fee is due by March 17. To register, call 333-0286 or 800-524-8915.

The workshop will cover the development of a narrative and financial forecasting portions of a business plan. Topics include research techniques, format, writing methods and supporting documents, the balance sheet, the income statement, the resource requirement list, the tools, techniques and methodologies needed for efficiently and accurately forecasting business financial results and a cash flow analysis.

■ Starting a business

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a seminar, First Steps to Starting a Business, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 15 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Pre-registration is required. A $20 fee is due by March 10. To register, call 333-0286 or 800-524-8915.

The seminar will address self-evaluation, the idea, entrepreneurship, defining the need, determining the feasibility, actions necessary to start a business and an introduction to the business planning process.

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Accepting the gold

As classmate Virginia DeMario holds the American flag, Chesapeake Academy preschool students John Vail, Lily Rheils and Dylan Dickson mount the podium in Julia Zimmerman's and Emily Lee's preschool class to accept gold medals in the closing ceremony of their weeklong look at the Olympics and the letter "O." Competing in four events—speed lacing, number sequencing, poetry reciting and a challenging obstacle course, all 13 classmates medaled, incorporating lessons in tall, taller, tallest (the podium), good sportsmanship (handshakes), the effects of encouragement, and the rewards of hard work.

Students lobby for scholarship bills

In response to two bills now passing through the General Assembly, Rappahannock Community College student Kenny Brooks recently organized a letter-writing campaign.

His goal is to influence the legislators to sign into law both bills making scholarship money available to cover the difference between Virginia Community College System tuition and those of four-year institutions to which RCC students may transfer.

Senate Bill 540 establishes the Community College Transfer Grant Program, which will provide grants or vouchers to associate degree graduates of a Virginia community college who are also Virginia residents, and have been admitted to qualifying four-year institutions in Virginia.

The amounts granted would be based on the difference between community college tuition and tuition costs at public four-year colleges and universities in Virginia. Recipients could choose to transfer instead to a private school, but would not receive an increased award if they do so. The tuition assistance would be available for two academic years, or the equivalent number of credit hours.

House Bill 1136 would provide grants under much the same conditions, except that recipients would be required to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average while earning their associate degrees. The grant would cover educational and general fees as well as tuition. As an incentive to support the program, a grant also would go to the colleges for each student they admit.

"After getting the Virginia Community College System e-mail regarding these bills, I talked to my advisor, Roz Stein about doing something that would have an impact on the process," said Brooks. "Next I spoke with Amanda Hamlin, a co-worker in RCC's student activities center who used to work as a lobbyist. I thought she might be able to give me direction and help organize my efforts to be more effective."

As a result of these consultations, Brooks created a flyer that briefly explained the two bills and emphasized the urgency of helping them become law; it included a sample letter that his fellow students could use as a model for their own letters to their local legislative representatives.

"This effort—begun as a spur-of-the-moment act—has turned into my first venture into the political arena," said Brooks. "We got a great response. I collected and sent approximately 50 letters to the legislature in an attempt to pass these two bills."

He has since received an answer from Virginia Sen. Thomas Norment, who informed him that SB 540 had passed unanimously, and that HB 1136 was then still being reviewed by the House Appropriations Committee. However, if the Community College Transfer Grant Program passes both houses, it will still have to be funded for the next biennium before it can become effective.

Brooks, of Gloucester Point, is a second-year student at RCC in Glenns. He is pursuing an associate's in general studies. After his graduation from RCC, he plans to transfer to the University of Virginia to pursue a bachelor's in finance.

School Notebook

■ Scholarships available

The Woman's Club of Lancaster County will again offer scholarships to Lancaster High School graduating seniors. The application packets will be available in the guidance office April 10.

■ Hubbard graduates

Benjamin Hubbard of Weems, recently graduated from Virginia Tech.

Hubbard received a bachelor's in business and finance from the Pamplin College of Business.

College board to convene

The Rappahannock Community College board will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 1 p.m. on the Warsaw campus.

President Dr. Elizabeth H. "Sissy" Crowther will report on goal accomplishments.

Other reports are expected from the vice president of instruction and student development, the acting vice president of administration and finance, the vice president of workforce and community development, the director of institutional effectiveness and the director of college advancement.

Committee reports will include curriculum and programs, finance and facilities, and personnel and public relations.

The board will discuss citizen's advisory committee membership for 2006-07.

The board will take action on the college mission and the nomination of Catherine M. Courtney for professor emeritus status.

An executive session will be called to evaluate the president.

LHS publishes first semester B Honor Roll

Lancaster High School recently published its "honors" B (3.0+) average Honor Roll for the first semester.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 9 are Andrew Barton, Samuel Brockman, Nechelle Brown, Matthew Christopher, Nathaniel Coleman, Jameson Crandall, KaTisha Crippen, Kimberly Crockett, Brandon Dunaway, Michael Ercelino IV, Chelsea Fay, Kimberly Felthouse, Samuel Frere, Matthew Grigsby and Megan Hudnall.

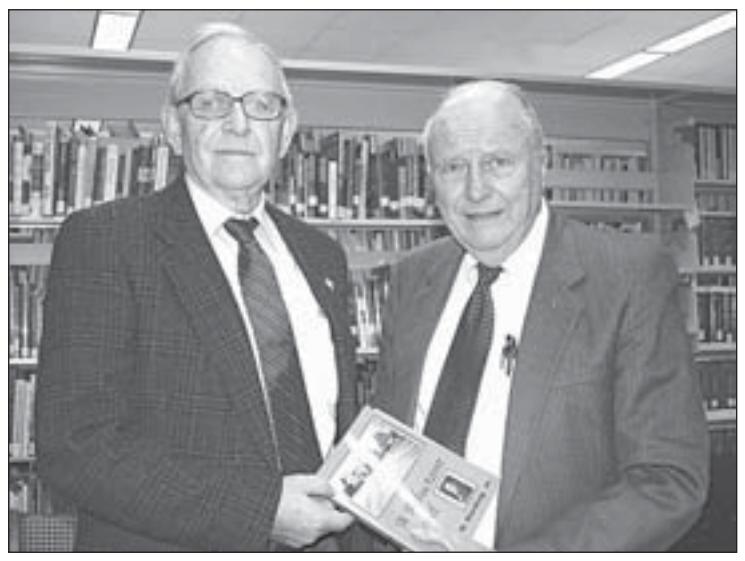
Also Latifah Jeter, William Kesner, Carson Klein, James Kuykendall, Andre Lee, Raven Lee, Brittany Levere, Marcel McLean, De'Ane Means, Victoria Mieras, Matthew Mitchell, Tiffany Pittman, Tyler Pittman, Brianna Ritchie, Detric Smith, Lauryn Turner and Melvin Whitaker.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 10 are Chevelle Ball, Clinton Bennett, Tamika Betts, Tanika Betts, Austin Brown, Heather Davis, Justin Guthrie, Candice Hall, Taylor Harris, Nathan Haynie, Marcus Holden and Derrick Jeter.

Also, Kenneth Kuykendall, Ashley Landers, Lauren Mason, Peter Merrick, Darius Mitchell, Shaymeka Owens, Brittanie Pinn, Abigail Robbins, Brittany Rose, Kirstin Schlutow, Jonathan Somers, Candace Wiggins and Miesha Wiggins.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 11 are Loreese Ball, Sheneak Ball, Solita Beale, Benjamin Conboy, Joshua Lewis, Michael MacCargar, Franklin Moore, LaShawnna Norris, Tabitha Rinehart, Etoyia Roane, Sarah Robertson, Ta'Tiana Sanders, Amber Smith, Madison Smith, Miles Smith, Charles Stetson, Paul Vest and Sven-Eric Woehlk.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 12 are Jacqui Brown, Keyondra Frederick, Jonathan Frith, James Jackson, Robert Lamkin, Lauren Moubray, Jessica Pittman, Afthan Saunders, Stephanie Selph, Gary Wardlaw and Trevor Winstanley.



The Honorable John O. Marsh (right) recently reviewed *A Reluctant Rebel* by Dr. John Harding (left).

Lecture and book review intrigue college audiences

On February 23, former Secretary of the Army John Marsh spoke to both Rappahannock Community College campuses and a class at Mathews High School on the technological issues now facing the nation.

The talk explored a number of interesting ideas, including the generation gap between young people who have been familiar with computers all their lives, and older persons who have had to deal with the challenge of learning and re-learning the technology.

Marsh also addressed the issue of legal provisions for technology use, which have had difficulty keeping up, he says, with rapidly shifting conditions. He sees increased communication between the government and private citizens as a key factor to ensure a balance between freedom and fairness.

After the lecture, Marsh moved from the Warsaw campus interactive video classroom to the library, where he gave a review of *A Reluctant Rebel*, the third of Dr. John Harding's books. Dr. Harding chairs the RCC board. He is a lifelong Northumberland resident.

"An individual who probably knows the Northern Neck better than any of us" is how Marsh described Dr. Harding. All of his books have had a Northern Neck theme, and this latest one tells the story of one of his own ancestors, William Harding.

The book depicts a fair and generous man torn between his conscience and his extensive holdings in business interests, land and slaves.

"He was sold on the idea that something could be done about slavery, but he was torn as to what could be done," said Marsh. "He foresaw that the Confederacy couldn't survive, and he wanted Virginia to stay in the Union."

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From left are Adam Przybyl, William Pace, Mike Hung, Woodruff Hales, Alexandra Longest, Evelyn Jessie, Vito Skaric, Carlo Sinagra, Justin Miller and Peyton Longest.

Model UN delegation goes to ODU conference

by Evelyn Jessie

Members of the Christchurch School Model United Nations recently traveled to the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk to participate in a three-day Old Dominion University-sponsored simulation of the United Nations.

Representing the country of Benin, delegates experimented with caucusing, raising points of information, partaking in a speaker's list, and making motions.

Vito Skaric and Mike Hung represented the General Assembly first committee focusing on disarmament and international security.

Justin Miller and Alexandra Longest participated in the General Assembly third committee that focused on social and humanitarian issues ranging from the achievement of universal primary education to the protection of rights of women and children following natural disasters.

Adam Przybyl and Peyton Longest represented Benin in the General Assembly fourth committee titled Special Political and Decolonization, which focused on the international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

Woodruff Hales actively participated in the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Relief.

Evelyn Jessie served on the ECOSOC (Environmental and Social Council), which sought to expand the affordability of drugs in developing countries and promote the use of renewable resources through the development of new technology.

William Pace and Carlo Sinagra, who were voted most creative in their committee, served on the Security Council and rose up when unpredicted crisis emerged.

Sponsor Jim Pettyjohn and chaperone Jeannette Adkins accompanied the students.

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Exploring the 'next step'

A week of activities related to the process of transferring from Rappahannock Community College to four-year colleges and universities was successful, according to students, staff and representatives of the institutions.

The Student Development Office and Student Support Services co-sponsored "RCC Transfer Week: Take the Next Step."

"That week was great!" said Karen Dorgan of Mary Baldwin College. "I have already gotten three or four follow-up contacts from students interested in different programs at Mary Baldwin."

"Transfer Week was very helpful," said Andrea Smith, a student who spoke with Dorgan. "It was like having a guidance counselor from Mary Baldwin right here. The reason I am interested in going to a private school like Mary Baldwin is because I feel I have gotten a private-school education here at RCC. We have great instructors and staff, and RCC has such a close-knit family environment. Everyone wants to help you—I wanted to find that in the school that I transfer to also. I think Mary Baldwin will be like that."

Student Support Services counselor Carrie Bailey coordinated the attendance of representatives from Averett University, Christopher Newport University, the College of William and Mary, Mary Baldwin College, Mary Washington University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Strayer University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Union University. James Madison University, Longwood University, and Virginia Tech sent materials for distribution to RCC students.

"We were very grateful to the four-year colleges for sending out representatives during this busy time of year, when many of them are in the midst of evaluating freshmen applications," said Bailey. " A number of the representatives made favorable comments concerning the qualities and potential of our students here at RCC, and the contributions they could bring to the campuses they transfer to."

Rappahannock Community College student Danielle Lovett (left) consults with Rosemary Parsells, a recruiter with Mary Baldwin College.

Bailey also noted she was impressed by the students' eagerness to approach the representatives with their specific needs in order to determine how the various schools would best fit their future goals.

" I feel that Transfer Week was a very successful event, and that it will continue to gain momentum as RCC's relationships with various four-year institutions throughout the state strengthen." said Bailey.

"The mere presence of representatives of 13 four-year institutions on campus provided needed exposure to our RCC students about the variety of options that are out there for them," said Paula Fisher, administrative officer of TRIO programs at RCC.

"Having the representatives here, focusing on the opportunities that are available to our students, providing them with living examples and testimonies of others who have been able to do it, and offering information on how to navigate the transfer process, from financing to applying, that's what Transfer Week was all about," said Fisher.

"I think the event may have served as a spark for some students who may have never even considered transferring to a four-year college, not because they didn't want to, but just because it didn't seem possible," she continued. "Transfer Week helped bring that possibility to the forefront. What students do next is up to them. They have already taken the first step by enrolling at RCC. We genuinely want to help them 'take the next step,' and quite honestly, they have made an excellent choice by beginning their journey here. The willingness of these 13 institutions to participate in this inaugural event acknowledges the quality of the students that RCC produces."

"Overall, I think Transfer Week went very well," said dean of student development Robert Griffin. "We have set a good precedent, and can only expect better in the coming years. It is a good foundation to build on."

Quilt to be raffled

Principal Merle Stables (left) of Lancaster Primary School buys the first raffle ticket for a queen-size Lancaster sawtooth quilt from second-grader Lane Brocklebank and his mother Lisa Brocklebank, co-chairman of the PTA fund-raiser. The quilt was donated by Briar Patch Quilt Shop, Tavern Quilt Guild, River Quilts, and was quilted by Joyce Rhodes. Tickets are $2, or six for $10. To buy tickets, call Brocklebank at 436-2272, or Cindy Clarke at 435-1330. Students will sell tickets until May 19. The drawing will be at the May 22 PTA meeting.

Geologist to present class on water quality

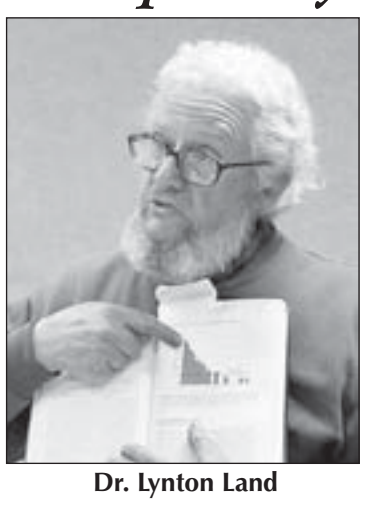
Dr. Lynton Land will teach a course for the Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning on the impact of human life on the Chesapeake Bay.

The course will be held at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

His similar courses offered in Heathsville and Kilmarnock have received positive evluations from participants.

The four-hour course will examine reasons for the decline of bay water quality and why the EPA designated it as "impaired." Geologic history and oceanography will be briefly summarized for students, especially as they relate to sea level rise, erosion, water stratification, nutrient overloading, dead zones and anoxia.

Dr. Land is professor emeritus of geological sciences at the University of Texas-Austin. There he taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in oceanography, geo-chemistry and sedimentary rock.



Dr. Lynton Land

The registration fee is $30. Advance registration is required. Call Sharon Drotleff at 333-6707, or 877-722-3679.

Basketball Ballers win

The Basketball Ballers won the Brain Bowl last Friday at Lancaster Middle School. From left are Jhony Beltran, TreVaughn Davis and Cameron Kenner. The next Brain Bowl will be Friday, March 3, at the LMS Theater at 11:45 a.m. The public is invited.

School Menu

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menus in Lancaster County. Choose one entree for breakfast, one entree and two sides for lunch. Peanut butter and jelly or yogurt can be substituted for an entree only. Chilled milk is served with each meal.

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Pancakes w/syrup
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Apple juice
Pepperoni pizza or
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Garden salad or
Green beans
Spiced applesauce or
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Tuesday , March 7:
Chicken biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Chicken patty on bun or
Ham & cheese on bun
Tater tots or
Steamed broccoli
Pear halves or
Fresh fruit

Wednesday, March 8:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Grape juice
Deli turkey sub or
Corn dog nuggets
Potato wedges or
Lettuce & tomato
Sliced peaches or
Fresh fruit

Thursday, March 9:
Sausage biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Salisbury steak w/roll or
Chicken nuggets
Mashed potatoes or
Green beans
Mandarin oranges or
Fresh fruit

Friday, March 10:
French Toast w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Fruit punch
Cheeseburger on bun or
French bread pizza
French fries or
Garden salad
Fruit cup or
Fresh fruit

Lecture to explore sand dunes

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science will hold an After Hours Lecture Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at the Gloucester Point Campus.

"Sand Dunes of the Chesapeake" will be presented by geologist Scott Hardaway.

Sand dunes adorn ocean beaches and deserts around the world, said Hardaway. Less familiar are the coastal dunes of the Chesapeake Bay. These land forms, which help stem coastal erosion and harbor a rare community of plants and animals, are threatened by continued coastal development, he said.

Hardaway will explain how dunes form, the ecosystem services they provide, the risks they face, and the research he has done to help conserve and protect dune systems.

Hardaway was recently selected to the National Academy of Sciences shoreline erosion committee. He is a world-renowned expert on shoreline management.

Advance registration is required. Register at www.vims.edu/events, or call 684-7846.

St. Margaret's students win artistic recognition

St. Margaret's art students won four awards, including the top two prizes for painting, in the student art division at a recent visual arts contest sponsored by the Woman's Club of Essex County.

Senior Sydney Harris won a blue ribbon for her graphics-influenced portrait series that used bold blocks of color. She will advance to the state competition in March.

Judges awarded second place to junior Saori Kaneko for a finely detailed, realistic painting of a river scene.

Senior Jackie Brunk and senior Lauren Guiffre of Richmond won honorable mentions for their artwork. Brunk experimented with color and line in a mixed-media study of related shapes, while Guiffre demonstrated brushstroke mastery in a floral still life.

All four winners are students in the senior portfolio/advanced art class taught by Konst Konstantinov. SMS artist-in-residence Konstantina Konstantinov helped the girls prepare their work for the contest.

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Norlan Shrine club elects officers

Thirty-nine nobles and ladies of the Norlan Shrine Club in Kilmarnock attended the February installation of officers. The host for the evening was David Rose who served the installation dinner. Assistant rabban Dennis English installed the new officers.

The club's mission is to raise funds for Shriners' hospitals for children. The Shrine philanthropy is supported by each Shriner's annual hospital assessment, hospital fund-raising events and by contributions. Contributions can be through gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance and provisions in wills or trusts.

The club will sponsor all-star basketball games March 18 at Lancaster High School, the club's big fund-raiser of the year. The family of recently deceased Emma Purcell designated that the club receive contributions to the hospitals for children in her memory. As a result, $1,095 in contributions were channeled through the club to Shriners' hospitals.

The club's March meeting will be the annual oyster roast.

Speaker addresses border security issues

Illegal immigration has become one of the country's biggest problems.

The effects on society, on both sides of the border, is chilling, in all categories of analysis, economics, social structure, education, health care and crime. Part of the solution is preventing the immigration itself.

Michael Egerer spoke to a local group of interested people regarding border patrol and illegal immigration, last Thursday night in Kilmarnock at the Chesapeake Bank training center. His company, NTMI, is the security management company that the United States government hired to administer the high tech security surveillance equipment used on border patrol.

Egerer's presentation showed how border patrol was done in the past and how it is now integrated. The different kinds of ports of entry were shown, from the most remote, with an unmanned computer assisted gate to the large, heavily manned entries with multiple lanes where thousands come in per day.

Michael Egerer

Logistics of travel for legal business thoroughfare and serpentined lanes for security purposes were examined along with the latest technological devices used to identify cars and people.

The use of dogs to sniff out people and drugs are still used with huge x-ray machines that cars can drive though. The map he used showed a remarkable amount of dots along the borders indicating the vast number of points of entry to the U.S. The use of heat sensing equipment and motion detecting cameras were also addressed.

The highlight of the evening was a clip of a video shot 12 miles distance, in the dark of night, zooming in to show a group of 20 illegal aliens carrying large quantities of drugs in back packs.

Egerer explained the procedure of what occurs after illegals are identified, how the proper authorities are contacted and how the people are detained.

The Lancaster County Republican Committee will again host Egerer on Tuesday, April 18, for another presentation on the same subject at 7:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bank Training Center on School Street.

Birthplace seeks help with management plan

Periodically, the National Park Service (NPS) takes a fresh look at individual park units among the nearly 400 in the National Park System. The NPS explores the best ways to manage cultural and natural resources and to provide visitor opportunities within a particular park.

The NPS is beginning the general management plan (GMP) process for the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County. The park preserves and interprets the history and resources associated with George Washington, our nation's first president.

The meeting to discuss the future management direction of George Washington Birthplace National Monument will be held March 14 at the A.T. Johnson School, 18849 Kings Highway (Route 3), Montross, from 6 to 8 p.m.

At the meeting, the park service will introduce the planning project and gather viewpoints and suggestions on park management. Public input will be incorporated into the GMP, which will direct the overall preservation and development of the park for the next 20 years.

"We invite all individuals and groups who have a special connection to this historic place to join us to set the park's future direction," said superintendent Vidal Martinez.

The park is working to enhance public involvement. It is Martinez's hope that "the result will be that the resources of George Washington's Birthplace, which have been set aside for the benefit of all citizens, will be better protected."

He urges citizens to participate in the planning process by contacting the park and having their names added to the project mailing list.

Current plan information is also available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/apco/ http://www.nps.gov/gewa/. Comments may be sent to the park by letter to the attention of Superintendent Vidal Martinez, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach, VA 22443-5115; or by email to gewa_gmp @nps.gov.

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and store at Reed Square, the new development proposes 12, two-story houses on some two acres of land. Designed to blend with the architecture of Reedville, the houses would each have a small yard with a white picket fence. Half would face Main Street and the other half would face Reed Avenue. A driveway would run between the two rows, allowing owners access to parking and garages behind their homes.

A small community open space area is planned for the development.

The board also will discuss a proposal by Double D Development to build 32 condominiums in seven buildings along Fleeton Road. The development is slated for nine waterfront acres next to Barnes Store. Last month, the development group presented their plan and the public made comments at length. The board voted 5-0 to table its decision.

The board has re-advertised the application and has the option of re-opening the hearing when it meets, but it will likely launch directly into a discussion and decision on the proposal as it stands.

The board will consider a request from Carolyn Barley to build a boathouse on Cockrell's Creek. A neighbor has objected to this boathouse, forcing it to a public hearing.

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Road, responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Braden Lane and received a traffic complaint in the Lively-Lancaster area.

On February 24, the staff responded to a reckless driving complaint in the Kilmarnock area and a juvenile behavioral complaint on White Pine Drive.

On February 25, the staff responded to a dispute between neighbors in the 3100 block of White Chapel Road, a traffic accident in the 7300 block of River Road and a traffic hazard complaint on the Norris Bridge. The staff responded with Kilmarnock police to a trespass complaint on Harris Drive and received a walk-in report of vandalism to a vehicle in the 500 block of White Chapel Road.

On February 26, the staff responded to a brush fire near the Dream Fields ball park on Irvington Road, received a walk-in complaint of juveniles shooting BBs at people in the Oyster Creek Drive area, and responded to a citizen's dispute in the 1100 block of Black Stump Road.

Additionally during the week, the staff made 12 traffic stops with nine summonses issued, responded to four building alarms, received three calls for animal control service, made two inmate transports, provided motorist assistance once and served one mental health order.

Among fire emergencies, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded to brush fires in the 16100 block of Mary Ball Road, Mt. Olive Church and Irvington Road. The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a brush fire at

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for new businesses looking to locate in rural or under-served regions of Virginia. The House previously passed the bill by a unanimous vote.

"In today's market, high-speed or broadband internet are becoming as important to businesses as access to telephone or water lines," Wittman said. "Localities are beginning to realize that if they can not provide this type of technology, they cannot be competitive."

Gov. Kaine must sign the bill before it becomes law.

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Robley Store and a traffic accident in the 7300 block of River Road.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported two arrests last week.

A 52-year-old Heathsville man was charged February 24 with driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

A 36-year-old Haynesville woman was charged February 25 with two counts of writing bad checks for $27.29 to a Callao area business.

For the week ending February 26, the sheriff's office handled 99 calls. The department responded to three alarm calls, 41 citizen's complaints, nine accident- or traffic-related offenses and 11 animal control complaints.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Northumberland County Crime Solvers seeks information on the theft of a ladder.

Between January 6 and 9 unknown person(s) stole a 12-foot articulating ladder from a building under construction in the River's Knoll subdivision.

Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime in Northumberland County is asked to call Crime Solvers at 580-8447.

Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers are not required to testify in court.

Federal regulators wait for Virginia menhaden cap

CRYSTAL CITY—Federal regulators have given the Commonwealth of Virginia until July 1 to implement a cap on the harvest of menhaden from the Chesapeake Bay.

The Atlantic Menhaden Management Board met February 23 for the first time since Virginia's House and Senate killed bills that would have adopted the mandated 105,000 metric ton cap.

The board took no action against the state last week, choosing to wait until July to file a formal complaint with the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

If the General Assembly does not revisit the issue before it adjourns March 11, Gov. Tim Kaine has the authority to impose the cap through a proclamation when the General Assembly is out of session.

Gov. Kaine would have to act before April 1, however, which is 30 days before the menhaden season begins.

If Virginia is found out of compliance, the ASMFC could seek a federal moratorium on all menhaden fishing in the bay.

But Virginia legislators, armed with a legal opinion from Attorney General Bob McDonnell, are banking on the argument that the management board has overstepped its authority.

Davis found guilty on federal charges in Baily murder case

RICHMOND—A Baltimore man who avoided murder charges in the July 2000 shooting of Frank M. Bailey Jr. of Kinsale was convicted last week on 10 federal counts in U.S. District Court in Richmond.

LaJuan Davis, 23, was found guilty on charges of conspiracy, carjacking, use of a firearm in an act of violence, interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, obstruction of justice, bank fraud and wire fraud.

He faces life in prison when he is sentenced June 9.

The federal court picked up the case after the state dismissed murder, robbery and carjacking charges against Davis at his trial in 2003 for lack of evidence. He pled guilty to larceny and is currently serving 15 years in jail.

A second Baltimore man, Deon Carter, pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Carter and Davis allegedly fled Maryland for Westmoreland County after killing a cab driver in Baltimore in June 2000. Westmoreland prosecutors claim the men went to Bailey's house to steal his car to return to Baltimore. While there, prosecutors said, they also stole his bank card, carried Bailey outside and shot him.

They were filmed attempting to use Bailey's card to withdraw cash from an ATM machine hours later. Bailey's car was later discovered burned in a Baltimore alleyway.

From left are Steamboat Era Museum executive director Terri Thaxton, Marshall Orr and acting president Anne McClintock.

Museum receives gift

Representing the Sudor Graham Foundation of Richmond, Marshall Orr recently presented the Steamboat Era Museum a check for $12,000 for creation of a theater in the museum.

Orr personally added $3,000 for a total of $15,000. Using vintage sconces, and an antique cabinet gives the theater a feel of the era past, but the state of the art video equipment, and large flat screen, allows the past to meet the present.

The first film, produced by Mattingly Productions, will be an introductory piece for the new exhibit "The Bay at War." The exhibit tells of the Chesapeake Bay and its role in the course of the Civil War.

Club previews 'Bay at War'

The Indian Creek Yacht Club on February 22 was presented a preview of a new exhibit at the Steamboat Era Museum by Grayson Mattingly of Mattingly Productions.

Mattingly has been awarded a grant to establish the oral history center of the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington. He has spent the last year researching the history of the Civil War, specifically in how steamboats were used in the war. He tailored his presentation to the areas in and around the waterways of the Northern Neck and told the audience of incidents that happened in creeks and coves.

The exhibit at the museum will open in April and is entitled "Bay at War." It is an interactive exhibit with photos, drawings, dioramas, models and interviews with locals that recall the steamboats that were such an important part of the Northern Neck history. Steamboats were part of a bygone era that ended around the mid 1930s.

Mattingly has identified a number of residents that experienced life in that time and recall, in taped interviews, the sights and sounds of steamboats.

2-1-1 VIRGINIA activated

With the support of Gov. Tim Kaine, the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg, the Virginia Alliance of Information & Referral Systems and the Virginia Department of Social Services, 2-1-1 recently launched in Virginia.

2-1-1 is an easy to remember phone number connecting people with information on available community services. 2-1-1 VIRGINIA will provide free and easy access to health and human services, such as: child care resource and referral centers, energy assistance, financial assistance, senior services and volunteer opportunities.

"Sometimes, you just don't know who to call for help. 2-1-1 will allow us to make health and human services more accessible to Virginians by providing local referrals to those who need assistance," said Gov. Kaine. "There are thousands of health and human service agencies offering assistance throughout the state; some have separate hotlines and others have several referral numbers to call. Navigating the multitude of available options can be overwhelming."

"2-1-1 is a valuable resource for all Virginians," said Virginia Department of Social Services Commissioner Anthony Conyers Jr. "Dialing this three digit telephone number will allow families and individuals to quickly access referrals to local departments of social services, community action agencies and additional organizations."

2-1-1 VIRGINIA also will connect individuals or groups interested in volunteering or donating items with the organizations most in need of their help.

During disasters, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA will assist in disaster recovery efforts, mobilizing volunteers, and helping those searching for temporary housing, food, clothing and other basic needs.

"All calls are confidential and local trained professionals will search their databases and make service referrals using the caller's zip code," said Virginia Alliance for Information and Referral Systems president Joan Phelps. "Our goal is awareness. Our hope is that 2-1-1 VIRGINIA will become as familiar as 911 is for emergencies and 411 for directory assistance."

School budget meetings set

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board will hold its initial annual budget meeting Monday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent of schools Clint Stables will propose his initial recommendations, including all budget changes and requests to date.

The board has set a public hearing on the budget for March 20 at 6 p.m.

The school budget must be approved and passed to the board of supervisors by April 1.

Garden club to award grants

The Garden Club of the Northern Neck awarded two grants in 2005.

The first went to the George Washington Birthplace Association (GWBA) for restoration of the kitchen garden at the George Washington Naitonal Birthplace.

Due largely to insufficient funding, over recent years the garden had fallen into disarray. The GWBA, using the restoration plan of 1938, plans to refurbish the garden over three years. The flower and herb garden will provide visitors with a better understanding of 18th-century life and that of Washington's family.

A second grant was awarded to the Northern Neck Farm Museum in Burgess. The grant will be used to establish an entrance to the proposed museum site and will be the first of many gardens to be established, including water, herb, organic and cut flower gardens.

Applications for the 2006 grant will be accepted through April 1. For more information, call Becky Marks at 394-3102.

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Commonwealth's Attorney Michael McKenney said that the next trial, like the last, will start from scratch, with all witnesses and testimonies being reheard. He also said that new evidence is constantly being sought and introduced.

The state's case, McKenney said, all turned on a confession made by the boy following Rice's death. The boy's confession was consistent with the medical examiner's report.

Now, the boy claims he made the confession not because he committed the crime, but because he was in "a family situation" and "that was what he was supposed to do," McKenney said.

The court has suspended the boy's sentence and he is being held at Merrimac Detention Center for the duration of the appeal.

The three-day trial in juvenile court generated two new charges. Ananias Rice Sr. was charged December 1 with felony child abuse, and the boy's mother, Gloria Darcell Carter, 30, of Heathsville was charged December 2 with perjury.

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