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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Churches work together to feed the hungry

Bread Of Life Ministries and the White Stone Church of the Nazarene are partnering to provide food for those in need.

"Though there are many challenges that merit the Body of Christ's attention, joining together in our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) propels us into the future with rekindled urgency," said pastor Phillip Lee of Bread of Life Ministries. "That's why we must have 'One challenge: Reaching the Northern Neck community and the world together.'"

Please pay special attention to that final word, "together," he said.

"We are convinced that God wants all members of the Body of Christ to work together despite denominational and racial differences," said Lee. "Primarily, we believe that when healthy, Bible-believing churches around the Northern Neck lock arms and commit to this great task of feeding and serving as led by the Spirit of God, the community and the world will be reached for Christ."

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home."
—Matthew 25:35

The vision starts with the alleviation of physical hunger, he said.

"We aim to identify it and minister to it, following the guidance of the Lord and to the best of our abilities and resources," continued Lee. "Then, knowing that we're not fighting hunger alone, we will also feel emotions and attitudes. We try to communicate our loving care and concern for people as valuable human souls to give hope to the hopeless and revive those who are beaten down by life."

The pantry will open twice a month at two separate locations. The White Stone Church of the Nazarene, at 57 Whisk Drive off Route 3 a mile north of White Stone, will distribute food on the second Saturday of the month. Bread of Life Ministries at the intersection of Good Luck Road and Jessie duPont Memorial Highway will distribute food on the fourth Saturday of the month. Both distributions are from 9 to 11 a.m.

The food pantry depends on food and monetary donations from the Virginia Food Bank, churches and other organizations. Additional donors and volunteers are welcome.

Volunteers are needed to unload trucks, sort the donations into different categories to facilitate efficient use of storage space, pack the food in grocery bags for distrubtion, and deliver bags of groceries to clients that are not able to come to the pantry. Anyone interested in helping should contact Bread of Life Ministries at 435-7648, or Breadoflifeva804@aol.com; or White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 435-9886, or office@whitestonechurch.com.

All posts are covered for the May 2 election

LANCASTER — The filing deadline has passed for candidates to be listed on ballots for the May 2 elections in Irvington, Kilmarnock and White Stone.

In Irvington, five candidates filed for three council seats up for election.

The three incumbents, William H. Evans Jr., Norman G. Mosher and Ralph D. "Rannie" Ransone, are all seeking re-election. The two challengers are Robert H. Fleet III and Dr. Robert S. Westbrook.

In Kilmarnock, councilman Curtis Henry Smith is the sole candidate for mayor.

Four candidates are seeking three council seats, Carmen Kilduff, Barbara W. Robertson and incumbents Fletcher L. Brown IV and Paul S. Jones.

In White Stone, incumbent Lloyd B. Hubbard Jr. is the sole candidate for mayor.

Three candidates are seeking three seats, Randy Reeves, R.M. "Mac" Davis and Lee Anne Washington.

All positions up for elections are for four-year terms.

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

VMRC looks favorably on non-native oyster trial

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Seafood Council's request to continue its non-native oyster trials received a positive response from the Virginia Marine Resources Council last week.

However, Marine Resources Commissioner William A. Pruitt has 30 to 60 days from February 28 to render a decision.

The council is seeking authorization to place up to 2.5 million sterile ariakensis oysters at designated sites in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Some 15 growers would be authorized to grow the oysters in cages or bags.

Council representative A.J. Erskine indicated the project follows the National Academy of Science recommendations. The Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation also endorsed the proposal.

Several associate commissioners recommended Pruitt approve

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From board room to stage

Lancaster County Commonwealth's attorney C. Jeffers Schmidt Jr. of Irvington, a member of the Virginia Opera board of governors, recently performed in Richmond as a supernumerary, basically an extra, in Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." From left are Schmidt and his wife, Sallie. Schmidt won the role, an opportunity to experience the production from the stage rather than from the audience, through a silent auction held by Virginia Opera.

White Stone endorses Christ Church project

by Robb Hoff

WHITE STONE—Last week, the White Stone town council unanimously (6-0) endorsed an improvement project at Christ Church.

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church president John Hunt said the group will include the town's endorsement in a grant request for federal funds that are sought to reorient parking facilities at the site.

The improvement project, said Hunt, is planned to attract visitors and enhance the visiting experience. Project features include construction of a 2,000-square-foot administrative building that will connect to the Carter Center building by the church and an enlarged gallery.

In another Christ Church matter, Mac Davis of White Stone informed council that foundation researcher Dixie McCaig has identified a documented reference to "White Stone" in 1715 from church records.

Davis suggested that council consider adoption of a resolution establishing the settlement date of the town.

"This is an opportunity for us to take advantage of our history," said Davis.

He said the foundation is planning to deliver a presentation to council next month.

Littering ordinance

Council unanimously amended the town's littering ordinance to include a provision that forbids placement of household trash in or near trash receptacles owned by the town. The amended ordinance sets a penalty of up to a year in jail or a $2,500 fine.

"And this gives our chief-of-police a little teeth in this matter," said Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard Jr.

Generator purchase

Council unanimously approved spending up to $17,000 for the purchase of a three-phase generator and transfer switch that would be used for emergency power to pump water from the well on the south side of town during a power outage.

"I believe it's an absolute necessity for this little community," said Hubbard.

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Jessie Ball duPont Fund supports tutoring program

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund awarded $26,000 to the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock to help develop an online tutoring service for students and adults in the Northern Neck.

The grant was among 23 awards, valued at more than $2.2 million, made by the trustees during their February meeting.

The library will work in partnership with the Northumberland Public Library and the Northumberland and Lancaster public school systems to develop the tutoring and homework help service. The grant, along with financial and technical support from the libraries and the two school systems will enable students in the two counties to access two professional online services—Tutor.com and LearningExpressLibrary.com.

Tutor.com provides online homework help reference services and access to subject experts. It serves more than 4,600 libraries, schools and community centers nationwide. LearningExpressLibrary.com provides interactive online practice tests and tutorials for academic or licensing tests such as the SAT, GED and LSAT, or work-related exams such as those required of emergency medical technicians, cosmetologists and postal workers.

Students in the two counties can access these services through computers at the schools, the two libraries, the YMCA, or through their home computers. School officials estimate that 70 percent of public school students have access to a home computer.

Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported six arrests last week.

A Montross man, 50, was arrested February 27 for the charge of issuing a bad check on September 22.

A Ring Farm Road man, 35, was arrested February 28 for the charge of probation violation on February 23.

An Irvington man, 22, was arrested March 1 for the charge of contempt of court on February 8.

A Southport Lane woman, 18, was arrested March 1 for the Gloucester County charge of issuing a bad check on November 17.

A White Stone man, 18, was arrested March 1 for the charge of contempt of court on February 27.

A North man, 46, was arrested March 3 for the charge of drunk driving.

Other responses

On February 27, the staff responded for a domestic disturbance on Pohickory Lane, received a report of larceny from a vehicle on Gaskins Road and referred an illegal dumping complaint to the county zoning officer.

On February 28, the staff responded for a traffic accident involving farm equipment on Old Orchard Road and investigated a suspicious vehicle/person complaint at the Chesapeake Bank in Lively.

On March 1, the staff received a complaint of the loss or theft of a purse from a Bay Transit bus and removed traffic cones placed illegally on Black Stump Road.

On March 2, the staff responded for a walk-in complaint of theft of vehicle parts in the 9400 block of Mary Ball Road, a disconnected emergency 911 call on Mosquito Point Road in which emergency services were not needed, and a check of a KeepSafe program participant after pre-arranged telephone contact could not be made.

Also on March 2, the staff notified the water utility company of a leak reported in the 4900 block of Irvington Road.

On March 3, the staff responded for domestic disturbances on Azalea Lane and the 100 block of Lancaster Creek Drive, a complaint about timber theft in the 100 block of Edgehill Lane and a burglary complaint on Johns Neck Road.

Also on March 3, the staff received a larceny report in the 300 block of Quarters Cove Drive, a fraud complaint in the 300 block of Spring Hill Road and a motorist's complaint about a reckless driver in the Kilmarnock area.

On March 4, the staff responded for an unauthorized use of a vehicle in the 1300 block of Windmill Point Road and received a motorist's report of a deer strike near Dream Fields on Irvington Road.

On March 5, the staff received a motorist's complaint about a reckless speeding driver on the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge and recovered license plates stolen from Northumberland County.

On March 6, the staff responded for a trespassing vehicle complaint in Ottoman, assistance to emergency medical services for a drug overdose in the 300 block of Lumberlost Road, a hit and run accident complaint near Mary Ball and Good Luck roads and a traffic accident near Jessie Ball DuPont Memorial Highway and Carlson Road.

Additionally, the staff made six

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20-year certificate

Kilmarnock Police Chief Mike Bedell (left) recently was presented with a town council resolution by Kilmarnock Mayor Mike Robertson in recognition of Bedell's 20 years of service with the town's police department. Bedell is now serving in his 17th year as police chief. He was also presented with a plaque by the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce for selection as "Officer of the Year" by the chamber. (Photo by Robb Hoff)

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Though repair wanes in a throw-away world, there's something about a fix-it man that believes in possibilities. Maybe it's fingering all those parts, thinking it through, taking something that doesn't work and turning it into something that does.

Bill Young is a fix-it man. For more than a decade, he's fixed typewriters with Richard Pruett in the back of the Northern Neck Equipment Company on Main Street in Kilmarnock. He's down to one day a week, but there's a steady stream of typewriters in for repair. Most are IBM Selectrics.

He's fixed cars, small appliances and every brand of vacuum cleaner known to man. He sold, distributed and serviced Kirbys before opening his own shop with Eureka vacuums on one side and muzzle-loading rifles on the other. It was the only muzzle-loading business in Ft. Myers and one of the few vacuum-gun combinations nationwide.

"Then Woolco comes and sells the same rifle for less than I paid for it," said Young last week. "I couldn't compete with them. But I had gunpowder and they didn't. It took state and federal licenses to sell black powder. I gave Woolco my cards, and every time they sold a rifle, they gave the buyer my card. I made more on every rifle they sold than they did. I got them good on the accoutrements."

And that, say Bill and his wife, Janice, is how merchants here can use the new Wal-Mart to their advantage. Offer the customer something Wal-Mart doesn't have, like service, good information, or even black powder if that's what it takes.

"I've played in everything from the symphony orchestra to the circus, and I've been to at least five countries carrying a horn."

"Look at it as a challenge and figure out how to beat them. Do what they can't do," said Janice, a Connecticut farmer's daughter whose common sense comes from her dad. Married to Bill 48 years, she doesn't have to fix things, but when he's stumped, she offers ideas. Bill praises her moments of brilliance.

Janice and Bill met in DeLand, Fla., when he was at Stetson University. They moved to Ft. Myers in 1963, where Janice was secretary of Central United Methodist Church for 18 years. She loved her work, but by 1984, Bill's three-mile commute had stretched into a maddening inch-by-inch half hour. He brought Janice and their two children home to Virginia to settle on 17 wooded acres on Black Stump Road, an hour from his childhood haunts in Ellerson near Mechanicsville.

Ellerson is where Bill started playing the trumpet, in seventh-grade band class at Washington Henry High School. He'd already ditched the dreaded piano lessons, and no single inspirational teacher cemented him to the musical world of brass.

But the trumpet stuck, and he played it through Fork Union Military Academy, Richmond Professional Institute, Stetson and the Ft. Myers Symphony, where Janice sang in the symphony chorus.

"I've played in everything from the symphony orchestra to the circus, and I've been to at least five countries carrying a horn," said Bill.

In China he met the Windjammers Unlimited, circus musicians with whom he plays in Sarasota every January; and he went to Haiti and Jamaica with the Florida Divisional Band of the Salvation Army.

He joined the Salvation Army for its band, never intending to grow religiously involved. But as Janice says, sometimes the Lord has different plans. Within one year, Bill had made the Army his church. A soldier 30 years, he is bandmaster for the Peninsula Corps in Hampton. Janice stayed with the Methodists and was secretary at Kilmarnock United Methodist for 13 years.

In addition to trumpet, Bill plays cornet, E-flat alto horn and euphonium. He loves a good British brass band, his collection of grand opera records, and their lighthouse, cuckoo, bird and antique clocks, set slightly differently so that each chimes its hour with distinction.

In their living room, hung in honor above framed pictures of Generals Lee and Jackson, is a handsome flintlock with a 42-inch barrel, carved wooden stock and engraved silver inlay. Bill spent 100 hours making that rifle and says it'll put five shots into a teacup at 25 yards. He won the state shotgun match last year with a muzzle-loading shotgun he'd just finished, and he'd probably still build a customized gun if the right deal were struck.

"I shoot with the James River Black Powder Club south of Hopewell," he said. "They're old guys like me, with an atavistic urge to return to a simpler time."

Reflections

by John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Family

Family used to mean a mom, dad, one or more grandparents, and children gathered around the table three times a day. After World War II and the Korean War, fewer and fewer families are so constructed. Nor will they ever be again.

My dad's folks, my Farmer grandparents, were both alive when I came along. They died while I was a lad. Mom's mom lived into my junior high years. I never knew her husband. Added to that family fabric, I had two stepparents who also had living parents. I didn't lack for persons labeled "grand."

Today clusters of pseudo-families exist wherein for fiscal and/or prejudicial reasons two life-partners decide not to wed. Avant-garde individuals are comfortable today in relationships where kids will claim two dads or two moms.

Divorce rates are soaring of late. Children of one-parent families are now nip-and-tuck in the race these days.

I do not illuminate the changes to pass judgment. This is not a preachereze reflection. I do know of what I speak. I am the child of divorced and remarried parents. I suspect that I might have been grounds for my parents divorce. My own daughter and three offspring are looking for hubby-dad three.

I only bring up the fracturing of previously held models of family, and how I see further decline, further changes, across the ages.

I am aware that some parents are such by default, the fault that someone's lust slipped ahead of commitment.

The Bible is all about covenant relationships. God covenants with us to forgive our transgressions because Christ made it possible. We are to covenant with all persons in our ongoing relationships.

Somehow that ought to drive us to consider present-day habits, shortcomings and changing beliefs as far as they extend to the youth of America and how to navigate them toward wholesome lifestyles.

Pick up a good Bible dictionary, your favorite Bible translation. Run through the references regarding family, children, parents and grandparents. It will serve you well and start all of us along a higher highway. Sort through all the references and understand God's forgiveness. It is best to be responsible for one's self, rather than to argue with the preacher.

Too many children suffer because of expendable adult relationships. As your family unit changes, and most will, be sure that the welfare of the children plays into whatever resolution may be anticipated.

My parents were wonderful. Their second marriages were successful. They profited, were forgiven their failures, and moved on. They never dragged me into useless squabbles. They maintained mutually respectful differences of opinion.

Providence Baptist

After being widowed, God gave me a new love, equipped with another daughter and a teenage son. They've joined my expanding family circle and are additional blessings for this old man. We don't live in Utopia. We live in today.

Let's lighten up a bit and look at an old saw. Let's read "My Own Grandpa."

"Many, many years ago when I was twenty-three, I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be. This widow had a grown daughter who had hair of red. My father fell in love with her, and soon they were wed. This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life. My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife.

"To complicate matters worse, although it brought me joy, I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy. My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad, and so became my uncle, though it made me very sad. For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother to the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my stepmother.

"Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run, and he became my grandson, for he was my daughter's son.

"My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue, because, although she is my wife, she's my grandma too.

"If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild, and every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild. For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw. As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa."

I know the steps to Lancaster's basement juvenile court too well. Some present day laws are ridiculous. Minor skirmishes for which I was sent to the principal's office, or to bed with this and that privilege suspended, are now filling the dockets. Indeed, some of the laws are turning teens into criminals for replicating the civil pranks of our yesteryears.

I am sad when every week some state of affairs leads a lad or lass waist-deep into an alligator swamp alone. However you relegate your lifestyle, do not abandon your children's welfare just because your definition of family differs from mine.

It takes all kinds these days. Aunts and uncles, neighbors, former classmates, grandparents, even foster parents, are being pressed into service. Jot upon some plaque before you that at whatever station in life in which you find yourself, we are responsible for the care and keeping, for the educating and nurturing of America's future. We have to do a better job than we've done in our recent past.

As family models fail, the church must step up to the plate and extend arms of love to children, to families, at risk. We must.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000, Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, March 12:
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 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Friday, March 10:
Youth depart for Eagle Eyrie
Saturday, March 11:
8 a.m., Brotherhood Breakfast
10 a.m. Cemetery Clean Up
Please remove floral arrangements you wish to keep.
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Winter Bible Study for all
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 14:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Thursday, March 9:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
11 a.m., Children's Church
5:30 p.m., Deacon's Meeting
6:30 p.m., Business Meeting
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, March 13:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, March 14:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 15:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon,693-5503
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, March 15:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, March 12:
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 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road, Lancaster; 462-0845,Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street ,Kilmarnock; 435-1703, Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m., Deacons Meeting, Tone Chimes and Children's Choir
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, March 13:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop
Tuesday, March 14:
10:30 p.m., WMU Meeting
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 15
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
Thursday, March 16:
6 p.m., Exercise Group

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Providence
10 a.m., Sunday School
Norwood
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
10 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
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 12:
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 12:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, March 12:
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 15:
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 12:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock, Rev. Dwight Johnson
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, March 15:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659, Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
Women's Sunday
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
Tuesday, March 14:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, March 12:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, March 15:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville, 453-4972; Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
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 15:
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 12:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, March 12:
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 12:
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 12:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
Second Sunday in Lent
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday, March 12:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; 529-5948, Rev. Michael Ramming
Sunday, March 12:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, March 15:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran (ELCA)
Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 E. Church St., 804-529-6269
2nd & 4th Saturday
Saturday, March 11:
5 p.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257, Luther Baugham
Sunday, March 12:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, March 12:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282; bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday March 12:
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 9:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, March 12:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
7 p.m., Chancel Choir practice at Bethel
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Monday, March 13:
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel Council meets
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., BEUMW meet

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, March 12:
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 12 :
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, March 12:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
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 11:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, March 9:
6:30 p.m., Prayer Ministry
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Sunday, March 12:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday March 14:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
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 15:
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
Friday, March 10:
9 a.m., Fit for Life Exercise Class
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Tuesday, March 14:
11 a.m., United Methodist Women
7:30 p.m., Church Council
Wednesday, March 15:
8:30 a.m., Health Screening
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,
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 12:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
Monday, March 13:
9:30 a.m., Fellowship & Family Life Ministry Group
5 p.m., Session Retreat @ CMPC
Tuesday, March 14:
5:30 p.m., Witness and Service Ministry Group
7 p.m., Christian Ed Ministry Group
Wednesday, March 15:
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 16:
5 p.m., Session Meets
Friday, March 17:
6 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Saturday, March 18:
11 a.m., Memorial Service Mrs. Moore

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, March 12:
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 9:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 17)
Sunday, March 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "No Greater Gift"
(John 17: 25-26)
Monday, March 13:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 18)
Wednesday, March 15:
12:05 p.m. Community Lenten service
1 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 22)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd., Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
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 12:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 14:
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 12:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, March 9:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, March 12:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553
Rev. Donald O. Conaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Saturday, March 11:
3 p.m., Rev. Lisa Veney First Baptist
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
4 p.m., Youth Service
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

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

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor, 693-6079
Sunday, March 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship and Children's Church, ages 4-9

Seventh-Day Adventist
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock

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Obituaries

Clara B.W. Acree

SHARPS—Clara Belle Whaley Acree, 93, widow of William A. Acree, died March 2, 2006, at her home in Sharps.

Mrs. Acree was born September 29, 1912, to Robert Kent and Clara Belle Sanders Whaley. She grew up in White Stone and graduated from White Stone High School at the age of 15. She attended Harrisonburg Teachers College (now James Madison University) and then taught school for eight years, six at Irvington and two at White Stone, before marrying and moving to Sharps.

In 1952, she became postmaster of the Sharps Post Office and worked there until her retirement in 1982. She was a member of Milden Presbyterian Church in Sharps and an active participant in the women's organizations, the Sunday school and other church programs.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Acree Hansen and Richard Hansen of Fredericksburg, Mary Acree Faggart and Ed Faggart of Richmond, and Barbara Acree Kniest and Jack Kniest of Williamsburg; two nephews and their wives, Russell G. Acree Jr. and Betty Acree of Sharps, and Anthony Whaley and Barbara Whaley of Richmond; a niece, Roberta Ellington of Chicago; seven grandchildren, Carter and Kendal Hansen, Stan, Alton, and Ted Barrack, Alicia Faggart Barrett and Jason York; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 5 in Milden Presbyterian Church with interment in Milden Cemetery. Rev. Robert E. Knox and Dr. Donald D. Denton officiated. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Carter Hansen, Stanley Barrack, Alton Barrack, Ted Barrack, Jason York and Lucas Barrett.

Memorials may be made to Child Development Resources, P.O. Box 280, Norge, VA 23127-0280, or to Milden Cemetery Trust Fund, P.O. Box 31, Sharps, VA 22548.

Welch Funeral home handled the arrangements.

Mary E.B. Beale

KILMARNOCK—Mary Elizabeth Ball Beale, 90, died February 21, 2006.

Mrs. Beale was born in Kilmarnock December 31, 1915, to Clarence Reese Ball Sr. and Martha Ellen Ball. She was the second of seven children.

She graduated from A.T. Wright High School in White Stone June 8 1934, from Apex Beauty College in Richmond, December 19, 1936, and received a bachelor's from the Institute of Cosmetology in Norfolk April 21, 1963.

She graduated from the National Institute of Cosmetology in Nassau, Bahamas, May 8, 1976, and was inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma Sorority that month.

She married Howard Beale October 4, 1937. They had three children.

She was a beautician and owned and operated her own salon and received the Blanche T. Lawrence award. She also was an insurance agent for Virginia-North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. She distribued the Norfolk Journal and Guide in the Kilmarnock area.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock where she served as superintendent of Sunday school and also taught there. She was director of vacation Bible school and a member of the Senior Missionary Society. She was its eighth president 1980-83, and was secretary from 1985 until her health declined.

She was a life member of the Northern Neck Baptist Women's Missionary and Educational Commission, and a life member of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

She was also active in the larger community as a member of the Lancaster County Bicentennial Commission Committee, a member of the Lancaster County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society, a Rappahannock General Hospital Auxiliary volunteer, and past president, secretary and treasurer of LaCharm Beauticians. She was a member of the Crusaders Political and Social Club of Lancaster County, the NAACP, the Let's Not Retire Committee, and for many elections, a Lancaster County poll worker.

She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Beale; four sisters, Vernice, Alma, Onetia and Almetia; a brother, Clarence; and a grandson, Michael Beale.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Howard Wendell Beale and Julian and Lenora Beale of New Jersey; a daughter and son-in-law, Emilie Aretha Beale Holloway-Rusher and Durel Holloway-Rusher of Raleigh, N.C.; two grandsons, Jemal Beal of New Jersey and Mark Holloway of Wendell, N.C.; three granddaughters, Shana Beale of Newport News and Alicia and Maryassa Beale of New Jersey; a brother and sister-in-law, J. Allen Ball Sr. and Ruth Ball of Kilmarnock; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Ball and Gertrude Bea; two brothers-in-law, Rev. John H. Cross of Georgia and James Williams of Maryland; two sisters, Menita Earle and Rhonda Roberts; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held February 27 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. T. Wright Morris and Brenda Campbell officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Allan Ball Jr., William Lee, Joseph Curry, Leonard Scott, Virgin "Gus" Dunaway and Melvin Veney.

Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Margaret C.O. Burkett

KILMARNOCK—Margaret Clarke O'Brien Burkett, 88, of Kilmarnock died March 7, 2006.

Mrs. Burkett was the widow of Harold Francis O'Brien Sr. and James C. Burkett. She was a member of Kilmarnock United Methodist Church and a retired Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center dietitian.

She was a longtime member of the Kilmarnock-Lancaster County Rescue Squad Auxiliary and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Anne O'Brien Reedy.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harold Francis Jr. and Donna O'Brien of South Port, Fla.; a devoted son-in-law, David L. Reedy of Kilmarnock; four grandchildren, one with a husband, Margaret R. Old of Chesapeake, Nancy R. and Jay Gibson of Newport News, Margaret Elaine O'Brien of Charleston, S.C., and Harold F. O'Brien III, stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Italy; five great-grandchildren, Justin and Kathryn Old, Taylor, Hunter and Michael Gibson; and three sisters, Jean Lewis of Kilmarnock, Allene Haynie of Lively and Alva Lee Barnes of Morattico.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 12, at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m. with Rev. Richard Newlon officiating. Interment will be in Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lively. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Nancy L. Elam

HUGHESVILLE—Nancy Lyle Elam, 70, of Hughesville, Md., died March 2, 2006, at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md.

Mrs. Elam was born August 15, 1935, in Village to Charlotte B. Dawson Delano and Claude L. Delano.

She was a credit manager for Eby Brown Distributor.

She was predeceased by her parents; and her husband, Richard J. Elam Sr.

She is survived by three children, Cathy L. Roach, Ricky J. Elam and Diane Beatrez; three sisters, Marilyn Susa, Joan Delano and Charlene Strange; and nine grandchildren, Don, Tom, Steve, Jim, Dorie, Reed, Tina, Hunter and Christopher.

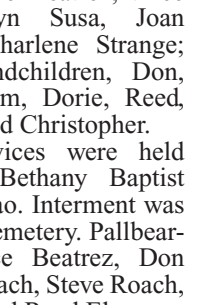
Funeral services were held March 6 at Bethany Baptist Church in Callao. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Vince Beatrez, Don Roach, Tom Roach, Steve Roach, James Roach and Reed Elam.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the local arrangements.

Douglas E. Faulkner

IRVINGTON—Douglas Edgar Faulkner, 51, of Irvington died March 1, 2006, of complications resulting from an extended battle with cancer. His wife, children, parents and siblings were at his side.

Mr. Faulkner was born September 13, 1954, in Erie, Pa., to Norman and Lois Faulkner. He grew up in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey and received a bachelor's in business administration from George Washington University in 1976.



Mr. Faulkner

Faulkner had three passions in his life: family, work and the outdoors.

He was often found coaching on the soccer field, announcing at swim meets, cheering at gymnastics meets and volunteering in many capacities at his children's athletic and academic events.

He had several careers. He was a stockbroker in Washington, D.C., for 15 years, working for Merrill Lynch, E.F. Hutton and Wheat First Securities. After moving to the Northern Neck, he joined his father, Norman, and brother, Norm, in the energy business. They grew Noblett Oil and Propane into a successful petroleum distributorship.

An entrepreneur and visionary, he saw a need for alternative energy sources and, with his father and brotherC developed the first biodiesel refinery in Virginia. In March 2004, Virginia Biodiesel Refinery in West Point began production and has continued to increase its capacity to meet demand. This past spring, as part of his commitment to an alternative energy plan, President George W. Bush received a personal tour of the refinery from Mr. Faulkner, prior to giving a speech before a crowd of 500. In August 2005, Mr. Faulkner testified on the need for alternative energy sources before a Senate energy subcommittee on Capitol Hill.

Some of his happiest times were spent swimming, fishing and boating on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. One of his last times on the water was spent at the Turkey Shoot Regatta in October.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Michele D. Faulkner; three children, Lindsey, Lisa and Michael Faulkner of Irvington; his parents, Norman and Lois Faulkner of White Stone; a brother and sister-in-law, Norm and Michele T. Faulkner of White Stone, two sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan and Michael Tempest of Chicago, and Karen and David Wise of Richmond; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A celebration of his life will be held March 19 at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Northern Neck Family YMCA.

S.M. Forrester

FARNHAM—S.M. "Summie" Forrester, 69, of Farnham died February 27, 2006.

Mr. Forrester retired as a highway supervisor for the Virginia Department of Transportation. He lived in Caroline County and Mechanicsville. He was a member of Oakland United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by a daughter, Maida "May" Shiflett of Richmond; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Frances Forrester of Bumpass; three grandchildren, Terry G. Shiflett, Victoria D. Guinn and Corey S. Forrester; five brothers, Kenneth L. Forrester of Farnham, Joseph W. Forrester of Irvington, George G. Forrester and Charles D. Forrester, both of Tappahannock, and Milton N. Forrester of Montross.

Funeral services were held in Jones-Ash Funeral Home chapel March 2 with Fred Paul, CLS officiating. Pallbearers were James Hinton, Buck Dodson, James Douglas, Frank Forrester, Kenny Forrester, Wesley Forrester and Charles Robert Forrester. Burial was at Oakland United Methodist Church Cemetery in Farnham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oakland United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 2176 Cedar Grove Road, Farnham, VA 22460.

Gladys M. H. Lumpkin

WEEMS—Gladys Marie House Lumpkin, 98, of Weems died February 27, 2006.

Mrs. Lumpkin was born December 10, 1907, to Seldon and Florence House in Anne Arundel County, Md. She was the third of five children, Lillian, Ed, Gladys, Elmer and Tom. Her family was imbued with Christian caring, which was her gift throughout her life.

She married Raymond Lumpkin Sr. and they settled in his hometown of Weems to raise their family. She lived there for 61 years.

Her husband predeceased her after 33 years of marriage.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Rose of Midlothian; a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Norma Lumpkin of White Stone; five grandchildren and their spouses, Les and Gwen Rose of Bluemont, Graham and Martine Rose of Midlothian, Bonnie and Dale Herndon of Richmond, Andrew and Shannon Rose of Midlothian and Collin and Tracie Lumpkin of Norfolk; and 11 great-grandchildren, Joseph and Ryan Rose, Katie and Thomas Rose, Madison and Olivia Herndon, and Trey, Cole, Courtney, Braedyn and Chloe P.

A celebration of life service will be held March 25 at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3712 Weems Road in Weems at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bon Secours Hospice, 8580 Magellan Parkway, Building IV, Richmond, VA 23227, or to the Kilmarnock-Lancaster County Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 333, Kilmarnock VA 22482.

Exhibit celebrates legacy of Sacred Heart Cathedral

A new exhibition at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond celebrates the 2006 centennial anniversary of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by interpreting the cathedral's construction and the changes that have shaped it over the past 100 years.

The exhibition will also look at the architect, Joseph McGuire, his other works, and the patronage of Thomas Fortune and Ida Barry Ryan, whose generous philanthropy made the cathedral possible. "Cathedral of the Sacred Heart: A Centennial Celebration" is on display through August 6.

After the American Revolution, the new United States showed a more tolerant attitude toward Catholics than had been seen in Colonial America. This détente in religious tension came from both the ideal of religious freedom in the new government and the air of gratitude extended to France—a Catholic nation—for their help in the war. The Diocese of Baltimore created in 1789, was the first Roman Catholic See in the United States. The Diocese of Richmond came in 1820. The first cathedral of this diocese, St. Peter's, was completed in 1834 and still operates as a downtown parish from its original building at Grace and Eighth streets.

St. Peter's functioned as a hospital during the Civil War. In 1882, a call went out to construct a larger place of worship, and after a 20-year campaign to raise money, Nelson County native Thomas Fortune Ryan and his wife, Ida Barry Ryan, donated $500,000 to complete construction of the new cathedral. The two lots, sitting side by side and bounded on the west by Cherry Street and on the east by Laurel Street, had already been purchased by two of the diocese's bishops in the late 1800s.

New York architect Joseph Hubert McGuire drew up plans for the new cathedral. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart would be his first major work and, many agree, one of his greatest. The cornerstone, hollowed out so that a small metal box could be placed inside, was laid in June 1903 before an audience estimated at 5,000. The metal box contained copies of the Times-Dispatch and News Leader, coins and metals from that year, and a parchment with an inscription in Latin describing the cathedral and the circumstances of its construction.

Construction of the cathedral was completed in 1906, and the church held a dedication mass on Thanksgiving Day. Almost immediately after construction, changes were made to the interior. The most extensive changes were brought about by the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and included a new altar to allow the priest to face the congregation and transformation of the Baptistery originally located under the south tower into a confessional. The Rambusch Glass and Decorating Company received the commission for two major interior decoration campaigns that coincided with the cathedral's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

The exhibition features a Rodin sculpture, and material from the Valentine Richmond History Center, the cathedral archives, the Virginia Historical Society, and various Catholic churches. Educational programming will include a gallery walk through the exhibition by Stephanie A. T. Jacobe at noon on April 5. The exhibition was made possible with support from the Cathedral Centennial Committee at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

For admission and hours, call 358-4901, or visit www.vahistorical.org.

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Rev. Tammy Veney - Beulah Baptist Church, Lively, VA
Rev. Shelly Johnson - Potomac Baptist Church, Hague, VA
Rev. Beatrice Self - Grant's Hill Baptist Church, Oak Grove, VA
Rev. Jernell Whitefield - Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Williamsburg, VA
Rev. Tanglia Carter - Shacaih Ministries, Lancaster, VA
Rev. Selma Carter Curry - Sharon Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD
Rev. Rose Jarvis - Tablenacle of Faith, Hayes, VA
Music: The Grant's Hill Gospel Ensemble, Oak Grove, VA

Everyone is invited

Treasurer Sam Simonovich and president Nancy Booth sign the lease for Living Water Luthern Church.

Lutherans to expand ministry

Following a February 25 worship service, the congregation of Living Water Lutheran Church witnessed the signing of a lease for space at 429 East Church Street in Kilmarnock.

The move will allow weekly Sunday services and an opportunity to broaden the ministry. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9, the congregation will worship at the new location.

Living Water began its fourth year in January. The Virginia Synod recognizes Living Water Lutheran Church as a "Synodically authorized worshiping community." Under the guidelines for new congregations, if it reaches 80 to 100 prospective charter members, the Virginia Synod will consider providing pastoral and financial support. In the interim, the church will rely on volunteers and guest pastors.

The public is invited to a preview April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 435-2005, or 529-6269, or write Living Water LC, P .O. Box 818, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

His Handmaids visit

His Handmaids recently visited Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church. Local handmaids include McAyla Beatley, Le'Aria Kelley, Logan and Mallory O'Bier, Jane Spencer and Brittany, Hailey and Ellery Sadler.

Lenten speakers set at St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Fleeton recently announced its Wednesday evening Lenten supper and speaker series, "Preparing for Easter."

Rector Rev. Warren Schallerwill will welcome guest ministers from area churches who will lead each program. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a soup supper prepared by church women. A service of Compline will follow each program.

The March 15 program will be conducted by Rev. Robert Hall, a retired Episcopal priest. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. He came to the priesthood in middle life after a career in advertising. He retired in 1995 from St. George's Church in Richmond.

Rev. Hall has been a Harley Davidson "hog" rider, a competitive sailor, and has restored an antique tractor. He is a reading tutor at Lancaster Middle School and is active in prison ministry.

St. Mary's Church is at 3020 Fleeton Road, three miles beyond Route 360 at Reedville. For more information, call the church office at 453-6712.

Fairfields Baptist Church pastor Rev. Brian Hamrick will speak March 29. Rev. Charles Sydnor of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia will speak March 29. Shiloh Baptist Church associate pastor Rev. Barbara Cottrell will speak April 5.

Services to explore the cross

On Wednesdays through April 5, the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao will hold Lenten services with "The Wisdom of the Cross" as the worship theme.

The services will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the church at 1717 Hampton Hall Road.

This Lenten spiritual journey will focus on the meanings of different forms of the cross. Through the ages, in Christian art, the cross has taken many different shapes, all rich in meaning. Services also will be filled with familiar hymns.

A free fellowship soup supper will follow each service.

Rev. Sandoval to lead community 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 through April 12 worshipers gather at noon for a 30-minute service followed by a light lunch. The Community Lenten Services are hosted this year by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

The guest preacher for March 15 will be the Rev. Karen J. Sandoval of Rehoboth United Methodist Parish. The worship leader will be the Rev. Ronald Jones, a retired United Methodist minister. The lay speaker will be Sam Simonvich of Living Water Lutheran Church.

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

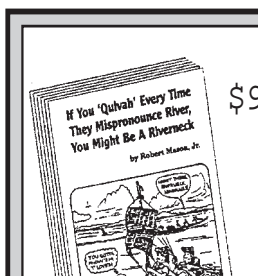
Series to consider God's presence in times of grieving

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 14, the discussion topic will be "Where is God when we grieve the death of a loved one?" On March 21, the topic will be "Where is God when we're trying to make decisions?"

One or more persons who have life experience with the topics will facilitate each week.

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



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Mission group to host benefit for hospital hospitality house

The Irvington Baptist Church In-Touch Mission Group will host a money tree program and shower to benefit Richmond's Hospital Hospitality House March 19 in the church sanctuary at 2 p.m.

No one is turned away from the hospitality house for lack of funds and many local residents stay there when their family members or friends are hospitalized in Richmond, said pastor John Farmer.

"Many of our Northern Neck citizens have benefitted from Richmond's Hospital Hospitality House during periods of illness for friends and families," said Farmer. "Hardly a week goes by when someone from our region is not a resident there."

Dr. Wyatt Beasley III, Dr. Norman R. "Rocky" Tingle Jr., hospitality house development director Ellen Sandridge and Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Clinic nurse Connie Deagle will present information.

A reception will follow. Door prizes will be drawn.

Donations of $10 to $50 can provide kitchen utensils, blankets for guest rooms and five or more nights lodging; $100 can provide linens for the new pediatric floor; $250 will cover a day's utility bill for staff and residents. Gifts of $500 can provide mattress sets; gifts of $5,000 can cover an entire day of hospitality house expenses.

Checks can be drafted to Hospital Hospitality House. Receipts will be supplied for cash donations.

Marriage mentoring program launched

Forty percent of divorces occur during the first five years of marriage. Research has demonstrated that a mentoring program for engaged couples and newlyweds can help a couple beat these odds.

A formal mentoring program ensures that engaged couples get more preparation for their marriage and that newlywed couples get more ongoing support after the wedding.

The Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment, a non-sectarian organization founded in 1973, recently launched a Mentoring for Better Marriages program and has trained 23 marriage mentor trainer couples throughout the country. The trainer couples are available to train couples in churches, organizations and communities to work one-on-one with engaged and newlywed couples, providing the skills needed to develop strong relationships.

Bill and Linda McConahey of Lancaster, have been trained as a marriage mentor training couple. They can be reached at 435-7811, or mcconahey@direcway.com.

Women's workshop

Jacqueline Taylor (above) will lead a workshop for women of all ages, "Identifying and Dealing with Neglect and Hurt," March 18 at 10 a.m. at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems. The workshop is sponsored by the Women's Ministry of Sharon Baptist Church. Taylor is the daughter of Joseph and Betty Taylor of White Stone. A member of the First Pentecostal Church of Richmond, she teaches at retreats and oversees a satellite church in the east end of Richomnd.

St. Stephen's to host Lenten prayer series

The 40 days of Lent allow time for self-denial and penitence. That includes time for study and reflection, and at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville, five different programs will be offered each Thursday evening beginning March 9 and concluding April 6.

The theme for these programs is: "Prayer, Our Conversation with God."

On March 9, "The Prayer Driven Church" will be presented by Rev. John Guernsey, rector of All Saints' Church in Dale City.

On March 16, "Praying Against God's Enemies," will be presented by Rev. Jeff Cerar, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville.

On March 23, "Asking for God's Blessing," will be presented by Brenda Dormstetter of North Carolina.

On March 30, "Discerning God's Voice," will be presented by Rev. Tad deBordenave, director of Anglican Frontier Missions.

On April 6, "Praising God," will be presented by Rev. David Harper, rector of the Church of the Apostles in Fairfax.

All are welcome to join the congregation at St. Stephen's for a 6 p.m. casual soup supper before each Lenten program.

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Irvington Baptist Church to dedicate new facilities

Irvington Baptist Church at 53 King Carter Drive in Irvington will dedicate new office and educational space following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday March 12.

The community is invited to join in the worship and dedication services. A fellowship luncheon will be hosted by the house and social committee.

Irvington Baptist is a child of the former brush-arbor Carter's Creek Meeting House and old Morratico Baptist Church.

The original building was constructed in 1891 under the leadership of pastor Frederick W. Claybrook. By the mid 1900s, it had already been enlarged to include a baptistry and two classrooms. A few years later deacon William R. Rowe Sr. brought forth a two-story addition of a kitchen, four restrooms and five classrooms.

Over the next span of years, frequent parsonage and church maintenance, as well as repair and restoration projects were timely delivered under the supervision of deacons Bill Toleman, Fred Erwin Burke, Anderson L. Gaskins, J. C. Hutchinson, Robert H. Fleet Jr., James S. Robertson III and Lewis V. Shelton.

Deacon T. Dorsey Ficklin, with the help of the late William B. Gregory, renewed a good deal of the church's antique furniture and fixtures.

In the early 1990s, deacon G. William McClintock and former general contractor Art Lang of White Stone supervised the addition of a Memorial Hall and kitchen wing addition, which can seat 250 people. When finished, the project went over $200,000 and was debt-free at the dedication.

The current $600,000 project was a longtime dream of many, explained pastor John H. Farmer. The building was conceived and designed by deacon J. Carrington Burgess, a native Northern Necker who returned home after a career in construction in the Richmond area. Williamsburg and Annapolis builder Paul Francis Summers of White Stone refined the conceptual plans offered by Burgess.

The congregation broke ground August 28, 2005. Workers and Burgess, assisted by an ad hoc committee, have been in attendance every day since September to bring the project to fruition. The general contractor was the Allen Group of Urbanna.

The project got a tremendous boost with a gift left to the church by the late William B. Graham, deacon, trustee and faithful worker. The church also received a gift–in-kind of the initial block-to-roof donation presented by Summers in memory of his late father-in-law Paul Johannes.

It still would not have been possible without the generous building fund offerings provided by members and friends, said Farmer.

"The financial astuteness of deacons Alfred Lokey, William B. Graham and Gorman S. Donegan grew the church from a congregation regularly borrowing operating funds into a body of believers with significant financial investments," said Farmer.

The faithful stewardship of the congregation enabled deacon chair Travis H. Tomlinson Jr. of Raleigh, N.C., and Indian Creek, assisted by trust officer Bob Berry at Bay Trust in Kilmarnock, to negotiate the dwindling construction balance of this project, underwritten by borrowed proceeds from the 2004 sale of Goodwin Hall, a former church parsonage.

"Church treasurer Rebecca Benson Cross is a stalwart and efficient volunteer who keeps vigilant oversight of all things financial for the congregation," said Farmer. "She has been an excellent partner to Mr. Burgess."

The new Irvington facility provides over 4,000 square feet of new space. It is a two-story wing housing eight classrooms, pastor's office, a youth activity room, nursery, flower preparation room and four restrooms, all serviced by an elevator and ramps. The addition joins the previously improved facility on the northeast side.

"The congregation has enjoyed a steady net growth of over 40 persons in recent years and sustains an active youth group of over 13 young people," said Farmer. "Since 1891, the conservative congregation has maintained a significant world mission consciousness. A Wednesday mid-week prayer service empowers the congregation."

There are three weekly adult and four youth educational classes offered for Bible study. The church music program is provided by choirs, organist Gloria Lee Jones and pianist James S. Andrews Jr. of Bumpass.

The church's 14th pastor, Farmer has served the flock and community since December of 1986.

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Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-443-3070/804-443-1821
Thursday, March 9:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, March 11:
2 p.m., Sabbath School
3 p.m., Worship Service

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, March 12:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, March 16:
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 11:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, March 12:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday March 14:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, March 12:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, March 15:
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 12:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, March 15:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 16:
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 12:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, March 12:
11 a.m., Streamed service from Detroit Unity.
12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group
Non-denominational

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, March 12:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, March 17:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whist Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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435-9886 OR 435-1165, Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor, Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor, Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Saturday, March 11:
9 a.m., Food Bank
Sunday, March 12:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service (Communion)
Children's church; nursery provided
Monday, March 13:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Tuesday, March 14:
7 p.m., Study Series Week - Where is God When....we grieve the death of a loved one?
Wednesday, March 15:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 16:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Lee's

Obituaries

Quatasia L. Payne

FREDERICKSBURG—Quatasia LaVasia "Tasey" Payne, 19, of Fredericksburg, formerly of Montross, died February 23, 2006.

Miss Payne was born September 17, 1986, to Darlene Gray and Thomas W. Payne Sr. at Richmond Memorial Hospital.

She attended Westmoreland County public schools until moving to Fredericksburg where she attended Massaponex High School, from which she graduated in 2004. While attending school in Westmoreland, she was a member of the Upward Bound program and received awards for academic excellence. She dreamt of becoming a lawyer.

She was employed by Marriott Town Place Suite in Fredericksburg as a housekeeper.

She is survived by her mother, Darlene Gray of Fredericksburg; her father, Thomas Payne Sr. of Montross; four goddaughters, Laloni Gray, A'Kaisha Brown, Tariyah Wilson and Meaghin Johnson; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Tatonya Payne of Fredericksburg, Marsha Lewis of Richmond, Ninotchka and Daryl Johnson and Toni and Tony Johnson of Landover, Md., and Angela Tate of Montross; three brothers, Thomas Payne Jr. of Fredericksburg, Antwane Gray and Jeffery Tompson, both of Montross; five nieces, Tamiesha Crawley, Angela Haynes, Ashley Bibbens, Tiffany Tate and Diamond Henry; 12 nephews, Ty'Keilin Payne, Daryl, Robert, Jerwaun, Travonne, Donnell, Donovon, Antwane and DeAndre Johnson, William Hayes III, Dominique Townes and Logan Bond; 12 aunts, Celestine and Gloria Gray, Mildred Ashton, Mary Payne, Lou Ada Henry and Niomi Taylor, all of Montross, Eileen Gray of Hague, Deborah Johnson of Suitland, Md., Doris Jackson of Upper Marlboro, Md., Majorie Payne of Washington, D.C., Laura Huckoby of Pennsgrove, N.J., and Rosie Johnson of Warsaw; four uncles, Bennie Gray of Alexandria, Rigney Gray of Dale City, Elvis Gray of Montross and James Jayne of Washington, D.C.; four great-aunts, Edith Frimpong of Alexandria, Blanche Brown of Warsaw, Lillie Payne and Sarah Thompson of Montross; three great-uncles, Carol Gray of Mitchelville, Md., Everette Gray of Philadelphia and Floyd Payne of Montross; eight devoted cousins, Nikita, Tanisha, TeAvonte', Latoya, Rigney, Emanuel, Lateshaw and Christopher; and many other cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held March 4 at Galilee Baptist Church with pastor Joseph Haden officiating.

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

Dean H. Pittman

MECHANICSVILLE—Dean Harriman Pittman, 28, of Mechanicsville died February 28, 2006.

Mr. Pittman was a glass installer.

He was a member of Alfonso Hunt Club and the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge.

He was predeceased by his father, William "Billy" Dorsey Pittman.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Debbie T. and Stewart Wickham of Beaverdam; two daughters, Kaleigh Brook and Sloan Pittman; two brothers, D. Brock Pittman of Lexington and D. Tate Pittman of Goochland; his maternal grandmother, Mildred Harriman of Ashland; his paternal grandmother, Virginia "Tig" Pittman of Lancaster; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 4 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with Rev. Carlton Milstead Jr. officiating. Interment was in Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery in Alfonso. Pallbearers were Freddie Hymes, Ryan Mitchell, Tom Hegameyer, Brian Wilson, Matt Powell and Evans Hollins.

Memorials may be made to Alfonso Hunt Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 456, Lively, VA 22507.

Thomas W. Redmond Sr.

MONTROSS—Thomas Wilbur Redmond Sr., 72, died March 1, 2006, at Henrico Doctors's Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Redmond was born December 31, 1933, to Thomas and Susie Ann Lee Redmond in Westmoreland County. He was one of 13 children.

He attended Westmoreland County public schools. He joined Galilee Baptist Church in Montross and was a faithful member until his health failed.

He was a waterman for his entire career and retired from Ampro Fisheries in Reedville.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hattie Mae Redmond.

He is survived by ten children, six with spouses, Alphonso Straughter of Washington, D.C., Deborah and Grayling Cockrell of Suitland, Md., Webster and Debra Straughter of Fredericksburg, Thomas Jr. and Jackie Redmond of Montross, Wilson and Marla Redmond of Forestville, Md., Maurice Redmond of Montross, Valerie and Malcolm Grey of Champlain, Eva and Gregory Jackson of Fredericksburg; 11 grandchildren, Chavon, Kyndra, Melanie, Jonesha, Darell, Gregory II, Michael, Andrea, LaTasha, Michael and Victoria; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Etta Clark of Montross; three aunts, Marty Catherine, Elizabeth and Arleane; three sisters-in-law, Pearline Roane and Florence Johnson, both of Hague, and Inez Redmond of Heathsville; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held March 5 at Galilee Baptist Church with pastor Joseph Haden officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Harry W. Wells

FARNHAM—Harry Warren "Hap" Wells, 99, died March 1, 2006, at Farnham Manner where he had been a resident for five years.

Mr. Wells was born January 13, 1907. He was a scientist and pioneer radio astronomer. He grew up in Chevy Chase, Md., and was fascinated by electricity and what it could do. As a pre-teen, he built a ham radio and communicated in Morse code with people around the world.

As a student at the University of Maryland, he enrolled in the new field of electrical engineering. For a summer job, he drove to Arizona and helped survey the site for the Coolidge Dam where he discovered ceremonial caves of the San Carols Apache and bones and Sharps rifles of cavalry buried under rock cairns in the desert.

After graduating from the university, he got a job as a radio operator for an expedition to the interior of Borneo. They traveled up rivers in dugout canoes, tested equipment and traded with the Dyaks for blow guns, knives and crocodile skins. He brought back photos of head hunters marveling at voices coming from boxes, 20-foot anaconda skins and enough tales to fill a book.

He worked briefly with Howard Hughes and decided to learn to fly. He joined the Army Air Corps to be a pursuit pilot. At Kelly Field in San Antonio, he met and won the heart of Sarah Lewis Williamson.

They were soon engaged. He could not support his intended flying biplanes for the Air Corps, so he got a discharge from the Army and was hired by the Carnegie Institution of Washington to do research on radio wave propagation in the ionosphere. The observatory was high in the Peruvian Andes.

With a letter to Williamson saying "meet me in Guayaquil, Ecuador, where we will get married," they started an adventure in June of 1933 that lasted for 71 years. The six years of hacienda life with horses, trout fishing, alpacas, llamas and Inca Indians was interrupted by World War II.

They returned to Chevy Chase where they raised Mary Louisa and Harry Jr. He focused his talent on the war effort with the Carnegie Institution, including work on radar and aircraft navigation systems which brought him to the South Pacific for a year. He also worked on the development of radio-based fuses for the military. A photo of that era shows him with a 400-pound tuna caught on a hand line from the stern of a PT boat.

Subsequent years found the couple in England working on radio telescopes and in Rio de Janeiro where he was a scientific attaché for the U.S. State Department. Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, he also found time to be active in the Explorers Club in New York and the Cosmos Club in Washington.

He later led scientific expeditions to both poles. He was recognized with a lasting monument at Latitude 85 degrees and 10 minutes South by 169 degrees and 48 minutes West. This piece of real estate in the Antarctic is also known as Mt Wells.

He and his wife retired to Irvington over 40 years ago where they sailed, fished and enjoyed the sunsets.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Louisa Pollard of White Stone; a son, Harry Wells Jr. of Irvington; three grandchildren, Sarah Pollard Chiffriller, Albert Clarkson Pollard Jr. and Paul Wells; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held March 4 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 3, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Lottie B. Wiggins

HEATHSVILLE—Lottie Brent Wiggins, 86, of Heathsville died March 1, 2006.

Mrs. Wiggins was born February 28, 1922, in Horse Head, the middle child of 15 born to David E. and Agnes Day Taylor.

She attended Northumberland County public schools and graduated from Julius Rosenwald High School in 1940.

She joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville and became a member of the ushers ministry, the Missionary Circle, the finance ministry and the Howland Chapel Restoration Committee, among other ministries. She also served as the church typist for over 25 years.

She married Stanley K. Wiggins September 13, 1942. They had two children.

She was the first black female letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Northumberland County. She was later employed by Northumberland County public schools as a school bus driver and as a teacher's aide at what was then Central High School. She retired in 1983.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Stanley K. Wiggins; a daughter and son-in-law, Gladys Olethia and Lish Holder of Waldorf, Md., a son and daughter-in-law, James Coleman Wiggins Sr. and Bessie Wiggins of Aylett; two granddaughters and their husbands, Sherease and Tony Doublin, and Lisa and Bill Thompson, all of Waldorf; three grandsons, one with a wife, Gregory D. Wiggins of Washington, D.C., James C. Wiggins Jr. of Baltimore, and Timothy and Rasheda Wiggins of Ethiopia, Africa; two great-granddaughters, Taniya Doublin and Ayanna Thompson; three great-grandsons, Monteus Doublin, Noah Wiggins and Ian Lee-Wiggins; a sister, Angenette Scott of Baltimore; two brothers, Clifton Bernard Taylor of Heathsville and Joseph D. Taylor of Washington, D.C.; seven sisters-in-law, Julia Taylor, Eslene Taylor, Leatrice Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Anita Taylor, Quintine Taylor and Lucille Wiggins; a lifelong friend, Hortense Jones of Heathsville; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends.

Funeral services were held March 4 at First Baptist Church with pastor John S. Fountaine officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were her nephews, Leon Anderson, Morgan C. Kelly, Charles Taylor, Dale Lewis, Larry Taylor and Glenn Taylor.

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

Church Notes

■ Men's Day

The Beulah Baptist Church in Lively will hold its annual Men's Day Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

The guest minister will be Rev. David Cunningham of the First Baptist Church of Colonial Beach. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. Dinner will follow.

■ Choir anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Wicomico Church will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the Voices of Victory Choir Sunday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.

The musical guest will be Elder James N. Flowers Jr. and family of Sea Pleasant, Md. Flowers wrote the song "Ride Out The Storm."

■ Revival

Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Wicomico Church will hold it's annual Spring Revival March 27 to March 31. Prayer and praise starts at 7:30 p.m. Revival services begin at 8 p.m.

The minister will be Rev. Marcus Martin, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hustle. Music will be provided nightly.

■ The right shoe

A Cinderella story "If The Shoe Fits," will be presented March 11 at 4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock. Players include Barefoot (Rev. Kim Bunns, New Zion), Bedroom Slipper (Rev. Tammy Veney, Beulah), Flip Flop (Rev. Tanjie Carter, Shaka Ministries), Sneaker (Rev. Selma Curry, Sharon Baptist Baltimore), The Boot (Rev. Jernell Whitfield, Mt. Gilead) and Close Out Preacher (Pastor Rose Jarvis, Tabernacle of Faith, Hayes). Music will be presented by Grants Hill Gospel Ensemble.

■ Kenly to speak

Betty Kenley will speak on "The World Turned Upside Down," at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock Sunday, March 12. The service begins at 10 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

Kenley has a master's in nursing with a major in psychiatric nursing from the University of Virginia. She taught nursing at several schools and then became director of nursing and recreation at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children in Richmond.

■ Prayer breakfast

Mount Zion Baptist Church in Farnham will hold its 22nd annual prayer breakfast Saturday, March 18, at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast is free.

The guest speaker will be The Rev. Michael Reed, pastor of Willie Chapel and Clarksville Baptist churches. He will be accompanied by one of his choirs.

■ Heritage Day

Mount Zion Baptist Church will celebrate its 22nd annual Heritage Family Day Sunday, March 19, at 11 a.m.

Brother Rodney Carer of Richmond will be the guest speaker. Sister Cora Harvey Armstrong and the Armstrong Singers of King and Queen County will provide the music. A soul food buffet will be served following the service.

■ Pastor's anniversary

The celebration of the ninth anniversary of Rev. Myron Sutherlin as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock will be held at the church March 19 at 3 p.m.

Rev. Paul Pleasants, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Saluda, will be the evangelist.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God when we grieve the death of a loved one?" is the topic for a community discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 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 21 with "Where is God when we're trying to make decisions?" For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

■ Soup and service

On Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will host a soup supper followed by a Lenten program, "The Prayer Driven Church." Rev. Jeff Cerar will show a video by Rev. John Guernsey, rector of All Saints' Church in Woodbridge.

■ Hospitality benefit

The Irvington Baptist Church In-Touch Mission Group will host a money tree program and shower to benefit Richmond's Hospital Hospitality House March 19 in the church sanctuary at 2 p.m.

The event will feature guest speakers and door prizes. Call 436-6787 for more details.

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Printing company presses 35 years

By Reid Pierce Armstrong

In these days of home computers, digital photography and laser copiers, companies in the printing business have to work hard to keep up with the times.

Customers can now design their own brochures, business cards and newsletters on their home computers and email them to the local printer. They expect high-quality products cheap and they want them fast.

Ever adaptable, Lottsburg Printing Company has remained on the cutting edge of technology in the Northern Neck for the past 35 years.

The business has undergone many changes since William and Shirley Webb opened it in 1971. After 25 years working as a press operator for several local newspapers, William decided he wanted his own printing business. He and Shirley purchased a used Linotype and two letter presses and began their business in the Old Bartlett Store across Route 360 from the company's current site in Lottsburg.

Business started slow, and Shirley spent her days making crab pots while she waited for customers. But, when customers began rolling in regularly, the Webbs purchased land from Randolph Newsome and built their own place, the current location of Lottsburg Printing.

Current owners Cheryl and David Darwell bought the place in 1996 complete with the ghost of Mr. Headly who, legend has it, used to enjoy watching the presses run.

Corporate dropouts from Richmond, the Darwells moved to the Northern Neck to enjoy their house in Ophelia full time. They considered a number of business options, from opening a bed and breakfast to a restaurant, but with David's computer engineering background and Cheryl's marketing experience, Lottsburg Printing seemed the perfect match.

Owner Cheryl Darwell heads the Lottsburg Printing Company team. Her husband, David, is now semi-retired.

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>
> Cheryl Darwell

"The learning curve was bigger than I thought," Cheryl admits. There were a lot of mechanical pieces of equipment to operate and maintain, and it was up to her to learn how to use a darkroom.

"We had some trepidation when we moved here that people wouldn't accept us," Cheryl said. "We've been treated really well by everyone."

As the technology era dawned, the printing and computer equipment needed regular updating.

"We put almost every dollar back into this business for the first five years," she said.

Today, Lottsburg Printing handles all kinds of interesting jobs. It prints report cards, seafood labels, checks for banks, church bulletins, the flyers that come with electric bills and the little biscuit labels for local convenience stores.

The company also prints and binds books by local authors, produces color enlargements of old photos for the local museums, and maintains the address databases for local organizations in order to print and mail their newsletters.

One of the staff favorties is church and bank cookbooks they print every year.

Ruth Turner helps prepare documents before printing. She has been working at Lottsburg Printing since 1991.

"We can't specialize,"Cheryl said. "We have to do everything from layout to binding."

In the past 10 years, Cheryl has seen her clientele diversify as the Northern Neck grows.

"This is not a mom and pop business anymore," she said. Two to four new customers walk in the door every week.

She now prints an aircraft parts catalog for a company in Atlanta, a newsletter about Indian affairs and a government newsletter for a black think tank in Washington, D.C.

"There are interesting people living here with connections to other areas," she said.

Every project is different, and that keeps the job challenging. More and more people want to use color. They want 100 copies, tomorrow, not thousands in a few weeks.

"It used to be that everything was put on a big old press. Printers wouldn't touch small jobs. It was too much work and it wasn't cost efficient," Cheryl said.

To keep up with the demand, Lottsburg Printing has to have the most up-to-date equipment.

They have the newest twin tower press in the Northern Neck, ideal for high-speed, dual-color, small jobs such as flyers, business forms and church bulletins.

They have a direct-to-plate system, which eliminates the need for expensive negatives and metal plates and allows them to print high-quality, small-volume, color jobs such as club and museum newsletters.

"Everything is coming in electronically via email," Cheryl said. It's edited on the computer and goes directly to printing. This system produces the hightest quality photos and makes a much crisper, clearer final product.

But, their bread and butter continues to be the traditional offset printing, which relies on films and plates and is used for the big-run jobs like mass mailings or envelopes..

Lottsburg Printing boasts same day service on small jobs and can claim a turn-around of less than a week on big jobs.

"The hardest thing," Cheryl said, "is trying to make sure that everyone gets the best quality work."

Accuracy and timeliness are paramount, she added: "It can be like a runaway train. The challenge is to keep up with everything."

She has a staff of seven to keep the projects flowing, including two longtime employees. Virginia Walker has been on board for 30 years. Ruth Turner has worked there for 15 years.

"You probably won't find any other company in the Northern Neck who treats their employees any better," Ruth said.

Working with the customers is Cheryl's favorite part of the business. She enjoys the challenge of trying to figure out what customers need and want.

Dealing with people that she's worked with for years lends enjoyment to the job. It's evident, as people walk in and out of the door throughout the day, that Cheryl and her employees have a close connection with their customers.

People ask about Cheryl's health. She's recently recovered from a bout of shingles in the eye.

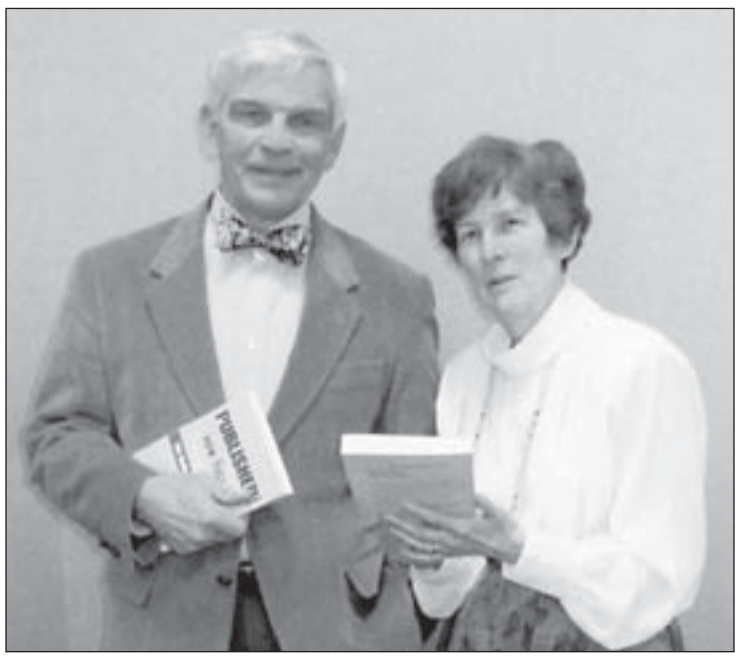
They give their condolences for Sam, the golden retriever who practically ran the office for a decade and passed away earlier this year. His comical photos fill the front office.

Cheryl is there as people celebrate life's milestones, printing their wedding invitations and birth announcements.

She witnesses businesses grow, and helps them succeed with affordable solutions.

She's part of the community, participating in the newsletters of dozens of organizations.

And Cheryl is part of all of our lives. Look around your house, through your mail, your briefcase, your desk. Chances are, something there was printed by Lottsburg Printing Company.



Bing Kallus (left) of Merry Point and Millie Roberson of White Stone will appear at the Book Nook Saturday, March 11, to sign copes of their new book *Published! Now Sell It!*

Book is published

A group of writers: novelists, poets, historians, artists and photographers wanted a single volume of simple, practical guidance in marketing their works.

When they found it wasn't available from the big publishers, they pooled the results of their research and wrote it themselves. *Published! Now Sell It!* recently was published.

Two of the five collaborating authors, Bing Kallus and Millie Roberson, will appear at The Book Nook in Kilmarnock from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, to sign copies of their new book.

Virginia Farm Bureau provides identity theft resolution services

Virginia Farm Bureau (VFB) recently announced that it has partnered with Identity Theft 911 to assist their members through the difficult process of restoring their credit and regaining control of their identity if and when they become a victim of identity theft or a natural disaster.

VFB will now provide identity theft resolution services to all of its members at no additional cost.

Identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in America. Federal Trade Commission statistics estimate that almost 10 million Americans were victims last year.

The majority of identity theft cases do not result in substantial out-of-pocket expenses for victims; rather, the most significant losses are time and a sense of personal security.

"We take very seriously the trust our members place in us," said VFB president and chief executive officer Bruce Hiatt. "Living up to that trust means continually finding new and innovative ways to protect them. Our hope is that this program will be a source of added peace of mind to our members."

Identity Theft 911 is considered the nation's leading provider of identity theft crisis resolution, defense and education services. The firm assigns a personal advocate to guide victims through the difficult process of identity theft recovery. The advocate can assist with placing credit file fraud alerts; completing the FTC fraud affidavit; making phone calls to police departments, creditors, collection agencies and credit rating agencies; and setting up a case file for insurance claims and law enforcement investigations.

In addition, VFB members will have access to Identity Theft 911's proactive educational material through www.vfbinsurance.com and www.vafb.com.

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Buxton elected to lead elder law organization

The members of the Virginia Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys recently elected Joseph T. Buxton III of Urbanna president.

He is a certified elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and is the founding director of Joseph T. Buxton III P.C., which provides legal services in Eastern Virginia through TrustBuilders Law Center in Yorktown and Urbanna.

"With the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 signed into law on February 8, President Bush has implemented the most far reaching changes to the Medicaid law as it affects seniors and those confined to nursing homes," Buxton said. "Under the new law, individuals will find it increasingly more difficult to protect their assets and otherwise provide for their families in the face of long-term care costs. Qualifications for Medicaid will become increasingly more difficult. These changes will put elder law attorneys at the eye of the storm as more and more people discover the difficulty in saving the family farm or home and other assets for their children, in the face of long-term disability."

Author luncheon set

The York River Circle of the King's Daughters will host three writers at its annual book/author luncheon at Newington Baptist Church in Gloucester March 24 at noon.

Heidi Hartwiger has written award-winning fiction, nonfiction and poetry. A writing instructor at the Workforce and Community Development Center at Rappahannock Community College in Glenns, she will speak about her books and how she was inspired to write.

Dr. John Harding, president of the board of Rappahannock Community College, has completed three novels.

Tom Doyle has just published his fourth novel.

The writers will sign and sell their books. Profits go to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and other charities.

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Pat Bruce joins real estate firm

Lawler Real Estate recently announced that Pat Bruce has joined the firm as a residential and commercial agent. Bruce grew up in Kilmarnock and lives in White Stone.

"Her knowledge of the Northern Neck and its history are assets when it comes to her new profession in real estate," said Patt Lawler.

A teacher for 29 years, in public schools and 26 years at Chesapeake Academy, Bruce is excited about her new career.

"I am learning something new each day, meeting wonderful people, and enjoying being out in the community that means so much to me," said Bruce.

She and her husband, William, are the founders and chairs of the Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show which benefits the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department.

"Public service is very important to me and being able to bring a high quality art show to my community, and help the fire department at the same time, is so very rewarding," said Bruce.

A graduate of Lancaster High School and Mary Baldwin College, Bruce has two grown children. She is the daughter of Mrs. M. B. Lamberth, and the late Dr. Lamberth, of Kilmarnock.

Business Briefs

■ Farm site

The American Farm Bureau recently unveiled a website to help producers increase income and reduce expenses from production decisions.

The site lists production information for cattle, cotton, dairy, feed grains, fruits/vegetables, hogs, peanuts, rice, soybeans and wheat. For more information, visit the American Farm Bureau webwsite http://fopda.fo.org.

■ Farm insurance

Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite, (AGR-Lite), is a new insurance program now available in Virginia. Virginia farmers may apply for whole-farm revenue protection insurance that covers most crops and livestock.

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Vineyard friends conclude season

What are the two most important words in wine tasting?

Answer "More please!" and you'd be right at home with members of White Fences Friends of the Vineyard recently gathered to hear beguiling national wine educator Mark Phillips discuss wine tasting (verses drinking) at their annual winter party.

The right answer according to Phillips is "Who cares!"

"The only thing that separates you from the experts is knowing how to taste wine like the experts," said Phillips.

He promoted a four-step process that incorporates the eyes, nose and mouth, and is all about gathering as much information from the wine as possible.

While the first and last steps remain important—appearance and finish (how long flavor lasts in the mouth after swallowing), it's the middle two that Phillips focused his teaching on. Describing aroma as the foreplay in the wine tasting process, he directed his pupils to resist the urge to sip the wine poured in glasses in front of them and just sniff.

"Ram your nose all the way in! Get as close to the wine as possible!" he insisted.

Phillips directed the group to swirl the wine in small circles within the bowl-shaped glass, and sniff again. A communal "ooh!" from the room was clear confirmation that aroma amplified, along with enjoyment, from allowing the wine to interact with air and "open" from swirling.

Phillips gently lambasted a few in the audience for "bowlage," his nickname for the wine-taster violation of palming the bowl (which warms the wine and blocks appearance), as opposed to "stem-age," the expert wine-taster glass-holding posture.

Mark Phillips educates members and guests of White Fences Friends of the Vineyard on the professional technique of wine tasting.

Next, he led the group through taste, which he defined as feeling and flavor.

"Acidity and tannin are the critical feelings in wine," he explained, directing White Fences Friends to "put some wine in your mouth and swish it like a mouthwash," a professional wine tasting method most of those gathered were unfamiliar with and found quite humorous. Salivating in the front of the tongue from the overly tart wine, the group acquiesced, allowing Phillips to successfully illustrate the affects of a highly acidic wine.

"There isn't a whole lot of flavor in wine if you just put it in your mouth and swallow," said Phillips, preparing the group for phase two—flavor, and the role of the nasal cavity.

Demoting the tongue to a lesser role, Phillips demonstrated the art of "sucking in air while sipping" to gain greater flavor. "It's kind of wacky, but it works," noted Phillips, giving away the key to sucking-air-sipping success—chin down against the chest to eliminate wine leaking to the back of the throat and, ugh, gagging.

"Taste as much wine as you can over your lifetime," said Philips. "Try to relate what you are getting from the wine with the facts from the wine.

The event concluded friends' 2005 membership season.

In addition to newsletters outlining White Fences vineyard management activities, yearly membership entitles members to attend three grape growing/winemaking workshops coupled with wine tasting parties.

Members are provided opportunities to work among the vines either pruning, hedging, hoeing, tucking, or walking the rows inspecting leaves and clusters for pests.

As the vineyard grows and the winery comes into operation, members will be privy to behind-the-scene winemaking activities including barrel tastings and blending parties.

Memberships are $100 per person and are renewed in the spring. For more information, contact Julie at 438-6348 or julie@nofences.com.

Friends of the vineyard members participate in a winter pruning workshop.

Association executive presented service award

From left are Kathryn Murray and Pat Dunn.

Patricia "Pat" D. Dunn, association executive for the Northern Neck Association of Realtors, was one of six Realtor Executives in Virginia to be awarded the Omega Tau Rho medallion for service and accomplishments.

She attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

During the past 20 years, while employed by the Northern Neck Association of Realtors, she has earned the status of Professional Standards Administrator, as well as being certified to conduct mediation and arbitration cases should they occur. In addition, she oversees the NNAR Multiple Listing Service that covers Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, and Essex counties. She and her husband, Charles L. Dunn, are residents of Sharps in Richmond County.

Kathryn Murray is the newly elected Northern Neck Association of Realtors president for 2006. Murray graduated from Bryn Mawr College and later received an MBA in finance from NYU. In addition to being a licensed realtor, she is also a licensed appraiser in Virginia.. Prior to moving to the Northern Neck thirteen years ago, she worked in Manhattan & Washington, D.C. She has been a realtor for the past 10 years and is currently affiliated with River to River Realty in Callao. She and her husband, H. Alton Whitlock, live in Warsaw,

Other realtors serving the Northern Neck Association of Realtors for the Year 2006 are president-elect A. J. "Joey" Self Jr., of Joe Self Realty in Callao; vice president, Linda Withers of Anchor Realty in Callao: and directors Rebecca Packett of Irving D. Packett Real Estate in Warsaw; Donna Medlin of Landmark Properties in Tappahannock; Tom Kimmitt of Middle Bay Realty in Wicomico Church; Jeanne Fletcher of River Towne Properties in Urbanna; Roger Coleman of Port & Starboard Real Estate in Callao; George English of United Country/Bay River Real Estate in Callao; Wendy Self-Newsome of Joe Self Realty in Callao; and Barbara Jean LeFon of Rivah Realty in Montross.

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Ag Week to place spotlight on farmers

Spring is a time of growth and rejuvenation, so it is quite fitting that National Ag Day 2006 will be celebrated March 20, the first day of spring.

March 19 is the first day of National Ag Week, seven days set aside to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by U.S. agriculture. With that in mind, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Women's Committee will hold Farmers Share events at Food Lion grocery stores around the state on March 21 and 23.

Volunteers will invite shoppers to take a short multiple-choice quiz on agriculture, based on information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Agriculture Council of America sponsors National Ag Week with the hopes that the week's activities will help Americans understand how food and fiber products are produced, as well as the value of agriculture's essential role in maintaining a strong economy.

Local home health service chooses data management vendor

On February 23, Rappahannock General Hospital Home Health formally accepted an agreement for the implementation and deployment of CareAnyware's comprehensive browser-based clinical and financial application.

"We are very excited about working with the team at Rappahannock General Hospital Home Health, a recognized leader in healthcare quality improvement in Virginia as well as an active member of the Virginia Home Care Association," said chief executive officer Richard Guerin.

"After a comprehensive search, Rappahannock General Hospital Home Health has selected CareAnyware's web-based software solution, for our Home Health Care Organization," said RGH Home Health director Dell Hinman.

"Our agency, with its varied programs and payor sources, required a software vendor that is able to move away from a cookie cutter approach to data management in the home care industry," said Hinman. "We are confident that Care Anyware is that vendor."

"All of the new technologies we implement must improve outcomes and/or enhance efficiencies resulting in values that are visible to our patients," said RGH vice president of nursing Gail Cameron.

"CareAnyware's browser-based application and secured data storage site allows users to avoid the major costs at the agency level verses the traditional client-server business model offered by most software vendors," added information systems director David Glosser. "Their flexible architecture will allow CareAnyware to accommodate our needs as we experience growth from both patients and the need for more timely and accurate data, and our ability to interpret, relay and act on the information the application provides from the data."

"Although this is not our first point-of-care implementation, we expect to see tremendous improvement on documentation, orders, OASIS, intake, scheduling and billing," said Cameron.

"The reporting aspect will give us the detailed data needed to allow us to have the decision-making tools needed to be successful with P4P," she said. "These benefits will allow us to focus on our core mission, to improve patient outcomes where possible, and to provide caring services for patients and all customers involved in the care of our patients."

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Farmers should suit up before hitting the field

What do baseball players and farmers have in common?

Both need to wear protective gear to play their best. And that includes sun and hearing protection.

Hall of Fame pitcher and rancher Nolan Ryan joins Farm Bureau to urge all farm and ranch families to take time to review safety practices during Agriculture Safety Awareness Week, March 5 to 11.

"Because they spend long hours in the sun, farmers are at high risk for getting skin cancer," Ryan said. "A hat with a wide brim provides protection for your ears and neck."

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

The American Cancer Society recommends wearing sunscreen with a sun protection factor, or SPF, of 15 or higher, sunglasses with 99 percent to 100 percent UV absorption, and a wide-brimmed hat instead of a baseball cap.

Earplugs are also an essential personal protective item when working in agriculture, due to prolonged exposure to loud noises from tools, equipment and animals.

Stratford Hall hosts tourism fair

Some 20 Northern Neck businesses met at Stratford Hall February 17 to showcase the region for a group of travel writers and tour operators.

They were visiting the area as part of a Travel South writer's convention in Richmond.

In conjunction with the Northern Neck Tourism Council, the businesses set up displays in the Stratford Visitor Center. The event included models of buildings, costumed ladies and gentlemen, brochures and guides.

Escorted by Northern Neck Heritage Tours, the guests toured the main house, had lunch in the Stratford dining room, and then toured the business displays.

Other participants included Christ Church, the Hope and Glory Inn, Essex Inn, Menokin, Northern Neck Farm Museum, A.T. Johnson Museum, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, Richmond County Museum, Athena Vineyards, Belle Mount Vineyards, Oak Crest Vineyards, Tides Inn, Kilmarnock Museum, Steamboat Era Museum, Virginia State Parks, Colonial Beach Museum and George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

The writers and tour operators ended their visit with a wine tasting at Ingleside Vineyards.

Children's author plans book-signing

Jean Hornsby of Deltaville has published "a novel for children" *Tree-Riffic.* A book-signing is set for March 17 at The Oaks in Lively, beginning at 10 a.m.

Hornsby is dedicating her book to the Hospice Support Care of Middlesex County Inc. Part of the proceeds from the book sales on March 17 will be donated to hospice.

Hornsby's new book is inspired by Christian values and illustrated with 47 color illustrations by Gloucester artist John E. Ayers. The book is edited by Ronald Payne of Deltaville and published by Author House in association with Jean Hornsby's Shady Acres Press LLC.

The story is set on Shawnee Mountain in Pennsylvania in 1947 and centered around the Ned and Nora Hammermill family comprised of Jean, Susie, Johnny, Carol and baby Janice. At age 10, Jean is the oldest and wisest of the children and central to the story.

Together this group of characters takes the reader down the road to the past that is more innocent and fun.

The story is told through the eyes of "Mr. Oak" and "Miss Maple," two leaves Jean enters into a 4-H contest. The two leaves tell the story as they watch the children grow up.

"I consider my book to be a lightning rod for Christ," said Hornsby. "We should all be fishers of men. This book is not only meant to entertain, but it was also written deliberately to keep the home fires burning for The Risen Christ. With the publication of this book, I spread my net as a fisher of all men and women to bring them closer to our Lord. I want this book to serve, and I can think of no better cause than Hospice Support of Middlesex County.

The book is $40 plus $2.05 tax. It will be sold at a special discount price of $35 plus $1.70 tax at the book-signing.

Mailed copies can be ordered for $50, which includes shipping and handling, from Hornsby at P.O. Box 713, Deltaville, VA 23043; or call 776-9709.

At the book signing, anyone donating $100 or more to Hospice Support Care of Middlesex County Inc. will receive a generous discount on the price of the book.

An audio version of *Tree-Riffic,* with the voice of Shakespearean actor Robert Winston Mercy, will be available soon.

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Chesapeake Academy student show hangs at Kilmarnock gallery

The Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock invites the community to view Chesapeake Academy's Student Art Show through March.

"Amazing is the word I use to describe this exhibit," said manager Ginny Sawkins. "Nancy O'Shaughnessy, Chesapeake's art teacher absolutely outdid herself this year."

"The originality and complexity of the projects and the creativity of the students are exceptional," said Ann Vilet. "I hope lots of people come in to the gallery to see this."

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a collage cut-out installation on one wall that combines figure drawing, composition, and individual expression into a large collaborative work entitled "See Us As We Are." Four life-size collage figures represent four common themes of the teenage years—listening to music, having fun and being active, being creative, and feeling stress, frustration and boredom. In considering the composition of the installation, students studied masterpieces by da Vinci, Velazquez and Vermeer. They settled on arranging the figures in two asymmetrical triangles which create an interesting arrangement and communicate the feeling of isolation in the solitary figure.

O'Shaughnessy complimented her eighth-grade students who created the collaborative work. "The work of the students was exceptional and the end result gives us a clear, yet brief glimpse of each student," she said.

Students involved in the project are Patrick Best, Colby Bishop, Robbie Brent, Rebecca Britt, Georgia Courson, Mikey Faulkner, Kaitlyn Hand, Catherine Harris, Johnny Hudgins, Leland James, Tim Johnson, Weston Johnson, Nathan Lewis, Gretchen Lidicker, Virginia Mangano, David Miles, Hannah Newman, Jenny O'Shaughnessy, John Radcliffe, Mark Rhodes, Andy Schroeder, Weylen Slay, William Somers, Patrick Szyperski, Rachel Wyvill, Robert Wineland and Ben Wrightson.

Other projects include kindergarten students' color-field monoprints of "My World;" first-grade painted paper collages of "What is a Golliwog?"; second-graders' paper collages of Color Birds; third-graders' improvisational works combining collage and jazz; fourth-graders' Cubist Faces; fifth-graders' collage reliefs based on "Dali Salad" by Red Grooms; sixth-graders' colored pencil drawings of composite heads; and seventh-graders' folk art snakes.

The Studio Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Students may apply for Junior 4-H camp

Registration is now open for Junior 4-H Camp.

Northern Neck boys and girls ages 9 to 13 can attend junior 4-H Camp at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center from June 12 to 16.

Four-H Camp is a week of fun, hands-on experiences where children "learn by doing," said Extension agent Wendy R. Herdman. 4-H camping is cooperative group living in a natural environment that focuses on developing life skills, social, spiritual, mental and physical development in young people, she said.

Camping experiences include swimming, canoeing, campfires, new friends and playing games under the supervision of caring adults. The fee is $150 and consists of meals, lodging, programs and transportation. Financial aid is available.

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center occupies a 16-acre riverfront site near the Jamestown Settlement in Williamsburg. Facilities include air-conditioned lodges and cabins, dining hall, recreation hall, clinic with EMT, pool and aquatic resource center.

Four-H camp staff, extension agents and trained volunteer leaders provide camper supervision, instruction and support.

Jamestown 4-H Center Educational Center has achieved standards of safety and excellence to earn American Camping Association accreditation, the seal of approval for camping facilities and programs.

For more information, or a scholarship application, call Herdman at the Northumberland County Extension office at 580-5694, or the Lancaster County Extension office at 462-5780.

From left, Tyler Barksdale, Brandon Ross, Madison Davis and Shermya Butler gather at the penny jars to represent their classes.

Students raise $2,081 for leukemia patients

Students at Lancaster Primary School collected "pennies for patients" to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during February.

After three weeks of bringing their spare change to school, the students reached $2,081.16.

The top fund-raising class was Laura Goodfellow's second-grade class. They raised $345. and won a pizza party awarded by the society. In second place was Wanda Black's third-grade class with $303.41, and in third place, Mary Frances Forrester's preschool class with $165.22.

Leukemia is the leading cause of cancer death among children. An estimated 747,465 Americans have blood cancers, and every five minutes, someone new is diagnosed. Since 1992, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 12 million elementary, middle and high school students nationwide. The mission of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

"These students serve as an example to all of us through their commitment to helping others," said Jennifer Stout, campaign coordinator for the Virginia Chapter. "Their efforts will help local patients and their families along with funding blood cancer research at the University of Virginia," she said.

LPS thanked the Bank of Lancaster for counting the coins and the parents for supporting this effort.

For information on local programs and services of the Virginia Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, call 800-866-4483, or visit www.lls.org/va.

School Menu

LANCASTER

Monday, March 13:
Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal & toast
Apple juice
Hot dog on bun or Chicken sticks
Tater tots or Carrots sticks
Fruit cup, Fresh fruit

Tuesday , March 14:
Chicken biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Steakum & cheese sub or Fish nuggets w/roll, Golden corn or Steamed broccoli, Spiced applesauce or Fresh fruit

Wednesday, March 15:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or
Cereal & toast, Grape juice
Chicken nuggets or Tuna sandwich w/ chips, Mashed potatoes or Green beans
Pear halves or Fresh fruit

Thursday, March 16:
Sausage biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Tacos/salsa or Ham & cheese on bun
Lettuce, tomato, cheese or Golden corn, Sliced peaches or Fresh fruit

Friday, March 17:
French Toast w/syrup or
Cereal & toast, Fruit punch
Deli turkey sandwich w/lettuce & tomato or Hot pocket, Potato wedges or Peas
Mandarin oranges or Fresh fruit

Course to explore the economics of Africa

Professor David G. Davies will teach a Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning course on "Progress in Sub-Saharan Africa: Euphoria and Despair."

Classes will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 20 and 27 and April 3 at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

The course will identify and explore some of the most important factors, internal and external, that have contributed to the economic performance of African countries. Topics will include Africa's geography, demography, colonial legacy, the Cold War, economics of civil wars, the long-term impacts of the oil shocks of the 1970s, and the commodity bust of the early 1980s with resulting heavy indebtedness.

Attention will be given to the effectiveness of foreign aid and to the changing perceptions by donors of constraints on development and development priorities.

Dr. Davies is visiting professor of economics at the College of William and Mary. He received his AB from Oberlin College and his PhD in economics from the University of North Carolina. He taught economics at the University of North Carolina, Duke, Harvard, and George Mason.

Dr. David G. Davies

Davies was a Ford Foundation economic adviser to the governments of Nigeria and Kenya for eight years. He retired from the World Bank after almost two decades of work in Africa, Russia and Asia.

To enroll, send name, address and a $30 tuition fee to Sharon Drotleff, Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation Inc., PO Box 923, Warsaw, VA 22572; or call 333-6707, or 877-722-3679.

RCC Nursing students attend legislative day

Rappahannock Community College recently sent a class of registered nursing students to the 21st annual Virginia Nurses' Legislative Day at the Marriott Hotel in Richmond. Nursing schools across the state were represented. Many members of the Virginia Nurses Association also attended.

The morning was spent in seminars and workshops where participants discussed issues which will affect the future of nursing, and upcoming legislation designed to address these issues. After lunch, attendees marched to the Capitol for a rally, followed by visits to each group's area legislators.

"We learned about the nursing shortage, and about which bills will be introduced to [promote nursing and nursing education]," said Elsie Mangano, RCC's RN program coordinator.

In addition to this annual event, RCC's nursing students keep busy with public-service projects closer to home.

On March 15, the student nurses' organization (an affiliate of the National Student Nurses Association) will hold a Screening Fair featuring free blood pressure and blood glucose tests, from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the student lounges on RCC campuses in Warsaw and Glenns. The public is invited.

Head Start seeking applications

The Northern Neck Head Start Program is accepting applications from resident families of Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland and Colonial Beach for the 2006-07.

The program will accept children who will be ages 3 or 4 by September 30.

"If you have a child that will be age eligible, it is now time to place your application with Head Start," said Northern Neck Head Start family service coordinator Barbara A. Hayes. "Spaces are limited at all sites, so apply as soon as possible."

The free program extends five days per week with breakfast, lunch and snack included.

"Our program is designed to offer children a structured preschool experience, while at the same time offering services to the child's family," said Hayes. "Our program is also designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Head Start seeks children from low-income families and children with special needs."

The Department of Health and Human Services funds the program, which requires families to meet federal income guidelines.

To apply, submit a completed enrollment application with a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of family income. Applications may be picked up at the local Head Start office, primary school, health department or department of social services.

To receive an application by mail in Richmond and Essex, residents may call 445-1119. Lancaster and Northumberland residents may call 580-2221. Westmoreland and Colonial Beach residents may call 224-5405.

Theatre IV performs for Lancaster students

Theatre IV Children's Theatre of Virginia gave three performances of "Songs From the Soul" for students at Lancaster Middle School grades 4 through 8, Chesapeake Academy, and Lancaster High School on Thursday, March 2.

Actors Durron Tyree, Reggie Woods and Lisanne Shaffer covered over 300 years of African-American history with drama, explanations and songs. The program was written for entertainment and educational purposes. It explores the origin of African-American music and its evolution and assimilation into American culture.

From the spirituals to the blues, ragtime to Motown, the energetic cast captured the audience's attention in a most entertaining history lesson, said Jean Poole. They linked social and economic themes with the music of the periods and the change in the black experience in the U.S.

Impersonations of Little Richard, the Jackson Five, and Diana Ross had the audience clapping along. The musical range of Tyree, Woods and Shaffer included over 25 different songs and periods.

The performances were made possible by the Lancaster Middle School PTA, Chesapeake Academy, Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Girl Scouts celebrate Thinking Day

Thirty Girl Scouts recently gathered at White Stone United Methodist Church to celebrate Thinking Day, and to participate in a Noah's Ark stuffed animal workshop. Participants represented Brownie Troop 95, Brownie Troop 663, Brownie and Junior Troop 456 and Junior and Cadette Troop 3202. Leaders are needed to start new troops. Contact Lancaster County service unit director Suzanne Dix Keyser at 438-5026.

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First grade visits the Tides Inn

The first grade at Chesapeake Academy visited the Tides Inn to learn about their community and the jobs people do. The Tides food and beverage manager Kevin Maguire planned the tour, which included meeting chef TV, who helped them decorate cupcakes, which they ate. Clockwise from left are Bella Maguire, Harley Haydon, Billy Williamson, teacher Joan Marple, Kevin Maguire, chef TV, Linda Gaskins, Sarah Wohleking, Joshua Revere, Josh Waite and Tyler Dunaway.

Students invited to Academy Day

U.S. Senators John W. Warner and George Allen recently announced that all high school and junior high students interested in applying to a U.S. Service Academy are invited to attend Virginia Academy Day March 25, at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico.

"Studying and serving at a Service Academy is both a high honor and huge challenge. Only the finest students will be chosen. Each year I have the privilege of nominating a handful of young men and women in Virginia who have proven their academic, physical and personal excellence. These students make me very proud as they represent Virginia and serve our county," said Sen. Allen. "All students who are interested in attending a Service Academy should take this opportunity to learn about the application and nomination process."

"I consider military service to be one of the greatest privileges of American citizenship, and was fortunate myself to have been able to enlist in the Navy toward the end of World War II, and, later, to serve as a Marine officer in Korea.," said Sen. Warner. "Today, we are similarly fortunate in Virginia to have such fine young men and women considering accepting the challenge and duty of service in the military, and in particular, attendance at one of our Service Academies. I invite all young Virginians interested in competing for a spot at these fine institutions to attend Academy Day and learn as much as they can about the process."

High school and junior high students, their parents and guidance counselors are provided with a comprehensive overview of the U.S. Service Academies and their admissions process. Students will be able to meet with officials from the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Representatives from the Congressional offices will be available to answer questions regarding the Congressional nomination that is necessary to be considered for admission to a Service Academy.

Virginia Academy Day 2006 will be held at Reasoner Hall at Marine Corps Base Quantico from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Sen. Warner's office at 202-224-2023, or Sen. Allen's office at 771-2221, or visit their websites at http://warner.senate.gov, or http://allen.senate.gov.

Teacher honored

Darlene Nonnemacker (left) was presented an Excellence in Education Award by Shauna McCranie at a recent meeting of the Virginia Gamma Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority for Women Educators. Nonnemacker teaches at Northumberland Elementary School. For many years, she has contributed extra hours to students beyond her normal teaching day.

Evelyn Jessie

Christchurch student receives volunteer award

Christchurch School senior Evelyn Jessie, the daughter of John and Connie Jessie of Glenns, has been honored with a President's Volunteer Service Award for exemplary volunteer service.

The award, the first given to a Christchurch student, recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of time to serve their communities and their country. It is presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

A Headmaster's List student, Jessie makes contributions to the community through her service to the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Model UN.

Taking stock

Northumberland Elementary School principal Arnette Butler (left) and guidance secretary Lynda Siddons, look over school supplies provided by the Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council. Interfaith provides school supplies to children in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

Desmond Coleman is caught in mid-air.

Jumping rope for a cause

On February 24, Lancaster Primary School held its annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students raised $5,792 for the American Heart Association and honored those contributing by jumping rope.

Top fund-raisers were Joel Spiers with $316, Emily Lux with $310 and Lane Stephens and Allashia Muschette with $150.

LPS coordinator Dave Zeiler thanked students who participated and the community for donations.

Christchurch posts Headmaster's Lists

Christchurch School headmaster John Byers recently announced the Headmaster's Lists for the second marking period and first semester for the 2005-06 academic session.

Students named to the Headmaster's Lists must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

The Headmaster's List for the second marking period includes Young Hoon An, Lee Arnest, Anne Arntson, Molly Banfield, Samantha Bigg, Anh Bui, Sung Bok Chang, Yu Kan Chang, Julian Cornwell, Jess Crabill, James D'Antonio, Ryan Ellen, Jordan Flemer, Matt Fluhr, Adam Gilley, Woody Hales, Nicholas Hanson, Molley Hardin, Birkir Heimisson, Erik Hennigar, Scott Heyman, Ty Horn, Khouri Howard, Yu-Neng Hung and Yu-Te Hung.

Also, Evelyn Jessie, Sarah Jones, Young Woong Joo, Hyun-Soo Kim, Kyeonghee Kim, Sang Ho Kim, Jae Han Kwon, Angela Lewis, Hannah Lidicker, Chung-Yon Lin, Alexandra Longest, Peyton Longest, Justus Lunstedt, Peyton McCann, Colin McGuirk, Winston Mugford, Hyung Joon Nam, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Lynn Pettyjohn, Madeleine Przybyl, Laura Ransone, Kelsey Robusto and Jack Roebuck.

Also, Jessie Sciacchitano, Kathleen Sinagra, Vito Skaric, Eleanor Smith, Jae-Yun Song, Sam Stark-Rankins, Woody Stephens, Cole Sullivan, Chelsea Trotter, Robby Walker, T. Whittaker, Ariele Wildt, Janie Williams, Andrew Wilton, Sae Won Yoon and Jody Young.

The Headmaster's List for the first semester includes Hoon An, Arnest, Arntson, Banfield, Bigg, Patrick Bolen, Bui, Sung Bok Chang, Yu Kan Chang, Cornwell, Crabill, D'Antonio, Ellen, Gilley, Hales, Hanson, Hardin, Heimisson, Hennigar, Heyman, Ty Horn, Yu-Neng Hung, Yu-Te Hung, Jessie, Joo, Hyun-Soo Kim, Kyeonghee Kim, Jae Han Kwon, Lidicker, Lin, Alexandra Longest and Peyton Longest.

Also, Mugford, Nam, William Pace, Przybyl, Casey Putney, Ransone, Robusto, Roebuck, Sciacchitano, Vito Skaric, Eleanor Smith, Song, Stark-Rankins, Trotter, Walker, Wildt, Williams, Harrison Willis, Wilton, Yoon and Young.

Mad Dogs win Brain Bowl

The Mad Dogs won the Brain Bowl game at Lancaster Middle School March 3. From left, T.J. Morning, DeJon Savoy, Shaquille Coles and Tyler Shirk correctly compute the addition of fractions. The next Brain Bowl will be Friday, March 10, at the LMS Theater at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

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From left are assistant administrator Clifton M. Balderson and residency administrator Sean P. Trapani.

VDOT residency to hold open house

The Virginia Department of Transportation will hold an open house at the new Northern Neck Residency at 734 Barnfield Road in Haynesville Wednesday, March 15, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The new facility replaces the Warsaw residency. It will house nearly 100 employees including the new residency administrator Sean P. Trapani and assistant administrator Clifton M. Balderson.

Trapani replaces Carter White. The residency's name was changed to the Northern Neck Residency to more accurately reflect the communities it serves. The residency is responsible for the counties of Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster and Northumberland.

For more directions, call 333-3696.

▼ *Asian oyster trial could be approved . . . .*

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the request.

Noting the failed status of the Virginia oyster industry, VMRC member Russell Garrison said the industry, regulators and scientists have got to take a chance and the triploid Asian oyster is a way to take a chance,

VMRC member Rick Robins said that in addition to economic benefits, the contained aquaculture project would provide additional scientific data. Deployment of the non-native species might also improve the status of the native oyster by improving water quality, he said.

The council also is seeking authorization to grow sub-market-size oysters left over from a previous trial until they reach harvest size.

Following the discussion, Pruitt indicated a willingness to sign his approval.

Among other issues, the VMRC by a 5-0 vote approved a permit requested by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Conrad to install a pump and related piping to serve a crab shedding facility along a cove of Greenvale Creek in Rocky Neck. The action changes the use of an existing pier from private to commercial. However, only Conrad can use the pier in his crabbing operation.

At the other end of Lancaster County, Ernest L. George agreed to remove his pound net from his current Windmill Point location and apply for a new site within the commission's existing rules.

▼ *Police . . . .*

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traffic stops with two summonses issued, provided motorist assistance five times, responded for five building alarms, made three inmate transports, served a mental health order and received a call for animal control service.

In calls for fire department service during the week, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded for traffic accidents at Mount Olive Church and near Jesse Ball DuPont Memorial Highway and Carlson Road. The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded for a brush fire on Lara Road.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported 16 arrests last week.

Michael P. Dawson, 28, of Callao was charged February 27 on an Essex County warrant with writing a bad check in the amount of $31.46 to a Tappahannock area business.

Roger Allen McMahon II, 27, of Ophelia was charged February 27 with failure to appear in the Circuit Court.

Kevin Mashone Kelly, 32, of Tappahannock was charged March 2 with failure to obey a court order.

A 15-year-old Heathsville juvenile was charged February 10 with felony breaking and entering and misdemeanor charges of larceny and underage possession of alcohol.

A 68-year-old Heathsville man was charged February 21 with writing a bad check in the amount of $27.81 to a Heathsville area business.

A Warsaw man was charged February 23 with writing a bad check in the amount of $35.70 to a Callao area business.

An Oldhams man was charged February 26 with writing a bad check in the amount of $40.79 to a Callao area business.

An 18-year-old Callao man was charged March 1 with appearing intoxicated in public while under the age of 21.

A 57-year-old Lottsburg woman was charged March 1 with a probation violation.

An 18-year-old Mathews man was charged March 2 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A 16-year-old Heathsville juvenile was charged March 2 with shoplifting from a Heathsville area business.

A 27-year-old Heathsville man was charged March 3 with assault and battery of a family or household member.

A Weems couple was charged March 3 on Lancaster County warrants with five counts of failure to file state tax returns.

A 22-year-old Tappahannock woman was charged March 3 with writing a bad check in the amount of $90 to a Callao area business.

A 19-year-old Heathsville man was charged March 4 with writing a bad check in the amount of $64.05 to a Heathsville area business.

An 18-year-old Callao man was charged March 5 with assault and battery of a family or household member, as well as revocation of bond from a previous charge.

For the week ending March 5, the sheriff's office dispatch handled 85 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to four alarm calls, 41 citizen complaints, nine accident or traffic offenses, three animal control complaints, and three assists with other agencies.

The sheriff's staff also received reports of:

• vandalism February 2 to a part-time residence in the Chesapeake Beach area of Reedville. Damages to a sliding glass door are valued at $800.

• destruction of property March 4 at a residence in the Mila area. Damages to a storm door are valued at $25.

• a break-in March 4 at a part-time residence in the Heathsville area. Although nothing is reported missing at this time, damages to a double-paned glass door are valued at $300.

LANCASTER COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Lancaster County Crime Solvers is seeking information about two breaking and enterings.

Sometime between November 25 and 29, 2005, a residence in the 500 block of Cove Colony Road was broken into. Items taken include an AM/FM short wave tape player recorder (black in color), 22 cal. revolver (blue in color), 38 cal. revolver (stainless 6 in. barrel), antique ball and cap pistol, assortment of coins, dollar bills (silver certificate), assortment of food and wine, and a crystal statue of a man and woman. Entry was made by breaking glass in the French doors.

Sometime between January 1 and 13, 2006, a residence in the 800 block of Meyers Creek Road was broken into. Items taken include a painting of a shrimp boat with gold frame (artist is Arden Boyce), a 3X3' model sailboat (white), 36" high dark brown end table, decorative baking pans (green and white with vegetable designs), and assorted liquor. Entry was made by breaking a window on the water side of the house.

Report information about a suspicious person or persons, a vehicle or boat in the area around these times to Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls are not recorded. Callers do not have to give their name and will not have to appear in court. Information could lead to a reward up to $1,000.

Deltaville gallery to re-open

Yates House Gallery in Deltaville has many classes and events planned for the spring.

Judith Woodbury of Deltaville will offer free classes in rug-braiding on Friday mornings in March. "Braiding and Tea" will be held from 10 to noon.

A grand re-opening of Yates House Gallery is planned for March 18.

The gallery will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. New artists are welcome.

An earring class by Blanche Scharf will be held March 22 instead of March 15 because of a conflict.

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Notes

by Charlotte Henry

On November 27, 1738, in Council at Williamsburg, Lt. Gov. William Gooch ordered that the Lancaster County courts be relocated, and designated a site "near the head of the Corrotoman River where the muster of the militia usually convenes." This mandate was in response to a petition by the inhabitants of the county "complaining of the inconvenient location of the courts which is inaccessible except by water and that at a very dangerous landing." It was further ordered that a courthouse, prison, pillory and stocks be erected.

In April 1742, the first court was held in the village of Lancaster. The first courthouse, with minor repairs and modifications, functioned in its official capacity for almost 120 years. The early prison didn't fare so well. A veritable litany of repairs and rebuilding intersperses the court records. Throughout the next 75 years, county officials contended with the problem of providing a secure prison.

In 1819, after a dozen or more rehabilitations, the justices agreed that a completely new building was necessary. The first story of the south wing of the historic Old Jail was the result of that successful effort.

A detailed and meticulous account and description of the early-19th-century structure can be found in a research treatise written by F.W. Jenkins, titled "Court Records Related to the South Wing of the Old Jail." Jenkins is chairman of the Lancaster board of supervisors. In1822, a second story was added to the south wing.

At the same time, the justices voted to sell a small wooden building standing north of the new jail. It had, since 1810, served as a Debtors Prison. It certainly seemed economically feasible to maintain one facility to house both a criminal and common jail. The wooden building, now deemed unnecessary, was sold for $110, with the purchaser leasing the county land on which it stood for one cent per year.

The ink was barely dry on the newly executed deed for the debtors prison building, when a state mandate was issued to every county requiring that separate structures be maintained for the prison population. After a vain effort to buy back the small wooden building they had so recently sold, the justices met to lay plans for the additional building. By 1824, the north wing of the Old Jail was completed. The buildings were separate but joined by an inner stair and passageway with heavily secured doors on each side.

Most old buildings have an aura of mystery about them. Myths and legends abound in the folklore. One such belief centered around that stairway construction. There was a bricked up space, its only access, a trap door, to the right of the connecting dungeon, referenced by early researchers as an "oubliette," an obscure term meaning "to forget," and intended for persons condemned to perpetual imprisonment.

In 1992, Alan Morledge, A.I.A., an expert on colonial structures, visited the site. He explained that the purpose of that mysterious space was not a place of doom. but rather, practically, an area that had accommodated a stair support for the second floor of the south wing and that had been sealed to prevent escape by prisoners when the north wing was built.

This is the Old Jail as it appeared in 1920.

Another notion continues to be perpetuated. Very visible on the north side of the Old Jail, is a large, heavily grouted "T" shaped image, purported to be the mark left by an old scaffold. Rather, it is the mark of scaffolding for construction purposes when roof work was done.

Apparently, for a short time a gallows was erected on the public land. It is depicted on an 1809 plat in the records, standing at the extreme south east corner of the old courthouse property. It may have been obsolete even at that early date, since there is also recorded in 1801, "the sale of the gibbet iron in this county for the benefit of the Commonwealth."

Public executions at the county seat were a generally rare occurrence. This was a Circuit court and the majority of capital cases were remanded to the state capitol's prison.

The most publicized execution occurred in 1896. A 19-year-old man was indicted for the axe murder of a local storekeeper. Public sentiment ran high and he was sentenced to be hanged in the county venue. An account in the Virginia Citizen describes the scaffold built for the hanging, details the condemned man's last hours and evokes the carnival-like atmosphere that pervaded the grisly event.

Throngs gathered to witness the execution. It seemed apparent that justice had been served. Three years later, a man on his death-bed, confessed that it was he, not the individual who had been hung, who committed the crime. As far as can be determined, that was the last public execution at Lancaster.

In 1938, when the courthouse was enlarged, the prison was moved to the west wing of the new addition. Many local residents remember the final years when the Old Jail still housed prisoners.

One poignant recollection was recently shared by Jane Cornwell Grigg, whose family lived in the "Lancaster House." She vividly recalled that as a youngster, sleeping in a west-facing upstairs bedroom, she would hear a prisoner singing, the only audible sound on a quiet summer's night.

Her memory lends a sense of humanity to an otherwise bleak perspective of the faceless numbers once imprisoned in the Old Jail.

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