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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Kilmarnock celebrates hometown pride

Drowned out at times by the rumbles of construction, Kilmarnock dignitaries and their guests gathered for a "Pride of Kilmarnock Celebration" last Saturday on a Main Street sidewalk that has resurrected itself repeatedly in the last century.

While Kilmarnock has been around for at least 300 years, the town is celebrating its 75 years of incorporation throughout 2006.

Standing outside, "the closest thing Kilmarnock has to an old public building" as town manager Lee Hood Capps put it, a group of 50 people huddled tightly around the door of The Pedestal, formerly the town post office, for the presentation by Rep. Jo Ann Davis of a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Also participating in the ceremony were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, Del. Rob Wittman and the United States Postal Service.

The ceremony also honored Women's History Month by recognizing distinguished women, including Miss Kilmarnock Jessica Hinson, Carolyn Sanders-Smith, the first woman elected to the Kilmarnock Town Council, Mary Lee Carter of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Peggy Whaley, the second woman elected to town council.

Boy Scout Troop 242 stands at attention during the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

From left, master of ceremonies Tawne Hayes introduces Jessica Hinson, Carolyn Sanders-Smith and Mary Lee Carter. (Photos by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Rep. Davis announces candidacy for re-election

Rep. Jo Ann Davis

Rep. Jo Ann Davis last week announced her candidacy for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives at a press conference at the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond.

Rep. Davis was joined by members of the General Assembly supporting her candidacy. She cited a desire to build upon her accomplishments in Congress, and outlined a positive agenda for Virginia's First Congressional District.

"I am running for Congress because I would like to build off the successes that I have been part of for the past six years, and I would like to continue working on behalf of my constituents and their interests. My record reflects the needs of Virginia's families, and I am anxious to expand on what we have accomplished," said Rep. Davis.

She is seeking her third term in Congress. She was re-elected in 2004 with 80 percent of the votes.

"I have a positive message for Virginia, and I am proud to be part of the good things going on in the First District. I am a district-first member of Congress, and I know my district better than anyone who might challenge me for this seat. From Hampton Roads over to the Northern Neck to the Fredericksburg region, this district is growing, and I am proud to be a part of it," she said.

Rep. Davis spoke about a number of priorities that she plans to address in the upcoming year and into the 110th Congress, including transportation, national security, veterans' affairs funding, healthcare, immigration, and the environment, including her efforts to empower states to regulate interstate trash.

On transportation, she noted she was able to secure $5 million in funding to expand Route 17 through Stafford County and millions in funding to fix the CSX tracks at the Fredericksburg train station.

"This is a step in the right direction, but the long-term solution lies in funding well thought out, effective projects in both road and rail improvements," said Rep. Davis. "I will continue to work with the state on transportation solutions."

On national security, she

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Snack bar decision to go to supervisors

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the courthouse.

Agenda items will include a public hearing on a request from Knull Properties LLC to amend proffers as conditions on a previous rezoning granting limited industrial use. The amendment would allow the operation of a snack bar at Yankee Point Sailboat Marina at the end of Oak Hill Road near Ottoman.

The planning commission last month recommended the board approve the request.

At the commission meeting, Ken Knull indicated the snack bar would share a 20-foot by 28-foot building with a washer and dryer facility for marina patrons and handicap accessible restrooms. He intends to pursue a license to sell beer and wine at the snack bar, said Knull.

The board meets in the basement courtroom at the Lancaster County courthouse at 8311 Mary Ball Road.

Schools draft budgets

Northumberland needs additional $1.7 million to balance spending

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board last Monday approved a $1.7 million increase in its operating budget for the 2006-07 school year.

The county is being asked to fund the majority of that increase – $1.3 million – with local dollars. Whether it actually approves that amount will be decided when the board of supervisors votes on the budget in May.

The school board rationalized that more than half of the new spending comes from factors beyond its control. The change in composite index alone accounts for an increase of $400,000 in the county's share.

The composite index is a complicated formula used by the state to determine what percentage of the school budget the locality should fund. Because the calculation compares property values in each locality to the number of school-age students, counties like Northumberland – with high property values and small school populations – carry the heaviest burden.

Northumberland rates among the top 15 schools in the state

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$14 million plan set for public hearing; local share up $1.4 million in Lancaster

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster school board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2006-07 school operating budget at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27, at Lancaster Middle School.

As proposed, the budget will require nearly $1.4 million in additional county funds to help pay primarily for increases in payments to the Virginia Retirement System, Group Life and the employer's share of health insurance costs.

The budget would also provide for a 5 percent plus step salary hike for teachers, and an average pay raise of 6.4 percent for all staff, noted school superintendent Dr. Randolph H. Latimore. To fund the proposed increases in compensation will require $773,605, he said.

New personnel would include two positions for the new Air Force JROTC, an additional teacher for special needs students, a licensed music teacher for the primary school and an additional bus driver to transport students to the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School.

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Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported four arrests and other charges last week.

Ronald E. Creasy, 56, of Tappahannock, was charged March 15 with obtaining money by false pretenses.

A Remo Road woman, 33, was charged March 13 with issuing a bad check.

A Lively man, 56, was charged March 17 with domestic assault and battery.

A Windmill Point Road man, 18, was charged March 19 with drunk driving, reckless driving and under-aged possession of alcohol following a single-vehicle accident with injuries on Windmill Point Road.

A Morattico Road man, 20, was charged March 13 with nonpayment of fines and costs.

A River Road man, 34, was charged March 16 with two counts of non-support on March 15.

Other responses

On March 13 , the sheriff's staff received a walk-in complaint of contract fraud, responded to an E911 disconnect call in the 2900 block of Lara Road (no emergency services needed), responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100

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Fishing reefs, shad and cownose ray items are topics on VMRC agenda

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the commission headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News.

The morning agenda will address habitat management issues and permit applications.

The afternoon docket will address fisheries related issues and related public hearings.

Among items set for hearing, the commission will consider a proposal to construct an artificial fishing reef in Mobjack Bay. The proposal comes from the VMRC fisheries management division.

As proposed, the reef would be at the mouth of Mobjack Bay in 22 to 25 feet of water at mean low tide. The site would be rectangular with the long axis running northwest to southeast. The reef would measure 2,500 yards long by 500 yards wide. It would be sited off the western side of and run parallel with the channel, roughly on a line between Bayside and Guinea marshes.

Initial construction would commence by this coming summer.

A separate hearing is set for the adoption of an ordinance extending emergency regulations passed in February to allow a limited five-fish shad commercial bycatch in upriver spawning grounds on the James, Pamunkey, Mattaponi and Rappahannock rivers. The ordinance would establish the areas and conditions for participation by registered commercial fishermen.

The area on the Rappahannock River would extend from the Downing Bridge at Tappahannock upstream to the Falmouth Bridge.

Commission members also will join in a discussion with representatives of the Virginia Marine Products Board and Virginia Institute of Marine Science regarding the cownose ray.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

We are enveloped here in the artwork of our young people. It's a small-town luxury that city folks forfeit, made possible by the fortunate combination of hard-working art teachers collaborating with community entities to exhibit and utilize student art.

To depict its legacy in an endowment brochure, the Lancaster Community Library asked area schools to stage contests for which students drew what the library meant to them. Winning pieces hung in the library foyer.

Lancaster High School art students drew storyboards for the new Civil War exhibit at the Steamboat Museum. Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury exhibits Lancaster Middle School artwork every December. The Woman's Club of Lancaster sponsors an annual showing of Lancaster Primary School art. Chesapeake Academy eighth-graders made collages of who they were for the Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery.

The 16th annual Spring Art Show of the three Lancaster County public schools will take place at the middle school April 29 and 30. The annual anthology of student writing and art, based on this year's theme of "The World I Know," is coming up soon in the Rappahannock Record.

Middle school students compete in the Lancaster Lions Club's Peace Poster contest, and school art programs contribute wreaths or trees to the YMCA's Festival of Trees. Entries are being readied for the Virginia School Board Association's statewide contest and for Rappahannock Community College's high school show at Warsaw.

Through an independent See and Tell program started by Jerry Peill, student work is on continuous but changing display at about 50 restaurants, offices, businesses and public places throughout Lancaster County. Viewers are asked to write comments via paper and pencil provided, and Lancaster Primary students received 17 notes recently from their pieces at Rappahannock General Hospital.

All this student art doesn't drop out of the sky. It's the art teachers who encourage and instruct and collaborate and mat and select and stay after school to make all this public exposure happen. A receptive community creates opportunities.

It was the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County School District's three art teachers that made me aware of the scope of this art immersion.

"A lot of these students have inherited ability. I've taught their parents, their aunts and uncles, and I've seen whole families of talent in multiple generations."

Mary Grafton Yagel of the primary school and Shauna McCranie of the high school joined Marilyn Sprouse in her middle school art room after dismissal last Wednesday, an unusual day when teachers were not staying after school for Art Club or for Visual Arts, a group identified as having exceptional ability.

Each teacher bore an armful that included storyboards, lists and calendars heavily marked. Spring deadlines loom, with the spring art show being the year's most anticipated event. Students create art year round hoping that this piece or that will have the quality for the spring show. The Rappahannock Art League provides judges, ribbons and refreshments, all coordinated by RAL volunteer and children's art liaison Dorothy Pagano. The schools' link to the RAL, she also attends the after-school meeting.

Calling themselves teachers first and then artists, the three art teachers have 63 combined years as art educators, and, because every primary pupil takes art, Mary Grafton has taught every public school child in the county.

"A lot of these students have inherited ability," she said. "I've taught their parents, their aunts and uncles, and I've seen whole families of talent in multiple generations."

"There is extraordinary talent here," said Shauna, adding that the excellence of art students at the high school reflects the quality of training at the primary and middle schools.

"My first year here I said they were identifying too many children [as gifted]," said Marilyn. "The statistics were not possible. Then I started teaching them. Kids in this community are extra, extra special. At first I didn't know what it was, but I think it's the Rappahannock Art League standing behind us. I've never seen this kind of support from outside the building. And we've no interference from inside the building."

The art league provides scholarships and art supplies for students at Northumberland, Lancaster, Chesapeake Academy and Christ Church schools. When art budgets are depleted, the art league steps in, becoming both the safety net and springboard for student artists and their teachers.

Benefits go both ways. Students learn about their community, give back to the library and the Y that do so much for them, and hear feedback at church from people who've seen their work - for which we, the community, are richer.

Reflections

by John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

A rich spring day

American industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937) was born in Richford, N.Y. In 1853, his family moved to a farm near Cleveland and at age 16 he began work as a bookkeeper. Frugal and industrious, in 1859 he became a partner in a produce business. Just a few years later, with his partners, he'd established an oil refinery, an industry already thriving in Cleveland. His son, John D. Jr. (1874–1960), later became a Baptist leader in New York City.

On February 13, 1841, Norfolk Street Baptist Church was started. Half of the membership and the pastor of Stanton Street Baptist Church left to start the new church on Park Avenue. It was the incubator for the Riverside Church.

On September 22, 1899, John D. Rockefeller Jr. was elected to their board of trustees and as the second leader of the men's Bible class. In 1924, he encouraged the congregation to invite Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick to come to Park Avenue. They were instrumental in planning and financing the construction of the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, a divinely inspired creation of this Fosdick-Rockefeller partnership.

Riverside is modeled after the 13th-century gothic cathedral in Chartres, France. Construction began in 1927; the first service was held October 5, 1930. The nave seats over 2,100 worshipers. The 20-floor tower contains meeting rooms and the 74-bell Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon. The carillon's 20-ton Bourdon bell is the largest turned bell in the world. The smallest bell in our carillon weighs 10 pounds.

That congregation has some 2,400 members and affiliates who come from more than 40 different denominational, national, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Smithland Baptist
Heathsville

When I was last in that Baptist cathedral, hundreds of ministers from the northeast had gathered for the 1981 preview of Cantata Domini, a hymnal of indigenous Christian hymns from around the world.

Like Kilmarnock and the Bank of Lancaster, October 2005 marked the cathedral's 75th anniversary.

In 1903, Judge Dixon L. Foster's dad was warden of the Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg; he asked Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin to become rector. Goodwin captured John Rockefeller's attention, without whose help restoration of Williamsburg might never have occurred.

Henry Ford's parents, also farmers, left Ireland during the potato famine and settled in the Detroit area in the 1840s. Henry (1863-1947) was born in what is now Dearborn, Mich. Early on, his parents noticed that he was handy with machinery. He worked for the Detroit Edison Company, advancing from machine-shop apprentice to chief engineer, even though his formal education was limited. In 1893, Ford built a gasoline engine, and later, an actual automobile, then a novelty item for rich do-it-yourself engineers.

In 1899, Ford left Edison to help run the Detroit Automobile Company. Cars were still built essentially one at a time. To make the process more efficient, Ford hoped to incorporate ideas from other industries, such as standardized parts like Eli Whitney used in gun manufacturing, and the assembly-line methods George Eastman tried in photo processing.

This idea struck others in his field as nutty, so before long Ford quit Detroit Automobile Company and began to build his own racing cars, good enough to attract backers and even partners. In 1903, he set up the Ford Motor Company where in 1908, he began production of the Model T. By 1913, his plant incorporated the first moving assembly line. Demand for the affordable car soared even as production went up. Before Ford stopped making the Model T in 1927, 15 million had been sold and Ford had become the leading auto manufacturer in the country.

About four years ago, Hazel, her two kids and I spent a fun vacation on the west coast of Florida. We toured the Edison Museum and the next-door summer home of Ford.

With my lovely bride, I am part owner of my sixth Ford vehicle. One carried me to seminary. No matter Henry's choice of color, "any color you want as long as it is black." God doesn't seem to like that. I remember seeing a picture of Mr. Ford's 1947 funeral leaving the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul's in Dearborn. It was a tribute to Ford, a tribute to black. On this first full day of spring, God has dusted my shiny black four-door pickup truck a fuzzy shade of chartreuse.

So, what's all this Episcopal-Baptist millionaire stuff about? I am an Episcopal-Baptist chap of faith. I was christened at St. Andrews on Oregon Hill in Richmond, from whence cometh the new rector of Grace Church.

I too am a millionaire; a millionaire of old friends, family and church memories.

Every spring I head for Yorktown. This week I will get there in my yellow dusted Ford truck. On my way, I'll fetch the largest cup of coffee my bladder can entertain and munchies galore. I'll drive the Rockefeller-donated Colonial Parkway on my way over to Jamestown Landing. Then on my return, I will pull into the drive-it-yourself tour of the Yorktown battlefield. There I'll pray for our present armed forces men and women while I note the ages of the colonial dead.

All our wars populate the graves of America's youth. My Ford-Rockefeller tour will be dedicated to my efforts to praying home our present heroes alive.

BAPTIST

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

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, March 26:
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Family Winter Bible Study
Wednesday, March 29:
12 noon, Lenten Service at St. Andrews
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 28:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Thursday, March 23:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, March 27:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, March 28:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 29:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield
Pastor McKibbon
693-5503
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, March 29:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m., Tone Chimes and Children's Choir
2:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, March 27:
12 noon to 6 p.m., Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 28:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 29:
12:05 p.m., Community Lenten Service at St. Andrews'
6 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Bible Study and Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 30:
6 p.m. Exercise Group

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

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church,
435-2435
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Morattico Baptist
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road
White Stone; 435-1272
Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr., Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, March 26:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

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

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, March 29:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Monday, March 27:
2:30 p.m., Mayfair House Birthday Party
7 p .m., Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday, March 28:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
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 29:
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 Krejci, Interim Rector
Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Guided tours by appointment
Sunday, March 26:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

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

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, March 26:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 29:
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
e-mail: wtkump@juno.com
Roger Murch 436-9355
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
www.stjamesapa.org
Sunday, March 26:
Forth 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 26:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; 529-5948
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, March 29:
12 noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran (ELCA)
Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 E. ChurchSt.
529-6269
Saturday, March 25:
2nd & 4th Saturday
5 p.m., Worship Service

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

METHODIST

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

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

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday March 26:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
Thursday, March 23:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, March 26:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
7 p.m., Chancel Choir practice at Bethel
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, March 26:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road,
Edwardsville; 580-7306
Rev. Vernell M. Carter, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

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

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich, Pastor
Saturday, March 25:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, March 23:
6:30 p.m., Prayer Ministry
7:30 p.m., Administrative Council Mtg.
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Saturday, March 25:
8 a.m., Aquarium visit
10 a.m., UMW District Celebration (Andrew Chapel-Montross)
*Leave at 8:30 a.m.
5 p.m., Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 26:
9 a.m., Service of Word
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday March 28:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Mila
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Saturday, March 25:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast meeting
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Potato Luncheon
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Wednesday, March 29:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, March 25:
11 a.m., Memorial Service for Mrs. Gladys Lumpkin
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 29:
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Thursday, March 23:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 23)
Saturday, March 25:
9 a.m., Hand Bell Workshop
Sunday, March 26:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Sermon: "The Measure We Give" (Haggai 1:5-11)
Monday, March 27:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 20)
Tuesday, March 28:
10 a.m., Parish Nurse Comm.
Wednesday, March 29:
12:05 p.m. Community Lenten service
1 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 24)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.
Weems, 438-5853
Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Bread of Life Christian Center
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079
Rev. Phillip C. Lee, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, March 28:
7 p.m., Guided Truth Bible Study

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

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Obituaries

Jefferson Carey

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Jefferson Carey, 100, of Jacksonville, Fla., died March 7, 2006.

Mr. Carey was born December 31, 1905, in Lilian in Northumberland County to Jefferson D. and Fannie M. Carey. He graduated from Reedville High School and attended the College of William and Mary.

He worked for the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company of Baltimore for many years. When the agency was taken over by the government in 1942, he was commissioned as a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard. After the war, he became a bar pilot directing ships from the Atlantic Ocean up the St. John's River to the port of Jacksonville.

He was one of the founders of the Jacksonville Maritime Museum.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Frances C. Biddlecomb and Florence C. Harding, both of Lilian; and two brothers, Thomas M. Carey Sr. and Granville L. Carey, both of Baltimore.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Eunice Guerry Carey; three daughters, Frances Beecroft of Newport News, Ivy Hill Kool of Winter Park, Fla., and Linda Carey of Jacksonville; a son, Jeff Carey Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Phillip F. ErkenBrack

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Phillip F. ErkenBrack, 86, died March 10, 2006, following a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. ErkenBrack was born April 8, 1919, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Dr. Kenneth B. ErkenBrack and Agnes Fassnacht ErkenBrack. He was raised in Garden City, N.Y., on Long Island. After graduating at the top of his high school class, he found that his goal of attending the U.S. Naval Academy was frustrated by New York City politics. He went to the U.S. Capitol with his grandfather, and knocked on doors until a Minnesota congressman agreed to appoint him to the academy if he moved to northern Minnesota. He moved to Duluth, worked odd jobs for more than a year, and entered the Naval Academy with the class of 1943.

Mr. ErkenBrack

At the academy, he met Irene Brady of Washington, D.C., on a blind date October 5, 1940. They married and their relationship lasted more than 60 years, during which, with humor and commitment, they raised four sons.

Upon graduation from the academy, he served on a destroyer and a battleship in WWII. After the war, the Navy sent him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a master's in engineering. He spent the rest of his naval career in ship design and supervising ship construction and repair. He was instrumental in the design of the canted deck of modern aircraft carriers (which allows simultaneous flight operations) and the bulbous bow of most modern surface ships.

He retired from the Navy after 27 years to become a vice president of Frick Company in Waynesboro, Pa., which designed the process for freeze-drying foods. The Navy then requested that he assume management of the construction of a new class of amphibious assault ships, making an exception to its policy that new ships are built in several shipyards. He accepted an executive position with the Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries in Pascagoula, Miss., and directed the entire four-year process of constructing the Tarawa class, each of which can carry a complete Marine battalion with the supplies and equipment needed in an assault, and land them ashore by helicopter or amphibious craft. USS Tarawa (LHA-1) was launched in May 1976, and her four sister ships, each 20 stories high and longer than three football fields, were in commission within four years.

He and his wife then returned to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a consultant for Booz, Allen and Hamilton, specializing in work with American allies in their shipbuilding programs.

In 1983, the couple retired to Kilmarnock where Mr. ErkenBrack designed and built their dream home, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, and sited on a farm once owned and worked by his wife's father.

He became active in the Rotary International chapter and worked on many community projects. In 2001, after his wife's death, he decided to move closer to one of his sons, who were scattered in each of the country's four time zones, and chose a retirement community in Grand Junction, Colo.

He was predeceased by his wife, Irene Brady "Renie" ErkenBrack ; a brother, Kenneth; and his eldest son, Phil Jr.

He is survived by a sister, Keatha Whitney of Metamora, Minn.; a daughter-in-law, Paulette, of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rich and Cynthia of Arlington, Dave and Patricia of Pella, Iowa, and Steve and Lysa of Grand Junction; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, March 31, 2006, in the Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., at 10 a.m. after which his remains will be inurned with those of his wife at the columbarium of the academy, overlooking the Severn River, four blocks from where they first met, 30 yards from where they first kissed, and 50 feet from where they agreed to marry.

Memorials may be made to the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard, P.O. Box 4438, Grand Junction, CO 81502. Arrangements are being handled by Callahan-Edfast Mortuary in Grand Junction.

Alice M.B. Harrison

CALLAO—Alice Marie Burgess Harrison, 85, of Callao died March 18, 2006.

Mrs. Harrison was a member of Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao.

She was past grand matron of the Virginia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Betty Lewis Chapter 107 in Kinsale. She was an employee of over 40 years with Potomac Supply Corporation and retired as vice president.

She was predeceased by a son, Billy Harrison; a sister, Dorothy B. Davis, and a brother, Robert E. Burgess Sr.

She is survived by two nieces, Dianne D. Davis of Callao and Phyllis B. Wright of Rock Hill, S.C.; a nephew, Robert E. Burgess Jr. of Callao; a goddaughter, Caroline Anderson of Charlottesville; and a lifelong friend, Edna S. Douglas of Tappahannock.

Funeral services were held at Henderson United Methodist Church March 21 with Rev. Sue Ann Salmon officiating. Pallbearers were Herb Carden, Billy Carden, Chris Burgess, Robert E. Burgess Jr., Jerry Wright and Jon D. Sisk. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Henderson United Methodist Bereavement Fund, P.O. Box 22, Callao, VA 22435.

Olive E. Linstead

OPHELIA—Olive Estelle Linstead, 93, formerly of Ophelia, died March 17, 2006, at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Health Center near Irvington, where she had lived for three years.

Miss Linstead was born June 2, 1912, in East Northport, N.Y. She was employed by Grumman Aerospace Corporation as a technical order librarian. She had previously worked at the Republic Aviation Company in Farmingdale, N.Y.

During her life, she was much involved in church work, singing in choirs and teaching Sunday school. She moved to the area in 1983.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Ryan of Wicomico Church; and three nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in East Northport with pastor Lester Ayres of Northport Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Genola Cemetery in East Northport.

Love gifts may be made to Fairfields Baptist Church in Burgess.

Terry C. Maiden

KILMARNOCK—Terry Cornell Maiden, 44, died March 8, 2006.

Mr. Maiden was born in Kilmarnock October 5, 1961, to Ida and Henry Maiden. He attended Lancaster County public schools and held various jobs throughout his life.

He was baptized September 14, 1997, at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock.

He is survived by his mother, Ida Maiden; two daughters, Tanesha and Terreka of Lancaster; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Jessie Jackson of Kilmarnock, Arlene and Ralph Lee of Maryland, and Hazel Young of Heathsville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanford and Paulette Maiden and Charles and Sharon Maiden, all of Weems and Saluda; an aunt, Elizabeth Blake; an uncle, John Curry, both of Kilmarnock; four nieces, Tammy, Sharree, Shannon and Tasha; a nephew, Charles; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 11 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Myron Sutherlin officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Liston Frazier, Antione Mills, Ralph Lee, Maunce Sutton, James Lee and Jerry Morris.

Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Roland S. McCook

KILMARNOCK—Roland Stansel McCook, 82, of Kilmarnock, died March 13, 2006.

Mr. McCook was born in Florida November 22, 1923, and was raised near Bradenton. He graduated from Palmetta High School in 1942. During World War II he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific.

He was employed by the Florida Times-Union for 51 years and retired as the circulation auditor.

His greatest accomplishment was raising a Christian family with his wife of 42 years, Joyce Rabun McCook.

He was predeceased by his father and mother, Burton and Bessie Lee McCook; a nephew, Thomas Allan McCook; and a grandson, Paul B. Jordan.

He is survived by his wife; two brothers, Vernon Lee "Bob" McCook and Louis R. McCook; three daughters, Lei Anne Jordan, Tina Alfieri and Tia Martin; and three grandchildren, Abigail Jordan, Tripper Martin and Mary Cornelia Martin.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 25, at Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Tyrus G. Snell

WARSAW–Tyrus Grant Snell, 89, of Warsaw died March 16, 2006.

Mr. Snell was a retired engineer and had worked at Curtis Publishing Company and Connelly Container Corporation in Philadelphia.

He was a Navy veteran and a survivor of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. Snell; a daughter and son-in-law, Syldra and Charles Bradshaw of Callao; two sons, Gary Snell of Pennsylvania and Dallas Snell of Montana; a sister, Patricia Lewis of Arizona; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held March 21 at Edgewood Memorial Cemetery in Concordville, Pa., with Fred Paul, CLS, officiating.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Francis J. Socey Jr.

WEEMS—Francis Joseph Socey Jr., 92, of Weems died March 19, 2006.

Mr. Socey was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving as an instructor of meteorology to pilots and a weather observer.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1975, living in New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts prior to moving to Virginia in 1987 to live with his daughter.

He had a lifelong interest in meteorology, beginning at age 12, when his mother gave him a barometer. His interest spanned almost 80 years. He liked to be known as "The Weatherman" and had a reputation for accurate forecasts. For many years, he wrote "Weather Review," a monthly article for the Rappahannock Record.

He was a member of many professional and scientific organizations.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Ellen Socey and Peter Fallon, both of Weems.

A memorial service will be held April 3 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, P.O. Box 1694, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or to a charity of one's choice.

Randall Willing

BON AIR—Randall "Buddy" Willing of Bon Air died March 16, 2006.

Mr. Willing was born in Irvington September 17, 1918, to Anna and Bernard Willing of Irvington.

A veteran of WWII, he served as a platoon sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division with jumps into Sicily, Italy, Normandy and Holland, and saw combat in the "Battle of the Bulge."

His military awards include a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the French "Thank you America" certificate.

He was a charter member and past president of the Lancaster Lions Club in Kilmarnock and a past president of the Tuckahoe Lions Club. Over the years, he was actively involved with Boy Scouts of America and the U.S. Boomerang Association.

He retired from United Virginia Bank (now SUNTRUST) and First Virginia Bank (now BB&T).

He was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bon Air.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Kitty" Anderson Willing; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and David Bieging; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Willing and Lisa Bartholomew, and Charles Willing; a brother, David Willing; eight grandchildren, Nicole Willing, Emma Sameth, Sarah, Lindsey and Laura Bieging, Jackson, Marshall and Walker Willing; and a great-grandson, Zachary Dickerson.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 8706 Quaker Lane, in Bon Air at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Virginia, 7231 Forest Avenue, Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23226, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Save The Bay Foundation, or to a charity of one's choice.

James W. Wyne

BERTRAND–James William Wyne, 69, died March 14, 2006, at his home in Bertrand.

Mr. Wyne was born June 14, 1935, in Baltimore. He traveled extensively throughout the world while in the U.S. Navy and as an ironworker. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Missouri.

As an ironworker, he worked on notable projects including the Tappan Zee Bridge and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in New York, N.Y. and the 14th Street Bridge in Washington, D.C. He then started J.W. Wyne Excavating Company in Fredericksburg where the company grew until his retirement to the Northern Neck.

Mr. Wyne was a Master Mason, 32nd degree, of Prince Frederick Lodge 142 AF&AM, in Prince Frederick, Md.

He was predeceased by a brother, John Wyne.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Bussells Wyne; three daughters, Deborah Davenport, Katherine Tharp and Wendy Wyne; five sons, Craig Wyne, Jeffrey Wyne, John Wyne, Preston Wigner and Jesse Wigner; a brother, Phillip Wyne; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held March 22 on the bank of White House Creek.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Virginia, 7231 Forest Avenue, Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23226.

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

Study series continues

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 28, the discussion topic will be "Where is God in the dark night of the soul?" On April 4, the topic will be "Where is God when everything is going well?" 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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Missionary to speak for Lenten program

On March 30 at 6 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will host a soup supper followed by a Lenten Program, "Discerning God's Voice." Rev. Tad deBordenave, director of Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM), will discuss how to communicate with God and how to listen for His guidance.

Anglican Frontier Missions was founded in 1993 by the Rev. deBordenave, former rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Richmond. For several years, he had been troubled by the fact that most missionaries were being sent to places where the church was already established, leaving 20 percent of the earth with 1.5 billion people totally unevangelized.

With a growing passion for bringing the gospel of Jesus to those who had never heard his name, Rev. deBodenave resigned as rector of St. Matthews in April 1993. Having no office from which to work and only $2,000 in the bank, he began AFM in the basement of his home on half a ping-pong table.

Within 10 years, Anglican Frontier Missions had over 25 missionaries in the field, a strong support base and an eight-room office suite in downtown Richmond.

Mackey to address Unitarians

On Sunday, March 26, Sara Mackey will speak at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock on "Pulling Out Thorns: Speculations about Forgiveness."

Mackey lives in Richmond and is a longtime member of the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church of Glen Allen. She serves Williamsburg Unitarian-Universalists as director of religious education.

She has a master's of divinity from Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. She has spoken at many Unitarian churches in Virginia.

The UUFR meets Sundays at 10.30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive.

Sara Mackey

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Celebration of Life Service
Gladys M. Lumpkin

The family of Gladys M. Lumpkin invites her friends to join them on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church for a Celebration of Life Service. A reception will be held following the service in the adjoining church fellowship hall.

Charles E. Brown Jr. leaves legacy to the Northern Neck

The death of Charles E. Brown Jr. was reported last week. Retired from the General Services Administration following an earlier retirement from the U.S. Army, Brown and his family settled in the White Stone area in 1975.

His interest in what was then the "infant stage" of personal computing became his avocation, according to his friends with the Northern Neck Computer Users Group. His desire to gain more information about and expertise in computers consumed much of his time.

In the late 1980s, Brown learned of computer users groups, mostly in high population areas, that involved gatherings of like-minded computer buffs for the exchange of information.

He asked himself, "Why drive to the Tidewater area? Why not establish a computer users group in the Northern Neck?"

It may not become as productive as those early groups formed in "Silicon Valley" in the 1960s (that led to such rapid growth of the computer industry and turning a number of "nerds" into billionaires), but maybe interested people in this area could become more computer literate.

With this objective, Brown sought out local people who shared his desire to learn more about personal computers and their uses. Selection of the name, Northern Neck Computer Users Group (NNCUG) came easily. By acclamation Brown was "the leader" and is universally accepted as "the founder" of the group. He served as the first president, being re-elected yearly, until health issues forced him to take a lesser role. NNCUG is Brown's legacy to the area. From the time of initial charter, it grew from a handful to about 175 members before reducing again below 100 members, as the schools and entrepreneurs offered courses and tutorial computer training to area residents.

Charles E. Brown

The lasting part of Brown's legacy is that NNCUG evolved over the years into becoming a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

NNCUG provided training to young and old at Northumberland and Lancaster Community libraries until demand reduced tutoring from a regular to an on-call basis. This is still available.

Regular monthly meetings, which are open to the public, provide members information on new systems and technologies and serve as a venue for solution of personal computing problems.

Special interests groups are formed to enable sharing expertise in areas such as beginners computing, digital photography, and genealogy inter alia. Being non-profit, yearly profits above operating requirements are donated to worthy causes within the Northern Neck.

Although its founder is gone, his legacy, NNCUG, will continue his efforts to serve this area.

Memorial services for Charles E. Brown Jr. will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. It is hoped that all who benefited from his drive to expand computer literacy will attend.

Church Notes

■ Midweek services

The midweek Community Lenten Services continue through April 12 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 435 East Church Street in Kilmarnock. The services begin at noon. A light lunch follows.

The preacher for March 29 will be the Rev. Scott Krejci of Trinity Episcopal and St. Mary's White Chapel Episcopal. The worship leader will be the Rev. Richard Newlon of Maple Grove Bapitst. The layreader will be Wallace Dean of Bethel United Methodist.

■ Where is God?

"Where is God in the dark night of the soul?" is the topic for a community discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 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 April 4 with "Where is God when everything is going well?" For more information, call the church office at 435-9886.

■ Upcoming seminar

The Rev. Hal White, a retired Episcopal priest and licensed therapist, will lead "Wellness in the last third of life," a seminar exploring the spiritual, medical, social and legal arenas in the last third of life. Classes will be offered April 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10 to 11:50 a.m. at the Bay Center for Spiritual Development at 31 Noblett Lane in Kilmarnock.

The fee is $60. To register, send $15 to Bay Center for Spiritual Development, P.O. Box 938, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or call 435-4020.

■ Soup and service

On Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will host a soup supper followed by a Lenten program, "Asking for God's Blessings." Brenda Dormstetter of North Carolina will speak about intercessory prayer.

On Thursday, March 30, at 6 p.m., the soup supper will be followed by a Lenten program, "Discerning God's Voice." Rev. Tad deBordenave, director of Anglican Frontier Missions, will discuss how to communicate with God and how to listen for his guidance.

■ Community crusade

A "Community Crusade" is coming to Northumberland High School April 19, 20 and 21. The crusade is sponsored by First Baptist Church in Heathsville, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville and Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg. Speakers will include pastor John Fountaine, Rev. Jeff Cerar and pastor John Bibbins. Music will be provided by combined choirs of participating churches.

■ Easter services

Sharon Baptist Church recently announced its plans for Easter Sunday, April 16. A sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. and breakfast at 7 a.m.

Morning worship will involve an Easter dramatization entitled "The Day that Saved the World," directed by Faith Waddy. The cast will include Sandra Smyre, Aline Waller, Mary Maiden, Vera Waller, Barbara Tiggle, Ora Fisher, Pernell Waddy, Alicia Waddy and Everett Short. Pastor Rodney D. Waller will portray Jesus and Vera Waller will portray Mary.

Heart disease and stroke take a heavy toll

Heart disease and stroke account for more than a third of all Virginia deaths. In 2004, they claimed the lives of 18,814 Virginia residents, according to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Center for Health Statistics.

People with diabetes are at increased risk. Heart disease and stroke kill 75 percent of Virginians who have diabetes, according to VDH statistics, yet two out of three people with the disease are unaware of their increased risk. Diabetes is marked by a high level of sugar in the blood. It occurs when one cannot produce or properly use insulin. High blood sugar levels damage arteries. This makes controlling diabetes a critical step in preventing heart disease and stroke.

"We urge all Virginians, especially those who have diabetes, to take care of their hearts," said Laura Wimmer, cardiovascular health project coordinator at VDH. "The best way to protect your heart, prevent stroke and reduce the risks of long-term complications of diabetes is by controlling your blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels."

VDH recommends that folks learn what their glucose (blood sugar), blood pressure and cholesterol levels are, what they should be and what they need to do to maintain normal levels. The recommended levels are:

• blood glucose—Normal fasting blood glucose should be below 100 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dl). If one has diabetes, their hemoglobin Alc level should be less than 7 percent and checked twice a year.

• blood pressure–Normal blood pressure should be below 120 over 80 and checked every two years. If one has high blood pressure, the goal of treatment is to reduce blood pressure to 140 over 90. If one has high blood pressure and diabetes, the goal of treatment is to reduce blood pressure to 130 over 80. If one has high blood pressure, have it checked at each doctor's visit.

• cholesterol—normal total cholesterol should be below 200 and checked every five years. If one has diabetes, LDL or "bad cholesterol" should be below 100.

Other factors that increase the risk of heart disease include a lifestyle without significant exercise, poor nutrition, being overweight and using tobacco. One can lower your risk of heart attack, stroke and complications from diabetes with these lifestyle changes:

• be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days to help lower weight and cholesterol.

• eat less fat to reduce calories and less salt to help lower blood pressure.

• eat more fiber from fruits, vegetables and grains and help lower the chance of heart disease.

• maintain a healthy weight to reduce stress on the heart and to help control diabetes.

• stop smoking to decrease heart rate and blood pressure.

• take medicines as prescribed to receive their full benefits.

Preventing heart disease and complications from diabetes are major concerns for VDH's Office of Family Health Services. Its 50 preventive health programs touch Virginians across the span of their lifetime. Together, they promote the concept that a healthy lifestyle is not a luxury, it's a lifesaver.

The office's Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (CDCP) funds local projects that help residents prevent and control the effects of heart disease and diabetes. The local programs develop local coalitions that conduct support groups, create wellness challenges among local businesses, increase awareness of the warning signs of heart attack and stroke and the need to call 911 immediately, promote CPR training and the placement of automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all work and community sites.

To learn more about managing heart disease, stroke and diabetes call 866-527-8654 or visit www.vdh.virginia.gov.

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7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7:30 p.m., Worship

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

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

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553
Rev. Donald O. Conaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3 p.m.,

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street,
Tappahannock; 443-5165
Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, March 23:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, March 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

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

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

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, March 26:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, March 30:
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 25:
4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Vigil
Sunday, March 26:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday - Friday
9 a.m., Mass
Tuesday March 28:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education classes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, March 26:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, March 29:
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 26:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, March 29:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 30:
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 26:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, March 26:
11 a.m., Streamed service from Detroit Unity.
12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group (the Quest)
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Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512

Sunday, March 26:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, March 31:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
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435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Sunday, March 26:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service (Communion Sunday)
& Children Church
Nursery Provided
Monday, March 27:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Tuesday, March 28:
7 p.m., Study Series Week - Where is God When....in financial crisis?
Wednesday, March 29:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 30:
7:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast @ Lee's [illegible]nt

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I would like to extend my thanks to all involved in the benefit dance given to support me and my family in the challenges ahead. The love and support from this wonderful community has been overwhelming and words cannot express my sincere gratitude. As we go forward, I will always hold dear the memory of a wonderful evening and how blessed we are for God giving us each other to lean on. If you believe, all things are possible.

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Paul Wegkamp leads Rotary discussion on mental illness

Paul Wegkamp, a member of the Northern Neck Rotary Club, recently shared information on mental illness with the Northern Neck Rotary Club.

Wegkamp began the program by showing a video segment from CBS's news magazine concerning the application and distribution of funds by the National Institute for Mental Health. The program related that few funds are being directed toward the most severe forms of mental illness in favor of research which seem to have less impact on the severely ill. The result has been a closing of mental hospitals and inpatient services.

The result of recent governmental focus has resulted in a reduction in research and treatment of the most severely mentally ill. It has been estimated that 25 percent of the homeless population is schizophrenic and that as many as one-third of all homeless have some form of mental illness.

Paul Wegkamp speaks on mental illness.

The withdrawal of services has pushed services and care of many severely ill patients on family and friends in the community according to Wegkamp.

Unfortunately, the stigma often associated with mental illness is also shifted to the family care givers and they lack a support mechanism whereby they can have open conversation and share experiences with others.

While others talk about their family members with cancer, he can speak with others about his son's mental illness, said Wegkamp.

However, this is not the case with every care giver. People just don't often talk about mental illness as freely, as it is often misunderstood, he said. Recent research shows that mental illness may likely be caused by a virus as are many other forms of disease.

NAMI Mid-Tidewater is a newly formed Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill serving the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Urbanna Baptist Church in Urbanna from 7 to 9 p.m.

Persons interested in the program may contact Wegkamp at 435-3463, or Charlene Winter at 804-725-0663.

The Northern Neck Rotary Club meets at Lee's Restaurant on Main Street in Kilmarnock each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast.

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With sincere thanks to each and every one for their prayers, phone calls, food, monetary gifts and other acts of kindness during my recent illness. May God continue to bless each one of you.

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Organ donor network enlists new members

If you ever need an organ transplant you will probably die before you get one. Now you can improve your chances of getting a transplant if you ever need one, and it doesn't cost anything. All you have to do is agree to donate your organs when you die.

LifeSharers, a non-profit network of organ donors, offers this opportunity. Those who join are offered preferred access to the organs of other members. In return, they agree to offer their organs first to other members of the LifeSharers community. Membership is free and open to all at www.lifesharers.org, or by calling 1-888-674-2688.

"We're offering a very good trade," said LifeSharers executive director David J. Undis. "You agree to donate your organs after you can't use them any more. You get a chance to move up the transplant waiting list if you ever need an organ. That could literally save your life."

The mission of LifeSharers is to save lives by increasing the number of organ donors. Over 6,000 Americans die every year waiting for organ transplants. At the same time, Americans bury or cremate about 20,000 transplantable organs every year. Only about half of the organs that could save lives are donated.

"Thousands of people are dying needlessly every year – not because life-saving organs don't exist, but because we don't give people a good reason to donate them in the first place," said University of Washington Law School professor Steve P. Calandrillo.

Over 90,000 Americans are now on the national waiting list for organ transplants. Over 40,000 more people will join the waiting list in the next twelve months. The demand for organs is growing five times as fast as the supply.

Supporters say LifeSharers is increasing the supply of organs in the fairest possible way – by giving organs to organ donors. About 60 percent of the organs transplanted in the United States go to people who haven't agreed to donate their own organs when they die.

"Those who are willing to give should be the first to receive," said George Mason University associate professor of economics Alexander Tabarrok. "LifeSharers makes this idea a reality. If enough people join LifeSharers, we could even have a surplus of organs."

LifeSharers members offer their organs first to other organ donors using a form of directed donation that is legal under federal and state law. Over 3,800 people have joined LifeSharers, including about 400 children enrolled by their parents. LifeSharers has members in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Anyone in the United States can join LifeSharers, regardless of their medical condition.

"Even if you are a registered organ donor you should join LifeSharers," said Undis. "As our membership expands your chances of dying waiting for a transplant will go down – if you are a member."

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Carol Dawson is re-elected to Virginia Horse Council board

Carol Dawson of Lancaster County was elected to a third term on the board of directors of the Virginia Horse Council, (VHC) a statewide advocacy group for horse owners, at the group's recent annual membership meeting in Chantilly.

The VHC membership represents all breed groups and performance disciplines. Its purpose is to promote the common interests of the horse industry through education, advocacy of legislation supporting the needs of horse owners, and programs to foster an environment favorable to the growth of the horse industry.

In connection with the annual membership meeting, Dawson attended the Equine Event East Expo at the Dulles Expo Center. Clinton Anderson, an Australian-born horse clinician whose popular television program "Down Under Horsemanship" is broadcast on RFD-TV, was featured at the expo, and was the guest speaker at the VHC annual meeting. Dawson said that having an opportunity to meet Anderson was a great privilege and that "his presence there certainly added to the excitement of the council's annual membership meeting program."

The VHC sponsors a variety of programs that assist in fulfilling its mission of representing horse owners throughout the state.

The council promotes its legislative agenda through an annual "legislative day" and a reception at the beginning of the General Assembly session in Richmond. It also sponsors a "legislative trail ride" for members of the General Assembly and their families. This year the ride will be held at First Landing State Park and Fort Story in Virginia Beach May 12 through 14. The newly elected president of the council is Eugene "Gene" Hansen of Virginia Beach.

Carol Dawson (right) and Clinton Anderson attended the Virginia Horse Council annual meeting March 17 in Chantilly.

The council will sponsor the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC), in Roanoke August 3 through 5.

"The purpose of SETC is to bring together people who are concerned about the future of the natural and cultural heritage of the trail experience from the back of a horse," said SETC conference chairman and the VHC Trials chairman Sally Aungier.

Another important VHC project is the promotion of a "feed check-off" to benefit the Virginia Horse Industry Board's programs for education, publicity, research and promotion of the equine industry.

Horse owners over the age of 18 may vote in the May statewide referendum by filing an affidavit with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to obtain a ballot. The vote is to decide whether or not horse owners approve the collection of an assessment of $3 per ton or 7.5 cents per fifty pound bag of feed. The cost to horse owners would be approximately $3 per horse per year. The funds collected will be remitted to VDACS and used for programs to support horse owners, riders and breeders.

The affidavit form is available on the VDACS web site at www.vdacs.virginia.gov., or horse owners may call 786-3952 to obtain an official affidavit form. More information is also available through the VHC website at www.virginiahorsecouncil.org. Horse owners submit the notarized affidavit to VDACS and then official ballots are mailed. The ballots must be returned to VDACS by 5 p.m. May 26.

The VHC, the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, the Virginia Horse Shows Association, the Virginia Quarter Horse Association, the Virginia Agribusiness Council and the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation support the feed check-off.

A new VHC project is the collection of data regarding other locations in the state where equines may be taken temporarily when their owners are forced to evacuate from areas threatened by hurricanes, floods or other natural disasters. The need for locations to take equine evacuees was highlighted by the damage done by hurricanes last year that resulted in many horses, donkeys and mules needing to be temporarily relocated to safe areas.

Dawson asked that anyone in this area who would be willing to offer refuge for such evacuees in the future contact her. She will provide that information to the VHC person coordinating the disaster preparedness project for the council.

She also said that those who wish to join the VHC may call the council office at 1-888-467-7382. Individual memberships are $25 per year. There are special prices for equine groups or associations, and for commercial members. More information on the trails conference, the feed check-off, and membership in the VHC is available at ww.virginiahorsecouncil.org.

To discuss more about any of these programs, contact Dawson at 462-9916.

Irvington Inn earns three-star rating

One of the world's foremost authorities on travel, Frommer's, recently awarded the Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington with its highest rating—three stars.

Frommer's 8th Edition is the third consecutive edition noting the inn has received the rating–only five other lodging properties in the state can make that claim–The Inn at Little Washington, The Jefferson, The Williamsburg Inn, The Homestead, and The Morrison House.

Frommer's critical reviewer described the Hope and Glory as "one of the most fascinating and romantic country inns I've ever had the pleasure of occupying."

The accolade follows Virginia Business' feature this month recommending The Hope and Glory Inn as a weekend getaway for Virginia executives.

In other recent publicity, Cooperative Living magazine in January recommended the inn as a romantic winter getaway. Romantic Homes magazine in January featured room six on its front cover.

Lights, sound, performing arts

Entertainment Systems Corporation (ESC) served as a local corporate sponsor for the recent "On Stage" performance by the Richmond Ballet on Tour at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The annual "On Stage" subscription series is a production of the Rappahanock Foundation for the Arts (RFA), which also receives support from The Virginia Commission for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts. From left are RFA vice president Maria Laqueur, William Cronheim of ESC, RFA president Allen Marple and his wife, Joan Marple.

Oyster gardening fair set for May 13

An oyster gardening fair, sponsored by the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 13 at Christchurch School. David Jasinski of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) will speak on "The Chesapeake Bay's Dead Zones: How They are Analyzed, Modeled, and Forecasted."

Representatives from VIMS, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Virginia Department of Health also will participate. The event also features exhibits, seed oyster sales, and the sale of oyster gardening supplies and equipment.

Registration is required. Those who register and pay the $10 fee prior to April 30 will receive a box lunch. To register, call Chan Chandler at 725-5898, or Jackie Partin at 694-4407.

Mortgage company changes its name

Mortgage Capital Investors Inc., one of the area's prominate residential mortgage companies, announced March 20, that it has changed its name to Union Mortgage Group Inc.

Mortgage Capital Investors adopted the name change to emphasize their affiliation with Union Bankshares Corporation and to reflect their array of products and services.

The new name aligns Union Bankshares' long-standing reputation for financial strength and stability with an existing network of experienced mortgage professionals who provide services to customers throughout Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina.

Union Mortgage Group will be able to offer its customers a complete line of banking services through the branch network; investments through Union Investment Services; and insurance through Union Insurance.

For more information on the MCI name changes, visit www.union-mtg.com.

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Northern Neck banker retires

After 30 years of service, Carolyn Sanders-Smith recently retired from Northern Neck State Bank. Her career in banking started with Bank of Virginia in 1975. Bank of Virginia later became Signet Bank. Sanders-Smith held many positions of responsibility in the Signet organization from customer service representative, administrative assistant to bank loan officer.

When Signet Bank established a branch bank in the town of Kilmarnock, Sanders-Smith was named branch manager. She continued in that position, as assistant vice president and branch manager after Northern Neck State Bank purchased the Signet location in February 1998.

A 34-year-resident of Kilmarnock, Sanders-Smith has spent many years volunteering her time and talents, serving on many service boards and committees. For the past 14 years, she served on the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce board as treasurer. She was the first woman elected to the Kilmarnock Town Council.

Carolyn Sanders-Smith

"The relationships and the friendships made in this and other communities are what I treasure the most," said Sanders-Smith. "The customers were always the most important part of my job and I will miss them all dearly."

Sanders-Smith said she looks forward to spending more time with family and friends, and remaining active in the business community.

Local company earns national recognition

United Country—Bay River Realty of Callao, was recently recognized for outstanding sales achievement in 2005.

The company was presented the Summit Club Elite Award at the United Country Training and Awards Convention in San Antonio.

The company experienced a record year with a sales volume increase of 65 percent over 2004.

The office achieved the number two ranking throughout Virginia, number two throughout the company's eastern division and the number three ranking among more than 515 affiliated offices nationwide. The company also achieved the United Country Listing Consistency Award.

The company is owned and operated by B. Jason Patton, broker.

James S. Leigh, L.S.

Surveyor joins regional firm

Bay Design Group, P.C., an Engineering, Surveying, Land Planning and Landscape Architectural Company with offices in Richmond and Gloucester, recently announced that James S. Leigh, L.S., has joined the firm as a land surveyor.

Leigh will be involved in commercial, residential and industrial projects. He will be in charge of field operations at the Gloucester office.

Leigh is a Licensed Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has had 30 years experience in the surveying and engineering field. A graduate of Rappahannock Community College, he also received training at Virginia Tech and Old Dominion University.

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VanDenburgh oils in window

Oil paintings by Charles VanDenburgh are showcased in a window of the Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

VanDenburgh graduated from Christopher Newport University in 1975. During his working career, he traveled abroad, writing and pursuing an interest in architecture. He also was very interested in art history.

In 1998, VanDenburgh returned to the Northern Neck and he and wife, Donna, decided to make it their home. A few years ago, he decided to pick up a brush and "push some paint." Painting has now become his "full time passion." Preferring to paint land and seascapes directly on site, the artist uses these field studies as creative sources for his studio work.

"I paint in a loose, impressionistic style which respects the viewer's intelligence and gives him a reason to participate," said VanDenburgh.

"Highly polished paintings exhaust me," he said. "While I can admire the artist's technical ability, I don't want to experience the artist's labor. I want to experience his exhilaration. The secret of creating great art is seeing the universal and profound qualities of an object and then painting it with the greatest economy of brush strokes."

Charles VanDenburgh

VanDenburgh's paintings have won numerous awards in local and regional shows.

He conducts oil painting workshops twice each year at the Studio Gallery. His next workshop, "Oil Painting, Fast and Loose," is scheduled for May 23 to 25.

New feed mill opens in Heathsville

Bay's Best Feed has opened a new feed mill east of Heathsville on Route 360.

Dealing in locally grown grains, Bay's Best Feed sells cleaned and bagged whole and cracked corn, barley, sunflower seed and milo, in 25- and 50-lb. bags, with delivery available for a nominal fee.

"Our goal is to market high-quality, Virginia-raised grains and oil seeds while simultaneously supporting the state's agricultural industry," said company president William H. (Billy) Dawson Jr.

A joint venture between Dawson and A. Mason Brent, both Heathsville residents, Bay's Best is a grain wholesaler to local feed and seed retailers with plans to expand throughout the Tidewater area.

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From left are Spencer Evans, Earl Garnett, Robert Johnson and Gil Whittington (right) of Esquire Services.

Johnson earns certification

The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration has recently announced the certification of Esquire Services employee Robert Johnson.

Johnson has attained certification in cleaning upholstery, fabrics and carpets. He restores water damage and does odor control. He is a journeyman textile cleaner and restorer of fire and smoke damage.

The IICR is a national registry of firms with individuals recognized for certification upon reaching levels of proficiency in the cleaning and restoration industry.

Kellum elected to board

On behalf of the Chesapeake Financial Shares board of directors, chairman Douglas D. Monroe Jr. recently announced that Thomas E. Kellum has been elected to serve as a board member.

Kellum is vice president of sales and finance at W. E. Kellum Inc., a seafood processor in Weems. He has served on Chesapeake Bank's board of directors since 2004 and the Northern Neck advisory board since 2002.

"We are pleased to announce the addition of Tommy to our CFS board," said Jeffrey M. Szyperski, president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake Bank and president of Chesapeake Financial Shares Inc.

"He has made significant contributions in serving on our bank and advisory boards. Tommy's insights in Chesapeake's home market and expertise in the seafood industry will assist with our decision-making processes at the holding company level and our overall mission to provide outstanding financial products with excellent customer service," Szyperski said.

Kellum is also involved with the Virginia Seafood Council, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Council, Virginia Marine Resources, the Virginia Board of Migrant Workers, and the Northern Neck Assembly.

Thomas E. Kellum

Kellum attended Danville College, Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech and the Virginia Association of Community Banks Directors' College.

Kellum, and his wife, Julie, live in Lively. They have three children, Hannah, Elizabeth and Logan.

White joins Carousel

Arlene Crabbe White, a certified massage therapist, licensed practical nurse, and certified skin care specialist, has joined Carousel Physical Therapy in Kilmarnock.

White has been practicing in the Northern Neck health care field for over 33 years. She owned and operated a holistic health day spa in Burgess for five years. She has worked as an LPN in local physician offices.

She has also worked in health spas and as an aerobic and swimming instructor. She is certified to teach stress management through progressive relaxation programs, and has taught senior exercise classes, including the People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) program through the American Arthritic Foundation.

She received her LPN in 1994 and an AA in 1996 in general studies from Rappahannock Community College. She received a certificate in massage therapy at the American Spirit Institute of Holistic Health and Massage Therapy in 1994. She received a professional license as an aesthetician from the same school in 2005.

Arlene Crabbe White

She taught at the institute for two years and has been an active member of the International Massage Association for 11 years.

White said that her whole life has been focused on health and wellness. She believes that daily walks, interaction with family and friends, dancing, laughing and having fun are elements of a high quality of life, she said.

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Business Briefs

■ Service providers needed

The Northern Neck Disability Services Board (NNDSB) is accepting applications from local service providers for the Rehabilitation Services Incentive Fund for fiscal year 2007. The purpose of the grant is to address under-served needs of persons with physical and/or sensory disabilities as identified in the 2006 NNDSB Triennial Needs Assessment.

Services for the disabled are needed in the areas of transportation, employment, accessibility, housing, assistive technology, case management and public awareness. Local service providers should contact the Northern Neck Planning District Commission at 333-1900, or jgambaccini@nnpdc17.state.va.us for an application package. The application deadline is April 10.

■ Book published

Tom Doyle of Hayes has published *The Spirit Garden,* his fourth novel, his third in a series of Edwardian mysteries. Inspector Evan Briscoe and his bride, Celia, find his temporary assignment in Malaya a different experience from their expectations.

The book is available through iuniverse.com, barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com, or from the author at 642-4800.

■ Financial fitness

A Financial Fitness Conference will be held April 29 at Northumberland High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This free conference is sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Bank of Lancaster, Bank of Northumberland, Northern Neck State Bank and the Northern Neck Southside Area Bankers Association. For more information, call the Northumberland County Extension office at 580-5694.

■ Starting a business

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a seminar, First Steps to Starting a Business, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. April 12 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Preregistration is required. A $20 fee is due by April 7. To register, call 333-0286 or 800-524-8915.

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

Russell places in state corn yield contest

Ronnie L. Russell of Corbin Hall Farm in Waterview, recently won first place in the A Ridge Till Non-Irrigated division of the 2005 National Corn Growers' Association's (NCGA) Corn Yield Contest in Virginia. Russell won with Pioneer brand hybrid 33V15, which yielded 222.94 bushels per acre.

The NCGA Corn Yield Contest is an annual competition among corn producers with the goal of producing the highest yields. In the contest, growers compete in a range of production classes, including non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till irrigated, ridge-till non-irrigated, ridge-till irrigated and irrigated classes.

"We're pleased to see the tremendous results that growers achieved in the NCGA contest this year with Pioneer products," says Bill Fleet, vice president, North American Sales, Pioneer. "Corn growers are looking for every opportunity to increase their return per acre. At Pioneer, we deliver higher yielding products, trusted technology and personalized value to help customers achieve success. And when Pioneer growers win 23 of 27 national NCGA awards and nearly 70 percent of all NCGA state awards, we think that's pretty successful."

Russell planted the winning entry on April 15, 2005, in fields grown to soybeans in 2004. He planted the crop into 30-inch rows using a John Deere 7100 9-row planter at a rate of 24,000 seeds per acre. He applied 175 pounds of nitrogen and 120 pounds of potash per acre to enhance fertility. He used a John Deere 9500 combine to harvest the winning plot on September 19, 2005.

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Fun at Storytime

Victoria Geier has fun at a Lancaster Community Library Storytime, with her mom, Megan. Storytime for preschoolers is every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the library in Kilmarnock.

RCC springs into record enrollment

Recent figures from Rappahannock Community College's spring 2006 registration show an enrollment that outstrips Spring 2005 by 13.8 percent.

With the inclusion of fall 2005 to take into account the entire current academic year, enrollment is up nearly 10 percent since 2004-05, and exceeds RCC's highest previous figure (from 2002-03) by 7.5 percent.

In addition, the number of 18- to 21-year-old students has increased by 23.9 percent, emphasizing the fact that more high-school seniors are choosing to continue their education at RCC rather than moving straight to a four-year school. The percentage of full-time students as opposed to part-time has also increased dramatically.

"I am delighted." said RCC president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther. "This means that RCC is serving a greater number of the region's people. It reflects an increased public awareness regarding the value of the college in terms of preparing individuals for high-skill jobs or transfer to universities. It means that there are more well-qualified nurses, strongly prepared bankers, and rising entrepreneurs in our region. It also means that more students are using the RCC Guaranteed Admission Agreements to transfer their RCC associate degree credits to those fine state universities. . .and saving their families a lot of money by doing so."

"RCC's service growth could not have happened without an expert and dedicated staff and faculty," Crowther continued. "I am amazed at the level of support I see RCC employees demonstrate for students and their families every day. I am proud to be here, I'm proud to learn from these people, and I think the community can be proud of its college. It could not have happened without many individuals in the area who are committed to the enhancement of this region through education and training."

Gov. Kaine proclaims Fresh Air Fund Day

This summer, thousands of inner-city boys and girls will escape the hot, noisy streets of New York City to enjoy the simple pleasures of summertime fun in the country through free Fresh Air Fund vacations.

In honor of The Fresh Air Fund's 130th summer of serving children, Gov. Tim Kaine has proclaimed March 20 "Fresh Air Fund Day" throughout the Commonwealth.

Families who participate in the fund's Friendly Town program open their hearts and homes to the children for two weeks or more in the summer.

"By sharing their homes with New York City children, our host families tell us that they gain a new appreciation for their own communities and form relationships that last a lifetime," said executive director Jenny Morgenthau. "This year, we are looking for new host families in and around Kilmarnock to celebrate our 130th anniversary of giving youngsters a summertime break from the city streets."

First-time Fresh Air visitors are ages 6 to 12. Re-invited youngsters can participate in the Friendly Town program through age 18. Over 65 percent of all Fresh Air children are invited to visit host families year after year. Hosts range from young families to grandparents, and there is no age limit.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent organization, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million inner-city children since 1877. To volunteer, call Mary Beth Deutsch at 285-3354, or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003, or visit www.freshair.org.

Nurse aides graduate from RCC

A new class of nurse aides recently graduated from Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. From left are (front row) Carolyn Williams, Tanesch Kelly, Zakeithia Hall, Helen Plummer, Mary Smith, Latoya Jones and Len Stewart of the Virginia Employment Commission Workforce Center and the Lancaster Workforce Enhancement Partnership; (back row) Kevin Martin, Debbie Craig, Roberta Davis, nurse aide instructor and program coordinator Lelia Poteet, R.N.; Jean Kelly and Cheryl Alderman of the Northern Neck One-Stop Center.

Conservation scholarship applications due March 29

The Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) is accepting applications for the 2006 Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (VASWCD) Educational Foundation Inc. Scholarship Awards Program.

The program promotes the education of Virginia citizens in technical fields involving natural resource conservation and environmental protection through financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. Four $1,000 scholarships will be awarded throughout the Commonwealth this year.

Individual applicants must be full-time students enrolled in, or who have applied to, a college freshman level curriculum. Applicants must live or attend school in Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond or Westmoreland.

Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20 percent of their graduating class, a 3.0 or greater grade point average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement.

The applicant's most recent official high school transcript must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will not be accepted.

Applicants shall demonstrate an active interest in conservation.

Applications will be reviewed and screened and one selected applicant will be submitted to the scholarship/awards committee of the VASWCD Educational Foundation Inc. as the NNSWCD representative.

Application forms may be obtained at 333-3525, ext.102. Completed applications must be returned by March 29.

High schools participate in environmental competition

High schools will represent Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Powhatan, Fredericksburg and the Northern Neck at Virginia's Envirothon, a natural resources competition.

The Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District and VMA Outreach Group will sponsor the regional event April 5 at the Jamestown 4H Center. The top three winning schools will advance to the state competition May 14 and 15 at the Northern Virginia 4H Center.

Envirothon will feature five "in-the-field" test stations–soils, wildlife, aquatics, forestry and current environmental issue. Teams will answer questions in written and hands-on formats. During an oral presentation, teams will propose a management solution related to the current environmental issue to a panel of judges consisting of industry and natural resource professionals. The issue will be "natural resource management in the urban environment."

"The intense study required for this contest helps prepare students for college entrance exams, as well as possible careers in fields associated with natural resources," said Jim Byrne, president of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The state competition winner will travel to Canada to battle it out at the national Envirothon sponsored by Canon.

After-prom party support

Cooperative Helping Hands Association member David Jackson recently presented a donation to committee chairperson Cheryl Rice and students for the Lancaster High School After-Prom Party. From left, Keyondra Frederick, David Jackson, Cheryl Rice, and Roxann Francis gather for the Lancaster After-Prom donation. The association is the fund-raising organization created by Northern Neck Electric Cooperative employees to support the community. Northern Neck Electric Cooperative donated five cases of bottled water for the event.

Library offers new databases

The Lancaster Community Library now offers two data bases for students and their parents: Tutor.com, and LearningExpressLibrary.com.

Tutor.com provides homework help for students from grades 4 to 12 and introductory level college. They visit www.lancasterlibrary.org, to get immediate, free help. All they need is their library card number.

Through Tutor.com, the library offers Live Homework Help, a service that connects students to tutors in math, science, social studies and English.

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LearningExpressLibrary.com also provides skill improvement modules in both English and mathematics for the elementary grades through adult learners.

Those without home computers can use the library's. For more information, call 435-1729.

Cards for LPS

Conservation chairman Grace Dorn displays some of the cards collected and donated by members of the Woman's Club of Lancaster county that she delivered recently to the art department at Lancaster Primary School. The children use the cards in arts and crafts projects.

LHS class of 1986 plans 20th reunion

Plans are under way for a 20-year class reunion for the Lancaster High School Class of 1986.

A two-day event is planned for August 12 and 13.

Planners are in need of current addresses of classmates. Any class of 1986 graduates, parents and/or family members of graduates, or interested parties may contact Darlene Swaffin Nonnemacker at 435-1950, Dr. Dawne Curry at currydaw@msu.edu, Cindy Forrester Stock at stock925@earthlink.net, or Kathy Nunn Taft at nunnlaw@rivnet.net.

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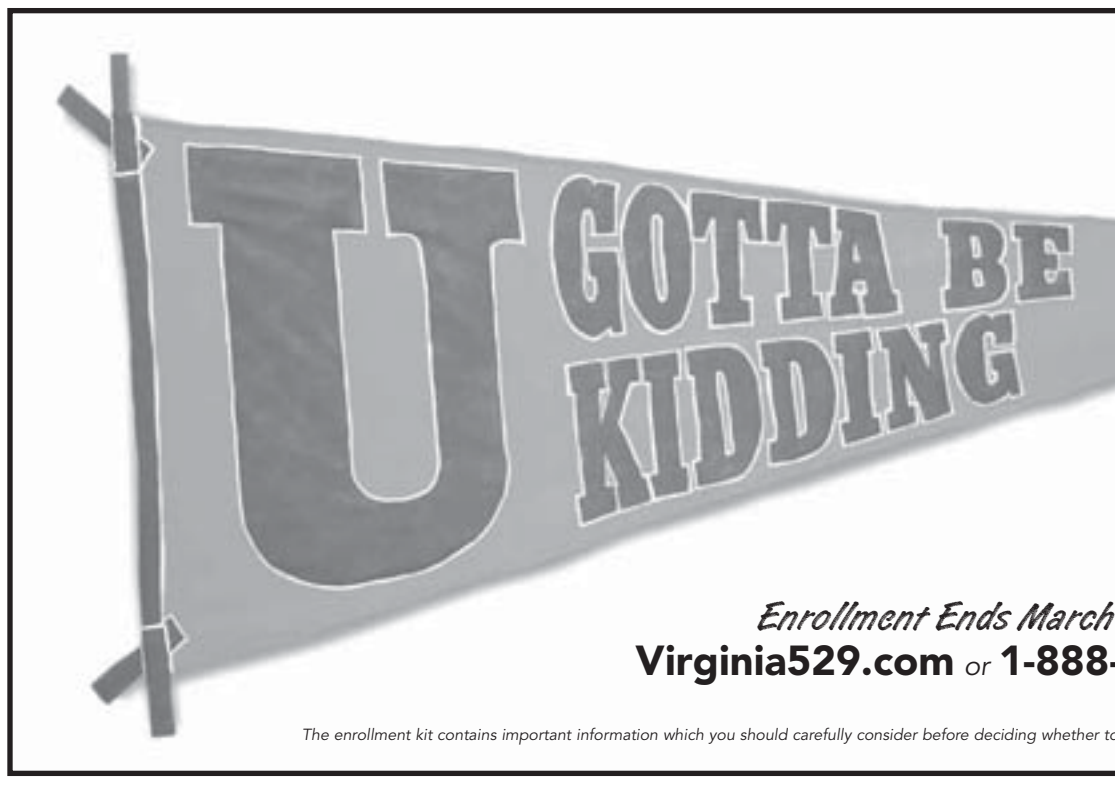

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Random Chicks win again

From left are Elizabeth Flynn, Meghan Frere, Brooke Hudnall and Casey Clarke, members of the Random Chicks team at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock, who won their fifth Brain Bowl of the season. They have won half of the Brain Bowls this year, to date. The 11th competition will be held at the LMS Theater Friday, March 24, at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

LMS clubs attend show

The Lancaster Middle School Drama Club and Chorus Club attended the "Cashore Marionettes" show March 7 at the Center for the Arts in Kilmarnock.

"The show was an excellent way to demonstrate expression to our drama students," said LMS drama sponsor Robin Blake.

The students were entranced by the marionettes.

"The marionettes were so well made, and their movements were so real-like, I thought they were real!" exclaimed one student.

The Drama Club is looking forward to future Center for the Arts productions and hopes that the shows will affect and improve their own performances at school, Blake said.

The LMS Drama Club is currently practicing with Lancaster High School for their spring production, "Give My Regards to Broadway," to be held May 25 to 28. For ticket information, call Blake at 435-1681.

Revere to enter Nazarene college

Daniel James Revere has been admitted and recognized as an honor scholar at Eastern Nazarene College in Boston. He plans to study religion and youth ministry.

He will join some 700 undergraduates at the school in the fall. This summer he will work to earn money for college and will intern at White Stone Church of the Nazarene with youth minister Brad Grinnen.

He is the son of Jimmy and Tammy Revere of Lancaster.

Daniel James Revere

School Notebook

■ Achievements

Head of school Margaret R. Broad recently announced the names of students who have earned a place on the St. Margaret's School honor, merit and B rolls for the second trimester of the 2005-06 academic year.

Students named to the honor roll include eighth-grader Annie Badenoch of Irvington. Students earning merit roll include seniors Erin Martin of Callao and Alexandra Newman of Lancaster; and junior Michelle Burch of Burgess. Students earning B List include eighth-grader Sarah Gibson of Montross.

■ Open house

Chesapeake Academy, a preschool through grade eight independent school, in Irvington will host an open house for prospective students and their families on Wednesday, March 29, from 9 to 11;30 a.m. Campus tours, conversations with administrators and members of the faculty, scholarship and transportation information, and refreshments will be made available to those in attendance. To RSVP, call Charles Britton at 438-5575.

■ Underage drinking

The Middlesex High School Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club and the Rural Virginia United Coalition (RVUC) in partnership with the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board's (MP-NN CSB) prevention services division, will host a meeting to address underage drinking.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 28, at Middlesex High School in Saluda beginning at 7 p.m. To learn more about this meeting, please contact Lynn Jaeger or Irene Reed at (804)758-9398, or email at ljaeger@mpnn.state, or ireed@mpnn.state.va.us.

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Chicken biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
French bread pizza or
Deli turkey on bun
Garden salad or
Green beans
Spiced apples or Fresh fruit

Wednesday, March 29:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or
Cereal & toast
Grape juice
Taco w/soft shell or
Ham & cheese sandwich
w/chips
Lettuce, tomato, cheese or
Golden corn
Peaches or Fresh fruit

Thursday, March 30:
Sausage biscuit or
Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Chicken breast
w/Corn bread or
Fish sticks
Mashed potatoes or
Peas
Spiced apples or Fresh fruit

Friday, March 31:
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Fire causes minor damage at RCC

WARSAW—At about 4:15 p.m. March 14, a fire broke out at the Justice Joseph W. Chinn Community Center on the Rappahannock Community College Warsaw Campus.

According to a statement released by the college, the danger was identified by an alert staff in time for all occupants of the building to exit safely. A prompt and effective use of fire extinguishers by college personnel quickly contained the blaze.

Local volunteer fire departments inspected the site visually and with heat-detecting instruments to ensure that the fire was completely extinguished. Once the building was declared safe, college employees immediately began clean-up operations.

Property damage was confined to some exterior woodwork, and to a section of the basement under the front parlor. The damage was described as minor by college staff.

Rappahannock Community College president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther (right) observes fire fighters as they probe the damage at Chinn House on the Warsaw Campus. She noted with confidence that the fire will prove no more than a temporary setback to current renovations.

The cause of the fire is presumed to be an unattended "hot spot" created during renovation work, and fanned into flame by high winds, according to the staff account.

Northumberland to distribute food and shelter program funds

HEATHSVILLE–Northumberland County recently was chosen to receive $4,596 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent.

A local board including the county administrator, director of Social Services and representatives from the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross will determine how the funds will be distributed.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, organizations to receive funds must be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, have an accounting system, practice non-discrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Northumberland has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Gleamers and Blenders Community Services, Shiloh Baptist Church, Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council and The Haven.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for funds must contact the county administrator's office at 580-7666. Applications must be submitted to the county administrator no later than 5 p.m. March 29.

▼ *Northumberland school budget . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

for the percentage of its school budget paid for by local tax dollars. With the first reassessment in six years completed in December, property values increased more than 200 percent in many cases. The county is now required to pay for even a larger percentage of its school budget – some 65 percent.

State support will increase only $60,000 next year, where it would have increased some $460,000 without the change in composite index.

Another major factor affecting spending is a state-mandated increase in the school district's contributions to the Virginia Retirement System and Group Life. Together these mandates add up to another $400,000.

Factor out these two major changes, and the increased spending would be more in line with last year's increase of $452,000.

The few optional ticket items that the school board wanted in the budget include a $40 bump in the contribution to employee health care plans, a 6 percent pay raise for teachers (including step) and three new teaching positions.

The board debated the merits of all these optional items to great extent, but the strongest challenge came from District 2 representative Dean Sumner who questioned the need for a literacy coach at the high school.

According to vice-chairman Myrtle Phillips, 70 percent of the county's fifth-graders are reading below grade level. By the time they get to high school, 90 percent of those are non-readers.

If students can't read by the ninth grade, Sumner asked, in a system with the best elementary reading program in the state, how will a literacy coach at the high school help?

High school principal Larry Shumaker explained that the literacy coach position is an integral part of a new program that will help students transition from middle to high school, a time when many students get left behind and drop out.

Northumberland has been selected as one of 30 schools in the state to model this new program. If it proves successful, it could become mandatory in all schools.

While the county has one of the best reading programs in the state at the elementary level, Shumaker said, struggling students can quickly fall behind in the higher grades without proper support.

The literacy coach will work with teachers to help make textbooks, which are often written for college-level students, more accessible to high school students.

Sumner then asked how effective a new literacy coach coming into the system will be in telling the other teachers how to run their classes.

Shumaker replied that all the teachers are excited about the new program and added that standardized test scores have soared in other high schools that have hired literacy coaches around the state.

"For this to be successful, you can't just hire somebody, you have to hire somebody good,"said Sumner.

Other new positions include a reading specialist and a math specialist who will work to make reading and math curriculums seamless between all grade levels.

Together, these three new positions account for $140,000 of the spending increase.

Sumner said he wasn't ready to vote on the budget without more information about the new high school program and the benefits of a literacy coach. He also recommended dropping the salary increase to 5 percent and holding the line on insurance contributions.

The rest of the school board felt strongly about keeping the 6 percent raise in the budget to stay competitive with surrounding counties.

"We are going to build a new school," noted District 5 representative John Jett. "I don't think it's fair to the teachers to say we can't afford to pay them more."

As to the need for three new positions, Jett said: "I can't make a judgment on that. I'm not a teacher."

"I think we should turn (the budget) in as we have it," said District 1 representative Susan Smith. "Why waste two months putting all this stuff in here that we think is necessary if we are just going to cut it back out? We can't help the composite index. We can't help the VRS."

And if the board of supervisors cuts the budget, "well, then that's on them," Smith said.

The board voted 3-1 to approve the budget as is, with only Sumner voting against it.

"My fear is that because we didn't come off the budget at all, (the supervisors) might give us a lower number than we would have decided on to begin with," he said.

Chairman Lee Scripture was absent due to an illness in his family.

The total budget approved by the school board Monday night is $15,691,505. The school district is asking the county to foot $9,566,607 of that bill. The state will pay $3,758,933. Sales tax revenues will cover another $1,573,536. The federal government will contribute $719,379. Other sources, such as grants, will pay for the remaining $73,050.

▼ *Rep. Davis . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

noted that she is chairman of the Select Intelligence Committee's Subcommittee on Human Intelligence. "I now lead a committee that has a direct impact on Virginia's First District," said Rep. Davis. "I will use this position to help strengthen our human intelligence capabilities and improve our national security structure. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, six years of seniority has helped me achieve a level of effectiveness that has benefited the district."

She will continue to pursue legislation to ensure ship refueling and construction projects stay on line, halting the loss of thousands of local jobs and alleviating what could have amounted to national security risks, she said. "I have introduced legislation to expand our naval forces and increase ship construction, which will further strengthen the Hampton Roads economy, as well as bolster the strength of our navy," continued Rep. Davis.

"I was proud to see our local communities in the First District along with my BRAC Task Force, play a successful role in the recent BRAC round. The First District gained thousands of jobs in the BRAC round, while successfully defending vulnerable installations such as Dahlgren in King George County. The BRAC Task Force, which I implemented in 2002, played a large role in this, and I look at that as a proud achievement."

She indicated her strong support on veterans' affairs, and a record to back it up. "The First District has almost 100,000 active and retired veterans, and I am pleased to represent these heroes," said Rep. Davis. "I have worked hard to help get increased funding for our veterans, and last year we were successful in passing concurrent receipt reforms that will help thousands of military retirees receive both retirement pay and disability benefits. As we look to the future, I am a co-sponsor of survivor benefits legislation, as well as the Keep Our Promises to Military Retirees Act."

On healthcare, she noted she is co-sponsoring bills that extend the deadlines for the prescription drug benefit to allow folks more time to enroll in the benefit.

"My office has also conducted numerous seminars on how to understand and enroll in this Medicare Part D program. In fact, I had a toll-free 800 number installed in my office for those all across the district to use if they have any questions or are in need of assistance in regards to Medicare Part D," said Rep. Davis. "What good is the program if no one understands it? We must continue efforts to improve our healthcare system."

She also voiced support of efforts to crack down on illegal immigration.

On the environment, she pledged to continue to campaign against Virginia becoming the number one trash importer in the country. "My legislation will give Richmond the right to determine the amount of trash it brings in," said Rep. Davis. "I met with Governor Kaine just last week in Washington and I asked him for his support on this issue. I also plan on continuing my efforts to rid the James River of the toxic Ghost Fleet. Since I took this battle up in 2001, 49 ghost fleet ships have been removed from the James."

She said that she looks forward to a campaign of positive ideals for Virginia, and will campaign on her record of results.

"My district knows me, and they know that I am not your typical politician. I'm a country girl who believes in straight talk and common sense conservative ideas. I'm a mom and wife before I'm a member of congress, and I stand by my beliefs in faith, family, freedom and personal responsibility," said Rep. Davis.

"My campaign will be about ideas and results, and I look forward to continuing to serve Virginia's First District."

▼ *Lancaster . . . .*

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Other new expenditures would include six additional slots at the governor's school this year to accommodate the addition of the 10th grade.

Adding to the county's burden, the state has increased the county's share of the budget from 65 to 68 percent.

According to a composite index calculation used to determine what percentage of the school budget the locality should fund, Lancaster County is the 12th wealthiest locality in the state.

The total projected budget for the 2006-07 school year is $14,062,027, an increase of some $1.1 million over last year. The school district is asking the county to fund $9,534,402 of that bill.

▼ *Lancaster, Northumberland police . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

block of Brent Court, received a motorist's report of a deer strike on Windmill Point Road, and responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Sullavans Road/Corrotoman Drive.

On March 14, the sheriff's staff responded with Kilmarnock Police to a domestic complaint on South Main Street, responded to a vehicle trespass complaint on Goodluck Road, and responded to a civil dispute on Arrowhead Drive.

On March 15, the staff received a trespass complaint in the 200 block of Ring Farm Road, responded to a deer strike accident at Irvington Road and Harris Drive, and responded to a domestic disturbance in the 20400 block of Mary Ball Road.

On March 16 , the sheriff's staff accompanied child protective services to the 500 block of Nugent Lane, received a grand larceny (furniture) report in the 400 block of Chesapeake Drive, and received a complaint regarding an internet scam attempting to gain online banking account information by using the name Chase Bank.

On March 17, the staff received a report of the theft of a chain saw from Scott Road, responded to an assault complaint involving juveniles on Harris Road, responded to a deer strike with injuries on Courthouse Road north of Beanes Road, and responded to a domestic assault on Jeffrey Avenue.

On March 18, the staff received a complaint of vandalism to several signs near Mosquito Beach and Mosquito Point Roads, attempted to locate a vehicle in the White Stone area at the request of Essex County authorities, and responded to a traffic accident on Gaskins Road.

On March 19, the staff responded to a domestic trespass complaint in the Kilmarnock area, and responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of Windmill Point Road.

On March 20, the sheriff's staff responded to a domestic disturbance on Wild Flower Lane, and checked on the well-being of a Havenwood Lane resident at the request of a concerned out-of-state family member.

Additionally during the week, the sheriff's staff made four traffic stops with one summons issued, provided motorist assistance nine times, provided traffic control three times, responded to eight building alarms, served one mental health order, made 10 inmate transports and received 19 calls for animal control service.

In calls for fire department service, Kilmarnock, White Stone and Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Departments responded to brush fires on Goodluck Road and Leisures Cove Road.

Kilmarnock and Upper Lancaster responded to a brush/trash fire on Morattico Road and to a rekindled brush fire on Gaines Road.

Lancaster County Crime Solvers

The Lancaster County Crime Solvers seeks information about a breaking and entering at the Tartan Golf Lodge between February 1 and 2.

Unknown person or persons entered the building by breaking a window, and ransacked the office. Damage to the building was over $500.

Between closing on March 12 and opening on March 13, unknown person or persons tried to break into the Chris Mart in Lancaster. The person or persons used an object and attempted to break the glass front door. Entry was not made, but damage to the door was over $400.

On March 17, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. a handgun was stolen from the front seat of a pickup while in the parking lot of Tri-Star Supermarket in Kilmarnock.

The pickup is a 1992 burgundy Chevrolet Silverado. The gun was a Smith and Wesson 40 caliber, black in color and in a holster. The theft is valued at $200.

Report related information on these incidents at 462-7473.

Crime Solvers will pay cash rewards up to $1,000 for information that is of value to law enforcement, including information about fugitives, drug deals and dealers, guns, stolen property, or abuse to children or the elderly or any crime taking place in Lancaster County.

Kilmarnock responded to a mulch fire at James Jones Memorial Highway and North Street, a dumpster fire at the Kilmarnock Technology park, a rekindled brush fire on Goodluck Road, a furnace fire in the 100 block of Greentree Lane and a traffic accident at Mary Ball and Devil's Bottom roads.

Upper Lancaster responded to a controlled burn in the 2000 block of Morattico Road and a traffic accident on Courthouse Road north of Beanes Road.

White Stone responded to a downed power line in the 200 block of Windmill Point road.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported eight arrests last week.

Ryan Mark Swann, 18, of Heathsville was charged March 17 with felony counts of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of a firearm while possessing a controlled substance. He was also charged with three misdemeanor counts each of personal property damage and destruction of highway signs. At the same time, an 18-year-old Reedville man and an 18-year-old Hague man were charged with underage alcohol possession as well as three counts of damage to personal property.

A 72-year-old Callao woman was charged March 13 with failure to control a dog that has been previously determined to be a dangerous dog and ordered to appear in court to determine if the dog is a vicious dog.

A 33-year-old Wicomico Church woman was charged March 13 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $74 to a Kilmarnock area business.

A 16-year-old female juvenile was charged March 15 with assault and battery.

A 38-year-old Callao man was charged March 16 with assault and battery of a family member.

A 36-year-old Burgess man was charged March 18 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $162.67 to a Kilmarnock area business.

For the week ending March 20, the sheriff's office dispatchers handled 112 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to eight alarm calls, 58 citizens' complaints, 10 accident or traffic related offenses, one transport of inmates and seven animal control complaints.

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