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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Irvington delays action regarding pilot house home

by Audrey Thomasson

IRVINGTON—A permanent berth for the steamboat Potomac pilot house was the subject of a public hearing during the Irvington town council meeting last week.

Pilot house committee co-chairman Phillip Williams and Steamboat Era Museum president Dick Wilson asked council to consider leaving the structure in its present location on land owned by the town.

The committee is planning to use a $148,000 grant from Virginia's Department of Transportation (VDOT) to begin renovations on the structure.

"To obtain the grant, we must demonstrate permanence," Wilson said, adding that VDOT requires a 99-year lease on the location.

The pilot house, once used as a summer cottage at Taft Beach in White Stone, was acquired five years ago as the potential centerpiece for the new museum and temporarily placed on the Irvington town commons. A roof was built over the structure to protect it from the elements until it could be restored.

Williams presented two other location options. The first would be to move the pilot house behind the museum. Because the museum land extends only four feet behind the building, this would require the purchase of a portion of the adjacent property. However, museum representatives feel the property owner's asking price is much higher than the land's value.

> "It has been an eyesore for five years sitting on the commons as is. It is driving the public away."
>
> **— Bill Evans, Irvington councilman**

A second option is to move the structure to the parking lot on the west side of the museum.

Councilman Norm Mosher suggested a third option: moving the structure closer and parallel to the street.

With the first two options the pilot house would be blocked from the view of approaching traffic, a disadvantage to attracting tourists. Moving the structure from its current position also would cut into the grant money by approximately $20,000. Without the move, Williams said, the grant would cover most of the renovation.

According to museum director Terri Thaxton, the restoration will be a multi-step process that must be completed within 48 months of receiving the grant. The committee also is seeking to have the pilot house recognized as an historic site, which could qualify the structure for additional funding. As part

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Canine hero rounds up help for his companion

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Sometimes, heroes come in the unlikeliest of forms.

James Freeman's hero last week was his constant companion, a 10-pound miniature poodle named Benji.

Benji has been at Freeman's side during a couple of spills. Last fall, the 86-year-old Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury resident was walking Benji at the Golden Eagle Golf Course when he fell. Back then, Benji didn't leave his side.

But last week, when Freeman took another tumble, Benji ran for help.

"I would have gotten up. I was a Marine in World War II and I've gotten out of a lot of scrapes," said Freeman.

"Maybe," said his wife, Kate, who's thankful Benji got the attention of some nearby construction workers.

Freeman was diagnosed with a blood clot on his brain after falling while walking Benji last fall. In November, only 30 minutes after a CT scan revealed the clot, Freeman was flown from Rappahannock General Hospital to a hospital in Richmond where he underwent emergency surgery.

After months of recovery, he took Benji out for his first solo walk last Wednesday.

Benji, a miniature poodle, came to the aid of his owner, James Freeman, last week.

Freeman decided to stroll along some newly-seeded ground on 75 acres owned by RW-C. He was making his way back home on a path along the pond when he says he thinks his back gave out.

Although Freeman doesn't recall the exact sequence of events, he says he somehow wound up lying on a bench on the path. Benji would leave for a while, then return, leave again and return.

Freeman says he thinks he had been there for about 30 minutes when help arrived.

Matt Chapman, one of the construction workers who came to Freeman's aid, thought it was unusual, first, to see an unleashed dog, and second, to see the little poodle without his owner.

"We always used to see the man walking the dog," said Chapman, "but this time he was running around by himself."

"The dog came over to us and kept looking in the direction of the man, just acting kind of strange. So we said take us to him," Chapman said. "And he led us around the trees right to him. That man was lucky to have his dog with him because I think he would have laid there another couple of hours until six or seven o'clock before somebody found him."

Kate says her husband left on his walk around 3 p.m. She was expecting him home at 4 p.m. He finally returned with a nurse at 4:30 p.m.

"[Benji] seems to be exceptionally smart," said Freeman.

"He's so smart," added Kate. "You can't even say the word walk around him anymore. You have to spell it out — W-A-L-K."

With that, the little poodle jumped in her lap. Perhaps he can also spell.

Police Reports

Antonio M. "Tony" Wallace, 36, of the 7800 block of Courthouse Road in Heathsville has been charged in connection with the death of Edwin J. Veney, 26, of Kilmarnock, according to Capt. Martin R. Shirilla, chief deputy of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department.

Shirilla said deputies discovered Veney's body shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, when responding to an assault call in the 400 block of Twin Branch Road near Browns Store. The victim of an apparent stab wound, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

A warrant was issued charging Wallace with second degree murder, said Capt. Shirilla. Wallace was charged April 17 and is being held without bond pending arraignment.

On April 18, Wallace also was charged with unlawful wounding in commission of a felony in connection with the stabbing. This second charge also is a felony, said Capt. Shirilla.

He said additional information regarding the incident will be released later.

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported other charges were brought against 12 individuals last week.

Jackson D. Blackstone, 34, of Wiggins Avenue was charged April 12 on a Richmond County warrant with issuing a felony bad check.

A Burgess man, 30, was charged April 10 with contempt of court.

A Deltaville man, 47, was charged April 10 with contempt of court.

A Windmill Point Road man, 50, was charged April 11 with a violation of the dangerous / vicious dog law.

A Dragon Fly Road man, 33, was charged April 11 with issuing a bad check.

A Wiggins Avenue woman, 24, was charged April 11 with two counts of issuing bad checks.

A King George man, 55, was charged April 11 with issuing a bad check.

A White Stone woman, 38, was charged April 12 with contempt of court.

A Lancaster woman, 18, was charged April 12 with contempt of court.

A Watercress Lane man, 30, was charged April 12 with failing to buy a dog license by January 31.

A Kilmarnock woman, 30, was charged April 12 with issuing a bad check.

A Hayes man, 30, was charged April 13 with using profane/threatening language over the public airway.

Other responses

On April 10, the sheriff's staff received a report of a reckless driver in the area of the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge and a trespass/destruction of property complaint in the Kilmarnock area, responded to a traffic accident at Laurel Point and Devils Bottom Roads, and received a traffic violation complaint in the

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Oyster aquaculture project applications before VMRC

NEWPORT NEWS— Cowart Seafood Corporation and Bevans Oyster Company have separate applications before the Virginia Marine Resources Commission seeking authorization to place oyster aquaculture cages on privately-leased grounds.

Both applications are set for public hearing Tuesday, April 25. The commission meets at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC Headquarters, 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News.

Cowart plans to deploy 4-foot wide by 6-foot long by 12-inch high, individually buoyed oyster aquaculture cages occupying four sites in the Coan River, totaling some 24.5 acres of hard bottom. The cages will be deployed in depths ranging from three feet to eight feet at mean high water and a maximum density of 350 cages per acre.

The four sites will be along the west shore across from Walnut Point and extending southeast. The project is protested by a nearby property owner.

Bevans plans to deploy cages of similar construction in similar water depths occupying four sites in the Yeocomico River and Wilkins Creek, totaling some 20 acres of bottom. The cages would be placed at a maximum density of 250 cages per acre.

Two of the sites are within Westmoreland County, including some four acres in Yeocomico approximately 1,000 feet west of the mouth of Parkers Creek and eight acres in the Yeocomico approximately 1,300 feet southwest of the mouth of Parkers Creek.

The remaining sites are within Northumberland County, including four acres in the Yeocomico River some 2,300 feet southeast of Horn Point and four acres in Wilkins Creek some 800 feet south of Mundy Point.

Northumberland board approves all nine issues

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—"I asked for more information, and I got more information than I ever wanted. I have been convinced," said Northumberland County supervisor Pamela Russell shortly before the board approved, 4-1, the use of shotgun slugs in the county.

The board had debated the use of slugs for more than a year. Northumberland County is one of only a few rural counties that had banned the ammunition, but institutional memory has forgotten why.

All surrounding Northern Neck counties allow the use of slugs.

Arguments on behalf of slugs state that they are safer than other types of ammunition. Unlike buckshot, which sprays a firework of small pellets, slugs contain only a single bullet. They lose velocity and height more quickly than black powder.

Slugs, supporters say, aim truer and kill deer more quickly than buckshot, preventing wounded animals from running away, potentially into the line of traffic.

The board also decided that it would not require the use of slugs from tree stands only, as it had been initially considering.

Falling out of tree stands, noted supervisor Joe Self, is the major cause of hunting accidents.

Three incidents have been reported since 1994 involving shotgun slugs. All were self inflicted and one was lethal.

Only Jim Long voted against the motion to allow slugs. He said he has received many calls from his district opposing the alternative ammunition.

The board also approved two boathouse applications, a carnival permit for the Callao Rescue Squad, the transfer of a cluster development permit to Double D Development, two new golf cart communities, the relocation of the voter registrars office and a new communications tower for Kabellero.

The board also set a budget preparation schedule for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The draft budget will be complete by Thursday, April 27, and available for public review.

The board will hold work sessions May 8 at 5 p.m. and May 16, if necessary.

A public hearing on the final school and county budgets will be Wednesday, May 31.

The board will vote on adoption at its regular meeting in June.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Springfield owners Peggy and Lewes Fleming believe that if you're going to have a stately mansion on the Virginia and National Historic Registers, you have a responsibility to share the home, bringing history, joy and benefit to the community.

"We love to entertain in a place like this, to have fresh flowers everywhere," said Peggy, an artist whose oils and watercolors hang at Springfield. "If you're not going to do that, you might as well live in something easier."

They opened Springfield, built in 1828 by John Harding on the Coan River in Heathsville, for a decorator showhouse to benefit the Woman's Club of Northumberland County; for a cocktail party for The Haven; twice for The Northern Neck Entertains, benefiting the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation; and last year for Virginia's Historic Garden Week.

Now they're spiffing again for a May 6 Kentucky Derby lawn party from 3 to 7 p.m., to benefit Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, just a couple of stones' throws from Springfield. The tavern is a cause dear to their hearts; they met there as volunteers in 1994 and married the next year.

Volunteers are the tavern's lifeblood. Both Lew and Peggy have been president of the Tavern Foundation; he has volunteered there since the early 1990's when the Rice family gave the building to the Northumberland Historical Society and the foundation was formed.

"It was a mess," said Peggy. "We didn't know if we could save it. The foundation had sunk and the men lifted it up inch by inch. When we knew it could be saved, the historical society gave it to the Tavern Foundation to rehab it."

> ***"We're invited to parade through the lush boxwood in saucy May hats, sip mint juleps under umbrellas by the pool, savor the food and wine provided by area chefs, tap to the music of The Free Agents and watch the horse we've chosen don the roses."***

Chef Branden Levine leases the restaurant, but volunteers run the rest of the operation with one paid employee. Volunteers take the traveling exhibit to school classrooms. They staff the Tavern Store. They built the forge and ply their blacksmith trade for commissioned or gift shop items. They'll do the decorating, parking, historical demonstrations, and some of the cooking for the derby party.

The Virginia Department of Transportation granted funds for the tavern's transportation museum, under way and eventually to be filled with 15,000 artifacts in safekeeping by the Department of Historic Resources in Richmond; and for the carriage house, still to be built, to house the foundation's two surreys, two one-horse sleighs, a doctor's buggy and a horse-drawn hearse.

However, construction prices exploded during the building of the museum, which will also serve as a community center. Proceeds from the derby party will pay off the debt necessitated by cost overruns.

This particular party is perfect for Peggy. Born in West Virginia on the Ohio River, she became a medical technician, specializing in bone research. When the doctor she worked for in Lexington, Ky., gave her a ticket to sit in his box at Churchill Downs, she rode the bus to Louisville and fell hard for the derby.

She went on to work in Boston and Washington, D.C. But there's a tradition in Kentucky, she said, that if you leave the state, you spread the spirit by giving a derby party, large or small. The Flemings follow that tradition annually.

This time we're all invited guests, to wander through their brick Federal-style house with its white columns and doubled-tiered porches; to imagine ourselves in a different era descending the spiral staircase into the breeze-cooled center hall painted patriot blue; to see the stunning furnishings, many from the antiques business Lew owned with his first wife after retiring from the Pentagon.

We're invited to parade through the lush boxwood in saucy May hats, sip mint juleps under umbrellas by the pool, savor the food and wine provided by area chefs, tap to the music of The Free Agents and watch the horse we've chosen don the roses.

"It'll be a food-tasting event, all kinds of wine, a big lawn party," said Peggy, who makes a mean julep. "And after buying your ticket for $50, you don't pay for anything except the betting and the silent auction."

That auction will include one of the Flemings' Oriental rugs and a barn party for 20 at Roanoke, Brent Mason's great historic home down the road.

Reservations are due May 1. To attend the party or join the foundation, call the Tavern Office at 580-3377; or the store at 580-3536; or the host and hostess at 580-2660. The tavern, the guests, and the best horse all will win.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Speaking of miracles

One definition looms: A miracle is, first of all, a happening which involves the suspension or relaxing of the applicable physical and/or natural laws and the enacting of supernatural forces. Bible miracles sometimes involved the supernatural acceleration of natural laws, such as water to wine.

Remember that Jesus had power over nature, disease, death and demons. Way back then and even today, these are things which we fear and over which we pray.

Jesus said, "If you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sins." Let's all agree to agree that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. We establish Jesus' sonship, or deity. by the miracles he performed. The word "dunamis" quite literally translates to our English word "dynamite." A miracle is dynamic; it explodes into faith. New Testament miracles were called "signs" because they verified and confirmed an observation. The word "wonders" sits amidst the text because they made observers marvel.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-74) perhaps introduced the view that miracles are simply "outside of nature," thus producing the effects of secondary causes without them. For him, miracles not only involved being outside or above nature, but also were actually contrary to nature. Jesus walking on water was certainly above the relevant natural laws. It also entailed the suspension of the law of gravity. However, in addition to these basic elements, such a miracle was against nature, in that the laws of physics were violated.

When looking to specify the greatest miracle Jesus performed, some claim it was feeding the five thousand. Certainly this proved the creative powers of our Lord.

Wicomico Baptist
Wicomico

Other miracles performed by Jesus incorporated the natural. His birth was miraculous in that he was born of a virgin, yet Mary's pregnancy was absolutely normal, as was his birth natural. His young life was normal as any other child of his day. Dare we say that miracles embody "works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means"?

We see in Jesus' life undeniable miracles. He was born of a virgin, resurrected from the dead and ascended to heaven. The Bible also recognizes the existence of false miracles. These are called "lying wonders." False religions do not possess the truth (God's word). They often attempt to convince people through deception, calling it a miracle.

An understanding of miracles performed by Jesus leads to the belief that he is the son of God. Such a foundation helps us detect and avoid pseudo miracles.

Jesus exhibited mastery of all nature: he turned water into wine, calmed the sea and later even walked upon it.

Similarly Jesus disarmed demons, cured a fellow; chal

lenged and cured a violent demoniac. He even cured a demon-challenged person who was both blind and dumb.

Jesus displayed miraculous power over the material realm. He manifestly displayed miraculous ability over the material in the feeding of the five thousand. Not only did he deal with possible starvation, he did so with such style as to create a leftover abundance. Thus he saw beyond the need of the present.

Physical diseases and infirmities were no match for his power. He healed Peter's wife's mother of a physical abnormality. Jesus healed "every sickness and every disease among the people." He even restored sight to the blind.

His power over death was exemplified when he healed Jairus' daughter, a widow's son, and raised Lazarus from the dead. He promised his apostles that they would be able to perform miracles, "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils." Their powers were, in actual fact, his power manifested in them, and of limited purpose and duration.

The miracles accredited to our savior were not performed in a botched attempt to remove all sickness from the world. He could have said to death, illness, and what-have-you, "go away!" They established his authority to forgive sin. His miracles proved that he was sent of God. Nicodemus declared, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no person could do these miracles unless God was in them." In healing the sick, Jesus' miracles also fulfilled Old Testament prophecy.

Miracles were not and are not based on human understanding; rather, they bring us to faith. Such power rests in the hands of Jesus alone. Even his enemies believed in his miracles. They never questioned them. They were so evidently genuine, and without relapse. Satan is more faithful than many of us; he believes in miracles, in the power of Christ.

Compared to the pseudo-miracle climate of today, Jesus did not evoke a propaganda campaign or mount a crusade to create the necessary emotional environment, sell prayer cloths, ask for a donation, or sprinkle precious oil. Jesus healed completely and instantaneously. The Bible says that Jesus healed all manner of diseases. Not even the best physician, or surgeon, can lay such a claim.

Stories about miracles were written that "we might believe that Jesus is our Christ, the son of our God; and that by believing in him we achieve eternal life." There is no other way into heaven except by him, who was crucified, dead, buried and resurrected for the forgiveness of sin.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, April 25:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Thursday, April 20:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, April 24:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, April 25:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 26:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, April 26:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
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
Thursday, April 20:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
12:15 p.m., Quarterly Business Meeting,
Tone Chimes and Children's Choir
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, April 24:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 242
Tuesday, April 25
6:45 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Lighthouse Baptist Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Hwy.
Wicomico Church , 435-2435
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
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, April 23:
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, April 23:
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, April 23:
Deacon & Deaconess Day
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship
3 p.m., Rev. Vaughn Cunningham, Queen
Esther Baptist Church pastor, guest speaker with his choir and congregation

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 26:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, 529-9223
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw; 22572, 333-4280
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, April 26:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
11 a.m. – 1 p.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, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
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, April 23:
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
3:30 - 5:30 p.m., VBS Meeting
Monday, April 24:
2:30 p.m., Mayfair House Birthday Party
7 p.m., Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday, April 25:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, Lancaster
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, April 23:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, April 26:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972; 453-3231
Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
The Rev. David H. Hay, Rector
The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., Interim Asst. Rector
Sunday, April 23:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, April 26:
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, April 23:
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Holy Eucharist
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, April 23:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephens Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 23:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Hwy.
Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, April 23:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, April 26:
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, April 23:
First Sunday after Easter
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, April 23:
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, April 23:
8:30 a.m., Worship accompanied by Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, April 26:
Noon, Bag Lunch & Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church Street
435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia St.
Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, April 23:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday April 23:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service/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, April 20:
10 a.m., Bible Study at Bethel
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
7:30 p.m., Bible Study at Emmanuel
Sunday, April 23:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
5 p.m., UMYF meet
7 p.m., Chancel Choir Practice
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Monday, April 24:
7 p.m., Finance Committee meets at Bethel
8 p.m., Council meets at Bethel
Tuesday, April 25:
Noon, "Lunch and Learn" Medicare Part D
Fellowship Hall at Bethel
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Charge New Member Class at Bethel

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway
Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 22:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, April 20:
7:30 p.m., Administrative Council
8 p.m., AA-11th Step Meeting
Sunday, April 23:
7:45 a.m., UMM Breakfast/Meeting
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Tuesday April 25:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday April 26:
3:30 p.m., Brownies
6 p.m., Handbells
7 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 26:
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, April 22:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Mtg.
11 a.m., Carnival Planning Mtg.
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Covered Dish Luncheon
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Wednesday, April 26:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road)
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor, Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, April 23:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during both
Noon, Coffee Hour/Luncheon hosted by the Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday, Aprol 25:
8:30 a.m., Investment Committee
Wednesday, April 26:
10 a.m., Congregational Care
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Road, Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Bread of Life Christian Center
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079, Rev. Phillip C. Lee, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, April 24:
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, April 23:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Chesapeake Christian Center
Irvington Road, Irvington
Thursday, April 20:
7 p.m., Bible Study
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 20:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, April 23:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
Noon, Prayer

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Obituaries

Robert S. Boynton

WILLIAMSBURG—Robert Shaw Boynton, 90, died April 13, 2006, in Williamsburg.

Born in Louisville, Ky., to Charles R. and Besse Williams Bounton, he spent his early years in Oak Park, Ill. In 1937 he graduated from the University of Illinois where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He entered business with the Solvay Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation. During World War II he worked with the Chemical Bureau of the War Production Board.

After the war, Mr. Boynton's business career spanned 33 years with the National Lime Association as executive director in Washington, D.C., where he developed an international reputation as one of the foremost experts on the use of lime. He was the author of two editions of a reference text, *The Chemistry and Technology of Lime and Limestone.*

For his work on lime, the American Society of Testing Material honored him with the Walter C. Voss M.I.T. award. The National Lime Association established an annual Robert S. Boynton Award for the best technical paper on lime.

He was a member of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., the Congressional Country Club and the National Press Club.

He was predeceased in the fall of 2004 by his wife of 65 years, Betty McClintock Boynton.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Boynton Van Leer of Miami Beach, Fla., and Bettina Boynton Powell of White Stone; five grandchildren, Robert Benson Van Leer of Atlanta, Ga., Samuel Boynton Van Leer of Miami Beach, Fla., Louisa Birchard Van Leer of Los Angeles, Calif., Robert Byrd Powell of Charlotte, N.C. and Marshall Boynton Powell of Roanoke, and three great-granddaughters, Elizabeth Boynton Powell, Sophia Shaw Powell and Alison Birchard Powell.

Private graveside services were held at Christ Church near Irvington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Williamsburg Landing Memorial Fund, the Historic Christ Church Foundation in Irvington, or to a charity of one's choice.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Eleanor M.W. Combs

LOTTSBURG—Eleanor Matilda Ward "Tilly" Combs, 43, died March 29, 2006,

Mrs. Combs was born September 10, 1962, in Heathsville to Sarah Ann Ward and William Gardner Ward Sr. She attended Northumberland County public schools where she played softball and other sports. She moved to Baltimore in 1981 where she worked for Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Red Roof Inn, and then the Baltimore public schools until her health began to fail in 2002.

She was predeceased by her father.

She is survived by her mother, Sarah Ward; her husband, Frankie Combs; a daughter, Yolanda Alton; a son, Edward Anderson Jr.; two grandsons, Keyondre Keels and Delmonte Tylee Wendell Keels; two sisters, Sarah Barnes and Gladys Ward; four nieces, Yvonne, Lowanda, Sheruanda and Tunishia; seven nephews, Bruce, Ray, Samuel, Roy, Don, Antionio and Creighton; a nephew-in-law, Russell Allen Sr.; 21 great-nieces and great-nephews; a great-great niece, Tyana Lane; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held April 4 at Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg with pastor John Bibbens officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Virginia H. Forrester

MISKIMON—Virginia Hale Forrester, 90 of Miskimon died April 12, 2006.

Mrs. Forrester was the widow of Rudolph Sampson Forrester and a member of Providence Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Geraldine "Gerry" and James V. Watson of Lynchburg; a son and daughter-in-law, John Ryland and Connie Forrester of Miskimon; four grandchildren, Stephen Watson, Linda Minnick and husband, Mickey Minnick, all of Lynchburg, John R. Forrester of Richmond and Kerry Forrester of Lansing, Mich.; a great-grandson, Michael Minnick, and a brother, Claude Hale of Village

Graveside services were held April 15 at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Miskimon with Rev. Carlton Milstead Jr. officiating.

Memorials may be made to Mid-County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 355, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Mabel E. Hughes

CALLAO–Mabel Elizabeth Hughes, 103, of Callao died April 13, 2006. She was a retired registered nurse and a member of Henderson United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three nephews and their wives, Weymouth and Jane Hughes of Callao. Randolph and Janice Hughes of Florida and Hunter G. and Aleta Cockrell of Richmond.

Graveside services were held April 15 at Henderson United Methodist Church with Rev. Sue Salmon officiating.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Rosie W. Knox

REMO—Rosie Warner Knox, 91, of Baltimore, formerly of Remo, died April 9, 2006.

Mrs. Knox was born January 14, 1915, to Cornelia Sebree and Sylvester Warner of Remo.

She joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church and attended public schools. She moved to Baltimore where she married Booker Knox of Accomack County.

She was predeceased by her husband.

She is survived by a daughter, Gloria Bell; three sons, James Knox, Odell Knox and Booker Knox Jr.; a sister, Laura Wilson; two brothers, Lloyd and William Warner; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Bernadette Knox and Topie Knox; two sisters-in-law, Julia Warner and Irene Warner; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Interment services were held at the Warner Family Cemetery in Remo.

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

Joseph Murray

WEEMS—Joseph "Bootsie" Murray, 77, died April 1, 2006.

Mr. Murray was born August 8, 1928, in Baltimore to Alexander and Marie Murray. He attended Baltimore public schools. He volunteered for the U.S. Army in July 1949 and was discharged in 1953.

He was a sanitation worker for the City of Baltimore for many years. He returned to White Stone in 1986 to care for his mother. He worked for 20 years at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury where he made many friends among co-wokers and residents. He retired in 2005.

He was predeceased by a brother, Alexander Murray Jr.; and a sister, Louise Holmes.

He is survived by his wife, Florida; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Ray Cole Sr. and Joanne and Pastor Anthony Dorsey of Baltimore; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ann and Irving Brittingham of Virginia Beach; two stepsons and their wives, Alfred and Lorraine Tiggle and Horace and Barbara Tiggle of Weems; a brother, Ronald Horne; eight great-grandchildren, Ray, Katherine, Angelo, Carl and Iesha Cole, and Kevin, Pamela and Joel Dorsey; six stepgrandchildren; nine great-stepgrandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held April 8 at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems with Pastor Rodney D. Waller officiating. Interment was in Mount Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery in White Stone.

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

Franklin D. Rice

HEATHSVILLE—Franklin Darell Rice of Heathsville, 25, died April 7, 2006.

Mr. Rice was born June 8, 1980, to Franklin A. and Patricia Y. Rice. He joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, Thomas Rice; an aunt, Wendy Muse, and an uncle, John Rice.

He is survived by his son, DaMarea Rice; his mother and father; a brother and sister-in-law, Daryl and Zora Rice; four sisters, Stacey Rice, Shakia Rice, Shelia Reed and DeAndra Redmond; his grandparents, Louise Rice, Bernice Muse and Robert Muse and his wife, Lettie; a great-grandmother, Daisy Dameron; six aunts, three with husbands, Grace Ann and Lloyd Laws, Jean and James Fallin, Jacqueline and Donald Carter, Brenda Johnson, Sonya Muse and Sophia Holmes; three uncles, two with wives, Leroy and Linda Rice, Neil Muse, Marvin and Sabrina Muse; four nieces, Titania Rice, Kinsana Cater, Kymira Rice and Candiss Carter; a nephew, Tre'moni Rice; two close friends, Tewanica Smith and Latonya Newton; and many cousins and other friends.

Funeral services were held April 12 at First Baptist Church with minister Oliver L. Rice as eulogist and pastor Charles V. Payton officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Daryl Rice, Maurice Rice, Keith Ball, Brandon Tate, Lamont Rice and Ryland Taylor.

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

Thelma M.L. Skeen

KNOXVILLE,TENN.—Thelma Melissa Lewis Skeen, 101, a native of Callao, died April 15, 2006, at home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Skeen was the daughter of the late Robert Harvey Lewis and Lillie Arrana Morse. She was the widow of the late Clyde Shipton Skeen.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Alvin, Herbert and Raymond Lewis.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Skeen Vasalos and Constantinos Vasalos, and a granddaughter, Melissa Arrana Vasalos, all of Knoxville.

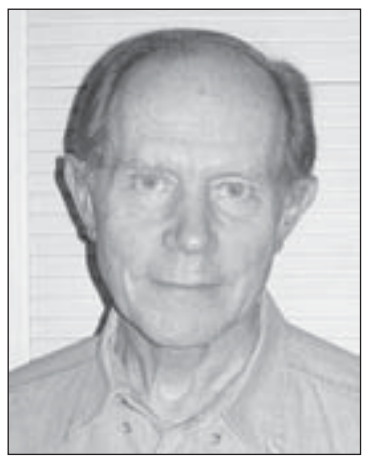
A former nurse and resident of Richmond, she and her husband served the elderly with a nursing home and home for the aged, until her retirement.

A funeral was held April 19 at Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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

Visiting choirs

The Eastern Mennonite High School Touring Choir and Chamber Choir, directed by Jay Hartzler, will perform at Irvington United Methodist Church Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m. This is the Choir's first eastern Virginia concert tour. The theme is "The Water."



Bob Weekley

Weekley to address Unitarians

On April 23, Bob Weekley will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock on "Earth Day: Celebrating the Commons and Our Web of Existence" at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

The program will include classical music selections by Out of the Woods, a recorder ensemble of members of the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist Church.

Weekley and his wife, Elaine, are lay-members and live in Lancaster County. He has degrees from West Point, American University, and the Army War College, and is a founding partner of Energy and Communications Solutions in Washington, D.C., an international energy consultancy.

Appreciation banquet is April 22

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church will hold an appreciation banquet Saturday, April 22, at The Beacon in Topping at 4 p.m.

The banquet will honor deacon C.F. Johnson, trustees Adolf Burrell, William Warner, James Smith, deacons Elizabeth Savoy, James Lloyd Warner, deaconesses Julia Warner and Emma Jones and church aid Hortense Jones for devoted service.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Angelo Chapman, pastor of Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in Richmond and professor of Theology at Virginia Union University.

Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by calling 435-3725.

Smith addresses Methodist Men

Steve Smith, customer service field representative for Northern Neck Electric Co-Operative, was guest speaker at the April 12 meeting of the Bethel-Emmanuel Methodist Men.

Smith spoke on "Electric Co-Operatives Help Hurricane Victims," and illustrated the subject with slides. Rev. Robert O. Jones Jr. helped Smith with the presentation.

Smith said that Northern Neck Electric Co-Operative sent three bucket trucks and volunteer teams to the Cameron, La., area to help restore power. The area was devastated by the 35-foot storm surge and high winds from the Gulf of Mexico. In Cameron, about 30 miles from the Gulf, every home, school, church, industry and business was severely damaged. He showed scenes of a Catholic church which was destroyed with all windows blown out except one large stained-glass window.

Smith showed four large tents set up for volunteer workers from electric co-operatives around the country. The tents served as a dormitory, as a kitchen and dining area, for showers and laundry, and to store supplies.

With large refineries in the area, Cameron was home to many workers. Smith estimated that about 40 percent of homes and other buildings have been re-built so far.

Steve Smith

All the power poles will have to be replaced and the wiring and sub-stations rebuilt. As the slides were projected, Smith fielded many questions. Smith, one of the volunteers, said the experience was unforgettable for its mud, mosquitoes and evidence of nature's power.

Smith and Rev. Jones received a standing ovation for the presentation. Program chairman John Sloan and Methodist Men's president Jerry Ruble thanked Smith and Rev. Jones for the presentation.

Ruble announced that the next membership meeting, May 10, will be held at Bethel Church in Lively; Frans Kasteel will be the guest speaker.

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Outdoor Easter drama presented at Sharon Baptist Church

The Sharon Baptist Church Drama Ministry presented an Easter play entitled "The Day That Changed the World." Sharon's hill was transformed to Golgotha on Sunday, April 16, at 11 a.m.

An Easter sunrise service with Rev. Rodney Waller presenting the morning message and The Sharon Men's Chorus providing the music began at 6 a.m. A fellowship breakfast followed, which was spearheaded by Darlene Curry.

Faith Waddy, director of the drama ministry, incorporated talent throughout the church and community and Maryland for the production. The presentation began with a purpose and opening by Vivian Bea, and a welcome by Shakeen Walker. An Easter prayer was rendered by Bianca Rice.

The first scene depicted "Jesus (Rev. Rodney Waller) Blessing the Children." Allessia Muschette, Jamea Smith, Alex Rice, Shåniya Taylor, Diamond Rice and Jalen Forrest memorized recitations in a skit entitled "Ribbons in a Basket." The children hugged Jesus and left the stage singing "Jesus Loves Me."

Other scenes included, "The Plot to Kill Jesus" with the leading priest (Everett Short) and Judas (Clarence Reed) as main characters. In the next scene, Geraldine Avery played the role of the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. The disciples were played by Luther Smith, Horace Tiggle, Richard Maiden, Dennis Maiden and Reed.

From left are Etta Beale, Rev. Rodney Waller and Domonique Taylor.

Following scenes depicted "Judas Agreeing to Betray Jesus," "Jesus Agonizing in the Garden," "Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested," "Jesus Standing Trial before Pilate" (Lloyd Hill). Pilate's wife was portrayed by Erica Curry, and the crowd included the Golden Stars and the children.

Next came "Jesus Mocked by the Roman Soldiers" (Pernell Waddy, Everett Short, Dominique Taylor and Warren Allen), "Jesus Led to the Cross," with Simon played by Richard Maiden, and Vera Waller and Ora Fisher playing the roles of Mary and Mary, and "Jesus Dies on the Cross," with Etta Beale portraying the woman who gave Jesus vinegar on a sponge, and Peyton Waller and Robert Waddy playing the role as the two thieves who hung next to Jesus. Shamerah Taylor read "Easter Is" for the finale.

Narrators for the play included Jade Lomax, Sunacia Taylor, Constance Smith, Tereese Smith, Ailene Waller, Sandra Smyre and Claudette Henderson.

Music and sound effects were under the direction of Jonathan Avery. Mrs. Maiden video taped the event. Alicia Waddy and Claudette Henderson served as photographers.

Special musical guests included The Beulah Men's Chorus and The Golden Stars of Sharon. Morgan Leak of Randallstown, Md., presented a praise dance to a Vicky Winans song, "Oh What Love."

Renee Rice shared her artistic talent with a backdrop suitable for each scene. Pernell Waddy and Arnold Fisher constructed the crosses. Faith Waddy and Sandra Smyre composed the script. Joe Curry also placed a fountain with soothing sounds and flowing water. Costumes and props were designed, made and provided by Faith Waddy, director of the play. Flyers were designed by Winfield Curry.

In loving memory of *James Revere, Sr.*
who passed away April 19, 2005. On this first anniversary without you, we think about you everyday. Sometimes with a tear, and always with love of who you were and how much you meant to all of us. You are gone but you will never be forgotten.
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Dr. Michael Herts discusses the Passover dinner.

Passover dinner is demonstrated

On Maundy Thursday, Dr. Michael Herts of Yorktown, a member of Jews for Jesus, demonstrated at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene what would have been served at the Passover dinner Christ celebrated with his disciples.

Using a display of traditional Passover accouterments, the presentation enhanced the audience's appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion, according to church spokesman Jane Bishop.

Ancient and modern Jewish customs were discussed with emphasis on redemption, she said.

The Passover items were set on a table, including representative foods, which were explained, but not eaten. The ceremonial Seder plate, the three-compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, and the traditional cup of Elijah were presented.

New insights to their christological significance were provided, said Bishop.

Jews for Jesus has presented this demonstration in over 5,000 churches.

Moishe Rosen, the founder and former executive director of Jews for Jesus, originally wrote it in 1956. The presentation was abstracted from the writings of the late Rabbi Leopold Cohn, who came to faith in Jesus in 1894 and died in 1936.

From left are pastor Phillip Lee, Carolyn Lee, Cindy Lynn and pastor Richard Lynn.

Two churches to become one body

Bread of Life Ministries and Abundant Life Fellowship have answered the call of the Lord to become one body. According to pastor Phillip Lee of Bread of Life and pastor Richard Lynn of Abundant Life, being in a place of Christ-like unity is the fulfillment of desire of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

God has given this new work a new name, New Life Ministries, which will come together April 30 with its first "friends and family" day, they said. It is on highway 200 across from the Good Luck Road intersection, and all are invited to this special fellowship. At 11 a.m., pastor Wayne Thorn, of Hiding Place Ministries in Brandon, Fla., will minister in the service. After the service there will be a picnic.

They noted Jesus prayed in John 12: 20 for unity, not union. He didn't pray for uniformity. Union may be fused by external forces, but not unity. Uniformity may be manufactured by dictatorship, but not unity. Only when two or more melt together in love and understanding can the two become one. That's the way it is in marriage, and that's the way it is with brethren.

"Only when we restore Jesus Christ to his throne in our hearts can we have unity," said Lee. "As long as we try to impose our wills or even our understanding upon others, there will never be unity. All unity meetings are doomed to failure as long as we try to substitute either union or uniformity for unity. These counterfeits can never make us one in Christ. Unity has to do with concord, harmony, and accord: being of the same mind and having one heart in Christ Jesus. Unity results in a unit—like a body—with Christ as its head, not man."

"We feel the whole truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached without compromise, so people may discover the freedom that exists in him," said Lynn. "No pastor has a church, it belongs to the Lord, and it is his church only, we are the under shepherds that the Lord has called and chosen for this hour. We believe God is raising up men and women that will be bold enough to stand for grace and truth in his holy word and to proclaim the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ. We believe we are in that final hour."

"We are one family, an organic entity produced in Christ's resurrection," said Lee. "In the body of Christ, therefore, there is not any place for the negative, for the cross of Christ dealt with everything, enabling us to be set free from this type of mindset. There is no nationality, no culture, no race, no young nor old, nor anything but Christ. We have all become one as he is one with the father, seeking to follow the example of Christ in our identifications...Christ-like." "The purpose of this merging is to carry out God's great commission more effectively," said Lynn.

"When we speak of the oneness of the body of Christ, we must not forget the goal of our existence, which is to give God a way to accomplish his work, reaching the lost, giving hope where there is none, and ministering to those cast aside by our societies."

"We are better together knowing that according to God's word, there is power in godly unity," said Lee. "Our primary mission of this new work is to declare the divine message which will enable the souls of all humanity to know the unconditional love of Christ and his willingness that all come to repentance."

Paul called the church the "pillar and ground of the truth" in First Timothy 3:15. It is the pillar and ground of truth because it teaches and upholds the truth; it supports that which makes men free (John 8:32). It teaches and upholds the gospel—the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16).

Church Notes

■ May Day

The Mount Vernon Baptist Church will have its annual May Day May 13. A parade is pending on participation. To participate in the parade in any way, or if you would like to rent a spot to sell your items, call Debra Ward at 435-3770, Valerie Rich at 435-0893 or Arthur Brown at 435-1881. A huge church yard sale is planned.

■ Fashion show

Queen Esther Baptist Church will have a men's fashion show Saturday, April 22, at 5 p.m. The show will be sponsored by the Missionary Circle Ministry.

■ 38th anniversary

The Willie Chapel Gospel Chorus will celebrate its 38th anniversary Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m.

Special guests are Sister Juanita Cox and the Bright Stars Gospel Singers. Deacon Berry O. Waddy is the worship leader.

■ Revival

Willie Chapel Baptist Church in Lancaster will host its annual spring revival April 19 through April 21. Prayer and praise service will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and the preaching at 8 p.m.

Speakers are pastor Bunnie Dunaway of Hartswell Baptist Church April 19, pastor Dwight Seawood of Mount Olive Baptist Church April 20 and pastor Claude Tate of New Jerusalem Baptist Church April 21. Music will be rendered by their choirs.

■ Christian singles

A Christian singles group is in the process of organizing in the Lancaster-Northumberland area.

Any Christian singles between the ages of 21-55 who may be interested in meeting with other Christian singles are invited for an informational meeting at Fairfields Baptist Church in Burgess Sunday, April 23, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Coordinator Glenn Fallin can be contacted at 580-4195.

■ Woman's program

On April 22, at 6 p.m. the Beulah Women's Day committee will sponsor a program at Beulah Baptist Church in Lively.

The special guest will be the Singing Disciples of Westmoreland County. The mistress of ceremonies will be minister Yolandia Martin Gibson.

■ Gospel concert

The Ebenezer Gospel Chorus will hold its annual concert May 6 at 6 p.m.

Rev. Bunnie Dunaway, pastor of Hartswell Baptist Church in Ottoman, Deacon Burkett Lyburn of Colonial Beach, and the B.C. Dunaway Singers of Hartswell will be featured.

■ Men's Chorus

The Mt. Olive Men's Chorus will celebrate its 56th anniversary May 6, at 6 p.m.

The Zion Knights of Caret, will render the music. A fellowship dinner will follow the service.

■ Family Day

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church will celebrate Family and Friend's Day Sunday, April 23 at their 11 a.m. service.

Rev. Dwight Seawood will deliver the sermon. Ministries from Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Richmond will attend. Dinner will be served after the service.

St. Stephen's Episcopal to celebrate anniversary

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will celebrate its 125th anniversary April 29 to 30.

The church on Route 360 in Heathsville has its roots deep in pre-Revolutionary America. In 1653, 11 years after the first recorded settlement in Northumberland County, the first formal division of the county into Church of England parishes was made.

Around 1664 St. Stephen's was the northern portion of the county and appeared on government lists as late as 1773.

The present house of worship was consecrated in 1881 and in 1979 was placed on the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks in recognition of its simple Carpenter Gothic architecture.

To recognize the 125th anniversary, St. Stephen's has invited all former members to attend a church dinner April 29 at 6 p.m.

The homecoming theme is "On Eagles' Wings" taken from Isaiah 40:31: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, They will walk and not be faint."

On April 30, at 9 a.m., a church service will be conducted using the 1789 Book of Common Prayer.

Charlotte Hundley is the celebration coordinator.

Animals for adoption

The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good, loving homes. The dogs, puppies, cats and kittens change rapidly; in lieu of listing them, interested persons may call the league at 435-0822 or Joyce at 462-0091 to be advised of what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

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Mo Martin and Maxine Luxton visit the courtyard of the Dorothean Convent of Apparitions in Ponteverde, Spain.

St. Francis parishioners visit holy sites on pilgrimage

Fred and Maxine Luxton, Mo and Shirley Martin, George and Nancy McMahon, and Jim and Jean Dudek, parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock, recently visited Fatima, Portugal, and Ponteverde, Spain, with a group of 37 Pilgrims for Peace from Virginia.

During their 19-day pilgrimage, they attended, along with 200,000 others, the ceremonies of the final interment of Sister Lucia, the third shepherd of Fatima, at the Fatima Basilica.

Sister Lucia participated in the visions of the Lady of Fatima in 1917. Jesus appeared to her February 15, 1926, at Ponteverde.

The group of 37 visited the Ponteverde site 80 years to the day of the apparition.

The eighth Pilgrims for Peace pilgrimage to Fatima will be held January 28 to February 10, 2007. For more information, call Fred or Maxine Luxton at 462-7497, or Jim or Jean Dudek at 703-281-3387, or e-mail maryjeandudek@cox.net.

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7 p.m., Worship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor
693-6079
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 20:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, April 22:
2 p.m., Sabbath School
3 p.m., Worship Service

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, April 23:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, April 27:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Saturday, April 22:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, April 23:
11 a.m., Mass
Tuesday, April 25:
4 to 5:15 p.m., Religious Education
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, April 23:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, April 26:
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, April 23:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, April 26:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, April 27:
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
www.uufrappahannock.uua.org
Sunday, April 23:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Road
Deltaville, VA 776-9172 or 435-9553
Sunday, April 23:
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, April 23:
11 a.m., Sunday School
Noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, April 28:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Wisk Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. , 435-9886 or 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Sunday, April 23:
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
Tuesday, April 25:
6 p.m., Prayer for the World
Wednesday, April 26:
6:15 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Friday, April 28:
7-10 p.m., Teen Night

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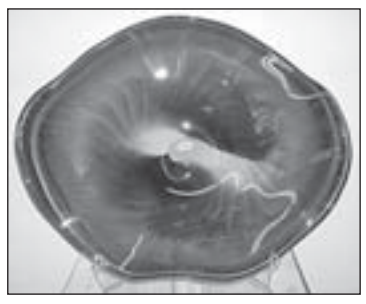
Art glass featured at White Stone Studio

A California art glass exhibit will continue at Bay Country Studios in White Stone through April 29.

The art glass movement began in the early 1960's, heralding a fresh understanding and appreciation for the ancient art of glass blowing.

Two California artists, Michael K. Hansen and Nina Paladino, began working together in 1977 when they attended the Pilchuck School of Glass. Hansen holds degrees in metallurgy and mechanical engineering from Sacramento City College.

After traveling throughout the U.S. and South America, he settled in Sacramento and worked as a senior electrical engineering technician for the Municipal Utility District. Meanwhile, he took a class in glass-blowing taught by Nina Paladino at a local community college.



This piece and others are on display.

Paladino received a bachelors in art at California State University and worked as an art adult education instructor for the San Juan and Sacramento City School Districts. She received a master's in Art in 1975, also at California State, and was an art instructor at Sierra Community College.

Hansen and Paladino credit the Pilchuck School with their formal exposure to glass as a medium and continue working together as California Glass Studio Inc. in Sacramento.

Their collaboration has resulted in exhibits at invitational and juried shows throughout the U.S., Canada and abroad.

California Glass Studio celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2002 and is one of the leading producers of art glass.

A piece from its "Feather Series" entitled "Mystic" will be the featured donation from Bay Country Studios to the Chesapeake Academy auction April 29. This piece and other examples from the art glass movement will be on display at the studio at 577 Rappahannock Drive in White Stone.

Financial conference is April 29

April is "Financial Literacy Month." It was created to educate the public about the need for increased financial literacy.

On Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Northumberland High School, area residents will have an opportunity to increase their financial literacy by attending the Financial Fitness Conference.

The conference is sponsored by Bank of Lancaster, Bank of Northumberland, Northern Neck State Bank and Virginia Cooperative Extension. The free conference is open to the public and interested persons are asked to contact the Northumberland County Extension Office at 580-5694 to register.

Walk-ins are welcome to attend.

Those attending the conference may participate in two of six educational workshops. The workshops include Cleaning Up Your Credit, Developing a Spending Plan, Getting Out of Debt, How to Qualify for a Home Loan, Financial Tips for the Self Employed and Basic Investment Options.

Shiffletts attend conference

From left are Dr. Matt Shifflett, Dr. Ivan Misner and Caroline Shifflett. Dr. Ivan Misner, Ph.D. founder and chief executive officer of Business Network International (BNI), was the keynote speaker at a recent Family Practice Chiropractic Convention in Atlanta. Dr. Misner, an author, speaker and entrepreneur, gave an inspiring and exciting lecture on the importance of word-of-mouth contacts when it comes to doing business, said Dr. Matthew B. Shifflett, of Pure n' Simple Family Chiropractic Inc. of Kilmarnock. "As president of the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, board member of the YMCA and operating my own business, the information Dr. Misner presented was invaluable," said Dr. Shifflett, who attended the conference with his wife, Caroline.

New cost-share program can help loggers keep Virginia waters clean

For years, Virginia loggers have had to bear the entire cost of their voluntary compliance with best management practices (BMPs) during timber harvesting operations. That is about to change.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) recently developed a new cost-share program to provide up to 50 percent of the actual cost, not to exceed $2,000, of an approved stream crossing in watershed areas designated as "impaired" or those of "special interest" as defined by the Department of Environmental Quality. If the stream crossing includes the purchase of a portable bridge, the maximum increases to $4,000 of the actual cost.

"Virginia is the first state in the nation to offer a cost-share program for loggers," said State Forrester Carl Garrison. "This program will go a long way toward ensuring the quality of water in the Commonwealth."

Funding for the program comes from the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund, administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Through July 1, 2007, some $250,000 is available. This could fund as many as 125 BMP compliance projects.

The idea for the pilot program came from Matt Poirot, VDOF's Water Quality Program manager.

"For many years, we've asked loggers to comply voluntarily with water quality BMPs," Poirot said. "With the introduction of this cost-share program, the Commonwealth has an opportunity to help loggers do the right thing."

Program eligibility is open to loggers certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative SHARP Logger program administered by the Virginia Forestry Association and Virginia Tech; loggers who have no current debt for either civil penalties or past-due bills owed to VDOF; and those who do not have active water quality impairments open on any tracts on which they are operating.

"There are a lot of Virginia loggers who are eligible for this program," said Poirot. "If they are looking for some much-needed financial assistance with water quality compliance, I encourage the loggers to contact their local VDOF water quality engineers and work with the VDOF staff to submit an application."

For more information, call the nearest VDOF office.

Cariens to speak at conference

David Cariens Jr., author of *The Murder of Angela Dales*, a soon-to-be-published book on the shootings at the Appalachian School of Law, will speak at the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts in Mexico City in late April.

Cariens is a retired CIA officer and author of numerous classified government articles. He teaches analytical writing for federal and private organizations including the CIA, FBI, the National Counter-terrorism Center, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and several state police intelligence units. He is the Senior Writing Consultant for Reston-based Analytic Advantage.

Cariens' presentation will center on the investigative and analytical principles used in his book and in the production of finished intelligence.

Cariens is a resident of the Balls Neck area.

New digital record label in Middlesex

Blue River Music Inc. (www.bluerivermusic.com) in Locust Hill opened in 2003 as a recording studio.

The sound engineer hired by owner Bill Smith left soon after to deal with family medical problems, and the studio was left mostly idle. In January, Smith hired Bayard Kohlhepp as engineer and manager to restart the business, and Blue River Music reopened in March.

Kohlhepp has 10 years of audio engineering experience, starting first as a guitarist with a simple home studio. He grew from his initial analog 4-track cassette recorder into a fully digital system with unlimited tracks. Kohlhepp has acquired valuable experience and equipment along the way, as well as a Pro Audio Specialist certificate from the Recording Institute of Detroit.

Blue River Music offers production, recording, mixing and mastering services at hourly rates. It is currently recording and producing CDs for several local artists, including singer/songwriter Jordan Merrill and punk band The Dandy Lions, and mixing tracks for other artists from around the country submitted over the internet. Genres range from punk to alt acoustic, and from folk and bluegrass to blues and rock, said Kohlhepp.

However, Blue River goes further into the record label realm by distributing music online for its clients, he said. Blue River Music sets up CD purchases and song downloads on iTunes, Rhapsody, and a dozen other distribution sites. They also create online merchandising pages, book gigs for artist promotion, and initiate artists' marketing programs.

"Our goal is to become a strategic partner for independent musicians," said Kohlhepp. "The music industry is changing radically, and artists no longer need stifling contracts with major labels in order to succeed. We want to be an essential part of the new indie musician career path."

Blue River specializes in helping amateur artists go professional through their recording and distribution expertise. Some of the services have been grouped into specially priced packages in order to make the startup easier to understand and afford. More services will be added over time.

"We are planning an internet radio station to give our artists 24/7 exposure," said Kohlhepp. "We are networking with other studios to provide a broader variety of recording, production and geographical options to our clients; right now we have agreements with a studio in Asheville, N.C., and an accomplished producer in Nashville, Tenn. A video production facility is also in the works to create music and other promotional videos. Quite simply, we aim to provide one-stop shopping for indie musicians."

From left are Karen and Fred Burke.

Local jewelers attend national buying show

Independent jewelers from across the nation recently gathered for the Retail Jewelers Organization (RJO) Spring Buying in Reno, Nev. Fred and Karen Burke of Burke's Jewelers in Kilmarnock and Burke's of Gloucester attended the show.

"Attending this show allows our stores to compete better within our market and especially against large store chains by offering the latest and greatest product at reasonable prices while also regenerating our commitment to our customers," said Fred Burke.

To view Burke's new purchases, visit the stores at 86 South Main Street in Kilmarnock or at 6618 Main Street in Gloucester.

Vendor deadline is May 26 for Deltaville Heritage Day

Deltaville Heritage Day is coming July 1.

Plans are under way for the annual pet parade, children's parade, crab races, music, food and craft vendors, artists, Coastie and a hero's parade.

The community pool will be open and free all that day.

In the evening, there will be baseball games including an "oldtimers" game followed by fireworks.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or acquiring vendor space should contact Kris Scherrer at 776-7117. The deadline for vendor's applications is May 26. Parade entrants should contact Nevin Ramsburg at 776-6216.

Virginia home sales continue to lag

Home sales in Virginia continue on a slower pace than last year, according to the Virginia Home Sales Survey, published by the Virginia Association of Realtors (VAR).

"The number of homes placed on the market in Virginia continues to show strong market activity in a historic context," explained VAR President Kit Hale of Roanoke. "The market definitely peaked last year, growing from just over 7,000 in 1999 to the 10,716 we saw last year. As the demand settles back into a more normal range of activity, we expect to see a much better balance between buyers and sellers and housing continuing to be a solid investment for the average Virginian."

In January, 8,780 homes were placed on the market. February showed an increase from that, with 8,998 on the market. That number, however, is 16 percent less than was seen in 2005. So far this year, 16,746 homes have been placed on the market, a 17 percent drop from last year's 20,236.

Closed sales were off 9.51 percent for the month compared to last year, with 7,109 closings taking place this February compared to 7,856 for the same period last year. Year-to-date, 13,818 home sales have closed, 12 percent less than last year's 15,743.

In the Northern Neck, 35 homes were placed on the market in February, compared to 38 homes in February 2005, a decrease of 7.89 percent. Some 60 homes were sold in February, compared to 78 homes in February 2005, a decrease of 23.08 percent.

Virginia's median existing-home price for February was $190,125, compared to $154,400 for 2005. The median is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. Nationally, the median existing single-family home price was $208,500 in February, up 11.6 percent from a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors.

In February, the average sales price was $260,302, compared to last year's average of $230,995.

Business Briefs

■ Anniversary cruise

More than 100 people from this area joined friends from Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland and Pennsylvania on a recent 11-night Holland American Caribbean cruise from Norfolk. Billed as Adventure Travel's seventh Anniversary Cruise, the group traveled by 3 motor coaches from Kilmarnock, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury and Gloucester to the shop.

Included in the southern Caribbean cruise were port stops in St. Thomas, Barbados, Dominica, St. Kitts, Puerto Rico and more. One of the highlights was a cocktail party in the "Crows Nest," the cocktail lounge high atop the Maasdam with live music, hors d'oeuvres, and a drawing for Pinnacle Grill dining won by Jim and Sheila Snider, Jim and Weeks Hill and Hunt and Penny Thompson.

■ Week-long celebration

The week of April 24 will be dedicated to celebrating the consolidation of three old friends—Bank of Northumberland, Hanover Bank, and Southside Bank—into one community bank, EVB. Customers are invited to visit branches for a reception devoted to customer appreciation.

"We look forward to ushering in a new generation of community banking with all of our friends and acquaintances," said president and chief executive officer Joe Shearin.

■ Contact SSA

Effective May 1, the Richmond Social Security Administration is suspending visits to the Tappahannock contact station. SSA business may be conducted by calling 771-8125 or 1-800-772-1213, writing or visiting 1834 W. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23220, or visiting www.Socialsecurity.gov.

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Hilbush is recognized

Dorothy Hilbush of Topping recently received special recognition from Holland American Cruise Line for sailing more than 100 days on its ships. From left are Captain Arjen C. Van der Loo, Hilbush and hotel manager Kees Streuding. The cruise was sponsored by Adventure Travel to celebrate its seventh anniversary.

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Fall festival seeks artisans

Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess seeks crafters, artists and collectors for its 11th annual Fairfields Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show October 7.

"This year we're looking for lots and lots of artists, crafters and collectors," said festival publicity chair Bob Mathews.

There will be a special drawings for exhibitors at the end of the day.

Exhibit spaces will be available for a $25 fee.

A full day of entertainment is planned for all ages. A "Free Kids Korner" will be back. A vintage car and tractor show will be expanded. Cars and tractors will be on display all day.

From left are Michelle Macland and Stormy Hancock of Stormy's Bead Creations at a Fairfields Fall Festival Arts and Crafts show.

North Carolina-style barbeque will be for sale by the sandwich, platter or in "take home" containers. There also will be soft drinks and hot dogs.

Homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, pies and breads along with jellies, jams and pickles also will be sold. Additionally "homemade" soups and chili will be sold by the bowl for on-site consumption and in "take home" containers.

Producers expect to plant more of most crops

As planting season gets under way for 2006, farmers appear to be reinvesting in flue-cured tobacco while shying away from peanuts. But most other major row crops grown in Virginia should see increased planting acreage this year.

According to the results of a survey conducted March 1 by the Virginia office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, tobacco acreage intentions devoted to flue, burley and dark-fired will be up this year.

Producers expect to harvest 19,000 flue-cured tobacco acres, a 36-percent increase from 2005. Burley producers intend to harvest 2,800 acres this year, 100 acres above the 2005 estimate, while fire-cured producers intend to harvest 380 acres, up 40 acres.

In terms of raw acreage, hay will remain at the top of the list, up 60,000 acres to almost 1.4 million. The state's other top crop, soybeans, should remain unchanged from last year at 530,000 acres.

Meanwhile, Virginia's cotton producers expect to increase their acreage this year to 100,000 acres, an 8 percent increase from the 2005 crop year. Oat producers intend to plant 17,000 acres, which is 21 percent above last year. Acreage intended for sweet potatoes is expected to increase 25 percent above the previous year to 500 acres, and winter wheat acreage seeded last fall for harvest this spring was 210,000 acres, up 30,000 from last year.

Some crop acreage will be reduced in 2006, however, with the biggest drop expected to be in the peanut sector. Peanut producers plan on decreasing their acreage to 15,000 acres, 35 percent below last year's planted acreage. Corn producers intend to reduce acreage to 480,000 which, if realized, would be 10,000 acres (2 percent) below last year's planted acres. Barley acreage seeded last fall for all uses was 55,000 acres, down 8 percent.

Planting of major row crops is just in the beginning or in the planting stages, therefore producers could change their plans as the planting season progresses. The likelihood of agricultural drought will play a large role in any changed plans.

"We have heard a lot of talk about drought for the summer of 2006," said Dr. Pat Michaels, Virginia's state climatologist. "We should hear talk of drought continuing. We have had below-normal precipitation, except for the last three months of 2005. In the southern half of the state, we are in a moderate hydrologic drought. This means our stream levels are far below average already."

Find county, state and national agricultural statistics at www.nass.usda.gov.

Stephens elected director

The Spotts Fain Law firm recently elected R. Lee Stephens Jr. as a director of the firm.

Stephens is the resident shareholder at Spotts Fain's Irvington office. His law practice concentrates on business and commercial real estate. His consulting practice focuses on government relations and economic development.

Stephens received a bachelor's in English from the University of Virginia in 1979. From 1979 to 1984 he served as a destroyer officer in the U.S. Navy, and continued to serve in the intelligence community of the Naval Reserve until 1992. He earned a law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary in 1987.

He is a director of the Northern Neck Insurance Co.

In 2005, he was appointed by Gov. Mark R. Warner to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources, and in 2006 he was elected vice-chairman of the board.

R. Lee Stephens Jr.

He is an active member of the Virginia Bar Association.

In 2006 he was appointed to the Council of the VBA Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section.

He is also involved with the Northern Neck Land Conservancy.

Heathsville man ready to license new invention

"Always-On," invented by James Landon of Heathsville, is a breakthrough new product that prevents spoiling of perishable foods or other items during power outages.

This product offers automatic features that eliminate the need to use a generator. Always-On runs on technological properties that also come in handy for hospitals which require the refrigeration of blood and urine samples.

Easy to install and affordably priced, Always-On will appeal to a vast market of consumers. It can be sold at or made available through kitchen appliance stores, department stores, retail super-centers, outdoor products stores, sporting goods centers, specialty stores, catalogs and the internet.

This original idea is now available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the food storage products industry. Landon hopes to have Always-On in production and available to the public in the near future.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Invent-Tech® at 800-940-9020 ext. 2285, or at products@invent-tech.com. Invent-Tech is a Coral Gables, Fla., company handling the publicity and public relations for Always-On.

Veterinarian rescinds quarantine

Effective immediately, Dr. Richard L. Wilkes, State Veterinarian with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, has rescinded the proclamation that imposed restrictions on hoofed animals entering Virginia from areas with reported cases of vesicular stomatitis (VS). The proclamation being rescinded was issued in June 2005.

Vesicular stomatitis is an infectious viral disease that primarily affects horses, cattle and swine. It causes affected livestock to develop blisters in the mouth and on the dental pad, hooves and teats. These blisters swell and break, leaving raw tissue that causes lameness and refusal to eat and drink.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is working with state officials to identify all cases of the disease and prevent its spread.

The disease was reported in nine western states in 2005 and the proclamation was designed to prevent its introduction into Virginia.

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Poetry Alive! visits schools

Nadine and Ken Delano of Asheville, N.C., recently entertained students at Lancaster Middle School and Lancaster High School in three presentations of Poetry Alive!

Since 1984, Poetry Alive! has produced performances for student audiences throughout the United States and beyond. A two-person team of professionals performed shows which included 20 to 25 poems tailored to fit the ages and interests of the audiences.

The poems, memorized and performed theatrically, are found in textbooks and anthologies. Students and teachers were part of the action.

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

From left, participants in "Lochinvar" by Sir Walter Scott are Ken Delano and Lancaster High School students Alsonso Anderson, Brianne Olterman, Jesse Love, Leif Mieras, Chad Forrester and Nadine Delano.

LMS announces "B" Honor Roll

Lancaster Middle School recently announced its "B" average Honor Roll for the third quarter.

Those named in the fourth grade are Kerstin Allen, Shadonta' Beane, Sharda Beane, John Blake, Crystal Blue, Travis Boyd, DeAndre Bromley, Tyquan Brown, Bridell Carter, Dazah Davenport, Sophia Deskin, Jacob Ewell, Virginia Foster, Tykasia Gaskins, William Gill, Tala Henderson, Stephen Hodges and Dalton Howard.

Also, Deja Jenkins, Tiffany Johnson, Brittany Jones, Samuel Kelley, Stacey Kellum, Tomasia Kelly, NaJee Laws, Demetrick Lee, Justin Lewis, Kris Martin, Lysa Nguyen, Ven'Toyia Noel, JaQwanda Norris, Keyondra Norris, Samantha Randolph, Collin Ross, Tiffany Ross, Scottie Scott, KaDasia Veney, Kashaila Veney, Tre'Von Waters and Anesha White.

Those named in the fifth grade are Kai Antonio, Brandi Benton, Holly Booth, Matthew Bullis, Liza Carter, Nell Carter, Casey Clarke, Shaquille Coles, Cheyenne Cooke, Holland Fisher, Ka'Shay Frazier, Meka Gaddy, Cassie Haydon, Motley Haynie, Jonathan Jackson, Marques Kelley, William Kellum and Cameron Kenner.

Also, Thomas Lackert, William Lackert, Kedrick Lee, Daniel McGrath, Janay Mickles, Bethany Milstead, Keith Montminy, Brian Moody, Cheyenne Nicholson, Robert Nickens, Gerquel Owens, Kala Ross, De'Jon Savoy, Tyler Shirk, Stephen Shrader, Brittany Stewart, Jamie Thorn and Natalie Whay.

Those named in the sixth grade are Katelyn Abbott, Corla Betts, Evan Bolt, Daveshawna Carter, Tensley Clowser, Michael Coleman, Zachariah Crabill, Elizabeth Crowell, Blair Crowther, Connor Ferrand, Melvin Gregory, Christopher Hampton, Kalisha Harding, Endeshia Haynes, Mary Hooker, Destiny Howard and Joel Hudnall.

Also, Prince Jackson, Khadijah Kelly, Octavius Kelly, Katherine Lackert, Marquis Laws, Brooke Lee, Dominique Lee, Marisa Logan, Jonathon McDaniels, Jared Merrill, Ryan Morgan, Teara Rich, Ammoni Roane, Anthony Santangelo, Keirra Scott, Amber Seay, Cody Smith, Heather Smith, Carrington Veney, Ashley Warwick, Michaela Woodcock and Shaneka Yerby.

Those named in the seventh grade are Mark Adams, David Antonio, Shaina Baker, Brittany Barbery, Lawrence Barrack, Davis Brent, Christopher Buzzell, Heather Carter, Erica Charnick, Kevin Cutting, Brittany Davenport, Jessica Grulkowski, Kenneth Hammell, Tremaine Harvey, Colie Haydon, Rachel Haywood, Clayton Hinson and Timothy Hudson.

Also, Johnmall Jenkins, Margaret Jett, Kadesha Lee, Corbin Love, James Merrick, Latore' Middleton, William Mills, Marcus Mondy, Craig Owens, Lindsey Randolph, Bianca Rice, Ciera Saul, Ashleigh Saunders, Zachary Saunders, Melissa Schomer, Timothy Self, Danielle Shelton, Craig Shephard, Chelsie Smith, Martha Smith, Kevin Stewart, Sunacia Taylor, Jasmine Walker, Danesha Walters and Dylan Young.

Those named in the eighth grade are Cassandra Alexander, Michael Alston, William Barrack, Alexandra Barton, Sean Bowles, Jihad Bullock, Genevieve Campagnola, Kallissa Childs, Brian Churchill, Carol Davis, Lynasia Doggett, James Harding, Tiena Joyal, Samantha Lackert, Shardaye Lee, Tracy Love, Gabrielle Mondy, Jasmine Moody and Ruth Murray.

Also, Kentel Noel, Chellse Palmer, Michael Powell, Ashley Ransome, Thomas Raymo, Tiara Scott, Jordan Segar, Carolyn Shrader, Quinton Thompson, Danielle Warner, Christopher Weber, Ryan Wilcox, Dillon Williams, Vantel Williams and Christopher Wright.

Lancaster County to participate in Commonwealth Scholars program

Gov. Tim Kaine last week announced a pilot program and promotional campaign to encourage students in 11 participating school divisions to take rigorous courses that go beyond the minimum graduation requirements for a Standard Diploma.

Students who complete a suggested course of more rigorous study will be recognized as Commonwealth Scholars.

The Commonwealth Scholars course requirements fall between existing requirements for the Standard Diploma and the Advanced Studies Diploma. Students who complete the curriculum will be eligible to receive a diploma seal from their school division recognizing their achievement. Virginia was one of eight states selected in a national competition to participate in the federal grant program.

"Virginia students have demonstrated they can respond to challenges," said Gov. Kaine. "The Commonwealth Scholars program will challenge those students who may not be on track for an Advanced Studies diploma to continue to reach higher, striving to move from competence to excellence."

The program is funded by a two-year $300,000 "State Scholars Initiative" grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The participating school divisions include Albemarle County, Alexandria, Bristol, Carroll County, Chesterfield County, Henry County, Lancaster County, Nottoway County, Richmond, Roanoke County and Scott County. School divisions were selected based on their interest in the program and their ability to meet the requirements of the grant.

The program will train private-sector volunteers to make presentations on how rigorous high school courses can enhance career opportunities. The program also will provide instructional support for students who pursue the Commonwealth Scholars Core Course of Study, which includes four years of English, three years of mathematics (algebra I and II, and geometry), three years of science (biology, chemistry and physics), three-and-a-half years of social studies (selected from U.S. and Virginia history, world history, geography, economics and financial literacy, U.S. and Virginia government), two years of health and physical education, and two years of a language other than English.

The program is based on research that shows a strong link between the academic rigor of students' high school course of study and post-secondary degree completion. For example, 40 percent of students who took algebra II in high school earned a bachelor's degree, compared with 23 percent of those who stopped with geometry.

Virginia's initiative will be led by the Virginia Career Education Foundation (VCEF), a statewide business/education partnership. VCEF will work with participating school divisions to develop partnerships with local businesses and promote the program.

Seventh-grade Science Fair winners

Lancaster Middle School recently announced the winners of its annual Science Fair competition, which included investigations, models and inventions. Winners in the seventh-grade investigations competition from left are Jimmy Merrick (third), Matthew Self (second), Kelsey Jett (first) and Jermaya Cox (honorable mention).

Winners in the seventh-grade inventions competition from left are (front row) Kevin Moore (second) and Cameron Mills (third); (next row) Tiffany Love (honorable mention) and Jenny Finchum (first).

Winners in the seventh-grade models competition from left are (front row) Zach Saunders (honorable mention) and Phillip Humphreys (third); (next row) Alex Brent (second) and Rebecca Patton (first).

Bennett wins literary prizes

Caroline K. Bennett, a sophomore at The College of William & Mary, recently won two student literary prizes for 2006.

She won the Glenwood Clark Fiction Prize of $100 for her short story, "Rose Painted Black" and the Howard Scammon Drama Prize of $100 for her play, "Swingerella." These prizes are awarded each year by the English Department.

Bennett is the daughter of Frank and Nan Bennett of Poland, Ohio, and the granddaughter of The Hon. and Mrs. Dixon Foster of Irvington.

School Notebook

■ Spring concerts

The Northumberland High School concert band, choir and percussion ensembles will perform May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium in Heahtsville.

The Northumberland Elementary School band, fourth-grade choir and fifth-grade recorder ensemble will perform May 4 at 7:30 p.m., in the elementary school gymnasium.

■ Open house

Chesapeake Academy, a preschool through eighth grade independent school in Irvington, will host an open house for prospective students and their families Wednesday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To RSVP, call 438-5575.

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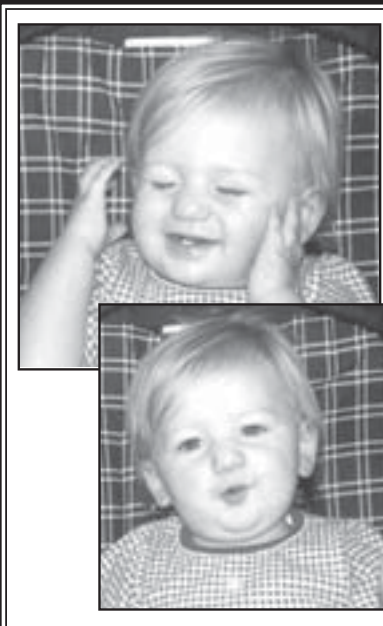

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Chaperone Melanie Hathaway recorded this photograph of Faith Waddy's class and Dr. Wanda Black's class in front of the White House.

Third graders take annual trip to Washington, D.C.

The Lancaster Primary School third grade on March 31 visited Washington, D.C.

The first stop was the National Zoo where 16 students and chaperones walked from one exhibit to the next, oohing and aahing for more than two hours.

They next toured the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial and White House before arriving at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

A 5 p.m. they boarded the bus for home. Dinner was at Magill's Pizza and Buffet.

"The success of the trip would not have been possible without the support of so many people and organizations," said trip sponsor Margaret Socey.

Hazel Farmer of the Bank of Lancaster organized getting t-shirts with Chesapeake Bank, Bank of Northumberland Inc. and Northern Neck State Bank. Bay window printed the shirts.

Peter Southmayd organized the purchase of disposable cameras so each child would have memories of the day. Grace Episcopal Church provided the funds and Marc Casedonle, manager of CVS, offered "a great price" on the cameras. Rappahannock General Hospital provided funds for developing the cameras and Picture Me did the developing.

From left are Dante Sutton, principal Merle Stables and Austin Abrams.

The children and chaperones had a goodie bag filled with snacks and water for the long day. These were provided by the LPS P.T.A., and Kawanis Club.

"Thank you one and all, businesses, organizations, teachers, school administration, parents and especially Adventure Travel for putting it all together," said Socey. "You have each helped make this awesome once-in-a-lifetime experience for 82 children."

Library to offer free computer courses during May

The Northumberland Public Library will host free computer classes in the mobile Staying Connected Training Lab from the Mathews Memorial Library May 11 and May 19 at the library in Heathsville.

Internet 101 will be taught May 11; part 1 will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and part 2 will meet from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Students must attend both sessions. Internet 101 includes browser basics and internet searching.

The class will begin with an exploration of the history of the internet and how it works, how to get around the internet and how to find specific content. Participants will learn how to successfully find the websites they want on the internet.Using popular search engines such as Google and web directories they will discover searching techniques and learn to avoid common mistakes.

Two separate courses will be taught May 19. Email Plus will meet at 9 a.m. Students will learn the basics of using web-based email services, set up a Yahoo! account and explore its email interface. Then participants will learn about filters, sending attachments, creating new folders and the address file.

The afternoon class on May 19 will be Internet Safety. Students will learn how to be safe online, including preventing identity theft, how to deal with spam, shop safely online and keep their computers free of viruses and spy-ware. The class will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Classes will be limited to 10 students each. Enroll by calling the library at 580-5051.

The classes will be taught by staff from the Mathews Memorial Library. The training lab equipment and training materials are provided by funds from a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Staying Connected Grant.

TEA for Two

Two happy second-graders, twins Kelvin and Ky'von Clayton, participated in the April 13 Lancaster Primary School reception for TEA for Two program students, family and tutors. (Photo by Joan McBride)

Invite a guest to lunch

Students and guests of Lancaster Primary School gathered for lunch at one of two recent "Invite a Guest to Lunch" events. The first lunch included students in kindergarten and first grade and their guests. The second was for guests of students in pre-kindergarten, second grade and third grade. Students and guests enjoyed baked chicken breast dinners prepared by the cafeteria staff. Over 500 guests participated.

College support staff funds $250 scholarship

The Rappahannock Community College Support Staff Association recently set up its own scholarship, to be awarded for the first time to an RCC student in the fall.

The $250 award, collected by asking staff members to contribute $10 apiece, "May not seem like much," said SSA vice-president Mary Gaskins.

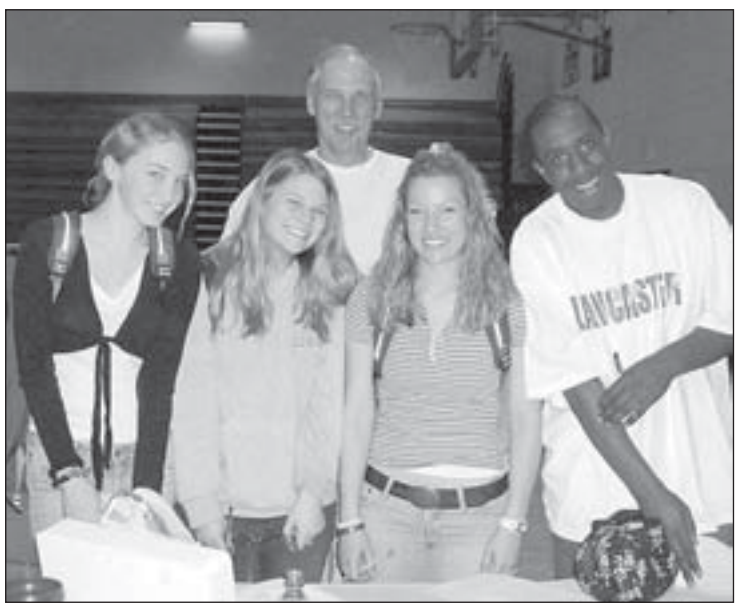
However, it will go much farther at RCC than it would at a bigger and more expensive school, she said.

The remainder of the money, which was considerably more than needed for fall, will lay a foundation for the following year's award.

"RCC should be very proud that its classified staff has been able to make this scholarship come together for the benefit of a deserving student," Gaskins said.

Career counseling

From left, Lancaster High School students at the April 13 career day event include (front row) Jocelyn Stephens, Alex Sherrill, Brandy Gilbert and Cleon Rice. They had been asking dentist Robert Westbrook about careers in dentistry. (Photo by Joan McBride)



Gardeners visit classroom

The Northern Neck Master Gardeners recently presented a program on soil to the third graders at Lancaster Primary School. NNMG educational director Nancy Thomas introduced the subject in the classrooms. The students then went to the gym where exhibits showed different soils and how soil and compost are made. Master gardener Ellen Hollows (above) introduces students to an exhibit showing what is beneath the earth's surface.

Brooke Hudnall

Hudnall recognized

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Brooke Hudnall of Kilmarnock has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics.

Hudnall attends Lancaster Middle School. She was nominated for the award by teacher Robin Blake.

Hudnall will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Bobby and Sherry Hudnall of Kilmarnock. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Jean Hill of Urbanna, Emily Hudnall of Kilmarnock and Sue Ferguson of Lancaster.

School Menu

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Monday, April 24:
Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal & toast, Apple juice
Meatball sub or Chicken nuggets
Potato wedges or Peas & carrots
Spiced applesauce or Fresh fruit

Tuesday , April 25:
Chicken biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Barbecue on bun or Corn dog nuggets, Cole slaw or Baked beans
Mixed fruit or Fresh fruit

Wednesday, April 12:
Scrambled eggs, bacon and toast or Cereal & toast, Grape juice
Steakum & cheese sub or Ham & cheese croissant
Golden corn or Steamed broccoli
Mandarin oranges or Fresh fruit

Thursday, April 13:
Sausage biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Oven fried chicken w/roll or Chicken patty on bun Mashed potatoes or Mixed vegetables
Peach cup or Fresh fruit

Friday, April 7:
French Toast w/syrup or Cereal & toast
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Pear half or Fresh fruit

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Driver flown to hospital following vehicle crash

WEEMS—Irvin Lee Deihl III, 25, of Lancaster was flown to the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond with life threatening injuries Saturday night following a single vehicle crash in Weems.

According to Sgt. Kevin Barrack of the Virginia State Police, Deihl was travelling northbound on Route 646 near Christ Church when he lost control of his 2005 Chevrolet Colorado, running off the right shoulder of the road and hitting a tree.

The accident occurred at 6:10 p.m.

Deihl was not wearing a seat belt, said Barrack.

Fire department officers elected

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department recently elected officers for 2006. From left, executive officers are secretary Creed Fallin, treasurer Lin Spears, vice president John Smith and president Dana Stillman.

From left, line officers are training 1 Bryan Keyser, capt. 1 Roy Hall, assistant chief John Luttrell, lt. 1 Ryan Gordon, capt. 2 Melvin Gordon, chief Benny Balderson and training 2 Chase Christopher. Other officers are lt. 2 Steve Gordon, lt. 3 Tom Jones, lt. 4 Randy Kellum and engineer William Abbott.

AAA says gas prices are racing higher as demand, oil price and global tension mount

VIRGINIA BEACH—Average gasoline prices across the U.S. are nearly 43 cents higher than a year ago with self-serve, regular gasoline now costing an average of $2.695 per gallon, according to AAA's daily, online Fuel Gauge Report (www.aaafuelgaugereport.com).

The same rising trend has occurred in Virginia with the average price of self-serve regular gasoline costing an average of $2.696; an increase of nearly 50 cents from a year ago.

AAA, the nation's largest organization for motorists, said prices are being driven higher by increasing tension between the U.S. and Iran, rising demand for gasoline in the U.S. and a domestic refining industry that has been falling behind in rebuilding depleted gasoline inventories.

AAA said tensions between Iran and the U.S. are pushing oil prices higher, even as demand for gasoline in the U.S. is continuing to rise by a slight 1.5 percent over last year. Adding more upward pressure to pump prices are U.S. refineries that appear to be having a difficult time managing a switch from fuel blended with MTBE to gasoline combined with ethanol. This is evidenced by several weeks of declines in U.S. gasoline inventories as reported by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Hawaii has the highest average gas price in the nation at $2.997 per gallon. California and Washington, D.C., have the next highest average prices at $2.873 per gallon and $2.863 per gallon; respectively.

The lowest state-wide average gasoline price in the nation is in Utah at $2.341 per gallon. Wyoming has the next lowest at $2.381 per gallon, and Idaho has the third lowest at $2.388 per gallon.

Nationwide, the price of self-serve, mid-grade gasoline averages $2.862 per gallon, an increase from $2.509 per gallon in the middle of last month, and up from $2.405 a year ago. Self-serve premium averages $2.965 per gallon, up from $2.600 per gallon a month ago, and up from $2.493 a year ago.

The national average prices for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline for AAA-s mid-April survey for the last five years are: 2005: $2.360; 2004, $1.78; 2003, $1.595; 2002, $1.411; and 2001, $1.587.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is based on data from Oil Price Information Service, the nation's most comprehensive source of petroleum pricing information. AAA purchases the data and makes it available free on the internet as a public service. Average daily prices for the nation, all 50 states and more than 250 localities are available for all grades of gasoline, making the site the most current and complete public source of fuel price information.

Break the silence:
Report sexual violence

RICHMOND—Over 25 years ago, Virginia's first rape crisis centers were organized by a small group of people outraged by the treatment of rape victims. The problem of sexual violence was narrowly defined—the rape of an adult woman by a stranger—and perceived as a woman's issue.

Today, sexual violence is more broadly defined. It includes the rape of adult women and the sexual victimization of young girls and boys and of adult men. It is estimated that one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys will be sexually victimized before their 18th birthday. As many as 80 percent of these children will be victimized by someone they know and trust—a parent, grandparent, uncle, brother, family friend or teacher.

A woman's risk of being raped by someone she knows is at least four times greater than of being raped by a stranger. Seven to 10 percent of all adult rape victims are male. Contrary to popular belief, male rape is not confined to prisons. It can happen to any man regardless of size, strength, appearance or sexual orientation.

Sexual violence exacts a high price that is paid by everyone. Physical violation and emotional anguish are immediate after an assault. However, the long-term consequences can be as devastating and destructive to the individual and to the community.

As awareness increases, the price to society for continued sexual violence becomes more evident. Research findings are disturbing. Between 70 percent and 80 percent of adult sex offenders were sexually abused as children. Over 70 percent of prostitutes, teen runaways and alcoholic women had been a victim of incest or rape when they were children. Over 50 percent of pregnant teens and those in residential mental health treatment were victims of child sexual abuse.

Rape crisis centers provide services 24 hours a day, often on limited budgets and dependent on the commitment of volunteers. Virginia's rape crisis centers reported helping 4,870 survivors of sexual violence in 2005.

During April, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance joins Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine and thousands of advocates and survivors throughout the country in observance of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. This is an opportunity for the community to focus on the problem of sexual violence and to commit ourselves to those actions we can take as individuals and as a community to end sexual violence.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities, call the Action Alliance at 377-0335. Help is available 24 hours a day at the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-838-8238.

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Greentown Road area.

On April 11, the staff received a walk-in report of a larceny.

On April 12, the staff responded to a property destruction complaint on Windmill Point Road and received a vandalism and larceny report in the 100 block of River Bluff Road.

On April 13, the sheriff's staff responded to a shoplifting complaint in the 8600 block of Mary Ball Road and an animal abuse/neglect complaint on North Main Street, received several reports of funnel cloud activity from the Windmill Point area to the Dream Fields area, responded with the Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a report of a vehicle running into a building on Southport Lane and received a motorist's report of a deer strike near Mary Ball and Regina Roads.

On April 14, the staff responded to a traffic accident on the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge, a destruction of property complaint on Devils Bottom Road and a motorist's report of a reckless driver in the area of Mary Ball and Merry Point Roads. The staff responded with KPD to the area of South Main Street to locate a missing adult (subject located within 30 minutes) and responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Cowshed Road.

On April 15, the staff notified Richmond County authorities of a traffic accident reported in Robley, received a walk-in report of the theft of a cell phone and responded with state police to a traffic accident on Christ Church Road.

On April 16, the staff received a report of the theft of an outboard motor in the 1100 block of Fleets Bay Road. Deputies responded to a traffic accident on Shore Drive, to a report of juveniles riding go-carts on the highway in the Mosquito Point area; and to the Grey's Point area with Middlesex authorities in an attempt to locate a wanted person.

On April 17, the staff received a report of theft of property from a boat in the 100 block of Waterview Point Lane and responded to an E911 disconnect call in the 9800 block of Mary Ball Road (no emergency services needed).

Additionally during the week, the sheriff's staff made eight traffic stops with five summonses issued, provided motorist assistance four times, provided traffic control once, made three inmate transports and received three calls for animal control service.

In calls for fire department assistance, the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department responded to a marsh fire in the 4500 block of Windmill Point Road, a brush fire on James Lane, a traffic accident on the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge, a traffic accident on Christ Church Road and a downed electrical line at the Irvington Post Office.

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded to a traffic accident on Southport Lane.

The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a controlled fire/banned burn at Towles Point and a traffic accident on Shore Drive.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported charges were brought against 12 individuals last week.

Johnathon Antinio Johnson, 19, of Kinsale was charged April 14 on a Westmoreland County warrant with receiving a stolen firearm.

A Burgess man, 30, was charged April 10 on a Lancaster county warrant with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Heathsville man, 50, was charged April 10 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

A Lancaster man, 35, was charged Apirl 10 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Mosely man was charged April 10 with failure to comply with Virginia Erosion and Sediment control regulations.

A Burgess woman, 19, was charged April 13 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $53.43 to a Kilmarnock area business.

A Callao man, 45, was charged April 13 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

A Heathsville man, 25, was charged April 13 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Callao man, 18, was charged April 13 with failure to obey a court order as well as underage possession of alcohol.

A Reedville man, 28, was charged April 14 with assault and battery of a family member.

A Heathsville man, 41, was charged April 15 with assault and battery of a family member.

A Callao man, 19, was charged April 17 with assault and battery.

For the week ending April 17, the sheriff's office dispatchers handled 109 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to seven alarm calls, 59 citizen's complaints, nine accident or traffic related offenses, three transports of inmates, and 12 animal control complaints with two summonses issued for unlicensed dogs.

On April 7, the staff received a report of alleged construction fraud valued at about $800 in the Ditchley area.

On April 15, the staff received a report of vandalism to an apartment in the Wicomico Church area. Damages to a window are estimated at $150.

Lancaster County Crime Solvers

On February 20, a report was made in Lancaster County Sheriff's office of a larceny that took place at 79 Forrest Haven Drive in White Stone. A person or persons entered a home construction site and removed a 5000-watt Coleman generator (black and red), a Stihl chain saw, and four fishing poles (one white and three green).

Also on March 25, person or persons shot paint balls at a home at 191 Taylors Creek Road in Weems. The house and property were struck about seven or eight times. Damage was done to the home.

Report information about these crimes to the Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Callers are not recorded, do not have to give their name and will not have to appear in court. Information could lead to a reward of up to $1,000.

Northumberland County Crime Solvers

Between March 1 and March 14, unknown person(s) stole a Kawasaki 4-wheeler and an aluminum trailer from the 5600 block of Ball's Neck Road near Wicomico Church.

The 4-wheeler was in a shed and was dragged to the trailer, where it was loaded onto the trailer and taken from the property.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Crime Solvers at 580-8477. Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers are not required to testify in court.

▼ *Pilot house . . . .*

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of the Chesapeake Gateway Network, the museum also is included in the National Park Service. Irvington planning commission chairman Bob Morrison said if the pilot house is going to be a permanent fixture, council should take a long look at all options and invite more public comment.

One longtime Irvington resident said the commons was always used by local residents for baseball games. "Then the baseball field was pushed into the back corner and now the commons is getting so cluttered, there's no room for it at all."

Councilman Gary Luckham suggested a master plan for the whole commons is needed before council makes a decision.

While stating he is committed to the pilot house project, councilman Bill Evans questioned whether the structure had been placed on the commons without first obtaining council approval.

"It has been an eyesore for five years sitting on the commons as is. It is driving the public away," Evens said. "We need to hold a public meeting at a location large enough to accommodate a large crowd and give residents the opportunity to voice their opinions."

Town administrator Gil Unangst added that because the town is in the beginning stages of a comprehensive plan, there will be opportunities for the community to convey what they want for the town, and invited residents to contact him at the town hall.

Council voted to delay action on the pilot house request for two months, allowing time for the planning commission to review it and to give the public more opportunities to voice their opinion.

Other business

Following a public hearing on Judith Motley's application for a 100-foot pier extension at 38 Rappahannock Drive, council approved a conditional use permit requiring the installation of a light at the end of the pier for boaters' safety after dark.

Council authorized the planning commission on April 18 to review three proposals from consulting companies to draft a comprehensive plan. The community is invited to submit questions and concerns to Unangst at the town hall for consideration by the planning committee.

In an update on the drainage problems behind the Steamboat Era Museum, town attorney Matt Terry reported an easement was signed by the property owner and the contractor is now working on the project.

Under new business, Councilman Norm Mosher requested a copy of the 2007 budget to review in advance of the council vote in June.

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