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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Spring fire season ends

214 fires burn 746 acres in region

CHARLOTTESVILLE—A total of 1,048 wildfires burned 11,365 acres of Virginia forest land during the first four months of this year, according to officials with the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF).

"We haven't had a spring fire season this bad since 2001," said John Miller, VDOF's director of resource protection. "The number of fires increased 120 percent and the acreage burned increased more than 317 percent as compared to the 2005 spring fire season.

"The number one cause of wildland fires continues to be debris burning," Miller said. "Whether people are burning leaves, tree limbs or trash, there's

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On the eve of Mother's Day, a time to honor and celebrate the mothers who love, sacrifice and guide their little ones through life, take time to remember the children of the world growing up without mothers.

Jackie Kilman, a Mormon, accompanies the girls to services at the Catholic Church in Kambirwa. The Sunday morning ritual is an hour's walk from the orphanage.

A bridge to Africa

by Audrey Thomasson

It is a long way from the Northern Neck to Murang'a, Kenya, in Africa. But to one courageous young woman from Farnham, the span is not measured in miles, but in the breadth of love she found in the hearts of 30 orphaned children.

A junior at Brigham Young University's Rexburg, Idaho, campus, Jacquelyn Kilman arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, March 14. Traveling on a student internship, she was picked up at the airport by a representative of her sponsor organization, Global Volunteer Network of New Zealand.

While other students choose to stay in Nairobi hotels during their work/study program, Jackie volunteered to go into the bush. The representative drove to an orphanage in the remote district of Murang'a and dropped her off. Jackie was on her own.

For the Upendo Children's Rehabilitation Centre's director and staff, the foreigner was a gift of hope from God — if only for six weeks.

As the first person to go there to help and the first white woman the children had ever seen, Jackie found herself surrounded by 30 curious girls. Ranging in age from 3 to 12, many were in the orphanage because they had lost both parents to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Others had been abused and abandoned. Some were rescued from Nairobi's slums by social workers. All had been saved from a life of destitution and despair.

Jackie noticed most of the children had skin infections and lesions attracting hoards of flies that laid eggs under their skin and in their scalps.

For most people, exposure to children possibly infected with HIV would be reason enough to turn around and head for home. Jackie admits she was cautious at first, but the girls were so full of love and desperate to be touched and held she couldn't help herself. She began hugging and holding them without hesitation.

Jackie is far from being a world traveler. Born at Rappahannock General Hospital in 1985, the oldest child of Stanley and Janice Kilman, she grew up in Kilmarnock and at 13 moved to

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Linet, Martha, Joyce and Pauline wash their hands in a bucket of water.

Adoption of 'caboose' bill could hasten budget work

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—Incremental steps toward a new budget were expected this week, according to Del. Rob Wittman.

Del. Wittman said the General Assembly was set to vote Wednesday on the "caboose" budget bill, which finishes up this year's existing budget, making needed adjustments for unanticipated revenue. Del. Wittman anticipated the caboose budget to pass, thus paving the way, he hoped, for more budget cooperation in the months to come.

While passing this "housekeeping" bill is a small step, it allows agencies to finish up the year, he said.

The Senate has yet to vote on the biannual house budget bill, Del.Wittman said. That bill would approve the bulk of the budget, setting aside $1 billion for transportation. The House and Senate would then reconvene in the fall to discuss transportation-specific issues.

Del. Wittman is personally in favor of the plan to discuss transportation in a special session this fall.

"One good thing about coming back in September is to get at the root of issues that have actually caused all our transportation problems," he said.

"Right now with everybody going home and coming back every week, it's hard to get a continuum of discussion," he said.

Del. Wittman also noted that even among party members in the House, there is much controversy over how to tackle long-term transportation issues.

"Transportation is something different to everyone, from the Northern Neck to Roanoke to Northern Virginia," he said. "(Politicians) on the south side of the James River even have a different opinion than those on the north side of the river."

Del. Wittman would also like more time to discuss alternative transportation issues such as rail and public transit, which a special session in the fall would provide.

Del. Wittman said he has hope that discussions will improve prior to the July 1 budget deadline. But, he said, if a budget is not agreed upon by that deadline, "There is a belief that the government will not shut down," he said.

Oyster reef project continues

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

GLEBE POINT—Cow-nosed ray. Red tide. Dead water. Nature has thrown its curve balls at a multi-agency effort to bring the oyster reefs back to the Great Wicomico River, but scientists aren't giving up.

Last spring, in a project headed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the seeding of 15 million disease-resistant oysters on nearly four acres of reef began.

The hope was to restore balance to the ecosystem by building large enough reefs, planting enough fertile oysters to seed the reefs and nurturing the population just enough to allow the population to take hold and sustain itself. In breaching the point of critical mass, project partners were trying to give the oysters a fighting chance of survival against predators, pollution and disease.

Checking back in this spring, project manager Brian Rhinehart of the Corps of Engineers said the partners were only able to get about 6.6 million of those oysters out on the reef last year.

Dan Bacot of Sarah's Creek Shellfish Co., who was supplying most of the oysters, experienced severe die off of his own brood stock, Rhinehart said.

"Growing that many oysters is a new concept for most watermen," he said.

The project encountered other challenges. A red tide outbreak and low oxygen levels in the water contributed to an anticipated 50 percent mortality rate, although scientists from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, who are monitoring the oyster reefs, have not been able to ascertain a firm survival rate from last year's planting.

Scientists will have a better idea of the project's success at the end of this summer when the spat set, Rhinehart said.

The good news, Rhinehart said, is that the netting to ward off the cow-nosed ray worked fairly well. In a test run two summers ago, the ray decimated nearly a million oysters overnight. The fencing, project partners hoped, would protect the reef during the big seeding. It worked well enough that managers have put it up again this year.

Deployment of the rest of the 15 million disease-resistant

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Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett last week reported charges against two individuals.

A Crawfords Corner Road man, 20, was charged May 3 with domestic assault and battery.

A Crawfords Corner Road man, 23, was charged May 5 with destruction of property.

Other responses

On May 1, the sheriff's staff responded to a residential burglary/trespass complaint on Elderberry Lane, assisted emergency medical services with a man overboard incident on Deep Harbor Lane, received a motorist's report of a deer strike on Carlson Road and responded to an unknown problem call on James Lane.

On May 2, the staff received a walk-in complaint of property destruction to a vehicle on Morattico Road.

On May 3, the staff received a drunk driving complaint on South Main Street, responded to a noise violation complaint on Campbell Road and responded to a reckless driving complaint in the Lively-Chinns Mill area.

On May 4, the sheriff's staff responded to a domestic assault by threat in the 3200 block of Crawfords Corner Road and responded to a noise violation complaint in the 3300 block of Windmill Point Road.

On May 5, the staff received a child custody complaint from a Newport News resident, responded to a domestic assault in the 500 block of Pinckardsville Road, received a credit card fraud report from the 200 block of Bowline Road and received a motorist's report of a deer strike on Weems Road.

On May 6, the staff responded to a noise violation complaint in the area of Old Ferry Road, responded to a disorderly conduct complaint in White Stone, responded to a missing/runaway juvenile incident in the 800 block of Mosquito Point Road (subject located within 30 minutes),

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Mama Claudine Curry Smith was buried April 1 in the cemetery at Mt. Olive Baptist, her husband's church, wearing the silver-blue, silky-brocade dress and matching hat that her granddaughter, Denise, had sent from Atlanta for the Closing the Gap ceremony a couple of years ago. Known for her hats, she approved the burial selection before her death.

The good that Mama Claudine did lives after her. It lives in *My Bag Was Always Packed*, the book she co-authored with Dr. Mildred H.B. Roberson about the 31 years she spent as a midwife, delivering more than 300 Northern Neck babies and helping with 200 more.

It lives in "Reclaiming Midwives: Pillars of Community Support," the exhibit in which she was honored at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

And Mama Claudine's goodness lives in her family: children Burnell Smith, Shirley Dunaway, Jeannette Pope-Cottrell, Geraldine "Snooks" Carter, James "Buck" Smith Jr., Maxine Carter and Riley Smith, most of whom live within walking distance of her home; and her husband, James A. Smith Jr., to whom she was married two weeks short of 71 years.

Family and friends all showed up at her "Homegoing Celebration" at Calvary Baptist Church, where she'd been an active member all her 88 years, and which, despite the trials of neuropathy and kidney decline, she'd attended just two Sundays earlier for what she'd suggested would be the last time.

For her sendoff, the pews and standing spaces all were filled. The fellowship hall was filled. And the chairs specially set in the churchyard were filled. In addition to their presence, folks sent 200 cards, brought enough food to feed the multitudes (necessitating an extra refrigerator delivery from Noblett's Appliances), and sent donations and 49 flower baskets to the church, in addition to arrangements sent to her home and the homes of her children.

People at her service had been delivered by her in the middle of cold, dark nights in their mothers' own beds. Or they had given birth under her calm, caring and competent hand. Or they had ridden the Northumberland or Lancaster school buses that she drove for 37 years. During the fragile process of school integration, she kept her bus running smoothly.

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People at her service had given clothes to or received them from the charitable clothes closet she created in the Smiths' garage, too jammed for cars. So thoroughly immersed in the community, she knew the need, and word spread that she was the link between donors and recipients.

People at her service had eaten Mama Claudine's stewed tomatoes, or they'd received her famous chow-chow pickles, her muscadine grape jelly or pear preserves, her half-gallon jars of perfectly-layered butterbeans, corn, string beans, tomatoes and cabbage for vegetable soup.

"I promised myself if I ever grew up, I'd never have a garden," said daughter Jeannette Pope-Cottrell. "She had the biggest garden, and we had to pick. My mom canned, preserved, put up, and her number was never less than 100 of anything."

The Smiths had fun. Mama Claudine loved her ladies' savings club. She made hats and dresses. Friends who attended the Smith children's 50th, 60th and 66th wedding anniversary parties for their parents had seen her on the floor with smooth-dancing Daddy James, who'll be 90 in September, sings in his church choir, drives, lives alone and keeps his own yard.

Mama Claudine valued her independence, too, and even in leg braces tied the laundry basket to her walker and did her own washing, lowered the ironing board so she could iron sitting on the bed, and placed necessities within reach in the kitchen so she could continue to cook.

"My mother went without so we could have," said Jeannette. "She did anything. It didn't make any difference, from domestic work to whatever. She taught us well in that department. Nothing is free. You have to work for what you get.

"She helped a lot of people. Everywhere I go, people say Mama Claudine did such and such a thing. People don't forget. Everybody that knew her knew she was a person about making sure everybody else was all right. The beautiful things people did in remembering her are overwhelming."

The Smiths' children, 29 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren carry on in her spirit, and the good that she did lives on.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

by Rev. John H. Farmer

Are you in uniform?

My stars, it was cold Monday. You see, we've just returned from a delightful seven-day eastern Caribbean cruise. We were guests aboard the Magic, whose captain and hostess were nice mice.

Back to the cold. After our days in the sun I found our home weather underwhelming by far, than that of afar. I greeted the morning in short sleeves, sandaled-feet and khaki britches. Hardly I had descended the steps down to the drive than a chill over took me. Shivering, I unlocked my truck door and climbed aboard. My hand flew to the a/c control, left at max from a warmer day. I grew small in the seat and that's no small feat. In seconds really, I began to recover. By the time I drew along side our pond, looking both ways as I pulled unto the road, I was tempered.

As warmth returned, I asked myself, "Why, stupid, did I not better prepare for the day?" Just as quick, my mind went back some 40 years to the U.S. Marine Corps, Parris Island, S,C. That drill sergeant's instruction regarding dress stuck. Uniform regulations never left me. Once in spring dress (which, by the way, is short-sleeved khaki, over khaki slacks), the weather notwithstanding, one braved the elements, trusting the uniform to be sufficient. It is not about our comfort, only about our endeavor.

Far too frequently we pop in at church to ring the rafters with Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Onward Christian Soldiers." Oh, how that song pulls me heavenward. Many in our day refuse to sing such. Others do so with lackluster, which pales the song into a wilt. I know that it causes me to lift my sword (the Holy Bible) and regard myself as a warrior for Christ every bit as militaristic as when I was at Parris Island.

Willie Baptist Weems

Mind you, there's a war going on for the life of the church. There's a battle royal over the discipleship of Christ. We in the pulpits, those in the pews, need lifting to heights strong enough to resolve to follow Christ. He was not a timid Lord. Rather, he was a loving, repeatedly forgiving savior whose very glance could still the waters, bind the hands of Satan, lift the fallen.

I've about had it with feel-good religion and tepid celebrations. Like my Monday last, there's a chill in the sanctuary that is unholy.

God gave us wonderful new Lutheran friends aboard our cruise ship. They were a 35-year honeymooning couple, escaped from the cold north, basking in the southern warmth. What a delight they were. How happy are we with God for bringing them into our lives. They exposed my compliancy. At every port Jim and Jackie were off the ship to explore with hungry spirits issues and opportunities anew: para-sailing, scuba diving and more, they invested themselves in experiencing life to the fullest. Contrariwise, I sought relief from the sun, reclining in deck and beach chairs, content to observe rather than participate.

I thought, "That's it, that's what's wrong with the church today. Too many of us participate from the bleachers, as opposed to getting in there, suiting up and flinging ourselves into the battle over the souls of friends, family and neighbors."

Why, oh why, have we, those called of Christ, become so timid? Are we so afraid of running counter to society that we draw back from the front, hoping that others will accept his mantle?

Far too often we act as if our Lord was a pacifist eunuch. To us he gave the power over life and death, power over Satan, the ability to cajole, lecture, and otherwise exemplify in any manner glorious, that all people need to believe in Jesus as God's only son. We cannot expect them to listen when we forget that they are hearing what we say by observing our actions. How ever do we expect others to join ranks when we are so less than enthusiastic about our cause?

I didn't just happen upon such a discovery, I knew it from long past. It was as absolute as when I learned about suiting up for the weather in the uniform of my past. Christ has promised us the armor.

Most of us responded to Christ's invitation years ago, eager to represent him. Life wore on; time took its toll; spirits cooled, as we failed to suit up in our uniforms of faith. To us, the church, and all who populate her pews, Jesus issues a wake-up call. All around us families self-destruct, middle-school kids experiment with drugs, alcohol and sex; the bounds of gender blur, as more and more of us watch life go by, as did I on that ship.

Come back, leaders of the Army of Christ. Let's heap coals of fire upon our sermons, equip those attending our houses of the Lord with the Holy Spirit so that we might take up arms against evil, that we might give our all for him who died for us.

Go to church this week with renewed valor. Fight the good fight "with the Cross of Jesus going on before." He will equip us. Lean on his strength, for he is the conqueror. The consequences of an army in retreat have held us back long enough.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
No Evening Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 18:
7:30 p.m., Madge Wright Circle Mtg. @ home of Marjorie Barnes
"Happy Mother's Day"

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, May 16:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Thursday, May 11:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, May 14:
8 a.m., Mother's Day Breakfast
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
11 a.m., Children's Church
Monday, May 15:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, May 16:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
Wednesday, May 17:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon,693-5503
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, May 17:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1703
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Thursday, May 11:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Mother's Day-Parent Child Dedication
12:20 p.m., Tone Chimes and Children's Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, May 15:
10:30 a.m., Sunday School Directors'
6 p.m., Exercise Group
7 p.m., Boy Scout
Tuesday, May 16:
6:45 p.m., Handbell Practice
Wednesday, May 17:
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Providence
10 a.m., Sunday School
Norwood
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway,Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
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, May 14:
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, May 14:
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, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 17:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
529-9223
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, VA 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, May 18:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
11 a.m. Senior Outreach
1 p.m. Mid-day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
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, May 14:
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
Mother's Day
Monday, May 15:
7 p.m., Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday, May 16:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Emmas Meeting on Missions
All are invited - Refreshments served.

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, c
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, May 17:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972;
Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
The Rev. David H. May, Rector
The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., Interim Asst. Rector
Sunday, May 14:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, May 17:
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, May 14:
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, May 14:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephen's Episcopal
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, May 14:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, May 17:
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, May 14:
Fourth 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 May 14:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; C-529-5948, H-529-9930
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
pastormikeramming@yahoo.com
goodshepherdlcmscallaova@verizon.net
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, May 17:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St.435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282; bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday May 14:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
Thursday, May 11:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, May 14:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
5 p.m., UMYF meet at Bethel
7 p.m., Choir practice at Bethel
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Bethel's UMW meet

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road, Edwardsville; 580-7306, Rev. Vernell M. Carter
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
Sunday, May 14:
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
Saturday, May 13:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, May 11:
7:30 p.m., Finance Meeting
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Saturday, May 13:
6 p.m., Emmaus
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Tuesday May 16:
10 a.m., Evangelism
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday May 17:
6 p.m., Handbells
7:30 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Larry Burian, Associate Minister
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 17:
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
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Coffee Time
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Wednesday, May 17:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor, Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Church School for All
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Dr. Alexander McKelway
Hunger Offering Received
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Monday, May 15:
Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, May 17:
7:30 p.m., Music in the Village
Sponsors Piano Concert at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Thursday, May 11:
10 a.m., Presbyterian Women
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship
Guest Preacher: Judy Thomson
Monday, May 15:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 26)
Wednesday, May 17:
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 30)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.
Weems, 438-5853
Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7
Sunday, May 14:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, May 14:
10:30 a.m., Service, Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553, Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock
Northumberland Community Center
679 Brown's Store Road
Wicomico Church,804-761-1578
Pastors Mike and Lesley Gates
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock; 443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan

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Obituaries

Wilbur W. Blackwell

CALLAO—Wilbur Warren Blackwell, 82, of Callao died April 27, 2006, at Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Mr. Blackwell was born June 3, 1923, to Kate Harcum and Henry Blackwell. He attended Northumberland County schools and joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Heathsville. As a young man, he was employed by Joe Dameron at his sawmill and later at a fish factory in Reedville.

He married Edna Bea Blackwell.

He is survived by a son, Wilbur Warren Sutton; a daughter, Frances Marie Sutton of Baltimore; a sister, Mary Frances Kenner of Heathsville; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; twin great-great-grandchildren; a devoted nephew, Carl Elliott Kenner of Heathsville; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 4 at the Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home near Lancaster with pastor Lewis Jackson of Macedonia Baptist Church as eulogist. Interment was in the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jane T. Evans

KINSALE—Jane Thrift Evans, 80, of Kinsale, widow of Kenneth L. Evans, died May 4, 2006.

Mrs. Evans is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley E. and Ronald Bevans of Kinsale; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth L. Evans Jr. of Kinsale and Raymond T. and Karen Evans of Chesterfield; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Ola Rae Thrift Nash of Callao; and a special cousin, Gladys Mae Boykin of Mechanicsville.

A funeral service was held May 7 at Carmel United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Welch Funeral Home in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

Marian K. Farley

MERRY POINT—Marian Kathryn Farley, 86, of Merry Point died May 7, 2006.

A native of Lancaster County, she was the daughter of the late Ivanhoe V. Farley Sr. and Audrey Velma Jackson Farley.

Miss Farley, known to her family as "Doots," lived her entire life in the family home where she was born. A graduate of the former Farmville State Teachers' College, now Longwood University, she taught elementary school in Weems and White Stone.

She served as superintendent of the Lancaster County Department of Public Welfare from September 1944 to May 1979.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Clarence Rupert Farley and Ivanhoe Virginius Farley Jr.

She is survived by two sisters, Marea Farley Snider and Audrie Velma Farley, both of Merry Point; a brother and sister-in-law, Jackson and Rosalind Farley of McLean; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 11, at White Marsh Cemetery in Lancaster at 2 p.m. with Rev. Herbert P. Hall officiating.

William J. Helring

WHITE STONE–William Joseph Helring, 88, of White Stone died May 8, 2006.

Mr. Helring was a retired U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict; he also served with the Pennsylvania National Guard.

He was retired from the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nan Richione Helring; three sons and a daughter-in-law, James J. Helring of Jacksonville, N.C., John W. "Jack" Helring of Kilmarnock and Thomas J. Helring and Nancy Helring of Prince George; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen E. and Woody Jackson; and five grandchildren, Claire, Erin, Jon and Jeffrey Helring and Robert Rowlett.

Funeral services will be held May 30 at Arlington National Cemetery at 11 a.m. with military honors.

Frederick L. Johnston

WICOMICO CHURCH–Frederick Lloyd Johnston, 95, of Wicomico Church died May 7, 2005.

Mr. Johnston was a member of Fairfields United Methodist Church. He retired after 21 years as a State Farm insurance agent.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88 A.F.&A.M.

He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Bessie Haynie Johnston.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda C. Baughan of Wicomico Church and Betty and Bruce David McCurdy of Derwood, Md.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Buz and Lula Hogan of Gaithersburg, Md., and Robert and Carol Johnston of Kennebunk, Maine; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 10 at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess with Lawrence Burian and Rev. Brant Hayes officiating. Interment was in Roseland Cemetery in Reedville.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Mary A. Kingsbury

LANCASTER COUNTY—Mary Ann Kingsbury of Lancaster County died April 26, 2006.

Mrs. Kingsbury is survived by her husband, Milton Kingsbury, a son, Steve Kingsbury; two daughters, Debbie Pointer of Knoxville, Tenn., and Jody Larivee of Las Vegas, Nev.; her father, Frank Delmonter Sr. of Woodbridge; a sister, Natalie Parlin of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and six brothers, Frank Delmonte Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael Delmonte of Beaufort, S.C.; Guy Delmonte, Kim Delmonte, Greg Delmonte and Scott Delmonte, all of Woodbridge.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 12, at the Corrotoman Baptist Church in Ottoman at 10 a.m.

Greta E. Kirkbride

IRVINGTON—Greta E. "Miki" Kirkbride, 77, antiques dealer and community volunteer, died May 2 at her Irvington home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Kirkbride

Mrs. Kirkbride was born in Niles, Calif. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and attended the University of California at Berkeley for two years. She married Rev. Donald L. Kirkbride December 3, 1948, and for the next 31 years lived the life of a Navy chaplain's wife. She lived in many places, including Las Vegas, Rota, Spain, and Key West, Fla.

She volunteered for many community organizations. Her passion for antiques led to several successful businesses. She answered call-in questions on antiques for a radio show in Norfolk.

Over the years, she taught swimming to adults and handicapped children for the Red Cross and worked for the Navy relief society. Her love of horses led to teaching western riding. She was active in the Republican Party and later in the Democratic Party. In Irvington, she was a Hospice volunteer. She loved animals and supported animal welfare causes.

She was predeceased by her husband; and a daughter, Laurie E. Kirkbride.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Susan Kirkbride of Bethesda, Md.; and a daughter and son-in-law, Alexandra and Michael O'Connor of Durham, N.C.

She will be interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held in Irvington at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Northern Neck in Kilmarnock.

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

Ruth H. Lawson

HEATHSVILLE—Ruth Headley Lawson, 88, of Heathsville died May 6, 2006.

Mrs. Lawson was born in Baltimore May 16, 1917, to Otho Daniel Headley and Myrtle Avalon Swann Headley. She graduated from Heathsville High School and from Katharine's Business School in Baltimore. She was a 25-year-employee of the Northumberland County Health Department.

She was a lifelong member of Coan Baptist Church.

An amateur genealogist, she left a legacy of family history and Northern Neck cultural commentary.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Jennings Reynolds "Jim" Lawson.

She is survived by a son, Daniel Wayne Lawson; and a grandson, Charles Reynolds Lawson.

A graveside service was held May 10 at Bethany Baptist Church in Callao.

Memorials may be made to Kirkland Grove Campground, a registered national landmark, designated for the Ruth H. Lawson memorial fund, and mailed to Rebekah Byrd Haynie, EVB-Burgess, P.O. Box 365, Burgess, VA 22432.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Clinton T. McCoy

CALLAO—Clinton Thomas McCoy, 51, of Oxon Hill, Md., formerly of Callao, died April 30, 2006, at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Mr. McCoy

Mr. McCoy was born in Richmond May 21, 1954, to Clifton McCoy Sr. and Geneva Askins McCoy. He attended Northumberland County public schools and joined Lively Hope Baptist Church in Callao, where he remained a member. He was a member of the Faithful Few Club of Lively Hope of Washington, D.C. He also became a member of Paramount Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Following high school graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corp where he served for eight years.

He married his teenage sweetheart, Lottie Ball, formerly of Westmoreland County.

He had several different jobs over the years. Due to health problems, he retired from the Washington, D.C., public school system after almost 18 years of service.

He was predeceased by his mother.

He is survived by his wife, Lottie McCoy; two daughters, Chanteau McCoy of Oxon Hill and Latoya McCoy of Washington, D.C.; a son, Thomas Dewayne McCoy of Washington, D.C.; his father, Clifton McCoy Sr.; seven grandchildren, MaKayla, Jahnae, Alexas, Sayii, Khalil, Samyaha and Anessa; four sisters, Betty Daye, Patricia Bell, Earlene Muse and his twin sister, Cleader Brooks; two brothers, Clifton McCoy Jr. and Wallace McCoy; two aunts, Mary Liza McCoy and Polly Askins; an uncle, William Askins; his mother-in-law, Deloris Ball; five sisters-in-law, Delores Jackson, Doris Coward, Henrietta Newman, Millverta Ball and Jackie Ball; six brothers-in-law, Albert Kelley, William, Lerry and Clay Ball, Terry Daye and Johnny Brooks; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held May 6 at Lively Hope Baptist Church with pastor Frank Brooks officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Bobby Kelly, Tony Stevenson, Clay Ball, Wayne Jackson, James Lee and Carrington Daye. Honoraries were Ingram Haywood, Derrick Burton, Ronnie Hill, Terry Dale Jr., Richard "Punny" Washington and Reggie Martin.

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

William J. Packey

IRON STATION, N.C.—William Joseph Packey, 64, of 5490 Ruby Lane, Iron Station, N.C., died May 1, 2006.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a plant manager in the textile industry.

He is survived by his wife, Escilda Diaz Packey of the home; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond Packey of Florida and John and Shirely Packey of Kilmarnock; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held May 3 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Denver. Burial was at Amity Baptist Church Cemetery in Iron Station.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lincoln County, 107 N. Cedar St., Lincolnton, NC 28092.

Warlick Funeral Home in Lincolnton handled the arrangements.

Margaret D. Scott

OTTOMAN—Graveside services for Margaret D. Scott will be held Sunday, May 14, at Corrottoman Baptist Church Cemetery at 2 p.m. Pastor Kendall Jenkins will officiate.

Oscar Smith Sr.

HEATHSVILLE—Oscar Smith Sr., 67, formerly of King William, died May 4, 2006.

Mr. Smith was a retired bridge-construction worker.

He was predeceased by his parents; a brother; and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Smith; a son, Oscar Smith Jr.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jo Ann and Eugene Cummings, Bobbie Smith and Teresa Loving; a stepson, James Newsome; four grandchildren, Ashley and Adam Mitterer, Candace Loving and Brandon Jackson; two stepgrandchildren, Jacob and Rebecca Newsome; two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held May 9 in Pembroke, N.C.

B.W. White Funeral Home in Aylett handled the arrangements.

Benjamin R. Thompson

REEDVILLE—Benjamin R. Thompson, 70, of Reedville died May 3, 2006. He was owner of Thompson Plumbing Inc.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Reedville Masonic Lodge No. 321 A.F.&A.M. and a member of the ACCA Shrine Center in Richmond.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George T. "Tommy" and Donna Thompson of Reedville; a sister, Marion Patricia Kennedy of Sandston; two brothers, James K. Thompson Sr. of Mechanicsville and Richard M. Thompson of Kilmarnock; and two grandchildren, Whitney L. Thompson and Joseph Benjamin Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess. Rev. Marion P. White and Rev. Neale Schools officiated. A Masonic memorial service will be conducted by the Reedville Masonic Lodge No. 321. Interment will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Northumberland County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Reedville, VA 22539.

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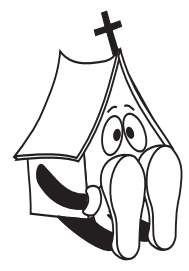

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Blessing of animals and festival planned

Bethel United Methodist Church in Lively will host a Blessing of the Animals service May 20 in the church parking lot at 11 a.m.

The service is open to people of all faiths and their animals. Rev. Robert Jones will preside.

Based on blessings attributed to Saint Anthony of the Desert and later Saint Francis of Assisi, the brief service will acknowledge the service of animals to man throughout history. The blessing of St. Francis is usually held in early October, on or near the Saint's Feast day; the blessing of St. Anthony is usually conducted in the spring.

Both saints saw in the animals a pure nature and obedience to God. As part of creation, the animals hold a special place in the world and are a reminder of man's responsibility as stewards of earth's resources.

On May 21, at noon, Bethel and its sister church, Emmanuel UMC will hold their fourth annual Mission's Festival following their respective Sunday services. The festival will be in Bethel's fellowship hall and will feature the mission projects of both congregations.

Refreshments will be served both days. For more information, call 462-5790.

Foster association organizes

First Lady Anne Holton recently joined with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) to announce the formation of the Virginia Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents Association.

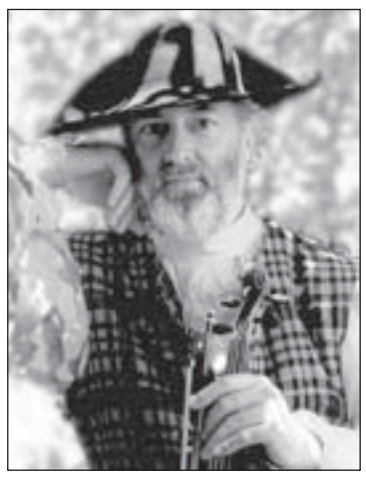
The announcement was made at the Children's Museum of Richmond, where foster, kinship and adoptive parents from around the state came to be honored for their commitment in recognition of May as Foster Care Appreciation Month.

"The association will support the recruitment and retention of foster, kinship and adoptive parents, provide training and support for them, and provide information to the state about what these families need in terms of support and training, and to advocate for the needs of children and families," said Holton.

Across Virginia, approximately 6,500 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes provide care, support, safety, guidance and shelter for nearly 8,000 children in foster care.

"I encourage foster, kinship and adoptive parents across Virginia to go to www.fosteradoptiveparents.org and learn more about the organization which will provide a bridge for parents, children and the social services community to work together to learn, grow, communicate, advocate and share ideas with each other," said Holton.

"The Virginia Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents Association will provide support for these families to successfully fulfill their parenting roles and raise healthy and productive children," said Anthony Conyers Jr., Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services.



John Turner

Turner to perform at Christ Church

Using period instruments, master fiddler John Turner will perform early colonial music at the 48th annual meeting of the Foundation for Historic Christ Church May 18 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church near Irvington.

A prodigious and enduring performer, Turner is the only 10-time winner of the National Scottish Fiddling Championship. He has played a major role in the revival of traditional Scottish fiddle music over three decades.

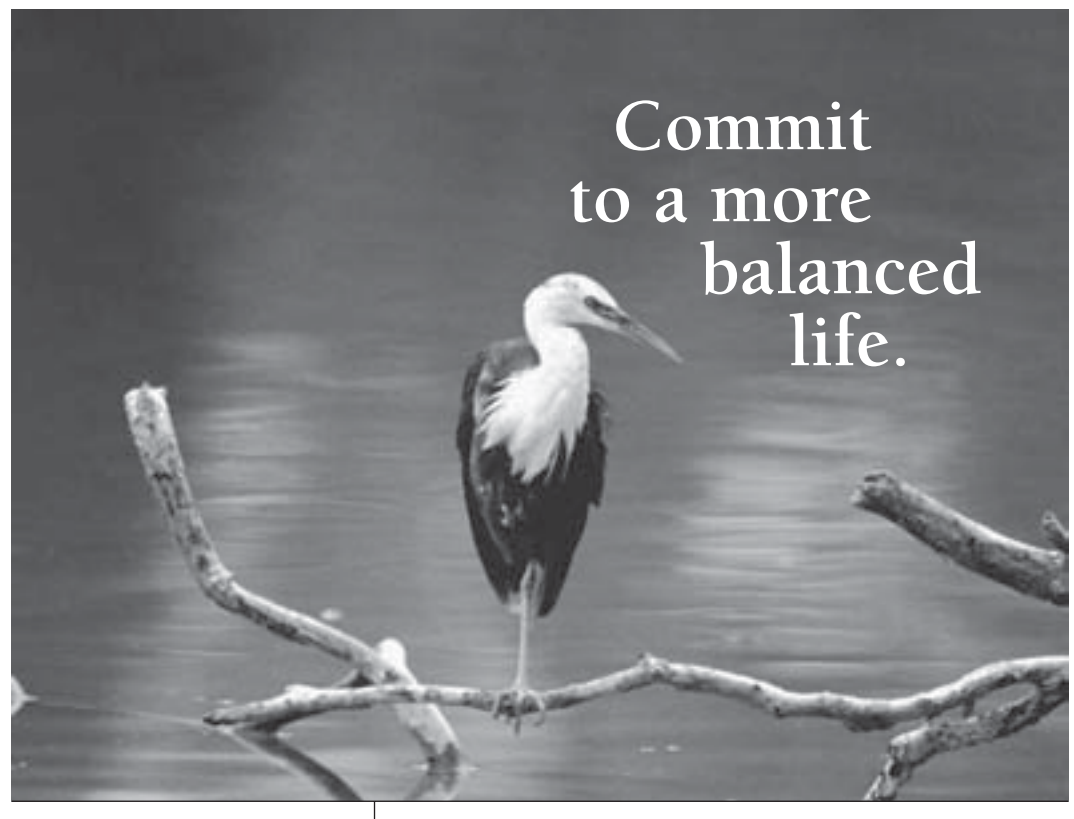
Turner is featured on 12 recordings and has contributed tracks to 70 others. On stage, radio and television, he has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Japan and the Middle East. He has entertained six U.S. presidents, members of Britain's royal family and many other heads of state.

Turner has been featured on "Thistle and Shamrock," "BBC Highland," "Pebble Mill at One" and other radio programs. He has composed some 150 tunes. His recordings and tunes have been used for many traditional, modern and interpretive dance programs on stage and on video.

Turner has published two books of music and written many articles on traditional Scottish music. He is the founder and director of the Jink and Diddle School of Scottish Fiddling, now in its 22nd season. He performs regularly in Williamsburg and across the U.S., teaches privately, conducts workshops and serves as an adjudicator for fiddling competitions.

Turner will play mostly 17th- and 18th-century Scottish and English traditional music. The instruments include members of the violin family, the pipe and tabor (a three-holed whistle and a small drum, played simultaneously by one person), and a variety of flutes and whistles.

A picnic lunch will follow on the churchyard lawn. Admission is $10 by advance reservation only; call 438-6855 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Church Notes

■ Concert set

The Senior Choir of New St. John's Baptist Church will celebrate its 13th anniversary May 20 at 6 p.m.

All local churches are invited. The guests for the evening are New Dependable Men's Chorus of New Zion Baptist Church and the Mighty Gospel Melodies of King George.

■ Deacons to meet

The Deacons and Deaconesses of New St. John's Baptist Church will celebrate their annual day June 4 at 4 p.m. Russell Smith is the speaker.

■ Rev. Tolbert to return

Sharon Baptist Church will celebrate Family and Friends Heritage Day May 21 during morning worship at 11 a.m.

The guest preacher will be Rev. W.H. Tolbert, pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., a former pastor of Sharon Baptist Church and former moderator of the Northern Neck Baptist Association.

■ Annual May Day

Mount Vernon Baptist Church will hold its annual May Day Saturday, May 13, beginning at 10 a.m. Activities include good food, basketball, softball, egg toss and many other games.

A huge yard sale will begin at 8 a.m.

■ Cain to be ordained

On Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m. minister Samuel A. Cain will be ordained at Calvary Baptist Church.

The ordination speaker will be Rev. Michael Reed, pastor of Clarksville Baptist Church in Warsaw.

Easter egg hunt revisted

The grounds and fellowship hall of the White Stone United Methodist Church rang with the happy sounds of children May 15 for an Easter egg hunt. The event involved the children of White Stone Baptist, Asbury United Methodist, Mt. Vernon Baptist, White Stone United Methodist and others. Volunteers from White Stone Baptist and White Stone United Methodist provided refreshments and assisted with the hunt. Rev. Richard Gordon explained the significance of Easter.

■ Hartswell day

Hartswell Baptist Church in Lancaster will celebrate its Annual Family and Friends Day Service May 20 at 6 p.m.

Rev. Walker Wilson, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Heathsville, will be the guest preacher. He will be accompanied by his congregation and the Morning Star Gospel Chorus will render the music.

■ Gospel Concert

The Holmes Brothers will appear in concert May 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill. Their performance will be a benefit for Calvary Baptist Church in Saluda.

Tickets are $15. Call Rosetta Jarvis at 758-2033 or Frauline Robinson at 513-9024 to purchase tickets. Tickets will be available at the door.

■ Brown to be ordained

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation for May 21 at 4 p.m. to the ordination of Arthur W. Brown. The guest speaker will be minister Gernard Reed of Clarksville Baptist Church in Warsaw.

■ Moore to speak

Evangelist Richard Moore will speak to the City Worship Center at the Northumberland Community Center at 679 Browns Store Road in Wicomico Church Sunday, May 14, at 10 a.m. and Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

■ UUFR service

Shirley Kinney will present "They Never Promised You A Rose Garden" Sunday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

She will look at the Garden of Eden from a gardener's perspective. Was it really a paradise? Also, the UUFR will celebrate its annual Flower Communion, a Unitarian ritual begun in 1923.

■ Parade cancelled

A parade scheduled by Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone for Saturday, May 13, has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

■ Women's Day

The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church in Heathsville will celebrate Women's Day May 21 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Carolyn Clarke of Richmond.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Colors for the celebration are red or white. Not for women only.

■ Fellowship dinner

The Christian Community Fellowship will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping. Pastor Philip C. Lee of new Life Ministries will lead a discussion on "Seeking Jesus for Help."

Dinner is $13, including tip and tax. Reservations are recommended; call 438-9368. The dinner fee will be paid for those who can't afford it.

■ Bible study

An ecumenical men's Bible study group meets on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock. The weekly Bible study group was started by the men of Grace Episcopal Church and is open to men of all faiths. It is attended by men from several area churches.

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6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

New Life Ministries
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079, Pastors: Phillip C. Lee and Richard Lynn
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, May 16:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor, 693-6079
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 11:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, May 13:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, May 14:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, May 18:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Saturday, May 13:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, May 14:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, May 17:
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, May 14:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Hour of Power
Wednesday, May 17:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Thursday, May 18:
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, May 14:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, May 14:
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, May 14:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, May 19:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whisk 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
Saturday, May 13:
9-11 a.m., Food Bank
Sunday, May 14:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
Monday, May 15:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Wednesday, May 17:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study

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Organizing a street party

Committee member Agnes Carter and Rappahannock Art League president Johnny Hayes will serve up coffee and donuts to merchants in the Steptoe's District of Kilmarnock Wednesday, May 17. All businesses are invited to send a representative to the 8 a.m. organizational meeting for the upcoming "Stepabout" monthly events.

Bank announces quarter earnings, declares dividend

The board of directors of Chesapeake Financial Shares recently announced first quarter earnings of $786,432 or $0.32 per share. In addition, the board declared the regular dividend of $.095 per share to be paid on or before June 15 to shareholders of record June 1.

Chairman and chief executive officer Douglas D. Monroe Jr. reported that earnings were slightly below the first quarter of 2005 because of the increased costs associated with Chesapeake's investment in three new banking offices and a Chesapeake Investment Group asset management office in New Town, a development in Williamsburg.

Investments in infrastructure are key to supporting Chesapeake's long-term growth, noted Monroe. In addition, he reported that total assets of Chesapeake had increased to $386,646,000 with total deposits at a record $331,357,000 and loans of $282,141,000.

"The economy in our market area is strong even with the increase in interest rates and the cost of fuel," Monroe said. "Prospects for continued growth in prosperity for the balance of 2006 are very good."

On April 7, Chesapeake Financial Shares held its shareholders meeting at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. The meeting was attended by over 125 people. Over 92 percent of the shares were voted in person or were voted by proxy.

President Jeffrey M. Szyperski reported on the state of the industry in Virginia showing that the number of banks had declined since 1988 from 184 to 126 today and that the five largest banks in the state now have over 45 percent of the total deposits. In addition, net interest margins had declined in Virginia banks from 4.33 percent in 2003 to 3.72 percent last year.

"The fastest growing competition that we have in the banking industry comes from credit unions that pay no income taxes. They are no longer operating under the local common bond umbrella which their charters were granted," Szyperski said.

Credit unions have grown their number of Virginia households which they serve by approximately 45 percent in the last 10 years. Credit unions have used their tax exemption to grow their deposits in this 10-year period at a rate 21 percent higher than that of commercial banks.

"Chesapeake Investment Group increased assets under management by over 30 percent indicating the strong reception that it is receiving from the markets served in the three peninsulas," said Szyperski. "The prospects for continued growth are exciting in providing asset management, financial planning and estate planning for clients and the public in our market areas."

Prior to electing directors to serve until April of 2007, Monroe said, "We have invested heavily in talented, competent, professional people who are going to continue to make Chesapeake Financial Shares a long-term, growing, exciting investment."

The following nine individuals were elected to serve on the Chesapeake Financial Shares board of directors until the shareholders meeting in April of 2007: T. Nash Broaddus, Eugene S. Hudnall Jr., Thomas E. Kellum, Katherine W. Monroe, Bruce P. Robertson, William F. Shumadine Jr., Robert J. Singley, Szyperski and Monroe.

The Chesapeake Bank directors to be elected were introduced: David E. Bush, Kellum, Charles C. Chase II, Hudnall, Albert C. Pollard, Szyperski, Thomas G. Tingle, Harry M. Ward and Monroe, chairman emeritus. Also introduced were the Chesapeake Investment Group directors to be elected: Leland T. James, Shumadine, Marshall N. Warner, Szyperski and Monroe.

Business Briefs

■ Rosendahl to visit

Virginia author Victoria Rosendahl will appear at Urbanna's Art on the Half Shell on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will have copies of her book, *Uneven Advantage*, available for purchase.

■ VHDA

The VHDA Mobile Mortgage Office will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Tappahannock on June 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 800-227-8432. To reach the mobile office, call 804-837-1879.

■ Aging star

Each year the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management asks state agencies to nominate employees for recognition as " agency stars."

The Virginia Department of Correctional Education recently named Beth Rohne of Haynesville Correctional Center as its agency star for 2006.

Tax planning seminars are planned May 16-17

Now is the time to learn about tax deductions and traps to avoid.

Bay Trust Company and Bank of Lancaster's Golden Advantage will offer free tax planning seminars May 16 and 17.

The seminars will cover numerous topics such as the sale of a personal residence, taxation of gifts versus inheritance, qualifying a child or an adult dependant, retirement plans and distributions, social security and how it is taxed; capital gains and losses; taxation of qualified dividends; and numerous other deductions available to a taxpayer.

Morgan W. Alley

The presenter is Morgan W. Alley, J.D., CFP, partner of Dunton, Simmons & Dunton, L.L.P. Alley has been with Dunton, Simmons, & Dunton since 1996. He practices in the fields of trusts and estates, corporate law and taxation with primary focus in the areas of trust and estate administration. Alley is head of personnel, chairman of the budget committee, and hiring coordinator for Dunton Simmons, & Dunton.

Alley received his Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude from Washington & Lee University School of Law in Virginia. He received his bachelor's, Summa Cum Laude in history and sociology from Clemson University in South Carolina.

Seminars will be held May 16 at 9 a.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock; May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville; May 17 at 10 a.m. at the Bank of Lancaster Warsaw branch; and May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster Montross office.

Seating is limited. Call Kathleen Pollard at Bay Trust Company at 435-4137 or 888-266-6880 to reserve your seat.

Governor proclaims May 2006 Virginia Agriculture Month

To recognize and honor the state's nearly four centuries of farming, Gov. Tim Kaine recently proclaimed May Virginia Agriculture Month in the Commonwealth.

Thanks to the toil and tenacity of the settlers who landed at Jamestown in 1607, America got its start on a farm in Virginia. The pioneers utilized the agricultural expertise of Native Americans to grow maize, sweet potatoes, grapes, berries, nuts and tobacco, thus laying the groundwork for the flourishing agricultural industry to come. Eventually, Virginia colonists developed farms such as Chippokes Plantation, formed on land granted to Capt. William Powell in 1619. Now a Virginia State Park, Chippokes operates a model farm, making it one of the oldest working farms in the U.S.

Agriculture played a significant part in the formation of the United States. In addition to kindling the spirit of independence, Virginia agriculture provided the farmers and planters who formed the backbone of the revolutionary movement. More importantly, farmers such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe supplied the leadership essential to guide the colonies to nationhood, fortified by the standards and ideals inherent in Virginia's agricultural heritage.

When Augusta County inventor Cyrus McCormick patented the first successful mechanical reaper in 1834, he helped move farming from hand power to horse power, signaling the beginning of rapid progress for American agriculture. With his invention, McCormick introduced on-farm efficiency that eventually reduced from 90 percent in 1831 to 2 percent today the segment of the U.S. population directly involved in farming.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, originally named the Department of Agriculture, Mining and Manufacturing, was established in 1877, and oversees and helps promote Virginia's agriculture industry. Today, the industry annually generates approximately 12.3 percent of all sales in the state, contributes approximately $19.5 billion to the gross state product and creates nearly 10 percent of the total jobs statewide.

Virginia agriculture celebrates its current success with 11 commodities that rank in the national top 10 based on 2004 production statistics when compared with other states, including fresh market tomatoes and tobacco, ranked #3; turkeys, #5; apples, #6; summer potatoes and peanuts, #7; fresh market snap beans, #8; fresh market cucumbers, sweet potatoes and broilers, #9; and grapes, #10.

J. Carlton Courter III, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, invites everyone to celebrate Virginia agriculture during May.

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Food prices resisting inflation for now

While the price of crude oil spiked to record high levels the week of April 16, food prices have remained relatively stable for the first part of 2006.

Retail prices for food at the supermarket rose slightly in the first quarter of the year, according to the latest American Farm Bureau Federation Marketbasket Survey. The informal national survey shows the average total cost of 16 basic grocery items to be $40.73, up 3 percent or $1.20 from a year ago.

Cheddar cheese showed the largest increase, up 50 cents to $3.89 per pound. Other items that increased in price were ground chuck, corn oil, mayonnaise, sirloin tip roast, flour, vegetable oil, pork chops, apples, bread and toasted oat breakfast cereal.

Items that decreased in price from the fourth quarter of 2005 were Russet potatoes, bacon and large eggs. The price of whole milk and whole chicken fryers also declined slightly.

The survey results are similar to results from the latest Consumer Price Index report, released April 19. According to Terry Francl, AFBF chief economist, sharply higher energy prices are probably just taking a while to ripple through the food economy.

"For example, although farm gate prices for livestock, poultry and dairy moved downward during the first quarter of 2006, retail prices for beef and pork cuts are up in the survey, while milk and poultry products dropped insignificantly, Francl said. "We've been watching for some kind of impact from higher energy prices, and down the road they have to have some effect. Most likely in the next few months we'll see a jump" in retail food prices.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported the Consumer Price Index for food in March rose 2.7 percent from the previous quarter. The index for energy, which rose 17.1 percent in 2005, advanced at a rate of 21.8 percent in the first quarter of 2006 and accounted for about 42 percent of the first quarter advance in the overall consumer price index. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 36.9 percent annual rate, the report said.

The higher petroleum energy costs hit America's farmers in two ways during spring planting season. Like everyone, they're paying more for fuel. And most fertilizer products are derived from natural gas and petroleum.

"It's the same old challenge to stay out of the red," said Bruce L. Hiatt, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Our farmers have to pay retail for all their supplies, and their crops and livestock sell for wholesale prices which haven't changed much in 40 or 50 years."

In fact, the share of the average food dollar that America's farm and ranch families receive has dropped over time, despite gradual increases in retail grocery prices. "Going back 30 years, farmers received about one-third of consumer retail food expenditures. That figure has dropped steadily over time and is now just 22 percent, according to USDA statistics," Francl said.

Using that percentage, the farmer's share of this quarter's $40.73 marketbasket total would be $8.96.

Dr. Beth Faber

Dr. Faber speaks at national meeting

Local orthodontist Dr. Beth Faber was the keynote speaker for the Women in Orthodontists Luncheon May 8 in Las Vegas, at the National Association of Orthodontists annual session. The meeting attracts over 20,000 orthodontists from all over the world.

Dr. Faber has offices in Tappahannock and Kilmarnock and has been serving the orthodontic needs of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck for 20 years. She is a member of 3M's National Advisory Board and she is nationally renowned in her innovation management and marketing systems. Dr. Faber is also a speaker for Unitek, the orthodontic division of the 3M Corporation.

She is active in sponsoring youth activities in the area and she is a member of the board of directors for Aylett Country Day School. Dr. Faber sponsors the Horace and Sundra Honorary Scholarship, given annually to two exceptional high school seniors from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Land-planning group to open in White Stone

Bay Design Group, an engineering, land-surveying, land-planning and landscape architectural firm, last week announced it will open a new office in White Stone May 15 at 812 Rappahannock Drive.

The firm also has offices in Richmond and Gloucester.

Donald F. Caskie will direct the new office.

"Over the past 15 years, the population of the Northern Neck has steadily increased. As a company, we want to keep up with the area's growth and continue to provide personal service to each of our clients," said Caskie.

The firm is dedicated to innovative solutions in land management, he said. The company's resources stem from the principals' 120 years of combined expertise in the land-planning industry.

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New Jamestown 2007 plates debut

Just weeks before America's 400th Anniversary officially launches, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will debut a new, updated and redesigned look to its Jamestown 2007 standard issue passenger license plate. Beginning in May, motorists who register their vehicle will receive the commemorative anniversary design.

It features the official Jamestown 2007 "three ships" logo along with new, more prominent wording of "Jamestown, America's 400th Anniversary." The new design will serve as the standard plate in Virginia until December 2007.

"DMV is proud to partner with America's 400th Anniversary," according to Commissioner D.B. Smit. "As we enter this historic and exciting time, we are pleased to help recognize what will truly be an international commemoration. The new plate is the perfect way to spotlight this event."

"We are grateful for our partnership with DMV and your continued efforts to enhance visibility for the commemoration," said Stuart W. Connock, chairman of Virginia's Jamestown 2007 steering committee.

The Jamestown 400th Anniversary officially begins May 22, when the newly commissioned ship Godspeed departs on an 80-day sail up the East Coast. The new Godspeed is a re-creation of one of the three ships that brought English colonists to Jamestown in 1607.

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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Rittenhouse is named assistant bench jeweler

Karen and Fred E. Burke Jr. of Burke's Jewelers in Kilmarnock and Burke's of Gloucester at the Courthouse in Gloucester last week announced the promotion of Virginia Cooke Rittenhouse to assistant bench jeweler.

Rittenhouse recently attended the New Approach School for Jewelers in Virginia Beach under the direction of Blaine Lewis. Rittenhouse passed her final testing by setting stones, sizing rings, making prongs and specializing in a specialty format.

"I knew when I hired Virginia she would be a great asset to our company as well as a tremendous help to my husband, Fred. When given a task, Virginia is intensely focused which makes her an awesome person for bench work," said Karen Burke.

"Virginia has already begun simple jobs at the bench under my guidance. She is doing a great job. Our area and store is lucky to have her," said Fred Burke.

From left are Fred Burke and Virginia Cooke Rittenhouse.

Rittenhouse said she hopes one day to create her own line of jewelry that will be exclusive to Burke's.

She is a 2001 graduate of Northumberland High School, and was crowned the 2001 Holly Ball Queen. She is the daughter of Holly Rittenhouse and the late Taylor Rittenhouse.

Document valuables before hurricane season

The American Society of Appraisers reminds residents that now is the time to safeguard their possessions before hurricane season begins. This applies not only to people who live on the coast, but to inland residents as well.

"Too often, victims of floods or hurricanes discover after disaster strikes that their memories and photos aof cherished objects are not enough to satisfy insurance companies when making a claim," said international president Donna Walker.

"Appraisals are as important as wills. They help people to prove the worth of a piece of property. An appraisal performed by an accredited appraiser will stand up in court, with the IRS, and insurance companies," Walker said.

She offers the following tips.

• Take an inventory of the items in the house; open cabinets and closets and document contents with video or photos.

• Store photos, appraisals, insurance policies, and other documents in a safe place.

• Inventory possessions. Make lists of what is owned, who the made the item and what was paid for them.

• Keep sales receipts. Use them to back up inventory.

• Get valuables appraised and keep the documentation in a safe place.

"It is a misconception that only rich people need to have items appraised," said Walker. "Almost anything can be appraised including real estate, businesses, machinery and equipment, jewelry, family heirlooms, artwork, silverware, china, antiques and collectibles.

"Appraisals can be used not only in weather disasters, but also in divorce and other court cases and for insurance purposes," he said.

When working with an appraiser:

• Hire an accredited appraiser to ensure an ethical and accurate appraisal and one backed by years of training and experience. To find one, visit www.appraisers.org, or call 800-272-8258.

• Ask for a résumé from potential appraisers. Every accredited appraiser should readily supply one as well as references from clients.

• Don't use an appraiser who offers to buy the item or charges a percentage of the item's value. That is a conflict of interest.

• Tell the appraiser anything about the item's origin or where it was purchased. The appraiser will take a few days, or for more complex items, a few weeks, to research the item's history and the marketplace.

• Expect a written report describing the item, the reasons for its assignment of value, and which type of valuation was conducted: replacement value, fair market value, or market value. The appraisal report will then serve as documentation for the IRS, insurance companies and legal systems.

Furniture gallery opens branch store in Hartfield

Home Port Gallery in Glen Allen has opened a branch office/showroom in Hartfield Village at 10880 General Puller Highway in Hartfield.

John Lankford of Deltaville, who has 21 years as a sales professional in the commercial furniture industry, is managing the office and marketing the products represented by Home Port Gallery.

Home Port Gallery employs professional designers and technical advisors for the specification and design for each of the product lines. Installation is done by in-house installation personnel, supervised by an in-house project manager.

For those who enjoy installing their own purchases, the gallery will provide a project manager to assist and supervise the process.

The showroom office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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History fair winners announced

From left, winners of Christ Church's annual 4th Grade Northern Neck History Fair are (front row) Katie Crowther, Brandon Walker, Tristen Brown, Hannah Richardson and Moira Hull; (next row) Emily Szyperski, Dia Ferguson, Madison Scott, Nick Nonnemacker, Shawn Valdrighi and Beau Nickerson.

An awards ceremony held at Christ Church last Wednesday honored participants in

the 2006 4th Grade Northern Neck History Fair. More than 110 students from Chesapeake Academy, Lancaster Middle and Northumberland Elementary schools submitted entries for best original essay or best original exhibit on an event, person, or cultural development related to Virginia in the period 1607-1789.

The fair is sponsored by the Foundation for Historic Christ Church and the Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company to promote interest in and research on life in colonial and revolutionary Virginia by the area's fourth-graders.

Each student received a certificate for participation. Bay Trust Company president and chief executive officer Bob Berry and Bank of Lancaster vice president Margaret Curtis presented prizes to the winners.

In the essay category, Beau Nickerson's piece, "Early Colonial Virginia News Media," won first place and a $100 savings bond. Shawn Valdrighi's first-person story, "The Battle of Yorktown," took second and a $75 savings bond. Nick Nonnemacker's essay on Robert "King" Carter earned third place and a $50 savings bond.

Three students received honorable mentions in the writing contest and were awarded $20 gift certificates to Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock, courtesy of Historic Christ Church. They were Moira Hull for "Virginia in Three Regions," Hannah Richardson for "How Tobacco Shaped Virginia History" and Rosario Rivera for "What Pocahontas Means to Me."

In the exhibit category, Tristen Brown's diorama "Pamunkey Indians" won first place and a $100 savings bond. India Eguiguren's "The Life of Thomas Rolfe" earned second and a $75 savings bond. Katie Crowther and Brandon Walker teamed up for third place, with each taking $50 savings bonds, for their exhibit on Berkeley Plantation.

Honorable mentions and $20 gift certificates to Twice Told Tales were awarded to Dia Ferguson and Emily Szyperski for "St. John's Church and Patrick Henry's Speech," Kelsey Dawson and Lauren Self for "Longhouses," and Madison Scott for "Pocahontas: How Historians and Disney Show Her."

Alexandra Pitman won a random drawing sponsored by Historic Christ Church for two tickets to Busch Gardens.

The exhibits and essays were on display in the Bayne Center at Historic Christ Church from April 10 to 26. The Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock hosted a sampling of the exhibits April 18 to 22.

LHS lists B+ Honor Roll

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

Students named to the High Honors roll in grade 9 are Samuel Frere, Megan Hudnall, Takeia Jones, Tiffany Koscienski, Marlene Logan, Jeremy Lux, Victoria Mieras, Tiffany Pittman, Brianna Ritchie, Matthew Stevens and Karen Tignor.

Students named in grade 10 are Whitney Ball, Jewell Beatley, Christopher Bennett, Clinton Bennett, Austin Brown, Cameron Carter, Emmalyn Carter, Isaac Clark, Ann Fitzsimons, Danielle Freeman, Kimberly Hudson, Ashley Landers, Melanie Logan, Lauren Mason, Charity Milstead, Abigail Robbins, LaBree Smith, Stephen Smith, Tanesha Smith, Gretchen Smither, Justin Stewart, Natalie Stickel, Dana Stillman, Carlos Syversen, Lakeita Taylor, Samantha Whay and Candace Wiggins.

Students named in grade 11 are Linn Baumgardt, Solita Beale, Luke Bessler, Morgan Bishop, Christopher Clark, Sarah Davis, Amanda Dreylick, Jessica Ercelino, Lisa Faulkner, Thomas Frere, Kori George, Cassandra Jackson, James Kellum, Marie Koehler, Yi Ma, Kari Mitchell, LaShawnna Norris, Steven Reid, Etoyia Roane, Sarah Robertson, William Saunders, Alexandra Sherrill, Paul Vest, Rebecca Wineland and Graham Winstanley.

Students named in grade 12 are Brittany Dodson, Keyondra Frederick, Jonathan Frith, Autumn Gaskins, Megan Headley, Jacob Jackson, Robert Lamkin, Leif Mieras, Daniel Robertson, Candice Selph, Nicole Turner, Kimberly White and Trevor Winstanley.

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Spring Art show winners named

The 16th annual Lancaster County Public Schools Spring Art Show was held April 29 and 30 at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

The Rappahannock Art League and the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts sponsored the show, which featured refreshments before the Sunday awards ceremony.

The LMS Jazz Band conducted by Glen Burtner and Kenny Flester entertained the audience awaiting the awards. Band members included Carol Davis, Doug Montgomery, Jake Harding, Ryan Joyner, Nicole Shelton, Robert Crowther, Chris Webber, Logan Nonnemacker, Corbin Love, Danielle Shelton, Connor Flynn, Katelyn Keyser, Marina McGrath, Grace Perkins, Dillon Williams and Natalie Jackson.

Best in Show awards were presented to Kim White of Lancaster High School and Natalie Jackson of LMS.

Winners in two-dimension art at LHS were first, Larry Hearn; second, Tanesha Dameron; third, Erica Patton; and honorable mention, Ma Yi, Katie Johnson, Sarah Davis, Chris Clark, Kim White, Samantha Whay, Rebecca Wineland, Tanesha Dameron, Shidea Johnson, Larry Hearn, Josh Jett, Shanita Mitchell and Bethany Revere.

Winners in painting on canvas at LHS were first, Jocelyn Stevens; second, Chris Robinson; third, Jessica Crockett; and honorable mention Nathan Blake, Tanesha Dameron, Leif Mieras, Sarah Ellington, Katie Johnson, Sarah Davis, Josh Lewis, Chris Robinson and Erica Patton.

Winners in three-dimensional art at LHS were first, Ma Yi; second, Sarah Davis; third, Katie Johnson; and honorable mention, Sarah Ellington, Crystal Sheffield, Leif Mieras, Marlene Logan, Erica Patton, Emily Kolhlepp, Aaron Hotzbach, Matthew Grigsby, Larry Hearn and Kim White.

Winners in the LMS sixth to eighth grades were first place, Jessica White; second, Robbie Ewell; third, Michaela Woodcock; and honorable mention, Jade Traylor, Tevin Beale, Bianca Rice, Nicholas Cater, Craig Owens, Chase Graves, Zach Crabill, Anthony Santangelo, Natalie Kolhlepp, Terry Hardin, Jasmine Moody, Joseph Betts, Evan Bolt, Martin Ward, Ky-Lell Arthur, Malik Lee and Belanda Jessup.

Winners in the LMS fourth and fifth grades were first, Skylar Kellum; second, Thomas Hyde; third, Hannah Richardson; and honorable mention, Tyler Shirk, Kwanza Moody, Devante Haskins, Elizabeth Flynn, Jhony Beltran, Destiny Bromley, Hannah Smith, Janay Mickles, Sam Friday, Jared Herring, Marques Kelley, Cheyenne Cooke, Will Kellum, Thomas Hyde, Gerquel Owens, Katherine Keyser, Brooke Hudnall and Natalie Whay.

Winners at LMS in sculpture were first, Brandon Jones; second, Prince Jackson; third, Kai Antonio; and honorable mention, Jessica White, David Dorsch, Jasmine Moody, Lainey Ross, Thomas Raymo, Katelyn Keyser, Shadonta Bean, Travis Boyd, Brandi Benton, Katherine Keyser and De'Jon Savoy.

Ribbons of equal value were awarded to Lancaster Primary School winners, including kindergarten winners Nathan Spiers, Camryn Pittman, Chase Osborne, Cassie Kolhlepp, Evan Steensma, Alease Redmond, Cody Newbill, Katelyn Dawson, Keith Beane, Ashleigh Sanford, Karon Ball, Nicholas Grenier, Dynesha Redmond and Leanne Nguyen.

Also, Jerquist Morris, Kelsi Ashburn, Keyasia Diggs, Jonte Savoy, Robert Stickler, Keamonte Smith, Faith Heiron, Karen Beltran, Jacob Hudnall, James Franklin, Layshiona Smith, Molesha Crockett, Martez Davis, Billy Weinrich, Alyssa Booth, Haydon Davenport, India Veney, Emilee Webster, Rashad Bea, Tabitha Hall and Katie Newhouse.

First-grade winners were Jhamari Gordon, Amber Davis, Mary Frere, Kyran Gaskins, Austin Sheets, Dwyane Ball, Leah West, ShaKyra Williams, Devin Smith, Sophie Headley, Wyatt McCranie, Timmy Hudson, Patrick Keyser, Stepahanie Armstrong, Jahlil Nickens, Ralph Waller, Lindsey Brocklebank, Brandon Hill and Drew Deskin.

Also, Brandon Smith, Ashliegh Smith, Lauren Koscienski, DeShaun Gaskins, Felicity Baker, LaDerah Daye and Diamond Taylor.

Second-grade winners were Devonte Taylor, Abby Nelson, Deamonte Sutton, Destiny Taylor, Patricia West, Kalin Benza, Marco Logan, Darrian Doggett, Loren Moore, Derrick Thompson, James Weldon, Brandy Smith, Laura Stickler, Stephen Nicholson, Blake Taylor-Rice, Samiya Reed, KyVon Clayton, Harmony Harris and Essence Noel.

Also, Emily Haydon, Ellie Hyde, Tyler Barksdale, Zyhkeia Bullock, DeJour Lee, Aloni Scott, Jovani Robinson, Darik Reed, London Cain, Kayleigh Webster, Caroline Beck, Sam Bouis and Ashlyn Goode.

Third-grade winners were Carter Robbins, Tyler Reed, John Savoy, Todd O'Beir, Krystal Kellum, Brandon MIckles, Sean Jones, Emily Lux, Ahmad Bea, Kelli Tignor, Marquis Smith, Christina Bagnall, Allashia Muschette, Sabrina Brown, Emilee Whay, Corinna Ireland, Taylor Woolard, Steve Waller, Tynesha Seldon and Manaal Siddiqui.

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College graduates three classes of nurse aides

A class of six nurse aides graduated from Rappahannock Community College in Glenns on May 2. From left are Tamaka Lucas, Alika Broussard, Alvine Brown, Terra Laws, Sarah Littell, Susan Hudnall and instructor Sheila Stokes, R.N.

Three classes of nurse aides—22 individuals—have recently completed the requirements for graduation from Rappahannock Community College.

Instructors Lelia Poteet, R.N., and Teresa Williams, R.N., M.S.N., of the Warsaw Campus nurse aide program guided 16 students to their goal on May 1 and May 2, while Sheila Stokes, R.N., brought in six more at the Glenns Campus on May 2.

Local graduates include Alika Broussard, Terra Laws, and Tamaka Lucas of Lancaster County; and Tameka Carter and LaToya Johnson of Northumberland County.

Several of the students were sponsored in their training by the Workforce Investment Act Adult Program. Funding was made available by the Area XIII Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board through the Northern Neck One-Stop Center and the Job Assistance Center in Shackelfords.

There are still a few seats available in nurse aide classes which will begin on May 22. Persons interested in learning these valuable skills and gaining a certificate which will increase their employment opportunities should apply as soon as possible to improve their chances for admission; for those who are unable to do so in time, more classes will form at the end of August. Further information is available from RCC's evening programs coordinators in Glenns (758-6743), or Warsaw (804-333-6752).

Funding may be available for some participants, especially persons who are currently unemployed or displaced from industries that have closed, high school students, and those who have interrupted their high school education. Candidates needing financial assistance should apply immediately, as additional time is required to process their applications. Information about these opportunities is available from the Northern Neck One-Stop Center (333-3675), the Gloucester-Mathews One-Stop Center (693-3633), or the Job Assistance Center (785-2470).

Uniform support

On behalf of the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts and its board of directors, foundation president Allen Marple presents a donation to Lancaster High School band director Robbie Spiers. The donation will go towards the purchase of new band uniforms, said Spiers. To support the uniform fund, contact Spiers at 462-0697.

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From left are (front row) card-carrying tree hugger Marie Marsden, a member of the Rappahannock Community College counseling staff who organized an observance of the 36th anniversary of the original Earth Day; (next row) student Beverly Daniels, college president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther and student Kyle Rogers.

RCC celebrates Earth Day

On April 26, participants in Rappahannock Community College's Earth Day celebration honored the birth of the modern environmental movement by viewing a documentary—"Mountaintop Removal and the Fight for Coalfield Justice"—about the devastation caused by mountaintop-removal mining in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

Fact sheets on this issue and other matters affecting the environment were available to all, as were free environmental magazines, and bags of sunflower seeds to be used either for planting or for feeding wild birds. While attendees enjoyed a pizza lunch, a random drawing awarded various live plants, packets of seeds, and bird feeders to the lucky winners.

Student support services holds luncheon

From left, Jane Harper of Northumberland, Karen Turner of Westmoreland, Coreka Turner of Westmoreland, and Amy Pena of Lancaster were among students recognized at a recent luncheon sponsored by the Rappahannock Community College Student Support Services office. They will graduate from Rappahannock Community College and the Warsaw Campus Student Support Services program on Monday, May 15.

Patrick R. Oliver

Oliver honored for scholarship

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Patrick R. Oliver of Alfonso has been named an All-American Scholar with a GPA of 3.3 or better.

Oliver attends Lancaster High School. He was nominated by teacher Margaret L. Smith.

Oliver will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally. He is the son of Carl and Beverley Oliver of Alfonso.

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Tater tots or Steamed broccoli
Fruit cup or Fresh fruit

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Chicken biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Taco w/salsa or Chicken salad sandwich, Lettuce, tomato, cheese or Golden corn
Spiced applesauce or Fresh fruit

Wednesday, May 17:
Waffle sticks w/syrup or Cereal & toast, Grape juice
Steakum & cheese sub or Ham & cheese croissant Potato wedges or Steamed broccoli
Mandarin oranges or Fresh fruit

Thursday, May 19:
Sausage biscuit or Cereal & toast
Orange juice
Barbecue on bun or Corn dog nuggets, Cole slaw or Baked beans
Mixed fruit Fresh fruit

Friday, May 19:
French Toast w/syrup or Cereal & toast, Fruit punch
Cheeseburger on bun or French bread pizza, French fries or Peas
Peach cup or Fresh fruit

RJJW team wins Brain Bowl

The RJJW team won the 16th and last Brain Bowl of the season. The contests prepare students for SOL tests in language arts and science this week and math and social studies next week. From left are William Abbot, Jason Hodges, R.J. Nickens and Jared Herring.

Grace Perkins receives national leadership award

Grace Perkins

Grace Perkins, an eighth-grader at Lancaster Middle School, was awarded the National Junior Beta Club John W. Harris Leadership Award at the club's recent induction ceremony in the LMS theater.

Perkins is one of 25 in the United States to be recognized, and the only middle school student in Virginia. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Perkins of White Stone.

Perkins is the president of the LMS Junior Beta Club. She has also served as its vice-president. She is an A honor roll student, a star achiever in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

She has been active in the drama club for five years and held lead roles in every production during that time. She is on the track and field team and plays JV field hockey at Lancaster High School. She is in the symphonic band, the jazz band, and played 1st chair saxophone in all-district band. She has been a science fair winner and grade level winner for the Scripps Howard Spelling Bee.

In addition to her many and varied school activities, Perkins coordinated the food drive for the area food bank. She has done service projects at area nursing homes, and is active in her church.

The John Harris award was established in 1934 by the National Beta Club. Harris, the founder of the Beta Club, realized that it is equally as important to learn how to make a life as to make a living. Receiving this award is an honor for Grace Perkins and for LMS.

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Students assist library

Students from Northumberland and Lancaster high schools spend a day with Miss Tonya at Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock volunteering their time preparing for the Summer Reading Program which starts June 12. From left are Courtney Carter, Jamie Howard, Raquel Francis, Tonya Carter, Rayna Randle and Tenoiya Carter.

Nichol to be honored

Gene R. Nichol, the 26th president of The College of William & Mary, will be honored at the spring banquet of the Lower Northern Neck Alumni Chapter at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club May 23. It will be Nichol's first official visit to the chapter.

Although Nichol became the president when he received the traditional oath of office July 1, 2005, it wasn't until April 7 that he was officially installed. Sandra Day O'Connor, former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, became the college's 23rd chancellor at the same ceremony in the courtyard of the Sir Christopher Wren Building on the college campus.

Before returning to Williamsburg in 2005, where he taught two decades ago, Nichol served as dean of the law school at the University of North Carolina. Prior to that, he was law dean at the University of Colorado and a faculty member at the University of Florida and West Virginia University.

Nichol's areas of expertise are constitutional law and civil rights. He has been published in law journals including the Harvard, Yale, University of Chicago, Michigan, Pennsylvania, California and Virginia Law Reviews.

Involved in public affairs, he has testified before committees of the U.S. Congress and state legislatures. In 1991, when he was appointed special master by a three-judge federal court in Colorado to mediate a dispute between the legislature and the governor, the accord was ratified by statute.

Alumni chapter president Nancy Kiser may be called at 580-8800 for more banquet information.

Sherrill receives national honor

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced that Lancaster High School student Alexandra Elizabeth Sherrill of Weems has been selected for membership. The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Alexandra has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Alexandra is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources and opportunities," said NSHSS president James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Alexandra build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership entitles qualified students to enjoy a variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognized items, and publicity honors.

Christchurch School lists academic honors

Christchurch School headmaster John Byers and academic dean Dr. Neal Keesee recently announced the Headmaster's and Dean's lists for the third marking period of the 2005-06 school year.

Posting a grade point average of 3.5 or better, Headmaster's List students are Maddy Ahlborn, Young Hoon An, Anne Arntson, Molly Banfield, Samantha Bigg, Patrick Bolen, Anh Bui, Sung Bok Chang, Yu Kan Chang, Haraum Cho, Olivia Clark, Julian Cornwell, Jess Crabill, Alvin Cruz, James D'Antonio, Ryan Ellen, Livia Erwin, Shawn Erwin, Adam Gilley, Woody Hales, Nicholas Hanson, Molley Hardin, Scott Heyman, Khouri Howard, Yu-Neng Hung, Yu-Te Hung, William Ingles, Hoe Bin Jeong, Evelyn Jessie and Young Woong Joo.

Also, Hyun-Soo Kim, Jun Seok Kim, Kyeonghee Kim, Sang Ho Kim, Jae Han Kwon, Hannah Lidicker, Chung-Yon Lin, Alexandra Longest, Peyton Longest, Justus Lunstedt, Winston Mugford, Michael O'Shaughnessy, William Pace, Lynn Pettyjohn, Madeleine Przybyl, Laura Ransone, Kelsey Robusto, Jack Roebuck, Jessie Sciacchitano, Vito Skaric, Eleanor Smith, Jae-Yun Song, Je Young Song, Sam Stark-Rankins, Taylor Stemerman, Chelsea Trotter, Robby Walker, T Whittaker, Ariele Wildt, Janie Williams, Harrison Willis, Jae Min Yang, Sae Won Yoon, and Jody Young.

Posting a grade point average from 3.0 to 3.499, Dean's List students are Ann-Gordon Bennett, Jared Bouis, Patrick Brown, Nick Chiles, Kang Hoon Cho, Landon Clark, Cody Crabill, Kyle Daugherty, Kaitlin Edwards, Whitney Edwards, Jordan Flemer, Matt Fluhr, Will Galleher, Matt Gibson, Walker Hannan, Michael Harris, Birkir Heimission, Erik Hennigar, Lauren Henry, Ethan Hertzberg, Martin Huff, Charles Johnson, Sarah Jones, Henry Jones, David Kincaid, Geoff Koslow, Laura Lecky, Angela Lewis and Corey Lewis.

Also, Kyle Markley, Tucker Martin, Peyton McCann, Collin McCune, Colin McGuirk, Megan McNeal, Chrissy Morris, James Morse, Adam Przybyl, Luke Saunders, Eric Shepherd, Kathleen Sinagra, Sean Sinagra, Woody Stephens, Cole Sullivan, Philip Tholand, Ashley Trotter, Jon Walker, John Williford, Andrew Wilton, and Ross Wright.

Dawson invited to join Phi Beta Kappa

Whitney Ann Dawson, a senior at Virginia Tech, has been invited to join Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Dawson has been an honor student throughout her college career. She is a marketing management major in the Pamplin College of Business,

She also has received the Edwin C. Marsh Award presented annually to an undergraduate majoring in marketing who has exhibited leadership in marketing organizations, such as the Marketing Club and Circle K, of which she has been a member.

Dawson is a 2002 graduate of Lancaster High School and will graduate from Virginia Tech on May 12.

Whitney Ann Dawson

She is the daughter of Stanley W. Dawson Jr. of Kilmarnock and Harriet K. Dawson of Weems.

Dependable students rewarded

In April, Lancaster primary students exemplifying "dependability" were rewarded with breakfast with the principal.

In kindergarten and first grade, the honored students were Danielle Blake, Cassie Kohlhepp, Fantasia Elmore, Moses Hendren, Karon Ball, Collin Chinn, Jayson Gill, Faith Heiron, Haydon Davenport, Jamond Thompson, Kaimion Crockett and Jamie Howard.

Also, Michael McGrath, Alethia LaSalle, Ashleigh Smith, Brent Taylor, Sha'Niya Taylor, Jackson O'Conner, Deshay Smith, Keshawn Thomas, JayQuon Dillon, Austin Sheets and Mary Frere.

Second- and third-graders having breakfast with the principal were Patricia West, Jakeis Smith, Brittney Warwick, Marco Logan, Collin Fauntleroy, Stephen Nicholson, Aloni Scott, Dexter Lewis, Robert West, Kelvin Clayton, Devonte' Taylor and Sam Bouis.

Also, C.J. Thomas, Sean Jones, Noah Hook, Brittany Pezzano, Will Ross, July Traylor, Timothy McDaniels, DaVante Stewart, Carter Robbins, Paola Mattei, Precious Boyd and Caleb Gordon.

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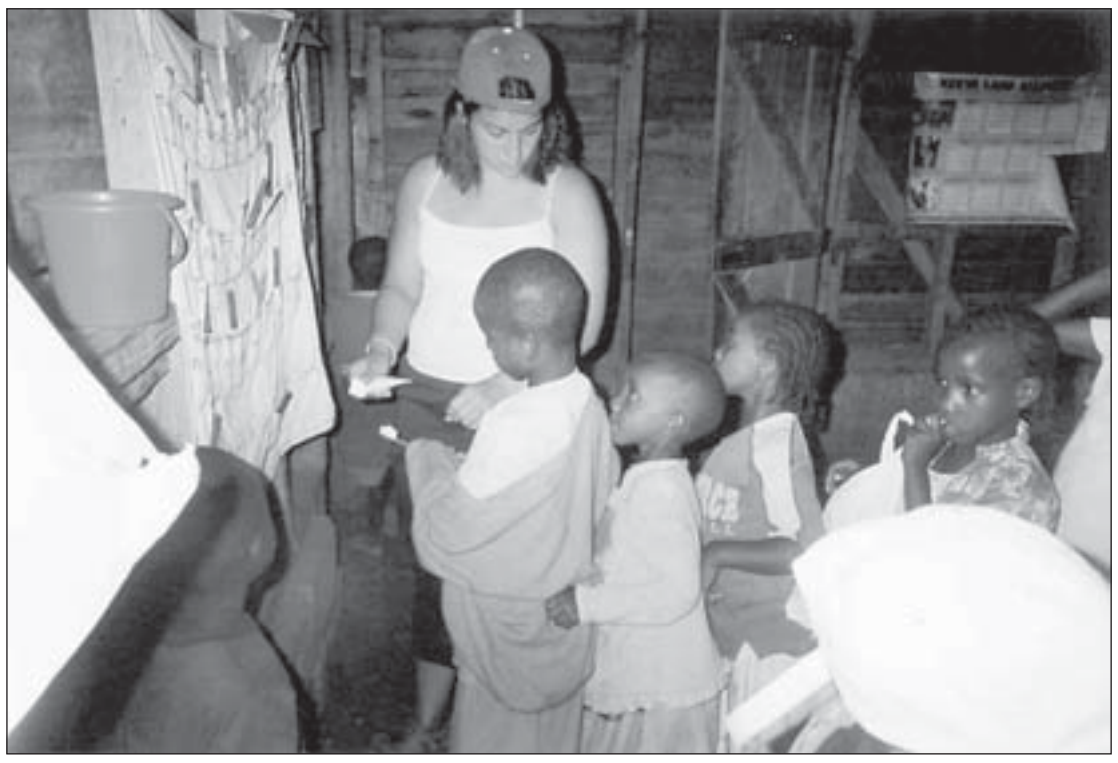

Jackie Kilman gives the girls a lesson in personal hygiene with her improvised toothbrush holder.

▼ *A bridge to Africa . . . .*

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Farnham. After graduation from Rappahannock High School in Warsaw, she viewed college as an opportunity to grow beyond her county roots and experience America's western frontier. The intern program in her major, childhood development, offered the chance to travel to a foreign country.

Originally searching the internet for programs in South America, Jackie stumbled across the desperate needs of children in Africa and felt that was where she should go.

The $3,000 needed for travel and other expenses was beyond her ability as a full-time student, so she worked three jobs and took out a loan to raise the funds. And because she chose an unfamiliar program in a country considered to be a high-risk area, the school couldn't guarantee the assignment would meet the criteria for accreditation. But she was not discouraged. Jackie was prepared to help these children.

What she wasn't prepared for were the conditions in which they lived.

The orphanage lacked even the basics such as water. Because Kenya is nearly two years into a drought, only one bucket of water was drawn from the well each day. By evening, the sediment of mud and leaves had settled to the bottom and Jackie was able to wash up and brush her teeth. Laundry could only be done when it rained enough to fill all the wash tubs.

A small dam two miles away provides the only source of drinking water for wild animals and people alike. The children must hike to the dam and haul their water-laden buckets back to the orphanage.

Upendo orphanage is lucky enough to have structures made of wood; however, all have dirt floors. The children's bathroom is behind a sheet of corrugated metal. It is a feces-covered hole in the ground that is infected with cockroaches the size of a child's hand. Torn bits of newspaper substitute for tissue, or lacking that, the girls use their dresses.

A daily diet of starch and beans never varies. Breakfast consists of rice porridge and lunch is a bowl of beans. For dinner, leftover beans reappear with a piece of ugali, a cake made with flour and water. A special treat enjoyed by the girls is the occasional piece of sugar cane which Jackie says is like chewing on wood.

Jackie described African night skies as pitch black. At first she couldn't sleep because of the roar of insects beating against the mosquito netting. "I felt like the woman in the Expedia commercial who turns on the hotel room light to find thousands of gigantic bugs trying to get through the netting."

Only Jackie's room was nothing like a hotel, and there were no lights to turn on. She had only a flashlight, which she used whenever she heard the pitter-patter of invading roof rats. "They are as big as dogs. They came through the opening under the roof and then ran along the beams." She shuddered at the memory. "I kept telling myself, 'It's like camping out, it's like camping out.'"

In the face of Jumanji-like experiences, she resisted the urge to flee. And by morning, the 20-year-old would wake to the delightful sounds of giggling girls and the sight of little faces with bright eyes and big smiles peering at her through the windows. They were the inspiration that kept her going.

Upendo Children's Rehabilitation Centre was founded by its director, Eunice Wambui Kamotho, wife of an advisor to a past president of Kenya. Mrs. Kamotho was troubled by the increasing numbers of orphaned children in Kenya, so she took some personal property and dedicated it to the orphanage.

Over six years of operations, a staff of 10 Kenyans was hired, including a teacher, house mother, social worker, cook, carpenter/farmer and two assistants. Additionally, the center employs two watchmen.

The area is relatively safe from the civil wars and disruption in the neighboring countries of Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda and Somalia, and the thievery in Nairobi, where unemployment abounds and rape is prevalent. The biggest security risk in the bush is from lions, baboons and other jungle animals that can easily step over the crude fencing of the compound.

Murang'a is an extremely remote region with few jobs and little food. One of the only crops to survive the drought are a few underdeveloped bananas.

Despite their many hardships, the staff focuses on providing a safe and healthy Christian environment so the children will develop self-reliance and human dignity. But they lack the expertise and resources to go beyond basic needs. Their vision is to one day build a real school with classrooms. Currently, most lessons take place outdoors.

When Jackie arrived, each day began at 5 a.m. with lessons in Swahili and English jumbled together with breakfast, lunch and undefined free time. Children roamed freely, bored, undirected and without enough sleep. The BYU student saw an unstructured system surrounded by an unhealthy environment.

She organized a routine that allowed the children to sleep until 7 a.m. and rearranged classes to begin after breakfast. Her time with the girls centered around structured activities which she divided into physical education and arts and crafts. Each segment followed either morning or afternoon classes with a mid-day break for lunch.

While the staff spoke some English, Jackie learned to communicate with the girls by learning their body language.

Among the personal belongings she brought with her from America was one special suitcase filled with arts and crafts materials donated by her employer and the Mormon Church in Tappahannock. Five days a week the kids got to pick their activity out of Jackie's special suitcase. Their eyes would grow large with excitement as they looked at boxes of crayons, colored paper, scissors, glue, finger paints and glow sticks, she said. And they marveled at seeing bubbles magically appear from a bottle.

The girls created leaf collages, painted pictures on rocks and glued flowers on top of leaves to add dimension to their art. Cotton balls glued to paper became sheep that sported popsicle sticks for legs. "Everything I did in kindergarten just surfaced," Jackie said of her projects. "But I was always amazed at their creativity, the wonderful ways they used things to create their art. The girls kept telling me, 'Make everything beautiful.'"

Jackie was most amazed at how every girl had become a shelter for the others. "They've been left to stick it out on their own and have only each other to rely on. Sometimes they just need a mom to hold them and let them cry."

Hannah is a child who had been severely beaten and abused as a baby. Rescuers found her tossed in some bushes and brought her to the center. In the years since her arrival, she remained withdrawn and refused to talk or take part in any activities, pushing people away if they tried to touch her. The day Jackie introduced wheelbarrow races was the first time Hannah showed any interest. When she teamed Hannah with one of the teachers, a smile appeared on the girl's face that seemed to unlock the child deep inside her.

Jackie said there is little available to meet the medical needs of the children. The only medicine provided is a weekly treatment to eliminate worms. The infected sores covering their bodies go untended.

Jackie taught the staff and children the importance of personal hygiene. She tied ropes around bars of soap and hung them over wash buckets to encourage washing up. She stocked the toilet with tissue paper. Out of the special suitcase came toothbrushes and toothpaste—to replace the charcoal they had been using on their teeth. Pockets were sewn onto a piece of cloth and then hung on the wall to hold 30 new toothbrushes.

Twice a week, activity time was spent picking up trash from the grounds and burning it. The area around the toilet was cleaned once a week and bug spray was introduced, making a big difference in the cockroach infestation.

"They are so desperate for anything. Their diets lack vegetables and other basic nutritional requirements. They need non-perishable foods, medicine, shoes—mostly cheap slip-on sandals, clothes, essential hygiene products, bug spray, and crafts and toys. But unless someone shows the staff what it is and how to use it, it will probably be put somewhere and never used. What is needed more than anything is for caring people to go there and help," said Jackie.

"In America we grow up with everything. We complain about inconveniences. We walk around with cell phones. In Marang'a it was a three-hour walk to the closest pay phone. Here, people complain about how bad the world is—but they need to be the change," she said. "They need to go out and make a difference. These children have nothing. Nothing! Yet their eyes are so rich."

For Jackie and her Kenya family, her time with them came to an end much too quickly. She cried at having to leave and through their tears, they begged her to stay.

Mrs. Kamotho said it was God's fate that she was brought to them. For Jackie, it was the other way around.

"Having absolutely nothing for nearly two months changed my perception of life. It is the most difficult thing I have ever done—but also the most rewarding. The children taught me how to appreciate life. They taught me such happiness."

While Jackie wants to attend nursing school after graduation in December, she says she will never forget her time in Africa. "These are my children. I've suffered with them. I want to go back and get that school built."

Through 30 African orphans, Jackie discovered how love can build a bridge strong enough to weather hardships and unite them forever.

(To help by donating items, contact Jackie at kil03001@byui.edu or send a letter c/o Stanley Kilman, 57 Arnold Lane, Warsaw, VA 22572. The Upendo Children's Rehabilitation Centre's website is www.upendo-children.org.)

Remembering fallen patriots

To honor fallen patriots in military service during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and to recognize the sacrifices of the families they left behind, the Rappahannock Record will publish a special tribute in its Memorial Day edition.

Lancaster and Northumberland residents are invited to contact the Record with the name of their loved one, a photograph, and the date and place of their death. Please include your name and telephone number. Submit items to Robert Mason Jr., Editor, Rappahannock Record, P.O. Box 400, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, editor@rrecord.com., or at the Record office at 27 North Main Street. The deadline is May 19.

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potential for wild fires. And from mid-February through the end of April, that danger is at its highest in Virginia—primarily because of dry fuels, low humidity, higher winds and a lack of rain. And from all indications, it appears that these same conditions may continue through the summer–creating the potential for drought-like conditions."

VDOF divides the state into six regions: Waverly, Tappahannock, Charlottesville, Farmville, Salem and Abingdon. The 23-county Charlottesville region had the most fires (240), while the 16-county Salem region had the most acres burned (4,581).

In the Tappahannock region, there were 214 fires. Some 746 acres were burned. The region includes the counties of Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Essex, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and York.

One of the most important tools in preventing forest fires is the 4 p.m. Burn Law, which prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day during the 75-day spring fire season.

"While the statewide 4 p.m. prohibition has ended for this year, it doesn't mean that people should be any less careful. In addition, many counties that implemented around-the-clock burn bans this spring still have those bans in place," said Miller.

Forest land is not all that's at risk in a wildfire—lives, homes and other structures can also be lost. From January 1 through April 30, 2006 a total of 13 homes and 38 structures were damaged or destroyed. Forest firefighters protected 432 homes and 269 structures in that same time period.

Miller urges anyone planning to burn, regardless of the time of year, to properly prepare. First, clear an area around the fire; burn only when conditions of high humidity and low wind speed are present, and have sufficient water and tools—such as a shovel or a rake—on hand in case the fire escapes. If the fire does escape, call 911 immediately. The sooner one calls, the faster the blaze can be contained or extinguished.

For more ways to prevent wildfires, visit www.dof.virginia.gov, or www.firewisevirginia.org.

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oysters will begin soon, Rhinehart said. Procreation is the sole mission for the nine-month-old broodstock oysters. Their spat will float out into the river, seeding 60 acres of shell reefs built by the Corps two years ago on the same river.

Hope lies with the second generation. A single mature oyster filters 50-gallons of water a day. Fifteen million oysters will filter some 750 million gallons of water per day. Their offspring, if they survive, could double or triple that figure.

The ultimate goal is not to bring back the fishery; it is to revitalize the ecosystem.

Even so, the fishery will benefit. While the oysters on project reefs will never be harvested for market, spat that comes off the test reefs will likely find its way to private grounds where local oystermen have already placed shell in hopes of catching wayward seeds.

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Lancaster schools get good marks

by Joan Mcbride

KILMARNOCK—Lancaster schools received some good marks at the school board meeting May 8.

Dave Brittain of MGT of America presented his company's final report after a months-long efficiency review of the division coordinated by state government.

The purpose of the reviews, which will soon be mandated for all Virginia school divisions, is to improve a division's efficiency and to find ways to save money.

Brittain mentioned several of the commendable practices his team observed in the county's school and also offered specific recommendations for improvement in planning and cost-saving.

He identified commendable practices such as the high quality pre-kindergarten program, a successful lead teacher effort, and the parental information section of the school website.

"You all are so far ahead of making information available to parents via your website," he said.

In other good news, Virginia State Trooper Patrick McCranie spoke about his Troopers on Patrol Students (TOPS) program at the alternative school, then accepted a check for $2,300 from Johnson Controls account representative Brian Zorger.

McCranie said many of his students "come from a home life which puts them at the alternative school. I'm there to hopefully instill some hope to them," he explained.

From left are Tamara Strickler, Michael McIntire and Gloria Savage-Early.

Other highlights of the meeting included awards to three students from a regional art show competition with 14 other divisions.

Carter Robbins and Larry Hearnes received their awards in person while Jessica Mease White was not able to attend the meeting. From the exclamations of praise and admiration for the winning entries, it was obvious the audience agreed with the art show judges.

Two teachers also received recognition for recently earned "highly qualified" designations in special education from Rappahannock Community College (RCC) in addition to their other certification. Gloria Savage-Early, project manager of the Workforce and Community Development Department, made presentations to Michael McIntire and Tamara Strickler in person. Cheryl Rice was unable to be present.

In other year-end business, principals from each of the three Lancaster schools outlined upcoming events scheduled for the last weeks of school, culminating with the high school graduation ceremonies on June 10 at 10 a.m.

Outsourcing food services

A public presentation by Aramark Food Service allowed board members to ask questions after reviewing the company's detailed proposal for taking over the school food service program, which school board member Karen Doyle pointed out was currently operating in the black.

When questioned about cost-savings to the district, Aramark representative Rick Ward replied that their contract would guarantee a yearly savings of at least $100 or the company would forfeit its management fee.

Almost one entire row of the audience was made up of current workers in the school's food service program who eagerly accepted the Aramark representative's invitation to ask questions.

Their questions centered around potential benefits, hours worked and job security.

The company touted its opportunities for advancement.

In other business, school superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore informed the board of the necessity to raise the $50 transportation fee by about $25 for students riding the bus to summer school at the Northern Neck Regional Vocational Center.

Board members consulted and then agreed that the division would absorb the additional cost this year.

Athletes seek support

From left, Abby Robbins of the Lancaster High School varsity softball team and Tim Blake of the LHS varsity baseball team display a limited-edition print of "Journey's End" by John Barber to be raffled May 21 at the close of the Kilmarnock Crab Festival. The raffle is sponsored by the Lancaster Athletic Boosters to help fund athletics in the county public schools. Tickets are $5 each, or three for $10. Tickets are available from Hang Ups in Kilmarnock, from students, and from Michell Robbins at 435-0709. The print may be seen at Hang Ups, which donated the framing and matting.

Northumberland school board to meet Monday

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the school board office building on Northumberland Highway in Lottsburg.

On the agenda are a delegation from the Upward Bound program, an update on the new facility proposals, a calendar of events, proposed policy revisions from the Virginia School Board Association, three special appropriations, approval of a special education annual plan and approval of a student insurance carrier.

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responded to a possible burglary on Jones Drive and responded with Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a fight call on North Main Street.

On May 7, the sheriff's staff responded to a trespass/crowd disturbance on Rappahannock Drive, responded with KPD to a fight call/man with a gun on North Main Street, responded to a missing Project Lifesaver client incident on South Main Street (subject located within 50 minutes), responded to a domestic destruction of property incident in the 1000 block of Buzzards Neck Road and responded with KPD to a shots fired call in the area of Third Avenue.

On May 8, the staff received a vandalism report in the 10500 block of River Road and received a walk-in complaint of a burglary in the 2500 block of Merry Point Road (unfounded; civil repossession).

Additionally during the week, the staff made 11 traffic stops and issued six summonses, provided motorist assistance three times, provided traffic control once, responded to two building alarms, served a mental health order, and responded to seven calls for animal control service.

In calls for fire department assistance, the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a brush/forest fire on Conley Road, and to traffic accidents at White Chapel and Mary Ball roads and the 4100 block of Merry Point Road. The White Stone Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on Lee Lane.

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

In felony cases, Marcus C. Carey, 49, of Hague was charged May 2 with a Circuit Court probation violation and Leslie Benjamin Hudnall, 21, of Warsaw was charged May 4 with three counts of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Among misdemeanor cases, a Champlain man, 37, was charged April 30 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Burgess man, 26, was charged May 2 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $71.02 to a Kilmarnock area business.

A Burgess man, 24, was charged May 3 on a Newport News warrant with failure to appear in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court as well as a Northumberland County warrant with trespassing.

A Lancaster man, 20, was charged May 3 on a Lancaster County warrant with assault and battery of a family member.

A Callao man, 50, was charged May 3 on a summons to appear in court to determine if his dog is a dangerous dog.

A Heathsville man, 44, was charged May 4 with obstruction of justice, possession of alcohol after being interdicted, and trespassing.

A Warsaw woman, 44, was charged May 5 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

On May 3, the sheriff's staff responded to a break-in at a residence in the Heathsville area. No items appeared taken, but $50 in damage was done to the door frame of the residence.

Also on May 3, the sheriff's staff responded to a counterfeit $10 passed at a Heathsville area business and to vandalism to an automobile in the Heathsville area. A damage estimate was not available.

On May 5, the sheriff's staff responded to a larceny from a business in the Kilmarnock area. Taken was a Kodak digital camera and memory card valued at $400.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Between March 14 and March 27 unknown person(s) took a semi-automatic handgun from a vehicle in the 500 block of Brooks Lane near Village. The weapon is described as a High Point 380.

Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime in Northumberland County 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.

Rep. Davis secures $180,000 grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Jo Ann Davis recently announced a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant totaling $179,629 for the Rappahannock Area Health Education Center.

Last September, Rep. Davis petitioned HHS requesting that this grant money be awarded. The money will enable Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula counties to participate in pilot projects for, among other things, creation of electronic health records and integrating a seamless healthcare network that can connect to UVA, VCU, EVMS and VCOM.

"I am very pleased to announce this grant for the Rappahannock Area Health Education Center," Rep. Davis said. "This money will allow the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to be on the cutting edge of health care networks and medical records. Programs such as these are essential to modernizing Virginia's health care system, as well as providing Virginians with the health care that they need."

The Rappahannock Area Health Education Center serves Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King George, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland counties, as well as the City of Fredericksburg. It also seeks to increase access to health care and improve the health status of the region through education and workforce development.

May is Military Appreciation Month

Gov. Tim Kaine recently issued a proclamation designating May as Military Appreciation Month in Virginia. The designation coincides with National Military Appreciation Month, designated by Congress, and designed to encompass Loyalty Day (1st), VE Day (8th), Military Spouse Day (12th), Armed Forces Day (20th), and Memorial Day (29th).

Virginia is home to more than 205,000 active military and civilian defense personnel and their families, and 750,000 veterans.

"We value the service and sacrifices being made by Virginia military men and women and their families on a daily basis across the Commonwealth," Gov. Kaine said. "I urge my fellow citizens to honor, remember, recognize and appreciate all of our military personnel."

"In March, I had an opportunity to visit Virginia military personnel stationed in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, and I've spoken with many of their family members since returning home," Gov. Kaine said. "I admire the role of our military men and women, and encourage all Virginians to join me in honoring our military."

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Tirischa Lanette Walters, 27, is a black female, 5'6" tall and 125 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Her last known address is Dilvers Lane, Kilmarnock. Walters may be in the Newport News or the Hampton area.

She is wanted for failure to appear in Lancaster Circuit Court April 25, 2003, for feloniously possessing with intent to sell or distribute cocaine.

Kevin Harcum, 37, is a black male 6'4" tall and 235 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. His last known address is 2448 Merry Point Road. Harcum may be in the Newport News or Hampton area.

A felony warrant is on file for sex with a minor, without force, and a misdemeanor warrant for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is also wanted for probation violation.

Trischa Lanette Walters

Report information about Walters or Harcum to Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls are not recorded. Callers do not have to give their name and will not be asked to appear in court. Information could lead to a reward up to $1,000.

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