Rappahannock Record

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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Northumberland authorities are investigating suspicious death

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Sheriff's Office is investigating the suspicious death of Browns Store resident Terrell Lavon Bromley, 24, whose body was pulled from Lodge Creek May 18.

Bromley's family had reported him missing three days prior, on May 15. His body was discovered near Olverson's Marina in the Callao area.

The sheriff's office sent Bromley's remains to the Chief Medical Examiner Office in Richmond for an autopsy.

Sheriff Wayne Middleton is looking for a vehicle of interest in this case, a 1993 four-door maroon Dodge Shadow with the license plate number JTJ 5604.

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and the FBI are assisting the sheriff's office in this investigation.

Crime Solvers is offering a cash reward of up to $1,000 for information on this case. Callers do not have give their name or testify in court. To report related information, call 580-8477.

Planners endorse zoning changes

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland planning commission last week recommended that the board of supervisors adopt two proposed amendments to the county zoning ordinance.

The first amendment restricts the size of non-commercial piers to a total of 250 square feet and prohibits gazebos from being built on any private piers.

The commission received several letters and verbal comments on these proposed amendments. Warren and Janet Wooley of Mundy Point wrote that the bottomland belongs to the Commonwealth and that the county should not further regulate any building

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Harmonizing in the park

From left, Pam, Macon and Bill Gurley opened the 2006 Music By the River concert series at Belle Isle State Park. Some 300 music lovers joined them last Saturday evening. The series will continue at 6 p.m. June 10 with The Dragon Run Band and the Gospel Trio; June 17 at 1 p.m. with The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band followed by Steve Keith, and at 6 p.m. with the Wayne T. Holt Band; at 6 p.m. July 8 with Doug Parks and Lonewolves; 6 p.m. July 15 with Gerry Maddox, and 6 p.m. August 12 with Jollet Lane. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

Police Reports

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

Gloria G. Mitchell, 41, of Weems was charged May 19 with felony grand larceny on September 6 and on Northumberland warrants with issuing misdemeanor bad checks on March 4 and March 5.

A Farnham Creek Road woman, 27, was charged May 16 with issuing a bad check on November 12.

A Brentwood, Md., man, 29, was charged May 17 with contempt of court on October 26.

A Morattico Road woman, 30, was charged May 17 with issuing a bad check on April 26.

A Blue Jay Lane man, 40, was charged May 18 with contempt of court on May 17.

For the week ending May 22, the sheriff's office conducted 10 traffic stops, issued three summonses, assisted two motorists, responded to six alarm calls

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A time of remembrance

by Audrey Thomasson

Under clear blue skies and in the shadow of the Washington Monument, I waited with my family for the ceremony to begin. It was a quiet Sunday in Washington, D.C., and we were attending a special event put on by the White House Commission on Remembrance.

It was closed to the public. Only a select few from across America were invited—all are members of an exclusive club. A club no one wants to join and membership comes at the greatest price—the sacrifice of a beloved family member in the war on terrorism.

Of the thousands of our nation's patriots killed in Afghanistan and Iraq, I was there because of one –Tom Wren, my daughter Holly's husband and the father of my 12-month old grandson.

"You share wounds that do not heal and grief that does not end…"
—Carmella LaSpada, Chairman, Time of Remembrance

ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos stood at the podium and said that "it is to their sacrifice that all of us live in freedom. It is the price of our democracy, the price of our freedom." As he spoke, I thought back to Tom's final days before leaving on his fourth deployment in five years. But this time he had someone waiting for his return. His eyes filled with love when he talked about Holly and Tyler. He hated missing his son's first year but looked forward to helping him grow into a man. Now, our memories will keep Tom alive for his son.

When Vietnam veteran and Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel talked of "service that is greater than one's self interest," I remembered Tom's phone call from war-torn Bagdad when I was going through a personal crisis last August. I remember he was worried about me.

At the chiming of The Spirit of the Liberty Bell, I saw the image of two army chaplains knocking on my daughter's door late one November night. And I remember her frantic call a few minutes later to tell me Tom was dead.

As the Capital Hill Children's Choir sang "Let There be Peace on Earth," I remembered Tom's beautiful letter of love to his wife that arrived by mail five days after she became a widow.

It was the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Peter Pace, who called the families "the heroes who do not think of themselves as heroes….who pray for the safety of their loved one every day they are at war.…and whose prayers are answered in a way that we do not understand." And I was reminded of my daughter walking behind the horse-drawn caisson that carried Tom's flag-draped coffin through Arlington National Cemetery. Escorted by General David Evans, she walked with dignity and grace carrying her six-month old son every step of the way. I remember it was just six months ago that she laid her husband to rest in a gravesite that stood alone. Today it is lost in a sea of marble headstones.

When the names of our fallen loved ones began to scroll across the big screens on stage, black clouds rolled in and closed off the blue sky. But as the last names faded away, the clouds suddenly parted and heaven was visible again.

Everyone joined hands and wrapped arms around each other in unity.

Ours is an exclusive club. We pray there will be no more members.

At 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, pause to remember our fallen. America is the land of the free because of the brave. Never forget.

The youngest members of The Gold Star Wives met at the ceremony. They came from California, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Others came from as far away as Samoa.

Tyler Wren, 1, wears a special medal designed for the children of the fallen, the Gold Medal of Remembrance. He attended the ceremony with his mother Holly (left) and his grandmother Audrey Thomasson of White Stone.

Remembering Our Fallen Patriots

LTJG Nicolas J. Juron, 25, with his father, Douglas P. Juron of Weems, sister Jessica, brother Michael and mother, Christine Hampel. Nick died in his helicopter in the war on drugs in Columbia, December 13, 2005.

Memorial Day is a day our nation remembers fallen patriots in military service to their country. It is also a day to recognize and honor the sacrifices their families have made and continue to make.

Most recently, the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan and the battle being waged in Colombia to halt the trafficking of drugs to America have touched three families in Lancaster and Northumberland counties. It is to them and the thousands of other families in every state in America that fellow citizens will offer their thanks, love, respect and support during this holiday.

At 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, our nation will pause for a moment of silence in recognition of the selfless sacrifice of so many to preserve and protect our freedom.

2nd Lt. Leonard M. Cowherd Jr., 23, with his twin brother, Charles, and grandmother, Mary Allen of Ditchley. Leonard died leading a platoon in a raid in Karbala, Iraq, May 16, 2004.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, with his wife, Holly, and son, Tyler. Tom's mother-in-law is Audrey Thomasson of White Stone. The coalition commander in charge of training Iraqi troops, Tom died near Tallil, Iraq, November 5, 2005.

Two Memorial Day ceremonies are planned in Lancaster County

Bethel Cemetery service to begin at 9 a.m.

The 17th annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively.

If weather permits, the ceremony will be held outside near the cemetery.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

A wreath will be placed in honor of the 115 servicemen buried at Bethel Cemetery. A color guard will be provided by American Legion Adams Post #86 in Kilmarnock.

Short talks will be given by Brennan Cutting and Richard Wilmore, who will graduate from Lancaster High School this year and will enlist in the armed forces.

The "Call To Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Lancaster High School band director Robbie Spiers.

The name of deceased servicemen at Bethel Cemetery will be read by members of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men. The Men's Chorus will sing.

The community is invited.

Christ Church service to begin at 11:30 a.m.

The annual Memorial Day service, sponsored by the Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association and the American Legion Adams Post # 86 in Kilmarnock, will honor America's military personnel, with special reference to those who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation.

It will be held at Christ Church on Monday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. David H. May will be the officiant, and the guest speaker is Del. Rob Wittman. Also participating in this traditional event will be the Lancaster High School brass ensemble and the color guard from Post 86.

The designated honoree will be Col. Arval Roberson of White Stone.

The service is open to all persons wishing to attend and who desire to show their appreciation for the sacrifices by the members or the nation's armed forces.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Memorials observed

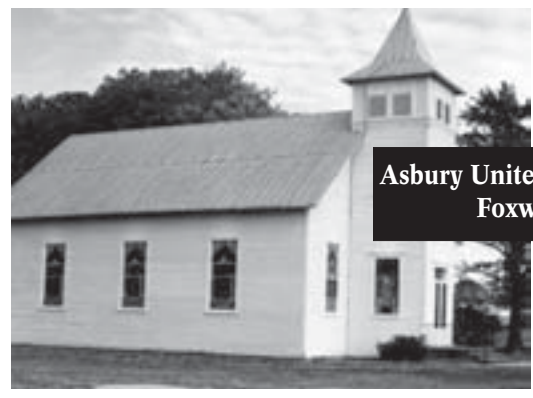
My whole life has been shaped by fallen warriors and returning heroes. My dad left us to fight with the Fourth Army trying to undo what Hitler had done to Germany, indeed to the world. He died in 1997, never understanding such horror.

While I care immensely for those still returning from fields of combat today, I want to stop and pay my respects to those who stood in my stead and never returned. I also want to respect the families of those armed forces personnel who had to continue down life's highway without that significant love.

I encourage new arrivals on these shores to spend a rainy day with me amongst America's first fallen. Stop in at your favorite Route 17 eatery. Bag up snacks or perhaps even lunch. Be sure your thermos is chocked full and slip a few Kleenex into your vehicle. Drive down to the Yorktown National Battlefield Park and get checked in at the visitor's center. Then snatch a map of the battlefield, revetments and paths to freedom layered with the graves of lads the age of our grandchildren who fell trying to separate democracy from a crown. Drive the tour yourself and pause at each historical sign and lift a word of thanksgiving and patriotic honor.

Much of our patriotic remembrances and music speak of our soil. Never forget that our soil is fertilized with the blood of Native Americans, and later still lads and even lasses called to action in noble battles and skirmishes. Note the ages of the fallen.

When they tore down Richmond's old John Marshall High School named after Justice (1801-35) Marshall (1775-1835) they moved the World War Two hall memorial plaques to Hollywood Cemetery near the Confederate Pyramid. That hillside is a good place to pray.



Asbury United Methodist Foxwells

The thousands upon thousands of white crosses which march across America's fields of green denote a nation at war with itself in a not-so-civil conflagration. Evidence of God's care for us is that we ever healed as a nation.

The Arch of Triumph in Paris spreads across an eternal flame dedicated to those lost in the First World War. Traffic whizzing by ought to remember them.

At the bridge from Virginia to our nation's capital, bronze U.S. Marines remind us of the Pacific Theatre. Too long in coming, there is a new World War Two Memorial on the far side of the Potomac along the Tidal Basin.

Torn into the sod, only a short distance away, a black stone scar reminds us that we lost the Viet Nam War. That hammered rock has become a collecting point for many who still remember fallen comrades. Daily the park service collects all sorts of things left in tribute. Mind you, they are never thrown away, but catalogued and stored for posterity.

On the north shore of the James River in Richmond a glass house provides safe haven for Lady Liberty. She is a symbol for distraught womanhood and stands in tribute of Virginias struck down in World War Two.

As with all our wars, the Korean fallen are buried near and far.

Governments count war costs by ammunition spent, pensions, death benefits and cemetery maintenance. Families, church and communities count such in unrequited love.

In church cemeteries, family plots and government graveyards we see fewer and fewer visitors paying their respects to beloved patriots. Stooped shoulders, frail fingers still touch carved names in stone and weep. Age now claims extant families. Deaths too have removed grieving loved ones. Former comrades have died and others do so daily by the thousands. Flowers and flags will adorn holy ground.

America never heals from the loss of citizens lost in battle. For these and all others we must respect our cemeteries. Indeed, the willingness of today's youth to serve when needed will to a large part depend upon how they see us aged and infirmed citizens holding in high regard those who served us in our time.

Even the Bible depicts memorials of old. As congregations stand and sing, "Here I lift mine Ebenezer" we are taken back to a memorial rock known as the "stone of help." Prophet Samuel told the people of Israel that they could not afford to forget that a military victory was won with the help of God.

Though we suffer spiritual battles, armed conflicts and border issues anew with each generation, God is still our comforter and help.

An old rugged cross lives in our hearts to remind us that Christ, too, set a memorial. It was and is a memorial of sin. It stood on a hill where innocence died, guilty of only being the son of the living God. Dying for our sin, he cried out for God to forgive him who needed no such forgiveness. He had succumbed to my sin and was willing to pay a bill I owed.

This week is a time for picnics, flags, parades, the laying of wreaths, cemetery and church services, a time for remembering, praying, and a time for hope. Our hope rests with God's promise to the faithful, "I will never leave you."

What memorials will mark our crossing? Will America ever turn again to God?

Spend some time this week telling our youth about those who've given their all so that we can live in relative luxury and freedom. Pray for those lost and those serving. Pray also for those abandoned in every war, for whom no grave marks their service, nor hearts could attend services.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, May 28:
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 31:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Youth Sunday
3 p.m., Service at Lancashire
No Evening Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, May 30:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Thursday, May 25:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
11 a.m., Children's Church
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
Monday, May 29:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, May 30:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, May 31:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, May 28:
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 31:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road, Lancaster; 462-0845, Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 25:
6 p.m., Exercise Group
Saturday, May 27:
8 a.m.-12 noon, Youth Mission Trip-Habitat for Humanity
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
12:20 p.m., Tone Chimes and Children's Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m., Salt & Light
6 p.m., The Rappahannock Women's Choral rehearsal
Tuesday, May 30:
10 a.m., Churchyard Beautification Day
6:45 p.m., Handbell Practice
Wednesday, May 31:
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
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 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
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 28:
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 28:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, May 28:
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 31:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road, Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, 529-9223
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780, Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, June 1:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
3 p.m., Hispanic Gathering
Monday, May 29:
7 p.m., Boy Scout Meeting
Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, c
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, May 28:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Adult Forum
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
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 28:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephen's Episcopal
(Anglican Communion Network)
6853 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, May 28:
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 28:
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 28:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, May 31:
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 28:
Sunday after Aseension
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 28:
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 28:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, May 31:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St., 435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street , Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia; 453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282; bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday May 28:
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 25:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
7 p.m., Preschool Graduation
Sunday, May 28:
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
Monday, May 29:
9 a.m., Memorial Day Service at Bethel Cemetery

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, May 28:
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 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
Sunday, May 28:
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 27:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797**;** (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, May 25:
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Tuesday May 30:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday May 31:
6 p.m., Handbells
7:30 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval
Sunday, May 28:
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 31:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road, White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Saturday, May 27:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Meeting
Sunday, May 28:
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 31:
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
Sunday, May 28:
No church school
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Rev. Davis Smith, Chaplain of RWC
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Monday, May 29:
Office Closed
Wednesday, May 31:
9:30 a.m., Fellowship and Family Life Ministry Group

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, May 28:
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 25:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 31)
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School (All ages)
11 a.m., Worship "Devoted" (2 Timothy 1:8-12)
Monday, May 29:
6:30 p.m., Disciple 1 (Ch. 28)
Wednesday, May 31:
12:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 32)

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd., Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
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 FM
Sunday, May 28:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, May 28:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553, Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock
Greenfield, Irvington Road,
Kilmarnock, 804-761-1578
Pastors Mike and Lesley Gates
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, May 28:
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
Thursday, May 25:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, May 28:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Love Makes a Difference Outreach Ministries
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway

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Obituaries

Lisa A. Coates

REEDVILLE—Lisa Anne Coates, 41, of Reedville died May 10, 2006.

Mrs. Coates is survived by two daughters, Megan N. Coates and Chelsea D. Coates of Reedville; three sisters, Theresa Harari of Maryland, Tamra Mears of Georgia and Violet Deel of Haysi; and two brothers, Donafin L. Bolin Jr. of Heathsville and Brian K. Bolin of Williamsburg.

A memorial service was held May 14 at Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess with Rev. Brian Hamrick officiating. Interment was private.

Lawrence L. Conley Sr.

LOTTSBURG—Lawrence Levern Conley Sr., 63, died May 11, 2006, at the Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock.

Mr. Conley

Mr. Conley was the oldest son of the late Marion Catherine Conley-Carter and Raymond Nelson. He was born September 8, 1942, in Lottsburg. He attended Northumberland County public schools. He was employed by Rouse and Company Inc. for over 25 years in Baltimore. After returning home, he rededicated his life to Christ at Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg where he served as an usher and a trustee.

He is survived by his wife, Saundra; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra and Clarence Davis and Nicole Conley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Cummings and Lawrence Conley Jr. and Sabrina Conley; seven sisters, Evelyn Ball, Mary Lilly, Marion Warren, Marilyn Brooks, Pamela Edwards, Barbara Brooks and Sheila Carter; two brothers, James and Claborn Cox; six grandchildren, Sierra, Justin, George Jr., Tyleisha, Akira and Sereniti; three aunts, Rosetta Veney, Dorothy and Berdal Conley; two uncles, Bernard and Raymond Conley; three sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 18 at Zion Baptist Church with pastor John H. Bibbens officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Irving Carter, Robert James Parker, Roger Carter, Bruce Carter, Marshall Parker and Kelvinod Brooks.

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

Stalk N. Curry Sr.

HEATHSVILLE—Stalk Noel Curry Sr., 69, died May 14, 2006.

Mr. Curry was born October 15, 1936, in Reedville to Elmira Noel and McKinley Curry.

He joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville and attended Rosenwald High School, where he was an outstanding baseball player. He continued to play in various leagues as an adult. He was employed as a fisherman at Omega Protein Company for 55 years until his retirement.

Mr. Curry

He and Martha Drummond were married for 31 years and had one child.

In his later years, he shared his life with Hazel Doublin and her daughter, Delois.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in law, Stalk Noel "Butch" Curry Jr. and Erika Curry; a granddaughter, Chantise; a grandson, Kavon Curry, all of Forestville, Md.; a niece, Earlene Nutt of Temple Hills, Md.; three nephews, Joseph Treakle of Washington, D.C., Malcolm Lampkin of Philadelphia, Walter "Pee Wee" Lampkin of Heathsville; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 19 at Shiloh Baptist Church with pastor T. W. Morris officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Anna M. Dodson

WEEMS—Anna Mae Dodson, 74, of Weems died May 18, 2006. She was the widow of Morris L. Dodson Sr.

Mrs. Dodson was a retired house mother for the National Children's Rehabilitation Center in Leesburg.

She was predeceased by a brother, James Claude Pierson.

She is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Ramsey of Weems, Judy and Phil Leonard of Hamilton, Susan and Gary Jenkins of Winchester, Sharon and Ronnie Orrison of Bluemont; a son and daughter-in-law, James W. Dodson Jr. and Brenda Jenkins of Leesburg; two stepchildren, Charles Dodson of Lancaster and Sarah Ashburn of Lively; three stepdaughters-in-law, Frances Dodson, Darlene Dodson and Cassie Dodson; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Henson, Brian Jenkins, Tracy and Randy Orrison, Kelly Rinker, Sean and Linda Leonard; a great-grandson; stepgrandchildren; stepgreat-grandchildren; nieces; a brother and sister-in-law, Gordon F. and Erma Pierson of Chantilly; and a sister, Marjorie Beales of Hamilton.

The family received friends May 20 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock.

Louise E. Galloway

KILMARNOCK—Louise Eola Galloway, 88, died May 8, 2006.

Miss Galloway was born in Kilmarnock February 26, 1918, to Frank Andrew and Margaret Lee Galloway. She was baptized in Calvary Baptist Church. She graduated from A.T. Wright High School in White Stone and studied nursing and secretarial skills. She traveled widely as a young adult, residing with a grandmother in New Jersey, lived in Baltimore and then went to New York City where she worked in the garment industry for many years. She was also an Avon representative.

Eventually, she returned to Kilmarnock where she worked as a baker in restaurants and did domestic work. Later, she moved to Richmond. She converted to Catholicism and attended Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Richmond. When she moved to Highland Springs, she attended St. John's Catholic Church.

She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Elise and Benjamin DeLeaver; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank Galloway Jr. and Geraldine Galloway; a godchild, Louise Dunaway; devoted friends Frank Coyle and Suzanne Fisher; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends.

Funeral services were held May 16 at Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock. Interment was in Calvary Memorial Gardens in Kilmarnock.

Linda W. Haynie

ARLINGTON—Linda Wingate Haynie, late of Lancaster County, was buried May 19 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Ms. Haynie was born in Mollusk October 17, 1941. After 20 years in the U.S. Army, she returned to Mollusk where she cared for her parents, Ira T. and Margaret W. Haynie, until their deaths. She moved to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C., in October 2004 and died in the VA Hospital in Washington, D.C. October 1, 2005.

James I. Hudnall

KILMARNOCK—James Inglehart Hudnall, 79, of Newport News, formerly of Hardings, died May 20, 2006.

Mr. Hudnall was a member of Westhampton Baptist Church in Hampton.

He is survived by a sister, Ruth H. Gresham of Newport News; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held May 23 at Rehoboth United Methodist Cemetery in Kilmarnock.

Robert B. Kahan

LANCASTER—Robert B. Kahan, 79, of Lancaster, formerly of Stamford, Conn., died May 21, 2006.

Mr. Kahan was born in Stamford August 7, 1926. After graduating from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and receiving a master's from New York University, he returned to Stamford where he founded the accounting firm, Robert B. Kahan CPA, which later became Kahan, Steiger and Company. He retired to Lancaster in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine P. Kahan; three children, Louise Whelan of Milford, Conn., Claire Schendel of Petaluma, Calif., and Adam Kahan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two step-children, Victoria Grey of San Francisco, Calif., and Mark Andreasen of Madison, Ind.; and 10 grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held May 23 at Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery in Deltaville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, 51 Harris Drive, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or Temple Beth El, 600 Jamestown Road., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Bristow-Faulkner Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Saluda handled the arrangements.

Kemiyah A. Mitchell

HEATHSVILLE—Kemiyah Aleese Mitchell, 10 weeks old, died May 14, 2006.

She was born March 1, 2006, in Mechanicsville to Shareena Owens and Richard Mitchell.

She is survived by her mother and father; two brothers, Kemijion Mitchell and Jaden Davis; a sister, Nyasia Carter; her grandparents, Carolyn and Lorin Richardson of Morattico, Carolyn Mitchell and James Bromley of Wicomico Church, Mark and Lori Ball of Lancaster and Richard McCoy of Horsehead; her great-grandparents, Geraldine Owens of Nuttsville, William Owens of North Carolina, Wesley and Isabelle Ball of Morattico, Harold and Lavern Mitchell of Kilmarnock, and Virginia McCoy of Horsehead; four uncles, Markese, Jerekese and Santez Ball of Lancaster and Dontae Ball of Newport News; four aunts, Lakesha Mitchell of Richmond, Andrea Robinson and Dawanna Owens of Wicomico Church and Lorese Ball of Lancaster; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were held May 19 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery with pastor Dwight Seawood officiating.

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

Lewis J. Northern

CALLAO—Lewis J. Northern, 71, of Callao died May 18, 2006.

Mr. Northern retired from the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He then worked as a teacher in Essex County schools for 20 years.

He was predeceased by his father, Walter Lee Northern Sr.; a son, Brett Shelley; and a grandson, Stephen K. Shelley.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne C. Northern; his mother, Mable Sebra of Heathsville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne S. and Bernie Bramble of Callao and Karen S. and Jimmy Barnes of Heathsville; two sons, Windel M. Shelley of South Carolina and Paul Northern of Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and George Rew of Burgess; a brother, Walter L. Northern Jr. of Heathsville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held May 21 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood. Burial was at Henderson United Methodist Church Cemetery in Callao.

Memorials may be made to the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 82, Callao, VA 22435, the Callao Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 39, Callao, VA 22435 and the American Cancer Society, 3961 Deep Rock Road, Richmond, VA 23233.

Doris L.K. Verlander

NEWPORT NEWS–Doris Lee King Verlander, 70, died May 19, 2006. A native of the Northern Neck, she was a resident of Newport News.

She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Wilson Holder Verlander; and her parents, John and Catherine Dawson King.

She is survived by a daughter, Catherine V. Wright-Mallis and her husband, Richard, of Williamsburg; five grandchildren, three with spouses, Brandi W. and Cliff Blackwood, Dwayne P. Verlander Wright, Amber W. and Robert Umphlett, Aaron S.C. and Sharon Wright, and Corrie V. T. Wright; six great-grandchildren, Travis, Carolann, and Nathan Blackwood, Alexandra, River and Mariah Wright; a sister, Nellie Ann King Casto; and a son-in-law, Lawrence P. Wright.

A funeral service will be held at the Peninsula Funeral Home Thursday, May 25, at 10 a.m. with interment to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Newport News or Williamsburg ASPCA.

Thomas C. Wyand

LANCASTER—Thomas Clifford Wyand, 78, of Lancaster died May 18, 2006. He was the widower of Margaret E. Wyand.

Mr. Wyand was a member of St. Frances de Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock. He was a retired police officer for the Town of Kilmarnock and a retired U.S. Army veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars.

He is survived by a daughter, Kim Peffer of Winchester; two sons, John Walls of Florida and Timothy Wyand of Richmond; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, William "Bill" and Frances Wyand of New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian burial was held May 22 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church with Fr. James Bruse officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

▼ *Churches . . .*

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Burgess; 453-7773
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd
Sunday, May 28:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, May 30:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, June 1:
6 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment for Youth and Youth Ddults
Third Friday of every month
7 p.m., Women of Virtue Felloweship

New Life Ministries
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079 Pastors: Phillip C. Lee and Richard Lynn
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, May 30:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, May 28:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, May 31:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor, 693-6079
Sunday, May 28:
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 25:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, May 27:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, May 28:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, June 1:
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 27:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, May 28:
11 a.m. & 12:30 p., Mass
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, May 28:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, May 31:
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

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 28:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, May 28:
11 a.m., Streamed service from Detroit Unity.
12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group (the Quest)
Non-denominational, for all ages

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, May 28:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, June 2:
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
Friday, May 26:
7 p.m., Teen Night
Sunday, May 28:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
Monday, May 29:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss
Wednesday, May 31:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study

Church Notes

■ Beulah women

The women of Beulah Baptist Church in Lively will hold their annual women's day services June 11 at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker will be apostle Henrietta Brooks of Mechanicsville. Music will be rendered by the Beulah Men's Chorus.

■ Beulah revival

Beulah Baptist Church of Lively will hold a revival May 31 to June 2. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will be Rev. Ernest Webster, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church accompanied by the New Generation Of Mulberry Baptist Church, on May 31; minister Mary Haskins of Hartswell Baptist Church accompanied by the B.C. Dunaway Singers, on June 1; and minister Yolandia Martin Gibson of First Baptist Church will be accompanied by a choir from First Baptist Church, on June 2.

■ Change of location

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock is relocating. Effective May 28, City Worship Centre will meet for worship at Dream Fields on Irvington Road. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

■ Homosexuality discussion

On Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. Sara Mackey, MDiv., will speak to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

Her topic will be "The Bible Tells Me So—Or Does It?" What does the Bible really say about homosexuality? And why does that matter to Unitarian Universalists?

■ Annual Day celebration

On June 4, the Deacons and Deaconess Ministry will celebrate their annual day at New St. John's Baptist Church at 4 p.m. The Rev. Russell Smith will speak and his choir will render the music.

"Prayer that heals pain and suffering."
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Turner fiddles for Christ Church foundation's 48th annual meeting

Master fiddler John Turner brought ancient music to life to the delight of more than 200 members attending the 48th annual meeting of the Foundation for Historic Christ Church.

Turner's treatment of musical selections from the 17th- and 18th-century Scottish and English traditional repertoire ranged from spirited, to fanciful, to melancholy. He employed a variety of instruments, most actually crafted hundreds of years ago.

Demonstrating remarkable command of each, Turner delighted listeners with tunes rendered on several members of the violin family, the dancing master's kit, the pipe and tabor (a 3-holed whistle and a small drum, played simultaneously by one person) and an assortment of flutes and whistles. So well received was the performance, as the final note sounded the audience burst into an extended standing ovation.

During the annual meeting, Cathryn K. Baumhardt, Anne C. Dickerson, John Paul C. Hanbury, Barbara J. Hensler, Williams C. Hope, III, Anne Carter Lee, Paul T. Sciacchitano and Lloyd T. Smith were elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors.

President of the foundation John H. Hunt II, commented on the state of the foundation. He recalled the

John Turner

badly deteriorated condition of the church, and its landlocked state, before the foundation was organized. Hunt noted how Richard Herndon and subsequent leaders marshaled and deployed financial resources to repair the church and acquire surrounding land. He equated the necessity for the accumulation and prudent investment of financial assets with the foundation's ability to successfully fulfill its mission.

Executive vice president Bob Cornelius reflected on the foundation's preservation mission, the 50th anniversary initiative to improve the visitor experience and the extraordinary level of volunteer participation the foundation enjoys. Cornelius noted that in the last decade $600,000 has been invested in preservation projects.

He reported on the status of the two current major projects – the six-year entablature conservation and the two-year stabilization of the Carter tombs.

Remembering that interpretation of the preserved church is central to the foundation's mission, Cornelius described plans to attract visitors and enhance their experience. The improvements, which will coincide with the foundation's 2008 50th anniversary, focus on expansion and refitting the Christ Church museum.

Finally, Cornelius praised the 270 Christ Church volunteers for their dedication to the foundation's work through some 13,000 hours of volunteer activity last year.

From left are Diocese of Virginia Episcopal Church women Sandra Kirkpatrick. Carol Kirby, Anna Lou Flynn, Jean Poole, Constance McDearmon, Patricia Hardy and Dolly Rabalais.

Jean Poole honored by diocese women

Jean Poole was recognized May 21 at Grace Church in Kilmarnock by Anna Lou Flynn, president of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia, as the Distinguished Woman of the Diocese.

Poole was chosen from a field of women in the diocese, each nominated by her peers for living a Christian life. Poole also will be recognized next month at the 45th Triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women in Columbus, Ohio.

A member of Grace Episcopal Church, Poole was nominated by Carol Kirby, president of the Women of Grace. Since moving to Lancaster County in 1979, Poole has been involved in the life of the community.

She has been a leader in the growth of the YMCA, serving as a founding board member and helping the program progress. She serves on the board of Lancaster Community Library, co-chairs the school supplies program of the Lancaster-Northumberland Interfaith Council, serves on the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts board representing the public schools, fundraising, and managing cultural arts programs for four schools, and is an executive committee member of the Lancaster County Parent-Teacher Association and the Northern Neck Medical Association Alliance.

Poole also has co-chaired the education committee of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce where she was a founder of the tutoring program. She has led two Girl Scout troops, facilitating three Silver Award winners, and two Boy Scout troops, facilitating two Eagle Scout Award winners.

She also has been a member of the Lancaster County Band Boosters and helped the Lancaster High School Marching Band travel by invitation to perform in London, England.

At Grace Church, where she and her family remain active, she has been a vestry member, taught Sunday school and served on committees.

During her high school and college years, she was an exchange student with the AFS Program at Central Philippine University and retains strong ties with her host family. Graduating from Dickinson College cum laude, she has since pursued course work at Penn State and Rappahannock Community College.

She worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Ciba-Geigy, as the first woman to represent the company in this region. She was a senior lab technician at Hershey Medical center of Penn State University. Her experience as an exchange student led the Poole family to host two Spanish exchange students in recent years and to participate in a mission trip to Our Little Roses School in Honduras, sponsoring a child there.

"Jean Poole brings to her work in the community a love of people and a desire to make the area she lives in a better place for everyone," said Kirby. "She is a giving person most of all, working with energy and enthusiasm for the good of those around her. If she sees a need, she takes action. She embodies the Golden Rule, in my estimation, in many wonderful ways. This community is far better for the presence of Jean Poole."

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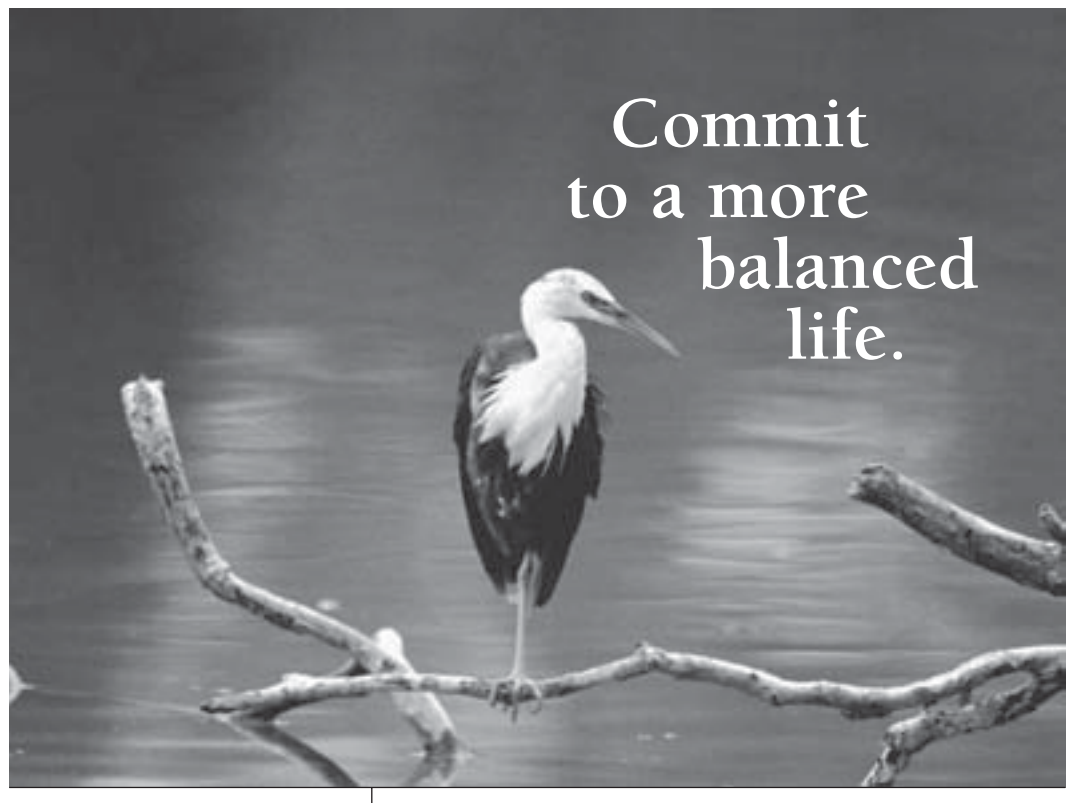

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Churches honor Glenn Courtney

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St. Mary's senior warden Charles McGrath, retired rector of the two churches Lou Cobb and Trinity's junior warden Stanley James praised Courtney for his musical skills and faithful service.

To honor him, St. Mary's Whitechapel has named its parish hall the R. Glenn Courtney Hall. Surrounded by relatives and friends, the St. Mary's choir accompanied by saxophonist Norwood McCarty sang a tribute to Courtney with lyrics by Frank Mann.

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District names Stables assistant superintendent

By Joan McBride

LANCASTER—"I'll certainly miss the people here," acknowledged Lancaster Primary School principal Merle Stables speaking of her recent promotion to assistant superintendent of Lancaster schools.

Stables' current office door opens right onto the primary schools' main hallway where a constant parade of preschool and older children stream by every day, some dawdling along alone or whispering in small groups, some giggling and wriggling, some in orderly soldier lines shushed into temporary silence by ever-vigilant teachers.

Stables will start her new job July 1 and assistant principal Lori Watrous, will take over the LPS head position.

Stables was formerly a health, physical education, and driver ed teacher. She received her undergraduate degree at James Madison in Harrisonburg where she minored in coaching.

"I've always loved sports," she said.

Later she earned a master's in administration and supervision at the University of Virginia. She achieved her Division Superintendent's license in 2003 from the Commonwealth, a license which is awarded based on a combination of experience and advanced

Merle Stables

education.

In addition, Stables has completed some doctoral work in administration on the Northern Virginia campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Earning her administration degree has "certainly opened doors" she said.

Fluvanna and Albemarle counties were the first stops in her career where she taught high school. Then she took time out to be a full-time mother for a few years, then resumed her career and taught elementary school for about four years in Northumberland County.

She served as assistant principal under superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore (then principal at Lancaster Middle School) before assuming her present post at LPS where she has been for 12 years.

LPS has earned recognition during her tenure.

In 2003, LPS received Blue Ribbon status from the federal No Child Left Behind Program for dramatically improving the academic achievement of students.

In 2005, LPS was one of 50 schools recognized nationally as a Title I Distinguished School for closing the achievement gap among student groups.

Stables' husband, Clint, is the superintendent of Northumberland schools. Her daughter is earning her master's in education at the University of Virginia following an undergraduate degree in environmental science and earth science. Stables' son is a second-year business major at Longwood University.

Stables said she's "looking forward to the new challenge" in the assistant superintendent position, and "likes to keep abreast of new things."

Her new salary hasn't been decided, but according to Latimore, will be in the $75,000 - $85,000 range. Currently she earns over $68,000.

Montessori School to offer two progams in Kilmarnock

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

GLOUCESTER—Gloucester Montessori School announced this week that it plans to open a Northern Neck Satellite Campus this fall in Kilmarnock.

The Kilmarnock United Methodist Church has given preliminary approval to lease classroom space in the church.

"Now that we have a campus, we are able to take the necessary steps toward opening this fall," said Pat Landau. A preliminary meeting several weeks ago at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene confirmed that there was enough local interest to support a Northern Neck campus, but a space to run the program was still needed at that time.

The enrollment process is now officially under way. This fall, the Northern Neck campus will offer two programs: Preschool Half Day and Preschool Extended Day. Potty-trained children who will be between the ages of two-and-a-half and five this fall are welcome to apply. After-school care will be available from 3 to 5:30 p.m. as the need dictates. A kindergarten class will be added next year.

The school can accept only a limited number of students on a "first come-first served" basis, Landau said. Prior to being accepted, children will undergo a brief interview at the Gloucester Campus to determine readiness and observe the child in the Montessori environment.

To set up an interview, fill out the application and send it with the $50 application fee to Gloucester Montessori School, P.O. Box 1506, Gloucester, VA 23061. Applications can be found online at gloucestermontessori.org, or by calling the school at 693-6455.

The school will be holding another meeting at the Kilmarnock Methodist Church in the next two weeks to answer any questions and give parents a chance to see the (unfurnished) classroom space.

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LHS Chorus ends year with spring concert

The Lancaster High School Chorus program is slowly growing in size and accomplishments. The Lancaster High School Chorus started the year singing at the Rappahannock General Hospital Tree of Life Ceremony, followed by caroling performances at The Tides Inn and a winter concert shared with the Lancaster Middle School Chorus.

As a fund-raiser for the upcoming Florida festival, the LHS Chorus hosted a Talent Show. This show was deemed a huge success when there was not enough seating room for those attending. It raised over $400.

Director Lori A. Eanes hosted the Northern Neck-Middle Peninsula Area Chorus at Lancaster Middle School with the assistance of the choral directors of LMS and Chesapeake Academy, being the first area chorus hosted by Lancaster in over 20 years. Eanes advised that five of her students participated in this event.

Over spring break, the LHS Chorus traveled to Florida with the Lancaster High School Bands and competed in the All-American Music Festival in Orlando, winning a second place trophy in the Women's Chorus Division with an "Excellent" rating.

The LHS Chorus culminated the school year with a public performance May 18, with the Lancaster Middle School Jazz Band and Lancaster Middle School Chorus.

The LHS Chorus performed at the All American Music Festival at The Hard Rock Cafe in Orlando (above). From left are (first row) pianist Jeffrey Darden, Heather Wardlaw, Courtney Palmer, Chevelle Ball and director Lori Eanes; (next row) Lakeya Cox, Lauryn Turner, Jessie Love, Rebecca Wineland, DeAne Means, Erika Jones, Kimberly Crockett, Janae Washington and Brianna Ritchie.

Eanes said that her students' accomplishments and effort were highlighted in their final song, "He Still Loves Me," a song she adapted to match the Beyonce Knowles' vocals from the movie "The Fighting Temptations."

"My students have worked very hard for me all year, singing in both German and Japanese. After their success at festival, I wanted to reward them by featuring a song they wanted to sing, the way they wanted it to be sung," Eanes stated. The song featured many talented soloists, including Shaymeka Owens, Devonte Williams, Lakeya Cox, Marie Kohler, Heather Wardlaw, Erika Jones and Keyandrea Blue.

Eanes said that awards for the LHS Chorus will be given at Senior Night on May 31 and the Underclassmen Awards Ceremony on June 2. These will include awards for section leaders, Lakeya Cox, Dianna Marlow, and Marie Kohler, and a special musicianship award to senior Jeffrey Darden, who has lent his piano talent to accompany the LHS Chorus for the past two years.

Twice Told Tales has youth reading programs

Twice Told Tales in Gloucester and Kilmarnock has introduced two initiatives to help with summer reading for children. The programs will begin June 1 and run through August 31.

First, the bookstore is offering all childrens' and youth books at a 10 percent discount. Members of the existing reader discount program will get an additional 10 percent.

The second program is a Young Readers Club for children 17 and under. Members will be issued a card which will be punched for every book purchased. After five books, the child may pick a free paperback book. Completed cards will be collected by Twice Told Tales for drawings in September for gift certificates.

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Lauran Ransone of Kilmarnock, Laura Nost of Irvington, Maddy Ahlborn of Irvington, and Molly Banfield of Wake weed an existing garden.

Students help put on a spring face

The Christchurch School community enjoyed a day of beautification and restoration May 12. Students and faculty worked together on a series of projects designed to beautify the riverfront campus and to help in preservation of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries and watersheds.

The day was spearheaded by Christchurch faculty and Urbanna residents Will and Mollie Smiley, both of whom worked with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's education department before starting at Christchurch. In 2004, the two established a habitat restoration area for the school's wetlands.

Friday's projects included gathering trash and debris along the riverfront, planting flowers and butterfly gardens throughout campus, building picnic tables, submerging Christmas trees to boost the river habitat, picking up sticks at Christ Church cemetery, planting sunflowers at the Clyde Kelly Sailing Pavilion, planting wildflowers at the habitat restoration area, and planting 100 tree seedlings below the lower soccer field to provide a passive filtering system for any nutrient runoff from the school's property.

Chesapeake Academy hosts second Career Day

Chesapeake Academy held is second career day May 17 for 72 students in grades five to eight.

The two-hour session included people in various fields speaking with students about ways to turn aspirations into reality. Each presenter imparted experiences and advice.

The presenters included commercial photographer Charles Lawson, homemaker and volunteer Wende Monroe Szyperski, advertising and marketing specialist Bill Chapman, engineer Mary Williams, banker Eric Nost, clinic executive Jean Nelson, adventure photographer Bonnie Rumsey and writer and editor Robert Mason Jr.

The second career day built on the popularity of the initial event last year as part of the academy's 40th anniversary celebration.

Swonk and Johnson retire

Associate professor of English Joseph L. Swonk and assistant professor of physical education, health and recreation Wade S. Johnson III have retired from Rappahannock Community College after careers of some 30 years each. From left at the May 9 ceremony are Swonk, RCC president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther and Johnson.

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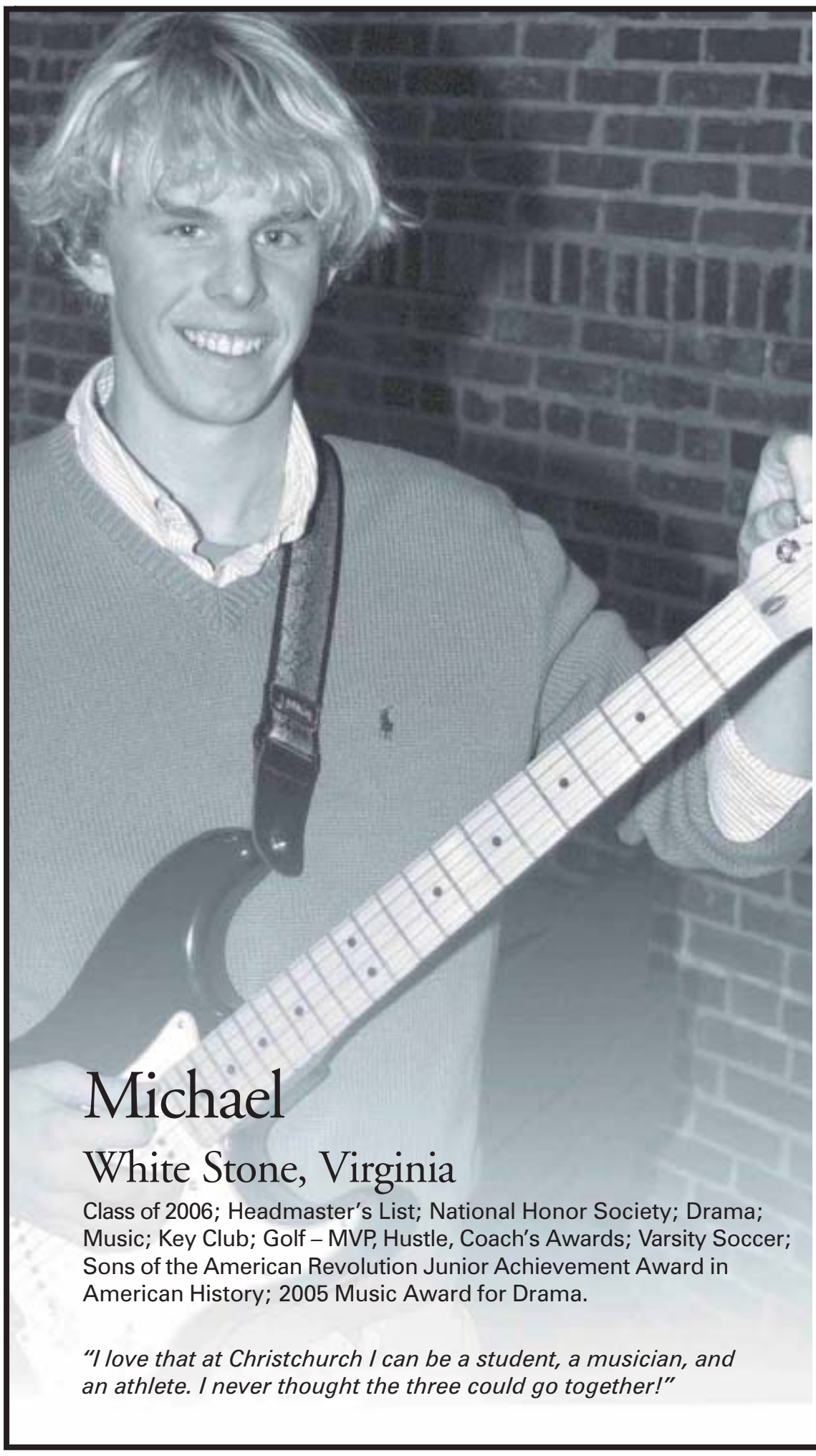

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The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society was well represented among Rappahannock Community College's Class of 2006. Thirty-five of the 214 graduates were members. In order to join Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average.From left are (front row) Erin Heath, Michelle Williams, Jody Forrest, Nancy Jackson, Ashley Smith, Amy Dombrosky-Pena and LaJean Browning-Smith; (next row) Lisa Rich, Karen Turner, Coreka Turner, Diane Miner, Anita Garner, Andrew Shorter and Vondell Mayo; (next row) Lisa Harper, Mary Tate, Jane Harper, Bridget Bauske, Eunice Gates and Matt Villanueva; (next row) Elizabeth Hoover, Quincie Walker, Jessie Rose and Meredith Powell.

Rappahannock Community College celebrates its 34th Commencement

On May 15, at Rappahannock Community College's 34th Commencement ceremony, college officials bestowed 254 degrees or certificates on the 214 members of the Class of 2006.

RCC president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther commended RCC's "excellent faculty, and expert and committed staff" for their role in preparing the class for this momentous occasion.

A number of guests of honor joined Dr. Crowther and Glenns Campus Dean Nuala Glennon on the platform. Joseph L. Swonk, associate professor of English, was the bearer of the ceremonial mace. Haywood Barnes Jr., who pronounced the invocation and benediction, is pastor of First Morning Star Baptist Church in Bena. Dr. Daniel J. LaVista, executive director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), was the keynote speaker of the evening. Catherine Courtney was honored at the ceremony with the title of Professor Emeritus. Other platform guests were Dr. John H. Harding Jr., and John H. Crosby III, chair and vice-chair respectively of the RCC college board, and Class of 2006 representative Michelle H. Williams.

"When we scatter to the workforce and to great universities, we can say that we took that first step at RCC," said Williams. She introduced Dr. LaVista.

"RCC has come a long way," said LaVista, "since that first graduation in 1973 when 40 degrees and 11 certificates were awarded. I can feel the excitement, and I'm proud to be part of it."

He stressed three points for the graduates to remember in the coming years. The first—taken from a Robert Fulghum story about a little girl who was offered a choice between pretending to be a wizard or a giant, but insisted on being a mermaid—was that the world needs independent and committed thinking, and that they should stick to their beliefs, especially in the face of authority.

Dr. Daniel LaVista delivers the Commencement address to RCC's Class of 2006.

The second was "anything is possible—don't be saying that we've always done it this way, and we can't do anything else."

For the third, he drew on examples from Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" and John Donne's well-known "No man is an island. . ." to emphasize that each of us is part of something larger than one individual. "Reach out to someone," he advised. "You have a degree now, and that places you among the privileged persons who can make an important contribution to society. Find a way to give something back to others who are less fortunate." He concluded by wishing each graduate "a future that's so bright it hurts your eyes!"

Dr. Crowther and college board president John Harding then bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus on Catherine Courtney, emphasizing that this honor is reserved for those who have not only held faculty rank within the Virginia Community College System for a minimum of ten years, but have made a "meritorious and significant contribution to the college." Courtney received a copy of the College Board resolution detailing her achievements, which Crowther read aloud to the gathering.

Seventeen members of the Class of 2006 were called forward by Dr. Harding to receive medallions recognizing them for graduating summa cum laude—with the highest honor—which is awarded only to those maintaining a grade point average of 3.8 or better. These graduates were: Bridget T. Bauske, Paula L. Deininger, Lisa A. Harper, Erin L. Heath, Christine C. Henderson, Nancy M. Jackson, Christie H. Matthews, Diane M. Miner, Meredith R. Powell, Andrew D. Shorter, Anthony C. Smith, Ashley R. Smith, Mary L. Tate, Karen A. Turner, Matthew H. Villanueva, Quincie C. Walker and Michelle H. Williams.

Lancaster graduates include Jessica C. Bolt, Calvinette R. Dameron, Jessica L. Davis, Amy L. Dombrosky-Pena, Patricia S. Henderson, Benjamin J. Jackson, Ashleigh S. Lewis, Jessie M. Rose, Melissa A. Santangelo, Brenda L. Scales, Tammy L. Veney, Cecil C. Watson.

Northumberland graduates include Michelle N. Biron, Alison R. Bishop, Deborah L. Campbell, Eugene R. Campbell, Jasmine N. Cross, Jane S. Harper, Shank J. Knight, Suzanne H. Reiser, Margaret R. Shifflett, Crystal D. Wilkins.

Middlesex graduates include Carla R. Blake, Jerry L. Bristow, Terry L. Bromley, LaJean R. Browning-Smith, Ann C. Diggs, Andrea L. Hart, JoAnna B. Higgins, Julie Hugate, April L. Layden, Georgia E. Powell, Meredith R. Powell, Rita A. Robinson, Karen E. Trail, Eunice K. Tunstall, Roxanne J. Ward, Angela L. Zabel.

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RCC students march in procession at Commencement 2006.

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Academy auction raises $131,400

Auction co-chairman Diana Neal announced at Chesapeake Academy's 2006 annual meeting that the recent auction raised $131,400.

The funds will support academic, co-curricular and scholarship assistance programs at the school.

Head of school Seth Ahlborn said, "It is with gratitude and great appreciation that chairman of the board of trustees Jeff Szyperski and I accept this wonderful gift from the parents, grandparents, community friends, local and regional businesses and corporations. On behalf of all who teach and learn at Chesapeake Academy, thank you."

Although the primary directive of the annual auction at Chesapeake Academy is to raise money to support current year operations, it is not the only parameter by which the success of an auction is measured, said Ahlborn. The value of the generosity of the community and feelings of accomplishment for all involved – donors, sponsors, volunteers and businesses – is priceless. It was the efforts of so many parent and community volunteers that brought Auction 2006 to life, all under the direction of the steering committee: co-chairs Diana Neal and Jennifer Britt, and committee members Bonnie Bryant, Deborah Davie, Carey Gaenzle, Fred Gilman, Gary Holbrook, Cindie Hollowell, Kathy Humphreys, Kathy Lidicker, and Kay Weiler.

Director of development Carrie Ahlborn said, "We are grateful for the commitment of all of our volunteers; they do what they do out of a love for the children of Chesapeake Academy, and a desire to enhance the educational experience for all of our 182 students. We can never thank them or praise them enough for their tremendous efforts, but we want them to know that it does not go unnoticed and they are very much appreciated."

"I would like to personally thank all who contributed to this year's auction," said Seth Ahlborn. "Whether you contributed an item, professional or personal service, or a trip to the auction or raffle, purchased an ad in the catalog, volunteered one hour or many, purchased one raffle ticket or a whole book, were a sponsor of the auction, bought an item in the silent auction, or bid on and won the most expensive item at the live auction, without each and every one of you, none of it would have been possible. It's not how much you give, it's the spirit in which gifts are given that is so important and meaningful."

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J. Cale Jurin

Jurin earns academic award

Midshipman J. Cale Jurin , has received a Silver Star at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. for academic achievement during the second term of 2006. He is the son of Joe and Holly Emerson of Heathsville.

Jurin was honored at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony at the Officers' Club in Melville Hall on April 19.

Silver Stars are awarded to students who achieve a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49 during an academic semester. An "academic star" is equivalent to being named to the Dean's List.

The academy, founded in 1943, trains young men and women from across the nation to be merchant marine and Naval Reserve officers, and awards them a bachelor's. Midshipmen spend a year of the academy's four-year program training at sea aboard U.S.commercial vessels.

The academy is a federal institution operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

John Q. Reisner

Reisner graduates

John Quintard Reisner was among the 194 men who graduated May 14 at commencement exercises marking the end of the 231st academic year at Hampden-Sydney College.

Reisner graduated with a bachelor's in economics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Reisner of Wicomico Church and is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School.

Pittman graduates from W&M

Nell Marie Pittman graduated at the 313th commencement ceremony of The College of William and Mary May 14 with a bachelor's in public policy and environmental studies.

While at the college, Pittman co-founded the first collegiate chapter of GAIA International, a group which hosts environmental forums. She also traveled to the island of Bequia in the West Indies and the Masai Mara in Kenya to teach at local schools and worked with The Arc of Greater Williamsburg and the Office of Student Volunteer Services.

Starting in August, she will work as a collegiate challenge coordinator at Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga.

She is the daughter of Edward and Joyce Pittman of Lancaster.

She is the granddaughter of Avalon Pittman of Lancaster and the late W.R. Pittman, and the late Ocran and Florine Tadlock, formerly of White Stone.

Nell Marie Pittman

20 RN students graduate

On May 15, 20 Rappahannock Community College students received associate's in applied science in the registered nursing program.

Under the program's new coordinator, Elsie Mangano, the college held its first independent pinning ceremony at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington.

The graduating students were Joseph Rowe of Colonial Beach; William Machen, Rebecca Metcalfe and Janice Wheatley of Gloucester County; Taylor Ellis and Brenda Turley of King and Queen County; Patricia Henderson and Brenda Scales of Lancaster County; Kristi Ward of Mathews County; JoAnna Higgins and Angela Zabel of Middlesex County; Michelle Biron, Alison Bishop and Crystal Wilkins of Northumberland County; LaNieve Vanlandingham of Richmond County; Eric Ward of Spotsylvania County; Noah Coultrip of West Point; and Erin Jenkins and Rashaun Yerby of Westmoreland County.

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Lancaster's Kori George loses sight of the ball and Claire Clements of Rappahannock is safe after this awkward slide at home plate during a varsity game last Thursday.

Lady Devils upend Lady Indians, 4-2

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The varsity Lady Devils may have made the tournament cut, but have a big obstacle in the first round in district leading Essex.

With a 2-6 Northern Neck record and 7-11 overall mark, Lancaster entered post-season play as the fourth-place seed and faced the first-place Lady Trojans in a semifinal game Tuesday. The winner will play the winner of a Rappahannock-Washington & Lee semifinal today (Thursday, May 25) in the championship game at 5 p.m. in Tappahannock.

The Lady Devils scored two runs in the 10th inning last Thursday to end regular season play with a 4-2 win over rival Northumberland. The Indians finished in fifth place in the district and did not make the tournament cut for the first time in more than 15 years.

Brandy Gilbert started on the mound and went five innings with no decision for Lancaster. She struck out one, didn't walk a batter and gave up four hits.

Tiffany Lee got the win, putting in five innings with five strikeouts, one walk and one allowed hit.

The Devils scored the go-ahead run with two outs in the top of the 10th when Abby Robbins scored off a fly ball by Sara Caudle and NHS error. Robbins walked and had moved to third before Caudle's pop up was dropped by the shortstop. Caudle eventually scored off a pass ball after moving around the bases on a hit by Lucy McCann.

McCann led Lancaster at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a walk and run scored. Caudle batted 1-for-5 with two runs and Robbins scored once.

Lancaster had just five hits in the game with Madison Smith and Brandy Gilbert getting a single each.

Rappahannock shutout Lancaster, 5-0, last Tuesday with Lee getting the loss. She put in six and a third innings of work with two strikeouts, four walks and seven allowed hits. Gilbert allowed one hit and struck out one as the closer.

Caudle led Lancaster at the plate, batting 2-for-3. Natalie Stickel was 1-for-2 and George and McCann went 1-for-3 each.

Scoreboard

Varsity baseball
Lancaster 9, Northumberland 8
Rappahannock 10, Lancaster 0
Varsity softball
Lancaster 4, Northumberland 2 (10 innings)
Rappahannock 5, Lancaster 0

JV softball
Lancaster 6, Northumberland 5
Rappahannock 17, Lancaster 3
Varsity soccer
Lancaster 3, W&L 3 (tie)
Essex 6, Lancaster 3

Track
Northern Neck District meet
Boys
Lancaster 162, Essex 110, W&L 95, Northumberland 80, Rappahannock 6
Girls
Essex 193, Lancaster 118, W&L 71, Northumberland 48, Rappahannock 17

Upcoming Games

Varsity baseball/softball
May 25:
Northern Neck District baseball final at Rappahannock (7 p.m.)
Northern Neck District softball final at Essex (5 p.m.)
May 30:
Region A baseball and softball tournaments begin
Soccer
May 26:
Northern Neck District tournament final at W&L (7 p.m.)
May 30:
Region A tournament
Tidewater District runner-up at Lancaster (7 p.m.)
Track
May 25:
Region A meet at West Point High School (11 a.m.)
June 3:
Group A state meet at Radford University (9 a.m.)
Lancaster County Little League
Minor league softball
May 26:
Middlesex at Lancaster (7 p.m.)
May 30:
Middlesex at Lancaster (6:30 p.m.)

Sports awards assembly slated at Lancaster High

Lancaster High School will hold its winter and spring sports award assembly Thursday, June 1, at 6 p.m. in the commons area at the school.

All athletes participating in a winter or spring sport and their families are urged to attend, said athletic director Billy Jarvis.

First baseman Jonathan Frith of Lancaster stretches to make the catch and the out of a Rappahannock baserunner last Tuesday.

Devils edge Indians, 9-8, to finish third in District

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster scored three runs in the top of the eighth and shut down a Northumberland comeback in the bottom of the frame last Thursday to edge the Indians, 9-8, and finish the regular season in third place in the Northern Neck District.

The Devils (3-5, 7-11) were scheduled to play second-place Essex in the first round of the tournament Tuesday. The Trojans beat Lancaster twice during the regular season.

First-place Rappahannock played fourth-place Northumberland in Tuesday's other semifinal game. The winners of both will meet today (Thursday, May 25) at 7 p.m. in Warsaw.

Jonathan Somers went seven innings and started the eighth with 11 strikeouts, two walks and six hits.

Somers gave up a single to Jordan Gates and a two-run homer to Dillon Hall before Tim Blake came in for the save. Blake gave up one hit and a walk in the final inning.

Lancaster was leading by a run, 6-5, in the top of the seventh when the Indians scored the tying run off an error to push the game into extra innings.

Nathan Keyser got on with two outs and scored off an error to lock the game at 6-6.

In the top of the eighth, the Devils rallied for three runs with Adam Benson hitting a lead-off single and moving around on a bunt by Cleon Rice. Michael Saunders doubled to score Adam and Trevor Henderson got base on a NHS error that also scored Rice. Blake, who went 3-for-4 with a walk for one run and 2 RBI, scored Saunders with a single for the eventual game-

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Jones pitches strong JV softball finale

Takeia Jones retired 14 batters and walked five in a dominating final performance last Thursday as Lancaster's JV softball team ended the season with a 6-5 win over rival Northumberland.

The Lady Devils wrapped up the year with a 4-3 Northern Neck District record and an 11-3 overall mark.

"We had a good season and I think the girls worked very hard," said coach Anna Kellum. "I was proud of their hard work and dedication. They worked together as a team and it showed in our record. Everyone this year played a role in the wins and losses."

The Lady Devils' last win came on the road in Claraville, where Lancaster edged the homestanding Indians.

Tiffany Koscienski went 2-for-4 with a walk and three runs scored to lead the LHS offense. Nicole Shelton batted 2-for-4 with a run and Tyesha Harvey and Katisha Crippen scored once each.

Rappahannock routed the Devils, 17-3, last Tuesday with Jones getting the loss.

Lancaster's Takeia Jones was the winning pitcher in the JV Lady Devils' final game of the season. *(Photo by Kathy Pittman)*

Ariel Grulkowski had the hot stick, batting 2-for-3.

Tiffany Pittman was 1-for-2 with a run and Harvey walked twice and scored once. Livvy Gill also drew a walk to score.

Devils win district track and field title

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster's boys produced five individual champions on the way to winning the Northern Neck District track and field title last week in Fredericksburg and the Devils' Jamie Veney was named the meet's MVP.

The Devils tallied 162 points and outscored second-place Essex by 52 to bring home the trophy from the University of Mary Washington. Washington & Lee finished third with 95 points, Northumberland fourth with 80, and Rappahannock fifth with six.

Jamie Veney and Kenny Wilson led Lancaster with a pair of district championships each.

Veney won the title in the triple jump (44'2 1/2") and the 200-meter dash (23.29), while Wilson brought home the gold in both the shot put (46'3 1/2") and the discus (137'10").

Veney was the points leader, scoring 42 points for Lancaster with second-place finishes in the 100-meter (11.55) and 400-meter (53.01) dashes and third in the long jump (20'4").

The Devils took the top three places in the 100-meter dash with Nicholas Beale winning the race in 11.25. Veney was second and Larry Brown was third in 11.59.

Beale also followed Veney across the finish line in the 200-meter, taking second in that race in 23.49. He was fourth in the triple jump in 39'3".

Aaron Holzbach led Lancaster's distance runners with a second-place finish in the 800-meter (2:13.79) and third in the mile (5:17.71). The Devils actually took three places in each event with Brett Jarvis running the half-mile in 2:21.34 for fifth place and Clinton Bennett running in in 2:23.56 for sixth place. Bennett was fourth in the mile (5:19.25) and Jarvis sixth (5:24.55).

Rakeem Laws picked up points for Lancaster in the field with a second-place finish in the discus (133'1") and a sixth in the shot put (38'11").

Tevin Moore, Andre Henderson and Holzbach took three of six places in the high jump with Moore clearing 5'6" for third place. Holzbach also cleared 5'6" for fourth place and Henderson jumped 5'4" for sixth place.

Henderson took fourth in the long jump (19'7 1/2") and teammate Rodney Beale was sixth (19'5 3/4").

Moore and Graham Winnstanley led the LHS hurdlers with Moore taking third in the 110-meter in 20.71 and Winnstanley placing third in the 300-meter in 48.79.

Anton Veney of Lancaster was sixth in the 400-meter dash

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The Fishing Line

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

Last week was greeted with cooler weather, which has held the water temperature in the low 60s in the bay. Despite the modest water temperatures, migration patterns have pushed forward this week. Several species are now showing signs of increased abundance in local waters.

Striped bass fishing got a shot in the arm with chumming offering a viable alternative to trolling. Anglers are finding their limits of two fish per person while chumming on the Northern Neck reef. The Asphalt Pile reef also provided action this week. These reefs are both within six miles of the Ingram Bay/Reedville area in Virginia waters. The state reefs, made of concrete tetrahedrons and pipe sections, have matured into excellent fish habitats. Most catches are ranging in the 18- to 28-inch class with an occasional larger fish.

Action has been very good for small 16- to 18-inch rockfish at Fleets Bay, on Ingram Bay and at Smith Point. Anglers are finding good action as they cast chartreuse or pink/white artificial grubs.

In Virginia, anglers are allowed to keep two fish per person 18 to 28 inches with one of the two allowed to be over 32 inches.

In both Maryland and Potomac River waters, anglers are allowed two fish per person 18 to 28 inches with one allowed to exceed 28 inches.

The fish are moving into the traditional feeding locations, yet numbers remain somewhat limited. The more pressure that is placed on the reefs, the less success each boat will realize. This will change as the populations swell, more baitfish take up residence and the rockfish settle into a regular feeding pattern.

Trolling continues to produce larger specimens in the 30- to 40-inch class in southern Maryland waters from Point Lookout to the Virginia line. The lower Potomac from Coles Point to the mouth is currently holding fish along the channel edges as well. The larger rockfish, although sparsely located, will likely remain in the middle bay for another week or so before moving southward out of reach.

Chartreuse and white were both producing well. On sunny days the chrome spoons and white lures are working well. Tony Accetta #19 spoons match the average size of the baitfish in the region during this time. Parachutes donned with 9-inch shads have been the hot ticket this season.

The first **speckled trout** of the season was caught last week in Ingram Bay.

Croaker are biting well in the local creeks and throughout the rivers. Sizes are respectful at a 14-inch average during the afternoon/ evening hours and a more modest 10 to 12 inches during the day. The main shipping channel, a favored corridor for these fish, has not been producing any real numbers of these fish. Over the next week, we can expect to see more action in the deeper water locations between Windmill Point and Smith Point.

Spot are being caught from the mouth of the Rappahannock river up to the bridge at White Stone. Anglers are landing over half-pound spot while fishing standard bottom rigs with bloodworms. This is encouraging for early in the season. These fish will soon be venturing up the bay to the mouth of Dividing Creek, where the oyster beds are a favored location for tasty spot to be found.

"The pessimist complains about the wind; The optimist expects it to change; The realist adjusts the sails."-William Arthur Ward

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White Stone/Grey's Point Tides, Sun, & Moon – May/June, 2006

Fri	**5/26**	Moonrise	4:59	Low	5:58	-0.1′
		Sunrise	5:48	High	11:37	1.4′
		Moonset	**8:11**	Low	**5:49**	-0.1′
		Sunset	**8:17**			
Sat	**5/27**	Moonrise	5:41	High	12:00	**1.9′**
		Sunrise	5:48	Low	6:48	0.0′
		Sunset	**8:18**	High	**12:25**	1.4′
New - 1:26		Moonset	**9:20**	Low	**6:37**	-0.1′
Sun	**5/28**	Sunrise	5:47	High	12:48	**1.8′**
		Moonrise	6:30	Low	7:35	0.0′
		Sunset	**8:19**	High	**1:12**	1.4′
		Moonset	**10:22**	Low	**7:24**	0.0′
Mon	**5/29**	Sunrise	5:47	High	1:35	**1.8′**
		Moonrise	7:27	Low	8:21	0.0′
		Sunset	**8:19**	High	**1:58**	1.4′
		Moonset	**11:15**	Low	**8:11**	0.0′
Tue	**5/30**	Sunrise	5:47	High	2:21	1.7′
		Moonrise	8:30	Low	9:07	0.1′
		Sunset	**8:20**	High	**2:44**	1.3′
		Moonset	**11:58**	Low	**8:59**	0.1′
Wed	**5/31**	Sunrise	5:46	High	3:07	1.6′
		Moonrise	9:34	Low	9:52	0.2′
		Sunset	**8:21**	High	**3:31**	1.3′
				Low	**9:47**	0.2′
Thu	**6/1**	Moonset	12:33	High	3:53	1.5′
		Sunrise	5:46	Low	10:37	0.2′
		Moonrise	10:37	High	**4:19**	1.3′
		Sunset	**8:22**	Low	**10:38**	0.3′
Fri	**6/2**	Moonset	1:01	High	4:40	1.4′
		Sunrise	5:45	Low	11:22	0.2′
		Moonrise	11:38	High	**5:09**	1.3′
		Sunset	**8:22**	Low	**11:32**	0.3′

Corrections	High	Low	Height
Piankatank River, Cherry Pt.	-1:42	-1:44	86%
Great Wicomico River Light	0:30	0:20	76%
Smith Point Light	1:01	0:44	86%

PM times are in **boldface type**.
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Roberson addresses VAHS meeting

The speaker for the annual meeting of the Northern Neck-Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society (VAHS) was retired Air Force Col. Arval J. Roberson, a VAHS member.

He was born in Crown Point, Ind., graduated from Inglewood High School and joined the U.S. Army in June 1942. He earned his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant May 20, 1943, at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. In Europe with the 362nd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group, he flew a P-51 Mustang in 76 missions, destroying six enemy aircraft in the air, with another probable kill in the air, and one on the ground. These air battles enrolled him in the Fighter Aces Association. A pilot had to destroy five or more flying enemy aircraft, while in the air, and his action had to be confirmed by gun camera, or a fellow pilot, to be accepted as an Ace. Each unit had its own requirements.

He was returned to the U.S. as a captain when he was 20 in November 1944. He held various positions in the Return of World War II Deceased Program. He was sent to Korea, completing 100 missions in the F-51 with the 12th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Bomber wing.

Returning to America, he became commander at Gila Bend Auxiliary Base in Arizona. In the Vietnam conflict, even though he was liaison officer to the Vietnamese Joint Chiefs of Staff, he flew 26 combat support missions in the Douglas C-47, Skytrain.

On August 26, 1966, he was promoted to colonel, and was vice wing commander and later, base commander at Sembach Air Force Base in Germany. Roberson was sent back to the U.S. and was commander at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts. He retired from the Air Force March 1, 1973, having served 31 years with honor through three crises.

His wife is Mildred H.B. Roberson, RN, PhD. They settled in White Stone in 1976.

He took members and guests back to World War II and the other conflicts, describing only a small part of his flying. Gary Ellis set the stage for Roberson's presentation with a video. Attendees appreciated the tension of those days.

President Doc Broadway showed a picture of past president Ron Lang, which will be placed in the chapter's "Eagle's News" in the Pilot House at Hummel Field as a memorial.

The next noon luncheon meeting will be June 15 at the Pilot House. The speaker will be E.R. "Bing" Kallus, a naval aviator, who earned his wings in 1964. Many of the planes he flew had high aspect ratio wings, making them slow and capable of staying in the air long periods. He denies ever being in a blimp, or having anything to do with one, although he enjoys stories about lighter-than-air flying. He joined the Navy three times before retiring in 1987.

He lives at Merry Point with his wife, Lynn. His program will be "When did they aviate, down by the Golden Gate?"

The meetings are open to the public; anyone may join.

Devils finish number 1 in soccer season

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The varsity Devils are the Northern Neck District regular season soccer champions despite suffering their first loss in league play to Essex last Tuesday.

Lancaster went 5-1-2 in the district and 7-4-2 overall to capture its first district title since 1999. The Devils were scheduled to play fourth-place Rappahannock while second-place Essex met third-place Washington & Lee in first round games earlier this week. The winners will meet in the tournament championship tomorrow night (Friday, May 26) at 7 p.m. in Montross.

Regardless of the outcome of this week's playoff, Lancaster has already earned a berth in the Region A tournament as the Northern Neck's top seed. The Devils will host Tidewater's number two team next Tuesday, May 30, at 7 p.m.

Essex beat the Devils, 6-3, last Tuesday with Jacob Jackson scoring two goals and Leif Mieras one for Lancaster.

LHS goalkeeper Daniel Robertson had 11 saves.

Mieras and Robertson split time in goal in a 3-3 tie against Washington & Lee last Friday. Mieras made seven stops in the first half and Robertson 14 in the second.

J. Jackson had one goal and Mieras two. Billy Jackson had two assists and J. Jackson one.

"This has been a great season," said LHS coach Amy Stamm. "Winning the district just helped prove to them what can happen when you play together as a team. They have the talent to win it all."

Little League Report

The Lancaster Little League Junior Boys team has gotten off to a 3-1 start with wins over Mathews and Richmond County.

Will Barrack threw a no hitter for the 13-14-year-olds last Saturday as Lancaster edged Mathews 1-0 in the first game of a double header. Barrack struck out eight in the shutout.

Lancaster scored its only run in the fourth inning when Ty Laws drew a walk, stole second and third and scored off a pass ball.

Lancaster had three hits in the contest and 11 batters retired at the plate.

Lancaster rallied from a six-run deficit in the second game for the comeback, 9-8, win.

Mark Rhodes started on the mound and got relief from Laws and Alex Williams before closer Jared Bouis came in for the win. Bouis left the tying run on second.

Lancaster scored seven runs in its last at-bat.

Rhodes and Tiko Henderson led the offense with a pair of hits apiece while Patrick Best, Colie Haydon, Barrack, Chris Weber, Justin Gordon and Bouis each had one hit.

Lancaster slaughter-ruled Richmond County, 17-1, last Tuesday behind pitchers Williams, Bouis and Rhodes. Williams recorded the win.

Leading hitters were Haydon, Williams, Bouis, John Springs, John Betts, DeAnte Jones, Jake Christman, Steven Self and Weber.

Richmond County beat Lancaster, 5-1, in the season opener.

Tournament is Saturday

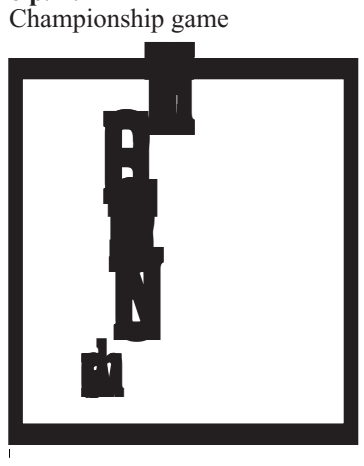
The first Pittman's Farm & Marine Memorial Day Jr./Sr. Girls Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, May 27, at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock.

The round robin play will begin at 9 a.m. when the Lancaster Heat takes on Middlesex and the Lancaster Flames meet King George. The fifth team in the tournament, Mathews, will play its first game at 10:45. All teams are guaranteed four games.

Trophies, sponsored by Timmy Pittman, will be awarded to the top two teams and their players. A sportsmanship award will also be given.

Schedule

9 a.m.
Lanc. Heat vs. Middlesex
Lanc. Flames vs. King George
10:45 a.m.
Mathews vs. King George
Lanc. Flames vs. Lanc. Heat
12:30 p.m.
Mathews vs. Lanc. Flames
Middlesex vs. King George
2:15 p.m.
King George vs. Lanc. Heat
Middlesex vs. Mathews
4 p.m.
Lancaster Flames vs. Middlesex
Lancaster Heat vs. Mathews
6 p.m.
Championship game



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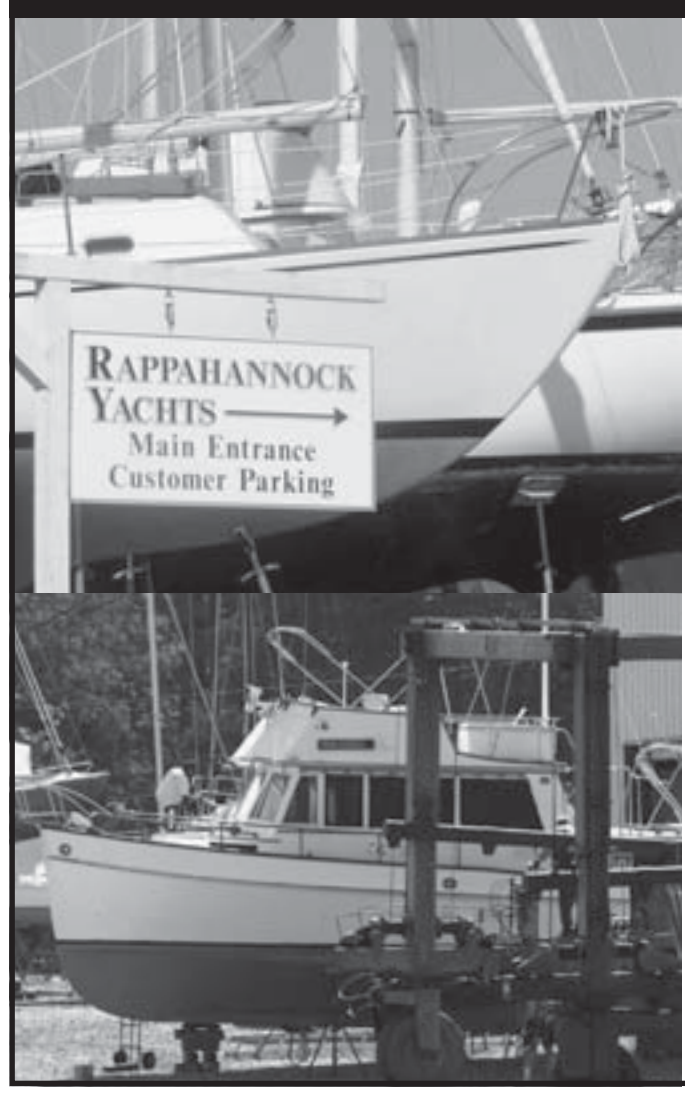

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Kids fishing adventure slated at Wilna Pond

In celebration of National Kids Fishing Month, community youngsters are invited to Wilna Pond with their fishing poles, tackle boxes and bait to participate in the Kids Fishing Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 3.

There also will be food, prize drawings and contests. Each child who catches a fish at the derby...any fish, any size…can enter the "I Caught A Fish" national drawing. Every child fishing at the derby will receive a free goodie bag.

Youngsters must pre-register by calling the Refuge at 333-1470. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"Spending a day fishing with a child can create memories to last a lifetime," said Refuge manager Joe McCauley. "Besides being a wonderful experience for youngsters, fishing is an excellent bonding activity for a community."

The Kids Fishing Day is sponsored locally by Tappahannock Wal-Mart and Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends. National sponsors include Wal-Mart, Zebco, Eagle Claw, Keebler, Kellogg's, FishingWorld.com, Fujifilm, Laker Fishing Tackle, FLW Outdoors and Castrol.

Free safety checks available

Dave Cook (left) and Kathy Moeller of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron, and Mike Sachen of Coast Guard Auxiliary-Flotilla 33 assure boaters that free vessel safety checks are available through both organizations. To schedule a vessel safety check, call 438-6029 or 435-0376.

Schmidt speaks and signs books

Author and naturalist Susan Schmidt described replicating John Smith's 1608 voyage in the Chesapeake Bay at Rappahannock River Yacht Club May 20. She made the 100-day, 2,500-mile journey on her 22-foot boat and recounts it in *Landfall Along the Chesapeake: In the Wake of Captain John Smith*. She signed copies after the presentation. RRYC member Allan Young, left, thanks Schmidt for her presentation and inscription.

Window On Wildlife

by Joyce Fitchett Russell

Filling in this week for Joyce Fitchett Russell is Floyd Criswell.

Belly to belly with a snake

At our home at Merry Point, we have a small chicken house nearby. For several years the building was used as a retirement home for old banty chickens who could no longer lay eggs. Over the years, all the chickens died off one by one. Now the structure is used for storing firewood and lumber scraps.

One fall day several years ago, I entered the chicken house to install the storm windows which were stored flat against the ceiling. As I reached up to pull the first window down, a large snake tumbled toward me into the floor. The snake was as large as a 1940-type bicycle inner tube and was shiny black. As it fell, it brushed my hat brim, belt buckle and shoes. With a gasp I took a step back.

I've never been afraid of snakes, but they've always given me a little start at first sight. In the two seconds it took the snake to disappear into the firewood and lumber scraps, I knew it was a harmless black snake.

Snakes have usually been feared and despised, one of the few creatures that seems to carry an automatic death sentence. Like no other creature, they have had a bad press throughout recorded history.

As the snake slithered away, I made a silent agreement with him: he was to control the rats and mice, and I was to knock on the door and clear my throat before entering the building. Each of us has kept the bargain.

Over the past few years, I've seen the snake sunning itself outside the chicken house and I once saw his mate, or significant other, in the building. To remind me of his presence, he once left a calling card on the floor in the form of a large shed snakeskin. It was the second largest snake shed I've ever seen, second only to one in an abandoned ice house near our family farm in northern Kentucky.

As I get older, I realize more and more that life is precious to every creature. As a young boy, I shot a fox caught in a trap. I couldn't forget the look in the fox's eyes as I pulled the trigger. From that moment on, I made peace with wildlife.

There are three rules I try to keep as I live and share the world with wild creatures: don't harm wildlife just because you can; don't kill something just for the fun of it; don't kill an animal just because it may appear ugly by our standards.

That black snake probably thought I was the ugliest thing he had ever seen.

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Representing the local Turkey Shoot Regatta, Joe Waters recently placed first and second in the final Sunday races in the recent National Hospice Regatta in Annapolis. Photo by David J. Dunigan

Turkey Shoot rep places third in national regatta

Joe Waters, representing the 2005 Yankee Point Turkey Shoot Regatta, placed third in the Hospice Regatta National Championship in Annapolis May 14. Lee Williams of Irvington won his third Turkey Shoot Regatta in 2005 and deferred his slot in the championship to Waters.

Twenty-one skippers and their crews sailed J-105s in eight highly-competitive races over three days. Waters and his team of five were only in 14th position at the end of Friday's race, but by taking a first and a second in the final races on Sunday were able to improve their standing to third overall.

Waters described the regatta as "fantastic," with south winds of eight to 14 knots and a strong current all three days.

Competition was fierce – the winner was the Northeast Harbor Maine team led by Bob Johnstone, well-known racer and designer of the J-105. Second place went to Eric Greene and his team from Annapolis.

The Turkey Shoot is an annual event on the Rappahannock River that benefits four area hospices serving the counties of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. This year's regatta will be held October 6 through 8. To advertise in the program or to register to race, visit www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com.

From left, Seahorse sailing team members for 2005-06 are coach Jill Shore, Charles Wilcox, Ashley Trotter, Trey Conway, Julian Cornwell, Gavin Warren, Harrison Willis, Cori Radtke and headmaster Jeb Byers.

Christchurch sailors win state championship

The Christchurch School sailing team battled two-foot waves and 20-knot winds May 20 at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club to earn the Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association team racing state championship.

The Seahorses entered the regatta ranked third in the state for the regular season, with an 11-3 record.

Norfolk Collegiate finished second in the championship, and Poquoson High School was third.

"The team handled difficult conditions well. They sailed fast and smart," coach Shore said.

Pit Stop

Virginia Motor Speedway
May 20 results:
Late models – Jamie Lathroum, first; Somey Lacey Jr., second; Donnie Marshall Jr., third.
Sportsmen – Walker Arthur, first; Roger Jamerson, second; Donnie Owens, third.
Modifieds – Brian Dobie, first; Brent Bordeaux, second; Bret Hamilton, third.
Chargers – John Imler, first; Davis Lipscombe, second; Bob Terry, third.
All-Americans – Dustin Owens, first; Marty Coltrain, second; Gene Jamerson Sr., third.
May 27 upcoming races:
(VMS is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda. Pit gates open at 3 p.m..; spectator gates open at 4 p.m. Track activities begin at 6:15 p.m.)
Sprint (30 laps), **late models** (35 laps), **sportsmen** (30 laps), **modifieds** (25 laps).

Bowling Results

Mixed League

The Untouchables finished in first place for the second half of the season when they won two games against Woodie's Angels. Leading the way was Kenny Kent bowling a 154 game in a 385 set. Raymond Sisson rolled a 350 set. DeLoris Atkins had a 130 game. Mary Kent bowled a 105 game and Gladys Sisson had a game of 99. For the Angels, Theresa Davis bowled a 340 set. Woodie Evans rolled a 337 set and Betty Steffey had a 333 set. Beverly Benson had a 119 game.

The Untouchables will compete against Woodie's Angels for the championship.

All in Fun won two games against Guys and Dolls when Vergil Henderson bowled a 160 game in a 364 set. Harry Donavan rolled a 102 game and Julia George had a game of 88. For Guys and Dolls, Marie Piccard bowled a 321 set. John Forrester had a 317 set and Elsie Rose rolled a game of 92.

High game: Kenny Kent, 181; Marie Piccard, 164; Vergil Henderson, 160; John Forrester, 158; Betty Steffey, 157; Gladys Sisson, 156; Theresa Davis, 155.

High set: Theresa Davis, 415; Marie Piccard, 412; Betty Steffey, 409; Kenny Kent and John Forrester, 408; Gladys Sisson, 395.

High average: Kenny Kent, 116; Betty Steffey, Theresa Davis and John Forrester, 110; Raymond Sisson and Woodie Evans, 108.

Summer Mixed League bowling will begin June 5. To participate, come to Evans Bowling Center in Kilmarnock June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Standings

	W	L
Untouchables	31	20
Woodie's Angels	30	21
Guys & Dolls	25	26
All in Fun	16	35

Bridge Results

Seven-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play May 16 at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.

Winners north/south were first, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; second, Ronnie Gerster and Kate Frayne; and third, Cynthia Birdsall and Betty Thornton

Winners east/west were first, Helen Hopkins and Margaret Livesay; and second, (tie) Shirley Crockett and Elaine Weekley, and Dianne Monroe and Babs Murphy.

The next bridge for this group will be June 6 at 1 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Lancaster held a scholarship fund-raiser sandwich bridge May 17. The clubhouse was decorated with beautiful spring flowers. After a wonderful lunch, guests played bridge and mahjong.

The bridge winners were first, Marilyn Hedges with 3,020 points; and second, Virginia Adair with 2,630 points. The next sandwich bridge will be June 21. Call Betty Thornton at 462-0742 for reservations or to be placed on a waiting list.

Six tables of duplicate bridge were in play May 18 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners north/south were first, Babs Murphy and Ginger Klapp; second, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; and third, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair.

Winners east/west were first, Rebecca Harger and Carolyn Reed; second, Shirley Crockett and Suzi Winters; and third, Grace Nagel and Iris Panzetta.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, May 30, at 1 p.m.

Sports Shorts

■ On the water

Some 29 students completed "America's Boating Course" offered May 20 by Flotilla 3-10 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Port Kinsale Marina. Flotilla 3-10 will offer another course June 24 in Tappahannock. To buy a text and CD for the family to look at together before the class, call Wayne Ploger at 472-3835.

In addition, several Coast Guard certified vessel examiners provided free, voluntary vessel safety checks of boats at the marina. A dozen boats were checked and certified as being safe for operation. To get a free vessel safety check from Flotilla 3-10 in Essex County or the Northern Neck, call Joe Moschetti 529-7606.

▼ *Track and field . . . .* *(continued from page B11)*

(57.04).

Northumberland had three champions including Lavar Rich in the long jump (21'2 1/2") and the 400-meter dash (51.50) and Derrick Crockett in the high jump (5'10").

Girls meet

In the girls meet, Essex High captured seven individual championships to claim the district team title with 198 points. Lady Trojan Sha Rich won the 200-meter (27.86) and the triple jump (32'2 1/2") and was third in the 100-meter (13.17) to score 26 points the MVP.

Lancaster produced four district champions and was the team runner-up with 118 points. Washington & Lee was third with 71, Northumberland fourth with 48 and Rappahannock fifth with 17.

Tabitha Rinehart led the Lady Devils, claiming district titles in the 100-meter hurdles (18.19) and the high jump (4'7"). Rinehart also took fifth in the 300-hurdles in 1:06.42.

Brianne Oltermann and Lisa Faulkner led the district's distance runners, winning championships for Lancaster in the 800- and 3200-meter races, respectively. Oltermann won the half-mile in 2:49.83 and Faulkner paced the pack in the two-mile in 13:23.90.

Faulkner also finished third in the mile in 6:23.24 and second in the high jump (4'4") to score 24 points, while Oltermann finished with 12 points. She was sixth in both the 400-meter dash (1:11.47) and the triple jump (25'9 3/4").

Lancaster's Erica Patton took fourth in both the 1600 meter (6:38.74) and 3200 meter (14:41.71).

Tatiana Saunders scored an impressive 18 points for Lancaster without winning a title. She placed second in the 300 hurdles (56.81), third in the 100 hurdles (19.09), fourth in the triple jump (27'10 1/2") and fifth in the long jump (13'4").

Ashley Reese excelled in the field for Lancaster, taking third in both the shot put (28'10") and the discus (79'5"). Chiffon Beane also finished sixth for LHS in the long jump (12'2").

The top six qualifiers in each event in the boys and girls meets will advance to today's (May 25) Region A meet at West Point.

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Club Golf

Quinton Oaks Ladies

The Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association on May 17, held a low-gross, low-net tournament. Low-gross winners in Flight A were first, Maggie Dennett; second, Carol Reese; and third, Darlene Bean. Low-net winners were first (tie) Joan Frie, Sarah Hayes and Gloria Smith.

Low-gross winners in Flight B were first, Carol Uhfelder; second, Lorraine Holley; and third, Sara Goodwyn. Low-net winners were first, Millie Dickens; second (tie) Harriet Baggett and Jean Lee. Eight birdies were carded, one each by Baggett, Bean, Linda Dennis, Dickens, Frie, Hayes, Jane Heron, and Kay Miller. Six ladies had chip-ins, Baggett, Bean, Dennett, Dennis, Dickens and Smith. Dinnett won low putts.

Twenty members of the Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association visited the Golden Eagle. Su Schmalz won low gross. Low-net winners were first, Linda Dennis; second, Carol Reese; third, Joan Frie; fourth, Maggie Dennentt.

Piankatank River Ladies

The Piankatank River Ladies Golf Association on May 18 played a best of two balls net tourney. Winners were first, (129) Sharon Dunnaway, Betty Dunn, Lana Falkenstein and Carolyn Schott; second, (131) Karen Gorin, June Klink, Carole Lloyd and Kelly Lowe; and third, (138) Shelia Lia, Pat Olsen, Diana Pitts and Sandy Reiman.

Overall winners in the recent Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club Seniors Championship Tournament were first, Carol Haaland (left); and second, Nancy Monroe.

ICYCC men

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club men on May 17 played an interclub match with the Tartan Golf Club. The 18-hole competition ended in a tie. The next match is June 7 at the Golden Eagle.

ICYCC 18-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 18-holers on May 16 played the final round of a Seniors Championship Tournament. The winner was Carol Haaland and runner-up was Nancy Monroe. The flight winner was Pat Gwaltney and the runner-up was Joan May.

The daily tournament was low gross. First flight winners were first, Lori Richardson (83); and second, Maria Schreyer (92). Second flight winners were first, Molly Gatchell (98); and second, Lois Pancoast (104). Third flight winners were first, Elise Hilbert (116); and second, Betty Rounds (122). May, Schreyer and Virginia Henry had chip-ins.

Flight winners were first, Pat Gwaltney (left); and second, Joan May.

ICYCC 9-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-holers on May 18 played a low gross/low net tournament. Gross winners were first, Jenny Boyenga (48); and second, Fran Sulic (54). Net winners were first, Linda Byrum (30); and Marilyn Reed, (35).

Tartan Golf Club

Monday Play Day men's winners at the Tartan Golf Club were first, (tie) Randy Meadows and Steve Craig; third, Art Neal; fourth, Mike Osteen; fifth, Ron Silver; sixth, Dick Huffman; seventh, Herb Hammock.

Sunday Twilight winners were first, Pete and Nancy Strum; second, M.P. White and Jean Hooper; third, Ron and Ann Silver; and fourth, Dick and June Horn.

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Motorists reminded to buckle up

RICHMOND—As part of the annual Click It or Ticket enforcement effort, the Virginia State Police will join forces with local police and sheriff's offices across the Commonwealth to conduct safety belt checkpoints and other stepped-up law enforcement activities.

The nationwide buckle up safety initiative runs May 22 through June 4.

"Even with Virginia's safety belt usage rate at an impressive 80.4 percent, there still remain another 20 percent that are putting their lives in jeopardy by not buckling up," said Col. W. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. "Statistics show those least likely to buckle up are young males, pickup truck drivers and their passengers, those living in rural areas, and night-time drivers. Don't be a statistic. Buckle up."

In Virginia, 922 persons were killed in 837 motor vehicle-related crashes in 2004, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Of those killed, 421 were unrestrained.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), regular safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, safety belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent—and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans.

Click It or Ticket is one of Virginia's several transportation safety programs supported by the Smart, Safe and Sober partnership. Smart, Safe and Sober is a statewide effort dedicated to preventing deaths and injuries on Virginia's roadways. The partnership includes the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP), Virginia Sheriff's Association, DRIVE SMART Virginia, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and the Virginia State Police.

AAA projects slight increase in holiday travel

NEWPORT NEWS—Travel will be up slightly this Memorial Day holiday despite high gas prices and increasing vacation costs, according to AAA.

AAA estimates that 37.6 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home this holiday, a 0.9 percent increase from last year.

Approximately 31.4 million travelers (84 percent of all holiday travelers) expect to go by motor vehicle, a 0.7 percent increase from the 31.2 million who drove a year ago.

Another 4.3 million (11 percent of holiday travelers) plan to travel by airplane, up 1.5 percent from last Memorial Day. A projected 1.9 million (5 percent of all holiday travelers) vacationers will travel by train, bus, or other mode of transportation, about even with a year ago.

"High gas prices and increased vacation costs won't deter Americans from traveling this Memorial Day," said AAA Tidewater marketing and public affairs vice president Georjeane Blumling. "Families may travel closer to home or for fewer days, but they will continue to take vacations and plan getaways."

Holiday auto travelers will find gas prices nationwide currently averaging $2.91 for a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline—up 11 cents from a month ago and more than 77 cents higher than this time last year.

Air travelers will also be paying more to fly this weekend. AAA's Leisure Travel Index shows flights over the holiday weekend averaging 10 percent more this year than last year. Hotel rates will also be up about 5 percent from a year ago. The greatest increase will be seen in rental car rates—up about 19 percent from a year ago—adding almost $6 to the average daily car rental rate, the highest average rate for Memorial Day weekend in the past six years.

"Fewer seats and higher fuel costs have resulted in an increase in ticket prices," said Blumling. "Regardless of higher airfares, travelers can expect full planes and busy airports for Memorial Day weekend and throughout the remainder of the summer."

▼ *Northumberland planning commission . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

of piers on state-owned land.

Ian Duncan and Tom Sperry both separately supported the amendment.

"I don't like buildings on the water," Duncan said. "That's what land was meant for."

Sperry said that the county's waterways are its biggest asset. "This is a little bit of God's country down here and we need to protect it," he said.

Commission member Allen Webb noted that the amendments "are not taking away a right that was already there." The county currently restricts non-commercial piers to a total of 250 square feet and prohibits gazebos, but new state laws allow for piers to be as large as 400 square feet and allows gazebos by right on piers unless they are specifically prohibited by local ordinance. The county must put its current restrictions in writing to maintain them.

"If the state code hadn't changed, this wouldn't be an issue," said assistant county administrator Luttrell Tadlock.

Allen asked why open-sided gazebos are prohibited when boathouses are allowed.

Deputy zoning administrator Robin Markham noted that boathouses are water-dependent structures. They allow access to the resource and protect somebody's private property, whereas a gazebo is a luxury meant for entertainment purposes.

Zoning administrator W.H. Shirley added that the Chesapeake Bay Act will not permit a gazebo within the 100-foot buffer. "So why should the county allow it directly over the water instead?" he asked.

Considering these factors, the commission approved a recommendation to the board of supervisors to adopt the amendment.

The commission also recommended, 6-0, that the board adopt an amendment to address the use of private storage buildings as primary structures. The county's zoning ordinance does not currently address this issue.

The amendment would allow storage sheds smaller than 24-feet-by-24-feet (or 576 square feet) as the primary structure on any property by right. Sheds larger than that size would be allowed by right on business and industrial zoned property, but would require a conditional use permit on residential and agricultural property.

All sheds still require a zoning permit and stick-built sheds over 150-square-feet require a building permit as well.

The board of supervisors will take up these two issues during its July meeting.

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From left, Annette Reed of White Stone accepts the Best of Show Bike trophy from show coordinator Paul Jones, for Mike Reynold's custom chopper. "There were a total of 130 entries for our first show," said Jones.

From left, show coordinators Paul Jones and Mike Ercelino present the Best of Show Car trophy to Melvin and Karen Knight of Mosely for their 1932 Hudson Essex. They also received the Best Engine Award.

Auto show offers lots of photo opportunities, camera breaks

by Joan McBride

My car-buff husband and I had been looking forward to the White Stone Custom Car-Truck-Bike Show last Saturday. He likes to see and remember car models he's owned; I like the crowds and babies and imagining myself in a flamed vintage hot rod roaring into the Tri- Star lot for a gallon of milk.

The car show proved to be a great down-home event where the exhibitors and admirers chatted amiably.

I saw senior citizens, teenagers, whole families, and viewed the youngest attendee, a sleeping 8-week-old baby boy all duded up for summer. I made new friends and saw some old ones.

Although one picture is worth a thousand words, or at least a couple hundred, I'll have to tell you what I saw at the car show, since I was unaware my camera had broken and carried on busily posing friendly people in front of the gorgeous vintage cars and trucks and bikes. And I was very careful to get the spelling of their names just right to accompany whichever pictures might be selected to run in the paper.

White Stone sisters Crystal Sheffield and Holly Eppihimer willingly pulled the little red wagon containing their toddler friend Landon Grenier over a few steps so that a gorgeous lime-green '67 Chevy pickup appeared as a colorful backdrop.

As I prepared to take the shot, Landon bobbed out of sight leaning over in the wagon seat to find his faithful comfort-giving apparatus. So I waited till he surfaced to snap a shot of the youthful threesome complete with Landon's pacifier securely in its proper place: his mouth.

As we strolled a little further, suddenly a peach-colored '33 Dodge Hiboy Coupe with a vibrant purple curling-flame paint job caught my eye along with a woman standing right next to the car with the same peach-colored blouse.

Of course, I assumed Victoria Jackson was connected to the car in the clever way that folks sometime dress to match their cars. She promptly set me straight, but then I noticed the woman she was with was wearing the exact same shade of purple as the flames, so I asked daughter Valcenia Walters to be in the shot too.

I walked on thinking of the clever caption I would put on that one.

We walked on until we stopped dead in our tracks before Marshall Johnson's '39 Chevrolet painted in a very distinctive way with its chocolate brown on top and its swirling white bottom which both came together in a striking wavy pattern.

Johnson, who has a body shop in his home near Saluda, works with his son and sometimes his grandson. He painted this beauty himself. My husband was so impressed he made arrangements to talk with him about a badly-needed paint job for our pickup.

A striking '32 Essex was our next stop. We talked with Middlesex High School students Chris Huizenga and Robert McBride (no relation to us). We tried to learn about any connection between the Middlesex McBrides and we McBrides from Montana (now Lancaster County Molluskites), but discovered they were the Scottish clan while we think our McBrides are from the Emerald Isle.

As we worked our way across the back line of parked show-stoppers, two sweet little late model convertibles took my eye. A pale yellow Volkswagon bug displayed beautiful hand-painted roses on its trunk and hood, while right next to it a PT Cruiser boasted a large and very colorful trio of playful parrots and the word "Margaritaville" which virtually jumped off the hood into your arms.

While owner Brenda Custellaw was showing me her trunk where a very well-done cartoon version of a mural featuring a swinging parrot beach party in Margaritaville— complete with dancing-girl parrots in grass skirts and coconut bras—I ran into a young friend who will soon be advancing to Lancaster Middle School.

Earlier this spring, Kyle Bennett had been of great assistance to me when he helped train me for the TEA for Two after-school program at Lancaster Primary School. You should have seen the great pictures I took of Kyle gazing at local artist Kathy Bland's whimsical parrot beach party. She had also painted the sedate and classically beautiful roses on the bug.

In the name of photojournalism, I disturbed a couple of young cousins having a quiet and shady moment in Norris Parker's 2001 Ford Ranger. Nickolas Chinn and LaReya Parker graciously agreed to let me interrupt them and get a few pictures of these two very photogenic relatives.

As we made our way down the row of motorcycles, a tall, somewhat intimidating man wearing some Harley regalia was busily dusting off his "hog." As you may know, there are two actions by a man that a woman can't resist: one is a man with a dust cloth dusting anything and the other is a man with his hands in the dishpan. I promptly digitized the moment for posterity.

This Harley-dusting man turned out to be a former White Stone Elementary School attendee and a 1977 graduate of Lancaster High School, where, he proudly told us he had been the drum major.

Keith Wood now lives up north where he works with the D.C. Department of Corrections and the U.S. Marshall's office in transporation security.

As we were about to leave the car show, we happened on the youngest person there. Pierson Long, 8-week-old son of Carl and Susan Long of Taylors Creek, was not in the slightest taken aback by my new-fangled digital picture-taking machine (which, of course, wasn't taking pictures at all).

He lolled sound asleep and oblivious to all while I took a couple of shots of him and his cute and perky mother. Dad Carl was there for the fire department games held earlier.

So, that was our wonderful time at the White Stone Custom Car-Truck-Bike Show, a big show in a little town where folks are friendly and welcoming to strangers, even those with broken cameras.

▼ *Police. . . .*

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and transported four inmates or mental subjects.

The sheriff's staff also responded to:

• a contractor fraud complaint May 15 in the 800 block of King Carter Drive;

• a larceny report May 17 of building materials from the 18800 block of Mary Ball Road;

• a report May 18 of the theft of household goods from the 800 block of Chestnut Grove Lane;

• a residential burglary report May 19 in the 400 block of Gaskins Road; and,

• a mutual aid call from Northumberland authorities responding to a large crowd/disturbance possibly involving firearms in Wicomico Church; and to a domestic disturbance at Lancaster.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported charges were brought against 10 individuals last week.

Doris L. Noel, 41, of Heathsville was charged May 10 with failure to appear in Circuit Court.

LaVisha Thompson, 29, of Farnham was charged May 20 with embezzlement from a business in the Village area.

Horace R. Keeve, 59, of Reedville was charged May 20 with possession of controlled substance.

James McBride, 59, of Reedville was charged May 20 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Herbert Cottrell, 61, of Reedville was charged May 20 with possession of controlled substance.

Jennifer Vanlandingham, 24, of Lottsburg was charged May 21 on a Westmoreland County warrant with possession of controlled substance.

A Weems man, 20, was charged May 14 with possession of alcohol while being under age.

A Reedville man, 37, was charged May 17 with assault and battery of a family or household member.

A Richmond man, 45, was charged May 19 with failure to pay child support as ordered.

A Reedville man, 37, was charged May 21 with assault and aggressive driving.

For the week ending May 21, the sheriff's office dispatcher handled 136 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to three alarm calls, 61 citizen's complaints, 10 accident or traffic related offenses and eight transports of inmates or mental subjects.

Rep. Davis reminds folks to take care of themselves

Washington, D.C.—Rep. Jo Ann Davis last week urged her constituents to have regular check-ups in light of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) National Women's Health Week. The HHS Office on Women's Health began this week calling national attention to the importance of women's health, and is carrying out more than 1,000 events nationwide.

"I want to encourage everyone in the First District to go to their local doctor or health center for a check-up," Rep. Davis said.

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