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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Police Reports

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported charges were placed against six individuals last week.

Shanika Coleman, 18, of Lancaster was charged May 22 with two counts of fraud.

William Edward Tate, 41, of Farnham was charged May 25 with construction fraud.

Michael C. Stevens, 23, of Haynesville was charged May 27 with a Circuit Court violation.

Charles Merrill, 50, of Wake was charged May 28 with construction fraud.

A 41-year-old Lancaster woman was charged May 19 with writing a bad check for $62.38 to a Callao-area business.

A 65-year-old Heathsville woman was charged May 25

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Honoring those who gave their lives in the name of freedom

Lancaster High School band director Robbie Spiers plays "Taps" at the 17th annual Memorial Day ceremony at Bethel United Methodist Church on Monday. During the service, a wreath was presented in honor of the 115 servicemen buried in the cemetery.

Photos by Conrad Wineland

Budget negotiations resume; results could pack local punch

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—The best way to get past a roadblock, sometimes, is to take a simple detour. The General Assembly may be taking this approach to overcome its own stalemate on transportation issues.

The Senate joined the House last week in approving a budget bill stripped of any new spending for transportation, indicating that the House and Senate have at last agreed to hold a special session on long-term transportation issues this fall.

While the House version of the bill dedicates $1 billion in new spending to transportation, the Senate version attempts to place pressure on delegates by setting aside only $567 million, more than half of which would revert to the general fund if a transportation agreement cannot be reached by November 1.

The fall session would be dedicated to creating new funding sources for transportation. The Senate has been largely in favor of increasing licensing fees and taxes while the House would prefer to see a system of user fees, tolls and regional authorities created.

The two versions of the bill were headed to a conference committee Tuesday and resolution must be reached by June 22 in order to give the governor time to act before the new budget year begins July 1.

Apart from new transportation funding, the two versions of the bill are largely similar, said Del. Rob Wittman. However, the versions do vary in four areas that may concern residents of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula, he added. Both Wittman and Del. Harvey Morgan are closely watching these issues as the conference committee works through the budget.

One difference deals with the regional jails. When federal prisoners are housed in a regional jail, the federal government provides a reimbursement to the jail to cover the cost of that inmate. Currently, the state also reimburses the jail for that same inmate.

The House version of the bill would remove the state reimbursement for federal prisoners while the Senate version leaves the state reimbursement intact. Not all regional jails accept federal prisoners, but the Northern Neck Regional Jail does, said Del. Wittman. Since its inception, the jail has based its operating budget on receiving reimbursement from both governments. If the state withdraws its portion, the burden will fall on the localities to cover the hole in the budget.

The state reimbursements to the Northern Neck Regional Jail amount to $1 million per year, Del. Wittman said. He and Sen. John Chichester are in favor of the Senate version.

Another issue of local importance is the land conservation tax credit. The tax credit reimburses land owners for the value they gave up by not developing a portion of the property.

Currently, the Senate version proposes to cap that tax credit at $45 million per year. The House

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Public access authority could establish more beaches, launch sites

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

KILMARNOCK—Three Northern Neck counties have joined forces to open more water access to the public.

The newly-formed Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority brings together Lancaster, Northumberland and Westmoreland counties in a collaborative effort to create more public beaches, boat launches, fishing piers and recreation areas. Richmond county decided not to join.

Modeled after its Middle Peninsula counterpart, which has opened hundreds of acres of waterfront and garnered millions in grant funding in the past few years, the Northern Neck public access authority will have the power to buy, hold and sell land.

It will also have the ability to pursue grants from state and federal organizations and to receive donations. Being a regional authority, the group should be able to leverage more state and federal funds than a single county could.

The coordination will allow the Northern Neck to offer a variety of public access sites convenient from many locations.

Following approval of enabling legislation by the General Assembly last year, the Northern Neck Planning District Commission secured a $20,000 grant from the Coastal Zone Management Program to organize the collaborative. The NNPDC will continue to provide staff to the authority, taking minutes, making announcements, writing grants and providing the meeting space.

"We have no preconceived notions," said environmental planner Stuart McKenzie. "It's up to the members to decide which way they want to go."

On a personal note, McKenzie said, "One of my reasons for wanting to help get this authority up and running is to increase access for people who are not rich enough to have waterfront property and cannot afford a boat but still want to crab and fish."

With available waterfront property quickly giving way to development, this is a crucial time to begin this program, he said.

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Yacht runs aground on Steamboat Road

by Audrey Thomasson

IRVINGTON—Not since Noah's Ark has a boat caused such a stir smack dab in the center of town.

Shearwater, a 35,000-pound sailboat registered in Monterey, Calif., was the focus of attention last week as it sat for nearly seven hours on the corner of Steamboat Road and Seafood Lane in Irvington.

In a land-locked voyage that originated in Mexico, the 43-foot sailboat was picked up in Tucson, Ariz., by an Indiana trucking company, Boat Transit Inc., and transported cross country.

Within 100 yards of its final destination, the trailer became hung on the asphalt in Irvington. The trailer bottomed out when its back tires rolled into a drainage dip in the roadway while turning down the steep incline leading to Custom Yachts.

"I'm not having a good day," said truck driver Joe Monesmith of Wenatchee, Wash., after getting stuck at 12:30 p.m. and waiting all afternoon for a tow truck.

When a tow truck finally arrived, it ended up damaging the roadway on Steamboat Road during several failed attempts to lift the trailer.

Robert Harper of the Virginia Department of Transportation assessed the road damage and State Trooper Chris Bingham planned to issue a citation to the tow-truck company, which left the scene before Bingham arrived.

By the time Kenny's Auto Service in Montross arrived with a larger capacity truck, residents had gathered on nearby lawns to watch. The wrecking truck pulled into position at 6:15 p.m., trapping local business workers who had to wait an hour while the men worked to dislodge the trailer.

Kenny Pitts jacked up the trailer as his crew placed boards under the back tires. Then the wrecking truck pushed while Monesmith pulled with his rig and at 7:15 p.m. the trailer was freed. There was no damage to the boat or trailer.

The Shearwater was delivered to the yacht company to be reassembled before being launched into Carters Creek. Lester Potter of Custom Yachts said the owners of the vessel are building a home in the area.

In a combination of pushing with the wrecking truck and pulling with the trucking rig, the 43-foot Shearwater is freed from being landlocked.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Hey, Miss May: Where'd you go, girl? We loved your visit, but you left so soon, barely rumpling the sheets and slipping away before we'd even thanked you for your gifts.

You brought so much, May. How does a light and airy girl like you tote that bulging satchel? You emptied its treasures slowly, steadily, like a magician pulling scarves from her sleeves.

You brought the perfect mix of sunny days and cool nights. There can't be more, we said, but you pulled out satin streamers for the May pole and maracas for Cinquo de Mayo. Out came the roses and mint for Derby Day. Out came the Preakness with its Barbaro blow, and the photo finish at Indy.

Out came Mother's Day with all the memories and promise it holds, emeralds for the May-born, and storybook weddings in country churches. Out came reunions of the Old Guard at their 50th and the footloose at their fifth. Out came tossed caps at college graduations and nearly grown children home for the summer. (It's midnight. Are they in yet? What do you mean, they're just going out?)

Tucked into that grip, May, was your artist's palette with its circle of subtle shades and vivid splotches. Leafing the trees in myriad greens, you painted our set, dappled it with sunlight, finished with a breezy wash and propped it under the canopy of the Virginia-blue sky.

Your greens changed our world. Hidden now is the crows' nest so visible last month in the crook of the high, stubby branch. Wrapped now is the riverbank in her soft green shawl splashed with palest laurel. Velvet now is the thick spring lawn, clogging the mower and defying grim visions of dry July.

With subtle strokes you transformed the barley's silver-green stalks and lime chapeaux into endless fields of gold. Fat disks of hay dot the countryside. Corn pushes its way upward.

Old-fashioned ladies, peonies perfume the party and drop their petals like heirloom pearls in a strand still clasped. In the rose garden, Mr. Lincoln blooms blood-red. Phlox finish. Basil, the staple of summer, grabs hold. This morning's mounds mark the frolic of last night's moles.

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You've brought the songbirds, May. Peter, Peter, says the tufted titmouse. Cheeseburger, cheeseburger, says the Carolina wren. The male cardinal feeds his bride in a gesture so tender that I'm sure I've imagined it; but there, he feeds her again.

In contrast, the lonely whippoorwill sings all night to himself. Perhaps he alone sees the masked raccoon arrive to rob the feeder. Asleep, we are defenseless and refill in the morning.

Bright yellow goldfinch swing on thistle bags recommended at the Audubon Society's outstanding classes. Like junior high cliques, they allow one on, chase off another, flap at each other in mid-air to settle catfights. The girls are the cruelest.

One shy boy approaches, then loses nerve. Go for it, I say from my window. Believe in yourself. Call for the date. Go out for the team. But he slinks off; self-doubt has done him in.

With all your bounty, May, I'm not complaining, but you forgot the hummingbirds. My red and yellow hot air balloon hangs unvisited from the deck. Is the site wrong? The sugar sour? Like the rejected finch, I'm losing hope. The ants, however, rejoice.

You brought boats back to the river and crabs to the pots. We stare each other down, Mr. Blue Crab and I, each of us lunging our pincers at the other. If I am victorious, the crab is imperial.

You brought visits to and from family, May, the greatest treasure of all. You brought delicious writers through the Faulkner program at the Northumberland Public Library and my own luxurious rereading of "Sophie's Choice," with Styron weaving his Tidewater into the warp of Brooklyn and Auschwitz.

Near the end of your stay, May, you spoke the benediction with the splendid magnolia, the blossom we chose for my grandmother's May grave.

Graves, May. You brought flags for the graves of the soldiers, brought the great American hymns for church organists and brass ensembles to play. You brought honor guards, bagpipes, tears on flushed cheeks and hands trembling over full hearts.

And without fanfare you're off, your suitcase loosely lined with the rubble of old azalea and faded dogwood. Where do you go, May, while we wait eleven months for your return?

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Take the slow lane to family

Recently I was seated on a plane whizzing across America. My row-mate was venting about the upcoming holiday weekend and his over-stressed family calendar.

Across the aisle, a chap who worked for social services in the northeast corridor of the U.S. chimed in with shocking statistics of youth crime-on-crime. We three bantered that about until the cabin attendants brought refreshments and the fellow across the aisle and his row-mate were off on some golf bragging rights.

My partner shared that he was working hard at being the best dad ever, married to the best mom, parenting the best children... I could hear the guilt dripping from his heart. He was embarked upon a venture better than he'd known as a child. He was raised by the Grands, as mom and dad couldn't be anymore.

His daughter was taking dance and playing softball. Her school session was not yet in recess and they were prepping for SOLs. She was even in a year-end musical.

He continued with stories about his two boys, their end-of-season academic activities, scouting, upcoming summer camp away from home, and their ball team's entry into semi-final competition. He was ecstatic about them being on the same team and being champs.

My too-stressed dad lamented that he and his wonderful family hardly ever got to eat a meal together.

"That's it." I murmured to myself. "Do you get to church with the family often?" I asked.

His whole demeanor checked as he softly and slowly answered, "No."

Claybrook Baptist
Weems

Those of you who know me can guess where the conversation went after such an admission.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently reported upon the importance of table time. What is dinnertime like in your home?

Does everyone heat up his own meal in the microwave at different times and retreat to his own corner of the house? Eating dinner together, for many families, has become a lost art, but it is a simple, effective way to reduce the risk of youth substance abuse and to raise healthier children.

The importance of regular family activities to share ideas and "what's happening" is a great way for a parent to be involved, discuss rules, monitor activities and friends, and be a good role model. The benefits of eating together will last long after your meal ends, especially if you make family mealtimes a regular activity.

Why are family mealtimes important?

Children who do not eat dinner with their families are 61 percent more likely to use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. By contrast, children who eat dinner with their families every night of the week are 20 percent less likely to drink, smoke, or use illegal drugs.

Teens who eat frequent family dinners are less likely than other teens to have sex at young ages, get into fights, or be suspended from school, and they are at lower risk for thoughts of suicide.

By eating with your children, it is more likely that they will eat healthier foods and more balanced meals.

Dining together is a chance for parents and children to talk with one another.

Parental influence and involvement is an important tool in preventing substance abuse. Regularly sitting down for a meal with your children is one way to connect with them and be involved with what is happening in their lives.

What should we talk about around the table?

Ask everyone to share his or her favorite part or biggest challenge of the day.

Plan the next day's dinner together.

Share your own childhood memories.

Discuss an activity the family can do together.

Talk with your children about a book they are reading or a movie they have seen.

Eating dinner together every night is an opportunity to open the doors of communication. This will help you find out more about your children's likes, dislikes, and daily life. Having this information can help you direct your children toward positive activities and behavior, reducing the likelihood that they will get involved with alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

Let's go an extra mile in family improvement, shall we? After three decades in the ministry I am confident that an old saw, around for as long as church, is still on target: "The family that prays together, stays together."

I should imagine that if families plan to eat together (after asking God's blessing) and worship together (in the same church) we could expect to see a quantum leap in civil society.

I believe that moms are the greatest when tending to family affairs. They most often hit upon the essence of matters. Church seems to come easier for most moms.

Let me speak to the dads out there. The dads who get to church with the whole family are my heroes. But, more importantly, they become heroes to their own families. No sweeter picture can be painted than mom, dad, and the kids sitting in a pew together. Those dads become better at PTA meetings, athletic events, employment, family outings, and the bonus -- better lovers for their wives.

Too many families attempt too much activity, equating energy expended with success. Slow down. Get 'round the table, get 'round the church. "Train up a child in the way he should go and he when he is old, he will not depart from it," (Proverbs 22:6).

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, June 4:
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, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship and recognition of High School Seniors
7 p.m., Lancaster High School Baccalaureate Service. All are welcome. Followed by social in church hall.
Wednesday, June 7
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, June 6:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield
Pastor McKibbon
693-5503
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, June 7:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Worship/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 1:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Saturday, June 3:
7:45 a.m., - 12 noon, Youth Mission Trip-Habitat for Humanity-Age 14 and older
Sunday, June 4:
Communion and Scholarship Recongition Sunday
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
6 p.m., Salt & Light
Monday, June 5:
5:30 p.m., Budget and Finance Committee
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, June 6:
12:30 p.m., Mission Action Committee
Wednesday, June 7:
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
Lebanon
9:45 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
Providence
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church,
435-2435
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, June 4:
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, June 7:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
529-9223
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, June 8:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
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

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road, c
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, June 4:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
Homecoming at Historic Christ Church
Both services held at Christ Church
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11 a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by picnic on the lawn
Wednesday, June 7:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
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, June 4:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, June 7:
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
Saturday, June 3:
4:30 p.m., Picnic at the Glebe to meet Bishop Grundorf
Sunday, June 4:
Whitsunday
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Service of Holy Communion & Confirmation The Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf (APA)
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday June 4:
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, June 4:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, June 7:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St.
435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday June 4:
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, June 1:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
Sunday, June 4:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Tuesday, June 6:
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel's UMW meet
Wednesday, June 7:
6 a.m., BEUMM Prayer Breakfast at Bethel
7 p.m., BEUMM Council meets

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road,
Edwardsville; 580-7306
Rev. Vernell M. Carter, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich, Pastor
Saturday, June 3:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
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, June 7:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Early Morning Worship Service
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, June 7:
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Church School for all
11 a.m., Worship Service
Commissioning of Missionaries to Gulfport, MS
Celebrating of the Lord's Supper
Guest Preacher: Dr. Alexander McKelway
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
3 p.m., Campbell's Annual Cruise
Thursday, June 8:
3:30 p.m., Worship Ministry Group

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, June 4:
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, June 1:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Disciple 4 (Ch. 31)
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Sunday, June 4:
8 a.m., Weekender's Worship
10 a.m., Worship "Real Splendor" (Haggai 2: 1-9)
Monday, June 5:
6:30 p.m., Disciple 1 (Ch. 29)
Wednesday, June 7:
8:30 a.m., Finance Committee

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7
Sunday, June 4:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, June 4:
10:30 a.m., Service, Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553, Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock
Dreamfield, Irvington Road,
KilmarnockPastors Mike and Lesley Gates, 804-761-1578
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3 p.m.,

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock;
443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan
Thursday, June 1:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, June 4:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:

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Obituaries

Mary E. Anderson

OAKLAND—Mary Elizabeth Anderson, 74, died May 24, 2006, at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Marie Anderson, in Chestertown, Md. Ms. Anderson had been a resident of Richmond for most of her life.

She was a native of Richmond County and a lifelong member of Oakland United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Farnham High School and of Saint Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Richmond. She served the Richmond community as a registered nurse until 1995 when she retired from Henrico Doctor's Hospital, Parham Campus.

She was predeceased by her parents, Loren and Nettie Anderson.

She is survived by her brother and his wife; three nieces, Kathryn Anderson, Julie Anderson and Jennifer Ely and their families; a cousin, David Beauchamp, and his family of Baltimore; and many friends in Richmond.

Funeral services were held May 29 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home with interment at Oakland United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Chester River Home Care and Hospice, 6602 Church Hill Road, Suite 300, Chestertown, MD 21620, or to Oakland United Methodist Church in Farnham.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

George S. Baird

KILMARNOCK—George S. Baird's memorial service will be held June 6 at noon at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

Terrell L. Bromley

HEATHSVILLE—Terrell LaVon Bromley, 24, of Heathsville died May 14, 2006.

Mr. Bromley was born January 12, 1982, to Lisa Bromley and Theodore Harcum Jr. He attended Northumberland County public schools. He received a GED in 2003 and a CDL in Kentucky. He worked for Carry-on Trailers and prior to death was employed as a supervisor at Potomac Supply. He was also a translator for Northumberland County courts.

Mr. Bromley

He was predeceased by a grandmother, Hortense Moody; a grandfather, Theodore Harcum Sr.; and an uncle and aunt, Joseph and Janice Harcum.

He is survived by his mother and father; a mentor, Kermit Greene; grandparents Olethia and Levern Bromley; two brothers, Quinta Bromley of Heathsville and Sean Booker of Newport News; a sister, Tameka Fauntleroy of Richmond; three nephews, Quinta and Quintaz Bromley of Heathsville and Elijah Booker; eight aunts, Deloris Sutton of Kilmarnock, Violus Bromley of Reedville, Bonie Bromley of Wicomico Church, Glenda Palmer, Cantress and Forestine Bromley, all of Heathsville, and Shelia Owens and Terisita Harcum of Lancaster; four uncles, William Bromley of Wicomico Church, Welford Bromley of Lottsburg, Harold Bromley of Heathsville and Russell Bromley of Richmond; and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held May 26 at First Baptist Church in Heathsville with minister Genita Maiden as eulogist. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Donta Bromley, Clovice Coleman, Elvis Sutton, Earl Sutton, Maurice Sutton and Terry Bromley.

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

Jarlene V.S. Clayton

GLENN ALLEN—Jarlene Varleda Smith Clayton, 51, died May 24, 2006, at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond.

Mrs. Clayton was born in Lancaster County January 27, 1955, to Carroll and Walice Smith. She joined Mount Olive Baptist Church and later joined the Second Baptist Church of Richmond. She attended the Anna T. Jean Elementary School and graduated from Northumberland High School.

Mrs. Clayton

She received a bachelor's in education from Virginia Union University and joined the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She received a master's in guidance and counseling from Virginia State University.

She began teaching at Hamilton Holmes Elementary School in King William County. She transferred to the Richmond public schools and taught at Thompson and Boushall middle schools. She was a guidance counselor at the latter and most recently at George Wythe High School.

She married Garry Van Clayton April 26, 1986; he predeceased her in 1998.

She is survived by their daughter, Danielle Clayton; her parents, Carroll and Walice Smith; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, friends and colleagues.

Funeral services were held May 28 at Mulberry Baptist Church in Emmerton with pastor Joseph E. Toliver officiating and pastor Ralph Hodge of Richmond serving as eulogist. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Homer Clayton, Nathaniel Clayton, William Cain, Ken Thompson, George Snead and Bernie Dunlevy.

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. Jenkins 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.

Steven T. Records

WHITE STONE—Steven Thomas Records, 52, of Austin, Texas, died May 29, 2006.

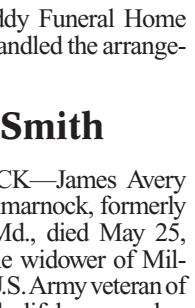
Mr. Records is survived by his father and stepmother, Edward T. Records Jr. and Letha Records of White Stone; his mother, Bernice Logan of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.; and a sister, Amy Whisenhunt of Austin, Texas.

A private memorial service will be held in White Stone at a later date.

Lorene E. Robinson

BROWNS STORE—Lorene Edwards Robinson, 76, of Browns Store died May 20, 2006.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Lancaster County June 26, 1929, to George and Bessie Edwards. She attended Lancaster County public schools and joined Morning Star Baptist Church in Heathsville. She worked many years in the seafood industry and helped take care of others.


Mrs. Robinson

She married Leslie Robinson September 2, 1978.

She was predeceased by a daughter from a previous marriage, Bessie Turner; a brother, Earl Edwards; and three sisters, Geraldine Edwards, Iona Johnson and Mary Corsey.

She is survived by her husband; four grandchildren, Phyllis, Corey and Nicole, all of Maryland, and Diane of Kilmarnock; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mabel E. Taylor of Wicomico Church; three sisters-in-law, Beverly Hudnall of Reedville, Ida Brown and Hilda Parrot of Baltimore; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held May 23 at Morning Star Baptist Church with pastor Walker Wilson officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

James A. Smith

KILMARNOCK—James Avery Smith, 84, of Kilmarnock, formerly of Hyattsville, Md., died May 25, 2006. He was the widower of Mildred F. Smith, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a lifelong member of Stansbury-Dawson Lodge No. 12 A.F.&A.M. of Washington, D.C.

He was previously a member of the Rehoboth Ruritan Club and previously attended Rehoboth Methodist Church.

Mr. Smith was born September 15, 1921, in the District of Columbia to Walter and Mary Smith. He grew up in Hyattsville and married Mildred Williamson in 1943. They lived in Hyattsville and moved to Kilmarnock in 1978.

Mr. Smith

He was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1942, but was sent to advanced infantry training due to the decimation of the 106th Infantry Division at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944.

He made a career in retail sales of hardware and automotive equipment.

He began playing the guitar, banjo and stand-up bass professionally at age 17. He played with Cab Calloway's Big Band in Washington, D.C., with Mickey Rooney in Germany, and in the 1980s and '90s with local groups including the Bayside Band, the Big Ten Piece Band, the Northern Neck Big Band and others.

He is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Brenda L. and Charles Stroud of Huntsville, Ala., and Candice Gill of Kansas City, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law, James M. Smith and Nancy Turner of Laurel, Md.; three grandchildren, Michael and Heather Smith and Jenny Gill; a great-grandson, James E. Smith; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald L. and Betty Smith of Annapolis and Walter R. and Terry Smith of Columbia, Md.; and his 100-year-old mother-in-law who resided with him the last two years at Mayfair House in Kilmarnock.

A memorial service was held May 31 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock. Interment was at Rehoboth Cemetery in Kilmarnock.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Lancaster High School Band, P.O. Box 790, Lancaster, VA 22503; Rehoboth Methodist Church, or a charity of one's choice.

Connie T. Taft

WHITE STONE—Connie Tyler Taft of White Stone died May 24, 2006, after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

She had a special Mother's Day celebration including a visit from all her brothers and sisters, "White Stone family," and friends.

She retired from Russell-Stanley of Richmond after several years of service.

She was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Mildred "Ma" Green of DeRidder, La.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Taft of White Stone (formerly of Mechanicsville); two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Allsa Fritz of Houston, Texas, and Charles Fritz of DeRidder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Brian Woodle and Cindy and Smitty Maloy, all of Mechanicsville; three grandsons, Tyler and Brandon Fritz of Houston and Brad Woodle of Mechanicsville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Frank Miller of Dry Creek, La., and Bea and Jerry Westbrook of McKinney, Texas; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Ginger Green of Baton Rouge, La., and Carroll and Marjorie Green, and Luther and Gail Green, all of DeRidder; and many nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 27 at the Mechanicsville Chapel of Bennett Funeral Home. A memorial service and interment will be held in De Ridder at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, 50094 Monument Avenue, #3102, Richmond, VA 23230.

Jean B. VanLandingham

LOTTSBURG—Jean Booth VanLandingham, 70, of Lottsburg died May 28, 2006.

Miss VanLandingham was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and of the Betty Lewis Chapter 107 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kinsale.

She had been a clerk at Heathsville Pharmacy.

She was predeceased by a sister, Marjorie V. Minor; and two brothers, Spencer Lavern VanLandingham and John Charles VanLandingham.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Dorothy W. VanLandingham of Montross and Nancy S. VanLandingham of Lottsburg; a brother-in-law, Gerald Minor; three nieces, Lori Pegalow, Denise Dunaway and Dana Wilson; and four nephews, Mike, Tommy, Todd and Kirk VanLandingham.

A funeral service was held May 30 at Bethany Baptist Church in Callao. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bethany Baptist Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 641, Callao, VA 22435.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Senior recognition

Last Sunday, the White Stone Church of the Nazarene honored its graduating high school seniors. From left are youth worker Chris Love, Jacob Jackson, Jessie Love, Jody Young, Janie Williams, Brianne Oltermann, Leif Mieras, Jessica Crabill, Jessie Sciacchitano, Daniel Revere, Rebekah Conboy, Courtney Carter, Daniel Robertson, youth pastor Brad Grinnen and Tim Blake. Following the morning service, the church held a luncheon in their honor. Senior recognition Sunday concluded May Daze, a month-long series of services led by youth pastor Rev. Brad Grinnen and church teens. (Photo by Conrad Wineland)

Church Notes

■ Deaconess celebration

The Deaconess Board of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Farnham will have its annual Deaconess program Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence B. Samuel of Providence Baptist Church in Ashland will be the guest speaker. His choir and congregation will accompany him.

■ Youth anniversary

Hartswell Youth Ministry will celebrate Youth Anniversary at Hartswell Baptist Church in Lancaster June 11 at 4 p.m. Rev. Shirley Berry of the New Morning Star Baptist Church in St. Stephens will be the guest preacher. Rev. Shirley Berry will be accompanied by her congregation.

The Voices of Joy from Galilee Baptist Church in Montross will render the music. The Galilee Steppers through Christ also will

■ Calm abiding

Dr. Ken Rose will speak at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR) Sunday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

He will present the second in a series of six talks on the stages of spiritual growth in some of the world's mystical traditions. This time the focus will be on the meditative practice in Buddhism called "shamatha," or "calm abiding."

■ Blessing the animals

On May 20, Rev. Robert Jones led a brief service, "Blessing the Animals," at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively. The service included prayers, hymn singing and a message.

Church members and visitors brought their dogs and cats. Rev. Jones walked among the animals and blessed each one.

■ Revival meetings

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock will hold revival meetings Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. and Monday, June 5, at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Bishops Wes and Donna Geiger of Seekers International Ministry.

Praise and worship will be led by Katie Gates and Seth McDonaugh, recent graduates of the Institute For The Arts, an annointed Christian music and Bible school in Austin, Texas. The revival meetings will be held at Dream Fields on Irvington Road.

■ Students honored

On May 21, high school and college graduates were honored during the Bethel United Methodist Church service. Scholarships also were presented.

Following the service, 10 mission displays were on view in the fellowship hall as part of Mission Sunday observances.

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Scholars recognized

On May 21, the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Charge celebrated its annual Scholarship Sunday. The committee presented awards to (from left) Becky Clark, Jonathan Frith, Kevin Frith, Patrick Oliver, Scott Pruitt and Daniel Revere. Ashley Williams also received a scholarship. All students receiving these scholarships have connections with the charge.

Jessie Ball duPont Fund supports diocese initiative

Trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund awarded $141,551 to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia to develop a discernment and leadership program for clergy and lay leaders.

The grant was among 18 awards, valued at more than $2.1 million, made by the trustees during their May meeting. Six grants, valued at $499,632, were awarded to Virginia organizations.

The Episcopal Diocese seeks to strengthen the capacity of local congregations to engage in ministry and mission by strengthening the leadership of those congregations. In the Episcopal tradition, there are three "orders of ministry"—lay, deacon and priest—each with its own set of leadership. Lay leaders are not ordained; diaconate and priestly leaders are ordained.

Discernment and leadership development are distinct, but interrelated, processes that are appropriate for both ordained and non-ordained church leaders.

The Right Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, explains discernment as "the discovery of God's will for our lives. Discernment is both an individual and communal process. Through Bible study, prayer and honest conversation with others, a Christian expresses his or her own vision of God's leadership for one's life, and listens carefully to the candid responses of others who can correct self-delusion and encourage self-awareness.

"In the process of developing leadership in the church, discernment is distinguished from screening. In the latter, an authoritative group makes judgments on the seeker. In the former, all are seekers together, looking mutually for God's leadership."

The diocese will develop discernment programs for church leaders, as well as more traditional leadership development programs.

Supporting the emergency food pantry

Poppy Cockrell stands amid 80 bags of groceries collected for the Holy Tabernacle Emergency Food Pantry by members of Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock, who have supported the ministry since its inception 15 years ago. Groceries are collected for the pantry four times a year. Rev. Nancy Pinn and her congregation distribute the food from referrals by community organizations. Sandy Griffith of Grace has participated since the late 1980s. The next collection will be in August.

Eckankar presentations set

A presentation by Glenda Thomas on spiritual guides, dreams and the imagination based on the teachings of Eckankar, the religion of the light and sound of God, will take place June 10 at Lancaster Community Library from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

A similar presentation by Terry Bivona will be made June 17 at Northumberland Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Participants will be invited to share an experience they have had that opened their consciousness to a greater spiritual awareness. They can also learn how to use these and other spiritual gifts to unlock and understand the questions they have about who they are and their life's journey.

The meeting is open to those who have had such experiences and those engaged in the search.

Men's Bible group to study First Kings

The weekly men's Bible study at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock on June 6 will begin study of the Old Testament book of First Kings.

The group meets Tuesdays at 7 a.m.

The group completed study of The Revelation of St. John the Divine May 30. Rev. Robert Hall, a retired Episcopal priest, urged participants to "Hold on to the faith and keep walking into the mystery," despite the book's difficulty.

Formed by Grace Episcopal Church Kilmarnock, the group consists of men of several denominations.

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Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Love Makes a Difference Outreach Ministries
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Burgess; 453-7773
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd
Sunday, June 4:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spirtual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, June 6:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, June 8:
6 p.m., Spirtual Enrichment for Youth and Youth Adults
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, June 4:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, June 6:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Northern Neck Religious Society & Friends (Quakers)
Alice & Dave Hershier 804-453-7062
Sunday, June 4:
11 a.m., Discussion
12 noon, Social Fellowship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, June 4:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 7:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

River of Life Assembly of God
Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock
Rev. Scott Norman, Pastor, 693-6079
Sunday, June 4:
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
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Thursday, June 1:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, June 3:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, June 4:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, June 8:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Summer Mass Schedule
Saturday, June 3:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, June 4:
11 a.m., Mass
12:30 p.m., Mass
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, June 4:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, June 7:
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
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Sunday, June 4:
10:30 a.m., Worship

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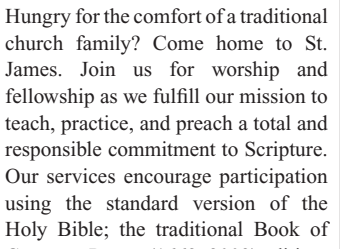

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From left are Austin L. Roberts III, Allen C. Marple, Thomas A. Gosse with a resolution recognizing his service, Robert C. Berry Jr. and Ammon G. Dunton Jr.

Bank stockholders meet

Bay Banks of Virginia Inc., holding company for Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company, held its annual stockholders' meeting and luncheon May 15 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock.

Chairman Ammon G. Dunton Jr. welcomed the largest group of stockholders ever to attend an annual meeting.

Robert J. Wittman was re-elected to serve another three-year term on the holding company board.

On behalf of the boards of Bay Banks, Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company, Dunton presented a resolution to retiring director Thomas A. Gosse for his 15 years of service. During his tenure, he served as a director of Bank of Lancaster, Bay Trust Company and Bay Banks of Virginia.

Dunton reported that dividend growth increased for the 34th consecutive year and the fiscal year-end price of the stock represented a 4.3 percent yield.

A community bank normally trades at approximately 16 times earnings; Bay Banks is trading at 14 times earnings, Dunton said. "These ratios indicate there is value in our stock and it is underpriced relative to other community banks," Dunton said

Robert C. Berry, president of Bay Trust Company, reported that Bay Trust revenues increased some 5 percent ahead of plan and exceeded the prior year by some 8 percent.

President and chief executive officer of Bay Banks and Bank of Lancaster Austin L. Roberts III recognized the staff members who were present and paid tribute to the attending retirees.

He reported that Bay Banks experienced record growth over the year. Net income exceeded $2.5 million for the first time, an increase of 17 percent and represented earnings of $1.08 per share.

Roberts reported that in 2005, 32 percent of banking clients in the Northern Neck banked with Bank of Lancaster. Deposits totaled $264 million and checking accounts reached an all-time high of nearly $43 million.

Loan growth increased 8 percent. Total loans ended 2005 by exceeding $230 million and Roberts said that the trend continues with loans currently near $239 million.

"Virtually 100 percent of our loans are made to those in our local area," Roberts said, and reported that loan quality has grown with loans delinquent more than 30 days under 1 percent compared to 1.31 percent a year earlier.

He also emphasized the company's commitment to service excellence and community.

"Our record results are only possible due to conscientious, dedicated and knowledgeable leadership provided by our board and management team," Roberts said. "Last year, our company supported with manpower over 65 community activities. Nearly half our corporate family holds leadership positions in 75 different community organizations, and all are active in civic groups, churches and schools. We feel this is how we repay our communities for the success they have allowed us to have and the support they have given us."

Business Briefs

■ Starting a business

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a seminar, First Steps to Starting a Business, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. June 19 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Pre-registration is required. A $20 fee is due by June 17. To register, call 333-0286 or 800-524-8915.

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

■ NARFE to meet

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, NARFE, Northern Neck Chapter 1823, will meet Tuesday, June 6. Rev. Janine Howard will speak on her trip to Ireland.

The general meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative building in Warsaw located at Belle Ville Lane and Pine Street. Following the meeting, there will be a brief social period including refreshments.

■ High speed access

Pat Schelling of Mill Creek Estates has developed a proposed coverage map for a proposed Mill Creek Wi-Fi Tower. She is continuing her task of identifiying interested residents within the coverage radius. She will email a copy of the coverage map to anyone interested. Call 435-2728, or email pschelling@crosslink.net.

The proposed coverage area will include Mill Creek Lane, Mt.Olive, Waddey Road, Balls Neck, Sculling Oar, Guarding Point Lane, Highways 773, 695, 792, 718, 668 and 679, Remo Road, Squirrel Lane, Bussel Point Road, Spinnaker Court, Harding Road, E. Harmony Circle, Persimmon Point, Cockrell Point, Lane Point, Fleeton Point and Sandy Point.

From left are Timothy Sheehy and Keith Northen, program coordinator of the Country Mortgages division of Colonial Farm Credit.

Farm Credit honored as Lender of the Year

SunTrust Mortgage Inc. has selected the Country Mortgages division of Colonial Farm Credit to receive its Lender of the Year award. Farm Credit was selected from over 75 other correspondent lenders.

"We are thrilled to be honored in this way," said Greg Farmer, president of Colonial Farm Credit. "It is a testament to the great personal service provided by our employees and the flexibility we are able to offer our customers."

Timothy Sheehy, vice president for SunTrust Mortgage Inc., presented the award to the company and noted that "Country Mortgages by Farm Credit really does an excellent job with their loan packages and borrower quality."

The Country Mortgages division specializes in mortgages for home purchase, refinance, and construction and has partnered with SunTrust for over 10 years to offer additional financing options to its customers to complement Farm Credit's own loan products.

Colonial Farm Credit has some 17 offices including a branch in Tappahannock.

Enologist Jacques Recht attended the opening. (Photo by Douglas M. Kinney)

Athena Winery opens

Dr. Maurice Woodard of Reedville was the first customer of the Athena Winery when it opened with festivities at noon May 27.

By day's end, a few hundred folks had tasted the offerings including a Chardonnay and a Merlot blend, and pronounced them delicious.

Drs. Ada Jacox and Carol Spengler of Heathsville, and Dr. Ruth Harris of Baltimore, all nursing professionals, had a vision for the winery over the last few years and have worked hard to bring it into being. Enologist Jacques A. Recht has assisted the Athena owners with many aspects of winery development and attended the opening.

The winery's gift shop is nearing completion. The opening was held under tents adjacent to the vineyards.

Commercial vegetable production to be explored at VSU field day

Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University will hold its third annual Commercial Vegetable Production Field Day June 29 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the program will begin with presentations at the Cooperative Extension Pavilion on River Road in Ettrick. Dr. Ron Morse from Virginia Tech's horticulture department will discuss no-till vegetable production, and Emmett Snead of Snead's Vegetable Farm near Fredericksburg will share successes of his diversified direct marketing farm operation.

Following the presentations, participants will tour VSU's Randolph Farm for demonstrations on sweet corn and watermelons, no-till planting, organic no-till potatoes and high tunnel tomatoes. After lunch, an optional "open house" will afford interested participants an opportunity to speak in greater detail with presenters.

The pre-registration deadline is June 19. To register, call Andy Hankins, VSU alternative agriculture extension specialist, or Carol Streetman, administrative specialist, at 524-5960, or e-mail agsuite@vsu.edu.

VSU schedules forestry tour

Virginia State University's Small Farmer Outreach program has scheduled a forestry and wildlife tour June 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for farmers, landowners and others interested in learning about forest resource management and cost-share programs.

Free and open to the public, the tour will cover forest and wildlife management, cost-share programs and timber sales planning. The tour will be conducted in the Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward County areas.

Round trip transportation will be provided from the Nottoway County Extension Office located in the Community Services Building at Nottoway Courthouse on 258 West Courthouse Road. Lunch will also be furnished.

The pre-registration deadline is June 9.

To register, call Betty Wright in the Nottoway County Extension Office at 434-645-9315.

Real estate office adopts Marine unit

Long and Foster Realtors Bay/River White Stone Office is one of several drop-off locations for items donated to the "We Really Care" program sending packages to the Marine unit of Richmond, now serving in Iraq.

Members of Long and Foster have adopted the unit and send their support along with letters and items of food, hygiene and comfort to keep up the Marines' morale.

Those wishing to contribute items to the cause may bring them to the Long and Foster White Stone office. The Marines have said that they would like the names, address and/or letters from donors so they can thank them for their kindness.

When purchasing items to donate, one should bear in mind that the unit has both men and women and the items have to fit in the Marines' back packs and cannot require refrigeration, break, stink or be difficult to keep fresh. Those who prefer not to shop for such items may contribute money and the Marines of the unit currently at home will do the shopping.

Suggested items include gum, cereal bars, beef jerky, hard candy, juice, applesauce, pudding, cheese and crackers, and chips.

Hygiene items include toothbrushes, floss, soap, shampoo, bath pads, disposable razors, bath powder, and other toiletries. Items with a high oder like after-shave and cologne should be avoided.

Comfort items include paperback books, letters, nail care and similar items.

The program will run through the summer, or until the unit returns home. Broker Byrl Phillips Taylor of the White Stone office will make several trips a month to deliver the items and donations to the Richmond unit. All donations will be repackaged by the units' members currently at home for delivery to a named Marine since nothing is allowed to travel in bulk.

SBA slates access to capital workshop

The Small Business Association's Entrepreneur Express Workshop will come to Warsaw June 28. The workshop offers information about SBA programs and services with a goal of increasing access to capital (loans) to small businesses in the Northern Neck.

The free workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bank of Lancaster at 4935 Richmond Road in Warsaw. To register, call Luis Garcia at 771-2400, ext. 125, or email luis.garcia@sba.gov or visit the website: www.sba.gov/va to register on line.

Small business owners will get detailed information about the SBA's products and services, particularly how the agency's programs can benefit small business growth and prosperity. In addition to information on the SBA guaranty loan programs for small business, participants also will learn about the agency's management and technical assistance programs and the procurement-based business development programs.

"Our main objective is to insure that small business owners are made aware of the assistance available from the SBA," said Ronald E. Bew, the SBA's Richmond District director. "We can assist entrepreneurs with new and growing businesses to resolve business issues and to gain access to capital. Additionally, we can offer assistance and guidance to more than $300 billion in federal procurement opportunities."

Medical interpreter training scheduled

The Rappahannock Area Health Education Center in August will offer a 40-hour training program, "Interpreting in Health and Community Settings," presented by the Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center.

The course is for individuals proficient in English and at least one additional language. To document this, candidates must past a two-hour proficiency exam. Proficiency exams are scheduled June 5 and 19 at Germanna Community College, Fredericksburg Campus, in the Workforce Development and Technology Center, Room 105A. Call RAHEC at 333-3733 to sign up.

There is a $75 fee for the proficiency exam. Individuals who pass the exam and agree to a service obligation (volunteering 30 hours of interpretation time) will have their exam fee reimbursed.

For individuals who pass the proficiency exam, the course will be held at the same location on August 3, 4, 10, 11 and 25. Individuals who do not agree to a service obligation will be responsible for the tuition fee of $675.

Mapp's first book is republished

The Virginia Experiment: The Old Dominion's Role in the Making of America, 1607-1781, the first book ever written by Alf J. Mapp Jr., a part-time resident of Lancaster County, recently has been republished in its fourth edition as part of the 400th anniversary celebration of Jamestown.

An internationally known author and historian, he is the grandson of the late Irene Dunaway Carney, a Lancaster county native, sister of the late Robert O. Norris Sr., and daughter of Dr. A.B. Dunaway, prominent Baptist minister, one-time sheriff of Lancaster county, who began at Lebanon Baptist Church the ministerial career that carried him to fame.

Mapp this month made the principal address at the Jamestowne Society meeting that launched the organization's participation in the Jamestown quadracentennial. His talk was followed by a signing of the new edition.

The cover, which shows the ships Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery sailing to the future Jamestown, was designed by Mike Haywood, a British maritime artist.

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Homes built in the midst of natural surroundings are said to be "twice green" because they benefit the environment as well as developers' and homeowners' pockets. A proponent of this type of development is renowned conservation planner, site designer, and author **Randall Arendt**, who will offer a **free hands-on Conservation Development Workshop on June 6, 2006**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Northern Neck Technical Center in Warsaw, Virginia. For additional information, please call (804) 333-1900 or visit **www.northernneck.us**

Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

Funding provided by: The Northern Neck Planning District Commission, Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Program, through Grant #NA05NOS4191180 of the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

Seminar explains conservation easements

One of the most complex procedures a landowner in Virginia may undertake is a land conservation easement. However, the benefits can make the decision well worth the effort financially and environmentally.

That was the message at a recent Land Preservation Agreements seminar co-sponsored by the Northern Neck Land Conservancy and the Middle Peninsula Land Trust.

The meeting linked participants by teleconference video at the Glenns Campus and Warsaw Campus of Rappahannock Community College. Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, college president, planned the event, arranged the teleconference, and presided at the meeting. She is a board member of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy.

Virginia Outdoor Foundation executive director Robert Lee said the foundation has the most easements under its supervision.

"We hold almost 2,000 easements on approximately 350,000 acres in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Lee said.

He noted that Gov. Tim Kaine recently pledged to preserve some 400,000 acres of land, 350,000 in the bay watershed to meet the Bay Agreement Act deadline in 2010.

Although the foundation is in effect a land easement custodian, it is not in the business of preparing the paper work. That work is the responsibility of qualified property assessors, attorneys, and CPAs, said Lee.

Attorney Thomas C. Foster addressed legal issues. Key financial benefits to the landowner are state tax credits and federal tax deductions, he said. As an easement incentive, the state allows tax credits to be sold, thus providing the landowner with a cash flow. Selling credits can be done through yet another entity – tax credit brokers.

Part of the reason that easements are complicated is that landowners can include stipulations, such as allowing a limited amount of development on the property, Foster added.

"In every case that I have seen, landowners holding parcels with both development value and conservation value would receive more net monetary return by pursuing the development route. Therefore, the preservation route, to be worthwhile, must fulfill other goals of the landowner," Foster said, adding that a sale for development is subject to capital gain taxes.

Looking at the land conservation tax credits, Foster said that the donation must meet the following requirements: perpetual conservation purpose is assured and the donee is a Virginia governmental entity or a public charity. In general, conservation easement grants provide several tax advantages, including federal and state income tax deductions, Virginia transferable income tax credits, and possible reduction of property value for estate taxes and real estate taxes.

Rebecca McCoy addressed the accounting issues. She advised that setting up an easement must meet very specific regulations covering the conservation purpose, perpetuity of donations, valuation, cost basis, and – the big one – substantiation by written records of the fair market value. She described Form 8283, one of the documents attached to the individual's tax return that discloses the necessary information of the donation if over $5,000 in value.

Charitable contribution deductions include 30 percent capital gain for individuals. There is also a 50 percent election. Taxpayers may elect the 50 percent ceiling on their donation but are restricted to the cost basis of the property as the donation value. Property held less than a year is treated as a 50 percent deduction item and restricted to cost basis, she warned.

McCoy illustrated the possible tax ramifications with examples of how a taxpayer could apply the itemized deductions on an adjusted gross income of $100,000. The contributions deduction has a significant impact on reducing total tax. She also described how a farmer could benefit tax-wise from the sale of tax credits.

Tom Kramer said that there was "a little paper work, but it was not that bad." When he made the decision to use conservation easement on his farm land, the foundation helped explain the regulations, and an attorney made the process "almost painless." Kramer said that since his easement became legal, local real estate brokers have stopped calling him, an unexpected benefit.

Jim Robinson reported that an easement on his waterfront property in Mathews met both his financial and environmental objectives. He warned that the process takes time to get all of the approvals He held up a thick stack of papers to illustrate the point. Robinson also decided to sell his tax credits himself, rather than go through a broker, thus saving the brokerage fees. He said that he donated part of the cash value of the credits to charity and was able to recoup all of the costs for doing the easement.

For more information, call the Northern Neck Land Conservancy at 435-2814.

Hard work goes noticed

From left, Dr. Matthew Shifflett congratulates Archie Lake on being chosen the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce's April employee of the month. Shifflett, the chamber president, surprised Lake at work at GEO Products in Kilmarnock. Lake also received a gift certificate to Lee's Restaurant. (Photo by Lisa Hinton Valdrighi)

Service Notes

Jessie Keith Hogge, 1st Class Petty Officer

Petty Officer Jessie Keith Hogge recently was advanced to 1st Class Petty Officer of the United States Coast Guard.

Hogge joined the Coast Guard in August of 2000 and has served in Washington, D.C., where he was part of the Presidential Honor Guard and was a trainer then promoted to Training Petty Officer before completing his tour there as the Firing Party NCO.

He also served in North Carolina as a recruiting liaison and is currently stationed at TRACEN Yorktown where he is a Yeoman in the PERSRU Division.

During his service, Hogge has earned numerous awards ranging from Good Conduct medals, 2 Commandant letters of Commendation awards, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations, Meritorious Team Commendation as well as the service wide National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Hogge lives with his wife, Kimberly, and son, Jackson, in Sandston. He is the son of Keigh Hogge of Lancaster and Renee Smith of Richmond; and the son-in-law of Timothy Pittman of Lancaster and Elizabeth Pittman of Glen Allen. He is the grandson of the late Mary Hogge of Kilmarnock and Carolyn Dykes of Goochland.

Montague Farms to expand food-grade soybean business

Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Robert S. Bloxom, recently announced that Montague Farms Inc. of Center Cross is expanding its food-grade soybean business through the development of a new soybean grading and processing complex in Isle of Wight County.

Montague will contract with more than 100 farmers in Southeastern Virginia, Virginia's Eastern Shore and Eastern North Carolina for several thousand acres of high value, food-grade soybeans.

"This is great news for farmers in the area," said Bloxom. "Peanut acreage has been declining, and making the switch to a high-value type of soybeans will help keep these farmers farming."

"That could mean fewer farms sold to development," said Governor Tim Kaine. "More importantly, it means that these growers will be able to make a living off their land, which provides an economic benefit for the entire area."

The new facility adds to Montague's operation in Essex County but will not replace it, according to Bill Taliaferro, president of Montague Farms Inc. "It will be the centerpiece of our processing and export operations," he added.

Montague has been producing and processing food-grade soybeans for specialty export markets in Japan and other Far Eastern countries for 20 years. Taliaferro says the new facility, which is scheduled to begin operation this fall, will be a state-of-the-art showcase operation that will produce the high-quality product their export customers expect. Montague chose the location of Isle of Wight County because of its rich tradition in producing high-quality food products such as Virginia peanuts.

Montague Farms was assisted in the expansion project by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development.

"Isle of Wight County is proud of its strong agricultural heritage and has taken significant steps to support the farming community in recent years," said Thomas J. Wright III, chairman of the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors. "This export operation represents the superiority of American agricultural products, the ability of our farmers to compete in a global marketplace and further enhances the position of our community as a leader in Virginia for agricultural production."

Initial site selection assistance was provided by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance. This new facility represents a $2 million-plus investment in Isle of Wight County, which has provided the company an incentive from its economic development reserve fund to help get the operation started.

Tourism spending in Virginia reached a new high in 2005

Gov. Tim Kaine recently announced record growth in spending by tourists in Virginia in 2005—$16.5 billion, a 9.6 percent increase over the 2004 figure of $15 billion. Preliminary data from the Virginia Tourism Corporation also indicates 207,000 Virginians are directly employed in the tourism industry, with a total 2005 payroll of $4.1 billion.

"These impressive numbers remind us that Virginia continues to lead the way as a destination for tourists and business travelers alike," Gov. Kaine said. "Travelers recognize that Virginia has impressive destinations and attractions across the Commonwealth, and this is great news on the eve of the launch of America's 400th Anniversary in Jamestown in 2007."

Virginia hosted 54.8 million person-trips in 2005, a 1.2 percent increase from the 54.1 million hosted in 2004. Overnight person-trips accounted for 52 percent of all trips, while day-trips accounted for 48 percent, according to the Travel Industry Association's TravelScope DIRECTIONS® by DKS&A.

For 2005, local taxes attributed to tourism increased seven percent, from $443 million to $474 million. State taxes from the industry were up 5.5 percent, from $640.7 million to $676.3 million, and federal taxes derived from travelers' spending in the Commonwealth increased 5.2 percent, from $1.11 billion to $1.2 billion.

"These latest figures on visitation prove that Virginia has a commanding presence in the marketplace, and this bodes well for our economy," said Alisa Bailey, president and chief executive officer of the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

Other significant increases for 2005 over 2004 include the 9.3 percent growth in travelers' spending in public transportation, from $2.2 billion in 2004 to $2.4 billion last year; and an 18.3 percent increase in spending on auto transportation, from $2.8 billion to $3.3 billion. Although the increased cost of gasoline undoubtedly contributed to both of these increases, other increases are also noteworthy: lodging, up 8.9 percent; food service, up 7.1 percent; entertainment and recreation, up 5 percent; and general retail trade up 5.8 percent.

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Law firm opens in Callao

Laurence M. Dickinson recently announced the opening of his law practice at 380 Northumberland Highway in Callao.

Dickinson will conduct a general practice that includes family law, civil litigation, wills and estates, real estate, social security disability claims and personal injury.

Dickinson has practiced law in Virginia since 1994. He is a former partner in the law firm of Willis and Ashby in Fredericksburg, where he practiced from 1996 to 2006. He began his law career in 1994 as an associate with Thomas A. Williams, Attorney at Law (retired) in Callao.

Dickinson received his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Stamford University in Birmingham, Ala. He received his undergraduate degree from Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney.

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Dos Passos Project is revisited at Friends of the Library meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Friends of the Richmond County-Rappahannock Community College Library May 18 at the Warsaw Campus Library Center focused on the Dos Passos Project.

This study, originally conducted at RCC in 1982-83 with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, offers an exhibit of books, newly-restored photographs, art, and memorabilia as a nostalgic examination of the link between the Northern Neck and this world-famous twentieth-century author and artist.

From left, Margaret "Marty" Taylor, director of the Rappahannock Community College Library's Dos Passos Project, shared the speaker's podium with the author's daughter, Lucy Dos Passos Coggin. At right is Coggin's daughter, Lara Dos Passos Coggin.

"He was someone who could have lived almost anywhere, but he chose the Northern Neck," said Dos Passos's daughter, Lucy Dos Passos Coggin. As the roots of the Dos Passos family lie in the Portuguese island of Madeira, she explained, a simple water-based life was natural to him.

"He felt very comfortable living in a community where people were respected for farming and fishing. It was a great refuge for him. Many people didn't even know that he was a writer—he didn't like to talk about it." Coggin added, "He liked living around so many people with independent ideas. It was a hard life for people in the Northern Neck, but they didn't have a lot of people telling them what to do."

John Dos Passos, or "Mr. Jack," as he was known locally, spent the latter part of his life in the Northern Neck, until his death in 1970.

Dos Passos wrote 42 novels, poems, essays, and plays, and created more than 400 pieces of art. His best-known work, however, is the U.S.A. trilogy, consisting of *The 42nd Parallel*, *1919*, and *The Big Money*. Dos Passos used an experimental technique in these novels, incorporating newspaper clippings, autobiography, biography and fictional realism to paint a vast landscape of American culture during the first decades of the 20th century. Though each novel stands on its own, the trilogy is designed to be read as a whole.

Dos Passos Project director Margaret "Marty" Taylor's acquaintance with John Dos Passos began in 1955, when she was a University of Richmond senior writing a thesis on stream-of-consciousness technique in the modern novel. Since her father, at the family home in Morattico, knew the author, she wrote Dos Passos a letter asking for information, "and he answered," she said.

"He was part of the literary tapestry of the 20th century, along with Hemingway, Faulkner, and Fitzgerald—when he died, who better to take charge of his legacy than RCC, the only institution of higher learning in the surrounding 13 counties?"

She summarized the activities of the project, including both still photographs and video recordings, professionally produced, of Dos Passos' favorite places; a year-long series of programs exploring his life; a dramatic presentation of U.S.A. by the Westmoreland Players; and many other uses of the original material.

In addition to speakers Marty Taylor and Lucy Dos Passos Coggin, the program included displays of Dos Passos memorabilia and works; clippings from the 1982-83 "Year of Dos Passos"; the 30 photos reflecting the life of Dos Passos in the Northern Neck, restored with funds from the friends and rehung in the Library Center; and a screening of the film "Chosen Country," about the life and times of John Dos Passos and his Westmoreland County surroundings.

During the meeting, friends president Betsy Hardy reported on a "a very successful year."

Hardy mentioned several programs, including the annual Book and Author Dinner, two seasonal decorating workshops led by Donald Haynie of Buffalo Springs Herb Farm, the summer Book Sale which netted $2,500, and the ongoing Attic Book Sale. Such fund-raisers and a strong membership base enable the Friends of the Library to contribute almost $10,000 annually to support the operational budget of the library, as well as reading programs for children, a book club for adults, and the purchase of adults' and children's books.

Upcoming activities include the Summer Book Sale June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 26th Book and Author Dinner will be held on October 27 at 5 p.m. A strategic planning project is scheduled for late summer, which will lay down new guidelines for the group's next 30 years of operation.

A slate of officers for the coming year was proposed, consisting of incumbents Hardy, Jane Herron, and Robin Perks, for president, vice president, and treasurer respectively, and, to share the secretarial duties, Carolyn Loritsch and Joan Winter. The slate was unanimously accepted.

Peggy Bowens

Lancaster Baccalaureate service to be held Sunday

The Baccalaureate service for the Lancaster High School Class of 2006 will be held Sunday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at Claybrook Baptist Church in Weems.

Peggy Bowens, a former school teacher in Portsmouth, will be the guest speaker.

Several of the seniors will also participate in the service. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. The public is invited.

DARE graduation is June 2

Students in the DARE program will graduate June 2 at 9 a.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock followed by the DARE Day activities at 10:30 a.m.

Northern Neck State Bank helps sponsor the Lancaster County DARE program which teaches students the differences and dangers of drugs.

Contributions go to the DARE Day picnic which provides games, lunch and music, and information booths on negative aspects of smoking and drinking alcohol.

There were eight classes this year with a new curriculum coordinated by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office led by master deputies Bella Edwards and Kelli Bruce and Sheriff Ronnie Crockett.

Bus drivers must complete training course

The Lancaster County School Board is seeking bus driver trainees to participate in the state certification course. This mandatory 48-hour course, in addition to any of the commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), enables a person to be fully certified to drive a school bus, according to transportation director Tim Guill.

In order to qualify, trainees must have secured a CDL learner's permit from the DMV prior to the first class.

The classroom portion will be offered on Mondays through Thursdays, June 27 through July 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock. Classes will not be held on Monday, July 3.

The trainer will cover such topics as driver's role and responsibilities; passenger control; and loading/unloading students.

The second part of the course includes a minimum of 24 hours of training with 14 hours behind the wheel without students and 10 hours with students.

There is no charge, but those who complete the course would be expected to become a substitute/field trip driver. Call transportation director Tim Guill at [illegible]83 by 5 p.m. June 15.

84th Commencement due at Christchurch School

Christchurch School will hold its 84th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. on Headmaster's Lawn. Headmaster John E. Byers will be the speaker. A picnic luncheon for students, parents, families and the entire Christchurch School community will follow.

The valedictorian is Jane Connell Williams, the daughter of David and Louise Williams of Weems. Janie, who entered Christchurch as a freshman, will attend the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

There are 61 students in the Class of 2006.

Candidates for graduation are Young Hoon An of Cameroon, Africa, Kevin Darcell Anderson of Washington, D.C., Harry Lee Arnest IV of Kinsale, Anne Leah Arntson of Kilmarnock, Ann-Gordon Bennett of Locust Hill, Patrick August Brown of Williamsburg, Anh The Bui of Hai Phong, Vietnam, Michelle Elizabeth Chiles of Reedville, Lucy Olivia Clark of White Stone, Pedro Jose Corniel of New York, N.Y., Julian Peter Allen Cornwell of White Stone, Catherine Jessica Crabill of Irvington, Philip Everett duPont of Richmond, Whitney Lamberth Edwards of White Stone, Frank Fort Everest IV of Fairfax Station, and Jordan Douglas Flemer of Oak Grove.

Also, Dara Clifton Grady of Urbanna, Randall Marcus Hammond of Washington, D.C., Khouri Kavani Howard of Collingswood, N.J., Yu-Te Hung of Tainan, Taiwan, Andrew Ryan Hurley of Kitty Hawk, N.C., William Breckenridge Ingles of Gloucester, Ruth Evelyn Gay Jessie of Glenns, Tyler Sullivan Jones of Murfreesboro, N.C., Kharling Keith Joyner-Smith of Baltimore, Md., Kyeonghee Kim of Kyungnam, Korea, Geoffrey Allan Koslow of Richmond, Kent Carter Krebeck of Annapolis, Md., Laura Hampton Lecky of Gloucester, and Angela Marie Lewis of Farnham.

Also, Chung-Yon Lin of Chapel Hill, N.C., Michael Patrick Lynch of Irvington, Jonathan Edward Mallen of Atlanta, Ga., Humroy Stallone Mascoll of Kingston, Jamaica, Wyatt Edward Mason of Barhamsville, Robert Peyton McCann of Virginia Beach, Colin Patrick McGuirk of Arlington, Megan Rebecca McNeal of Weems, Hyung Joon Nam of Seoul, Korea, Michael Patrick O'Shaughnessy of White Stone, William Alban Pace II of Richmond, Ena Evalynn Noyes Pettyjohn of Christchurch, Samuel Timothy Mark Pounds of Bahama, N.C., Mark Henderson Powell of White Stone, and Adam Nicholas Jones Przybyl of Christchurch.

Also, Andre Nathaniel Robinson of Washington, D.C., Jessica Lynn Sciacchitano of Weems, Eric Bruyn Shepherd of St. Barthelemy Cedex, French West Indies, Chelsea Leigh Trotter of Irvington, Katharine Clayton Vail of Irvington, Robert Holloman Walker of Deltaville, William Bradley Walker of White Stone, Henry Jacques Wells of Arlington, Louis Thurman Whittaker III of Reedville, Jonathan Isaac Williams of Raleigh, N.C., Harrison Pirrung Willis of Annapolis, Md., Andrew Bedinger Wilson of Colonial Beach, Andrew Ruffin Wilton of Deltaville, Sae Won Yoon of Leesburg, and Joseph William Young of White Stone.

Foreign exchange students Birkir Heimisson of Akureyri, Iceland, Justus Lunstedt of Berlin, Germany, and Vitomir Skaric of Pula, Croatia will receive certificates.

On May 31, the community gathered in St. Peter's Chapel for the Underclass Awards and Rising Seniors Ceremony. A Baccalaureate service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2, in St. Peters, with the traditional Senior Banquet and Awards Ceremony to follow. Student speakers are Peyton McCann of Virginia Beach, and Angela Lewis of Farnham. Christine Pirrung of Annapolis, Md., will speak on behalf of the parents. Following the banquet, seniors will enjoy a three-hour Chesapeake Bay cruise.

Moved by wall

Area residents muse over some of the 58,228 names on "The Moving Wall," a half-size portable replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Moving Wall was on view at the Warsaw Campus of Rappahannock Community College from May 18 to May 22.

Antarctic researchers and reviewers visit

Scientists from around the world recently visited the Virginia Institute of Marine Science as part of a periodic review of the Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) site at Palmer Station, Antarctica. Dr. Hugh Ducklow, Glucksman Professor of Marine Science at VIMS, is the lead investigator for the Palmer LTER study area.

Palmer Station, one of three U.S. research stations on the southernmost continent, lies on the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula at a latitude of 65° S. The Palmer area is undergoing some of the most rapid warming on the planet, with wintertime temperatures increasing by almost 10° F since the 1950s.

Established in 1990, the Palmer LTER is funded by the Office of Polar Programs at the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Palmer LTER is one of 26 LTER research sites around the U.S. and world, each focused on long-term studies of specific ecosystems ranging from deserts to rainforests to polar oceans.

Studies at Palmer focus on the ecological processes that link year-to-year changes in sea-ice extent to the biological dynamics of penguins, seabirds, and other marine organisms.

Unlike traditional NSF grants, which typically provide support for one to three years, the NSF funds LTER sites on a six-year cycle that is intended to repeat over the course of decades.

"Long-term studies like these are absolutely essential for monitoring, documenting, and understanding global climate change and its effects on biological systems," said Ducklow.

Each LTER site is reviewed by an external site-visit group in the middle of each 6-year grant cycle. The object is to provide constructive comments that can help the researchers at each site achieve their goals. Each review follows a set procedure to ensure uniformity among all 26 site reviews.

During the two-day meeting at VIMS, site reviewers heard how research at Palmer has thrown light on the links between the region's rapid warming, significant melting of local mountain glaciers, large decreases in the duration of winter pack ice, and dramatic declines in the population of Adelie penguins.

Ducklow's group documented the significant changes that they have observed in the composition and abundance of microbes and plankton, organisms that form the base of the polar food web and play a key role in the global carbon cycle.

Scientists from around the world came to VIMS for the meeting, with representatives from the British Antarctic Survey; Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; Florida State University; the Polar Oceans Research Group; Rutgers University; the Scripps Institute of Oceanography; the University of California; the University of New Hampshire; and the University of New Mexico.

Bevin Danielle Lawson

Lawson graduates cum laude

Bevin Danielle Lawson graduated cum laude from James Madison University in Harrisonburg May 6, 2006.

Lawson completed a bachelor's with a major in interdisciplinary liberal studies and a minor in early childhood education. She was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

She also was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and a 2002 graduate of St. Catherine's School in Richmond. She will begin student teaching this fall in the Richmond area.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson of Richmond. She is the granddaughter of Peggy E. Lawson of White Stone and the late Thomas W. Lawson, and Mr. and Mrs. William Daniel of Dinwiddie.

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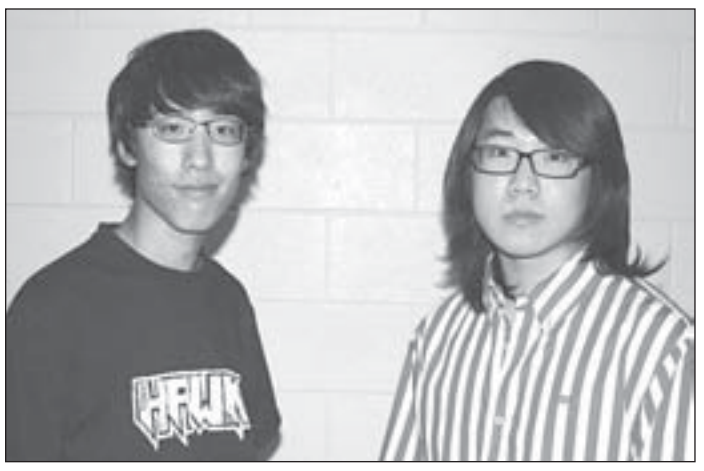

From left are Hoon Lee (first), and Hee Jae Moon (second)

RCC sponsors math contest

The Rappahannock Community College annual Individual Mathematics Contest held April 28 drew 147 area student.

"We applaud your keen interest in mathematics, and your participation in this event," said Dr. Maureen Murphy, RCC's vice president of instruction and student development, in her welcoming remarks. "If you should decide to pursue your studies at the next level, we encourage you to return to RCC. We always need good math instructors!"

Each student took a one-hour test in one of three subject areas: Algebra I, with 75 questions; Geometry, with 65 questions; or Algebra II, with 63 questions. The top scores were 92 percent for Algebra I, 95 percent for Geometry, and 71 percent for Algebra II.

First place in the Algebra I test went to Grace Perkins of Lancaster Middle School; Megan Davis and Brittany McKenney of Richmond County Intermediate School, took second and third places respectively.

In Geometry, Elizabeth Derby of Rappahannock High School won first place and Tristan Reynolds of Gloucester High School second, while Shelbyann Simons of King William High School took third place. Hoon Lee and Hee Jae Moon of Northumberland High School won first and second places in Algebra II, followed by Erin Swanson of West Point High School in third.

Each first-place winner received a $100 United States savings bond; second-place winners received a $75 bond, and third-place winners a $50 bond. Each winner also received an RCC T-shirt, and certificates were awarded to all participants.

"Our purpose is to recognize excellence in mathematics and identify students with natural talent in these areas, and to promote interest in mathematics in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula," said Patricia Parker, who organized this year's contest with the help of Brenda Callis, also an instructor of developmental mathematics at RCC.

From left are Grace Perkins (first), Megan Davis (second), and Brittany McKenney (third).

Virginia leads Southeast in school milk program

Last week, the country's top three soft-drink companies announced they would start removing sweetened sodas and iced teas from schools to help fight childhood obesity.

But Virginia students might not even notice.

Virginia is the leading Southeastern state for school participation in the New Look of School Milk Program, sponsored by the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association. As of January, 273 Virginia schools were participating.

The program helps schools switch from traditional milk packaging to plastic resealable bottles by offering grants and technical assistance. More than 3,700 schools are participating nationwide. In March, SUDIA received $1.1 million to boost its efforts in 2006.

"Our dairy producers have been asking for the new and improved packaging for quite some time. The packaging, colder storage and new opportunities for milk vending and self-serve are really encouraging students to make healthier choices," said Tony Banks, a commodity marketing expert for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Many of the county Farm Bureaus have gotten behind SUDIA's efforts by requesting that their local school districts make the switch."

A recent study by the National Dairy Council showed that 83 percent of students in grades 4 through 12 preferred bottled milk to milk packaged in a paper carton. When asked about drink choices at school, about 51 percent said they would choose milk over other beverage options when the milk was presented in a plastic bottle. When the milk was presented in a carton, only 24 percent said they would choose milk over other options.

According to SUDIA, participating schools have seen 8 percent to 50 percent increases in milk sales. School officials in Norfolk said 13 schools have switched to plastic bottles and seen a cumulative increase of 200,000 milk units sold per week. The bottles contain 2 ounces more milk than cartons, increasing total milk volume sold by 45 percent.

Goss earns degree

Maeghaen Lee Goss was awarded a bachelor's in equine studies during commencement services at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol on May 6. Goss is the daughter of Bill and Diane Goss, Sandy Gruver and the late Bob Gruver, and the granddaughter of Betty Goss and Alma Conrad, all of White Stone.

UMW confers 1,120 degrees

Several local students graduated from the University of Mary Washington on May 13. Some 1,120 students earned degrees. The featured speaker was UMW alumna Marion Blakey, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Annette Bell of Warsaw graduated with distinction. She received a bachelor's in English.

Gabrielle Bowie of Colonial Beach earned a bachelor's of professional studies.

Tiffany Brownley of Montross received a bachelor's in history.

Xochil Cisneros of Hague graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in Spanish.

Jonathan Hurd of Deltaville earned a bachelor's in English.

Andrea McDaniel of Colonial Beach received a bachelor's in geography.

John Morris of Montross graduated with a bachelor's in mathematics.

Paul Notarianni of Reedville earned a bachelor's in English.

Kerry Vautrot of Urbanna received a bachelor's in historic preservation.

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Chesapeake Academy celebrates fifth anniversary of Faye Society

On May 20, Chesapeake Academy celebrated the fifth anniversary of The Faye Society at the home of foundation board member Allen Marple and his wife, faculty member, Joan Marple.

The Faye Society was established by the board of trustees in the spring of 2001 to recognize contributions to the long-term growth of the academy through bequests, trusts and other planned gifts.

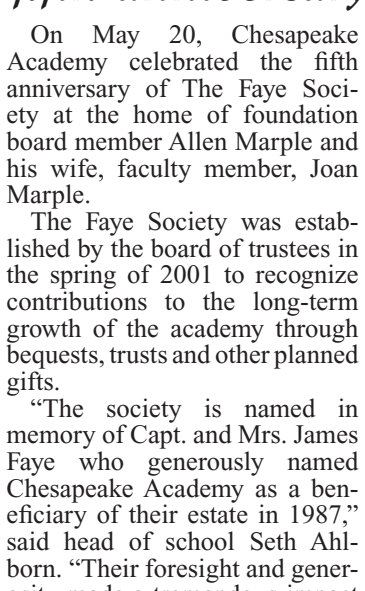
"The society is named in memory of Capt. and Mrs. James Faye who generously named Chesapeake Academy as a beneficiary of their estate in 1987," said head of school Seth Ahlborn. "Their foresight and generosity made a tremendous impact on the academy's fiscal stability and future, and on generations of families."

There are now 45 members of the society including 11 individuals whose bequests have been received.

Charitable giving provides mutual benefits to non-profits and donors, both in life and beyond. Planned gifts to a not-for-profit school can be under a donor's will or trust and can be a specific sum, a portion, or the entirety of an estate.

As part of the endowment campaign at Chesapeake Academy, future gifts are being sought through the planned giving program.

"Since 1965, bequests and other planned gifts have brought to Chesapeake Academy almost three-quarters of a million dollars from alumni, parents, grandparents and community friends," said development director Carrie Ahlborn. "These bequests have helped to sustain and enhance the high quality of the academy's programs and facilities."



VMI graduate

Raymond (Bud) Carroll Webb III (above) graduated May 16, 2006, from Virginia Military Institute with a bachelor's in economics/business. He is the son of Carroll and Melinda Webb of White Stone and Nancy and Jerry Terrell of Chesterfield. He is the grandson of the the late Sammy and Becky Webb of Weems and Dr. James and Jeannie Mason of Petersburg.

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■ **Bishop graduates**

Wade Emory Bishop of White Stone graduated May 13 from Longwood University. Bishop majored in business administration.

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2006 Preakness Party continues winning streak

The second annual Preakness Party to benefit the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation realized net proceeds of about $50,000. The party was held May 20 at Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.

"We were very pleased to see so many people from all over the Middle Peninsula attend this year's event in Hartfield," said RCC president Elizabeth "Sissy" Crowther. "We have decided to alternate the site each year between the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula, to make the party more accessible to folks from all 12 counties in our service region. We think we've hit on a winning formula with the fabulous food and Virginia wines that people enjoy, so we hope moving it back and forth will keep it interesting and more convenient."

Party chair and foundation board member Martha Tallent thanked club owners E.G. and John Fleet, general manager Joe Ott, and master of ceremonies Jon Stallard of WRAR radio.

The foundation and the college also thanked major sponsors who contributed at five levels. The Five-Star Sponsor, at $10,000 or more, was the Charles E. and Claire V. Sutcliffe Education Trust. Four-Star Sponsors, contributing between $5,000 and $9,999, were Bank of Lancaster & Bay Trust Company and Dr. Crowther. Three-Star Sponsors, at $2,500-$4,999, were EVB Bank and Omega Protein; Two-Star Sponsors, at $1,000-$2,499, were BayLands Federal Credit Union, Chesapeake Bank and Investment Group, Citizens and Farmers Bank, Northern Neck State Bank, and Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation; and the Single-Star Sponsor, with a contribution of $999 or less, was the American Standard Insurance Agency.

Party officials thanked the persons and organizations who provided goods, services, prizes, volunteer support, or reduced fees to the Educational Foundation, including the Bank of Lancaster, Bay Etching & Imprinting Inc., Clements Tent Rentals, Lottsburg Printing Company, Minter Golf Cart Sales.

They also thanked Belle Mount Vineyards, owned by Ray and Catherine Petrie; and the Flemer family's Ingleside Vineyards. Each brought in three delicious wines to complement the signature gourmet food creations provided by 10 area chefs. The chefs were Don Marvin of Eckhard's; Jonathan Lewis and Brian Hines of River's Inn; David Evans of Seawell's Ordinary; Helen Ward and Lynn Bristow of Steamboat Restaurant at Piankatank River Golf Club; Branden Levine of The Tavern; T.V. Flynn of The Tides Inn; Tommy Crowther of Tommy's; and Thomas Pearson of Mount Holly Steamboat Restaurant. Also, Tallent and her husband, Steve, (founder of the "Order of the Five Gulls") recruited two of the renowned chefs from last year's event—Hatley Bright, owner of "Time to Cook" gourmet shop and cooking school, and Joe Merolli, owner of the Break Pad Café—to stand by in readiness to offer whatever help might be needed.

Rappahannock Community College faculty member Robert Leitzel and his wife, Renee, in the front row of a crowd of more than 250, admire the massive bronze sculpture "Photo Finish" by internationally-known artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri. The piece garnered the largest bid—$3,900—among items auctioned at the 2006 Preakness Party benefiting the RCC Educational Foundation.

The live auction was conducted by auctioneer Manuel Haynie, with assistance from his wife, Joanne. Donations to both live and silent auctions came from area merchants including 360 Hardware and Rental Store, Annie Rooney's Antiques, the Manquin branch of the Bank of Essex, Cyanne's Antiques, Dan's Forge, Double U Water & Woods Outdoor Sports, Hair Design Studio, Hobbs Hole Golf Course, Hummel Aviation, Hurd's Hardware Store, JB's Interior Design Consultation, Left Bank Gallery, Lottsburg Printing, Mid-Atlantic Marine Co., Miss Daisy's Antiques, the Nadji Nook, Nunnally's Floors and Decorating, Rinascere Studios, The Sports Centre, Strings and Things, Warehouse Antiques, West Point Antiques, and Wood Preservers, Inc., as well as from organizations such as the Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning, RCC's Educational Foundation, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, and the King and Queen Historical Society.

Artists and artisans who donated their creations to the auction include Sibyl Bayne, Buttons Boggs, Lorenzo Ghiglieri, Karen Griffin, Marie Marsden, Tom Martin, Jessica Martinkosky, Mildred Minor, Susan Munroe, Kathleen Noffsinger, Tom Norris, Andrew Pitts, Susan Ramsey, Elise Ritter, Susan Crave Rosen, Franklin Saye, Blanche Scharf, Sarah Soderlund, Richard Stodart, Edward vonWalter, Ann Vliet, Pamela Waldron, and Rashelle Wilson. Other area individuals who contributed auction items were Dr. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. Lewes Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Leeper, Mr. and Mrs. David Mann, Claire Michie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tallent, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, and a number of anonymous donors.

The single greatest money-maker during both auctions was "Photo Finish," a large bronze sculpture of three horses and their jockeys crossing the finish line, by internationally-known artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri. It garnered a winning bid of $3,900. Generating the most merriment, however, was the series of bids centering around an offer by RCC president "Sissy" Crowther to cater, serve, and clean up after a gourmet dinner for six at RCC's historic Chinn House. The contest was eventually won by Dr. Crowther's father, Northumberland resident Prosser Crowther.

Viewing of the Preakness Stakes featured three large-screen monitors and sound provided by RCC's technology staff. Viewers had the opportunity to buy as many raffle tickets as they wanted, and to put them into containers marked with the names of the horses. At the end of the race, winning names were drawn corresponding to the horses that placed first, second, and third. Barbara and Hugh Lovell of Irvington, with the first-place ticket, won a $250 prize; Mildred Roberson of White Stone won $100, and Kathy Roletter of Harrisonburg, $50. These winners donated their prizes back to the foundation.

"The Preakness Party steering committee came through again to make it work," acknowledged Tallent. "We extend special thanks to RCC/EFI board members Frances Ellis, Nancy Haynes, Norman Howe, Courtney Sisson, Libby Singleton, Marion Jones, Carolyn Lemon, Audrey Mitchell and Kathy Steinouer, as well as non-board members Peggy and Lew Fleming and Elise Ritter-Clough."

Staff members who provided on-site logistical and audio-visual help included Michael Anthony, Betty Appleby, Mark Beaver, Sue Broaddus, Tracy Elliott, David Feller, Richard Lewter, Carolyn Loritsch, Vicki McKay, Sam Mitchell, Dave Newsome, Petie Norris, Robbie Pearce, Leslie Smith, Carolyn Ward, and Anthony Washington. College Advancement Team members Vic Clough, Sharon Drotleff, Margaret Lawyer, and Tom Martin took care of much of the preparatory work. RCC's baseball team, the Gulls, shuttled guests by golf cart to and from the parking area, and students and staff from the Upward Bound program handled parking and directional help.

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CTB grants enhancement project funds

FREDERICKSBURG—The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) last week approved $17.3 million in federal funding toward enhancement projects such as bike trails, sidewalks, train station restorations and streetscaping and beautification projects that enhance communities.

By federal law, these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

The funding will go toward 89 new and ongoing projects across the state. The town of Kilmarnock will receive $300,000 towards the completion phase of the Main Street/Downtown revitalization including funding for additional Phase I improvements and extension of improvements along Routes 3 and 200 (Phase II).

The Town of Urbanna will receive $438,000 towards completion of funding for Phase II (Marina Zone Improvements) and funding for preliminary engineering costs for Phase III (Downtown Zone Streetscaping Improvements).

The projects are funded through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Front row seat

Clarence Cook of Ditchley finds a cool place to rest in the shade while his wife shops the vendors at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival last Saturday. The popular event crowded the streets of Heathsville and raised money for charity. In addition to shopping and enjoying the performances of several local musicians, visitors ate thousands of quarts of strawberries, depleting the event's entire supply before 2 p.m. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

County has entered negotiation phase on combined school plan

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—Negotiations have begun on three proposals to build a new combined middle and high school in Northumberland County.

The board of supervisors and school board met jointly May 24 to review designs, pricing and financing packages from First Choice Public/Private Partners LLC, Shockey LLC and H&M Construction.

Board members also consulted with a lawyer specializing in the Public-Private Educational Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA), a new bidding process established by the Commonwealth in 2002. This is the first time Northumberland has used the new process to secure pricing for construction in the county.

Unlike the old process, the PPEA allows the board to issue a request for proposals without having a complete set of architectural drawings in hand, and the county is not required by law to go with the low bidder. They have the option, instead, of choosing the best combination of design, pricing and reputation. They can also work with all three bidders simultaneously to negotiate the best price.

At this point, said superintendent of schools Clint Stables, the county has formed a negotiation team that includes two members of the board of supervisors, two members of the school board, the county administrator and himself. Supervisors Ronald Jett and Joseph Self are filling the supervisor positions and Lee Scripture and Dean Sumner are filling the school board positions.

The negotiation team is still working with all three proposers.

The three companies have presented the county with dramatically different designs, Stables said, yet each design houses the same number of classrooms, with limited and monitored access between grade levels. All three designs meet both the education specifications of the county and the classroom requirements of the state.

Individual meetings with the applicants were scheduled for May 31, and the negotiation team will report back to the full boards with possible new price figures on June 6.

The boards have set a deadline of June 22 to enter into a comprehensive agreement with one of the companies.

Meanwhile, survey work on the site could begin as early as next week, Stables said. The Timmons Group, a civil engineer firm hired by all three proposers, could begin work regardless of which group the county chooses.

Stables said the county hopes to begin the ground work before the weather turns bad in the fall. Also, because of the fast inflation in the cost of commercial construction, the chosen company will need to begin work immediately to maintain its pricing.

"It's just a matter of how quickly their equipment can be mobilized," said Stables. The county hopes to finish construction in under two years, "but that's a tough schedule," he said.

Once the county enters a comprehensive agreement with one group, "there are still a lot of decisions to be made," Stables said. The county and companies will seek community involvement in choosing colors, finishes, flooring and other aesthetic details, Stables said.

Rep. Davis seeks designation of Capt. John Smith Trail

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Jo Ann Davis recently introduced the Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historical Trail Designation Act (H.R. 5466) in the House of Representatives. The bill will authorize and designate the route of Capt. John Smith's voyages of discovery as a National Historic Trail.

"I am pleased to introduce the Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act," Rep. Davis said. "The voyages of Capt. Smith are a defining moment not only in Virginia's history, but the history of our nation as a whole. I am glad to see this process, which started in the FY06 Interior Appropriations bill, move closer to completion."

Language authorizing the Capt. Smith Watertrail study was included in last year's Interior Appropriations bill that was signed into law. Over the past several months, the National Park Service has made substantial progress towards completing the feasibility study. In March, the National Park service Advisory Board approved the watertrail's "Statement of National Historical Significance."

"As we approach the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, the time has come to truly recognize the importance of Capt. Smith's voyages," Rep. Davis said. "This trail will highlight the vital role he played in the founding of Jamestown, early exploration of the new world, and recording Native American culture and history."

Captain Smith explored 3,000 miles along the bay in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Smith's detailed maps were the first accurate depiction of the Chesapeake Bay and American Indian Settlements. He thoroughly documented Native American populations and cultures and noted wildlife, plant life and geography.

Central to the Jamestown story is Capt. John Smith's voyages of discovery and exploration of the Chesapeake Bay. His voyages opened the door of opportunity to establish democratic forms of government for all Americans.

The bill has been referred to the House Resource Committee.

Meanwhile, the Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources approved similar legislation introduced by Sen. John Warner, Sen. George Allen, Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

Game department seeks input on deer management plan

RICHMOND—The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) is seeking public input through June 16 on a draft Virginia Deer Management Plan.

First developed in 1999, the plan is being revised through the involvement of public stake-holders and deer managers. The draft is available online at www.dgif.virginia.gov/draftdeerplan.

VDGIF assembled a stakeholders advisory committee that included representatives of agriculture, forestry, environmental and hunting groups to determine the best approach to controlling the growing deer population.

"Deer populations can have a disastrous effect on crops," explained Brock Herzberg, an assistant director of governmental relations with Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, who served on the advisory committee. "Their numbers need to be logically managed so as not to adversely affect Virginia's top industry, and that makes agricultural input very important."

Nelson Lafon, VDGIF's assistant deer project leader, said the agency considers all stake-holders and their resources equal in planning deer management. "Over the last 10 years we've had to shift our population management paradigm from increasing to controlling the amount of deer in the state, and feedback has helped us determine our approach."

The plan will guide deer management through 2015.

"Biologically speaking, we could sustain increased herds," Lafon explained. "The stocking rate could go a lot higher than what we've got. The cultural carrying capacity, however, is always lower than the stocking capacity, and the gap has been widening since the mid-'90s."

Carrying capacity is the maximum number of animals that can be supported year after year without damage to the environment.

The plan includes four goals that specify general directions for deer populations, habitat and damage, as well as deer-related recreation. By clarifying directions for deer management, the plan will assist the VDGIF board of directors, administrators and staff—as well as the public—in addressing deer issues.

Montross teen killed in Westmoreland crash

WESTMORELAND—A 16-year-old Montross teenager was killed Saturday, May 27, when the vehicle she was riding in collided head-on with another vehicle in Westmoreland County.

The crash occurred at 6:05 a.m. on Route 3, approximately a half mile east of Route 720.

Virginia State Police Trooper J.M. Creasy investigated the crash.

According to Virgiinia State Police Sergent Kevin A. Barrick, the trooper's investigation revealed that a 1995 Mercury Tracer driven by Johnelle L. Campbell, 19, of Montross, was traveling eastbound on Route 3 when the vehicle crossed the center line of the roadway and collided with a 2002 Honda Civic that was traveling westbound.

The driver of the Mercury was seriously injured and flown by helicopter to Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond, said Barrick. A passenger in the vehicle, Lakesha Renee Campbell, 16, also of Montross, died at the scene of the crash, he said. The driver and passenger were not wearing safety belts, added Barrick.

The driver of the Honda, Charlene B. Ashton, 43, of Haynesville, was also seriously injured and flown by helicopter to Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. Ashton was wearing a safety belt, said Barrick.

Trooper Creasy is being assisted in the investigation by the Virginia State Police Crash Reconstruction Team. The crash is still under investigation and charges are pending.

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Kirten Eder, formerly of P.O. Box 408, Kilmarnock, is wanted for a bad check written to Tri-Star.

Tammy Marshall, formerly of 313 Beach Road, P.O. Box 1338, White Stone, is wanted for a bad check written to Tri-Star.

James Bowers IV, formerly of P.O. Box 520, Hartfield, is wanted for six counts of bad checks written to the Chris Mart.

Report information about any of these wanted people to the Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls are not recorded, callers do not have to give their name and will not have to appear in court.

Information could lead to a reward of up to $1,000.

Crime Solver #1025 contact Deputy Boyer to collect reward.

▼ *Police .*

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with driving while intoxicated.

The sheriff's staff also received a report May 22 of a hit and run with personal property damage in the Heathsville area with damages estimated at $400. Vandalism was reported May 23 to an automobile at a Lottsburg area residence. Damages to the vehicle are valued at $170.

▼ *Public access authority . .*

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The authority will decide where to focus efforts: swimming beaches, hiking trails, fishing piers or canoe and kayak launches.

While the authority may secure any type of public access, its true mission will be to provide access to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

The focus could be different in various parts of the Neck, McKenzie said. Northumberland and Westmoreland counties already have a number of public boat ramps, creating a total of two dozen access points to the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay from those counties.

Richmond and Lancaster counties, on the other hand, have only four public boat ramps between them. Lancaster County may wish to focus on building access to the Rappahannock River.

Northumberland may, instead, want to focus its efforts on canoe and kayak launches, since it already has an entire plan and proposal prepared.

Canoe and kayak launches have a newfound appeal as ecotourism destinations.

"These type of people come and buy bananas at the grocery store, fill up their cars, stay at bed and breakfasts and don't throw their trash around," McKenzie said. "They enjoy the environment with little impact."

Regardless, "No projects will be undertaken in any county without the authority of the local government," McKenzie said.

A similar program in the Middle Peninsula has proven incredibly successful. Using money from the state and federal Coastal Zone Management Program and the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, the Middle Peninsula Public Access Authority has leveraged $2.5 million in match-free grants to develop public access sites. With that money, it has helped to rebuild New Point Comfort Beach and has turned the Brown's Tract on Dragon Run into a park for biking, hiking and hunting.

The Middle Peninsula authority is now working to locate new potential access points. In its research, the authority has identified some 300 sites in the region where a VDOT-owned state road dead-ends at the beach. In many of these cases, VDOT also owns the beach at the end of the road. The authority is now working with VDOT to research these land holdings and, when possible, turn them over to the authority.

The legal cost of researching these land holdings can be quite expensive, however, and the authority is currently looking into using a research fellow on this project to save money.

Northern Neck's public access authority could seek similar places in the Northern Neck, and it may want to follow the Middle Peninsula's example of using a fellow to conduct the research.

Another idea would be for the authority to work with local governments to encourage developers to proffer portions of their property for public access, McKenzie said.

Long-term plans and goals aside, one of the first missions of the authority will be to inventory and map existing public access sites in the Northern Neck, and to identify possible new sites.

"There are little pieces of land the counties already own that are too small to be an organized facility," McKenzie said. "These could be sold to earn money to purchase a larger parcel."

The authority has not yet held its organizational meeting. Each county must first designate two members to sit on the authority. So far, the counties have each designated only one member and they must all designate a second before the group can meet.

Northumberland County administrator Kenneth D. Eades, Lancaster County administrator William H. Pennell and Westmoreland supervisor Woody H. Hinson have been appointed to the seats.

The remaining three members can be private citizens or public officials, but they must be appointed by the board of supervisors of the county they will represent.

The grant concludes September 30. McKenzie said the authority needs to hold three meetings between now and then.

"It's time to get the ball rolling," he said.

▼ *General Assembly returns to work . . .*

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version retains no cap on the credit.

Virginia's has one of the most successful land conservation programs in the country, Del. Wittman said. More than $190 million in land conservation tax credits were applied for last year. A $45-million cap would represent a significant downsizing of the program, which Wittman feels is particularly important in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula where development pressures are strong.

Sen. Chichester supports the $45-million cap.

Another budget element critical to the Northern Neck is a $4 million fund set aside to kick-start the building of high speed internet infrastructure in rural areas. The money would provide grants to companies willing to lay optical cable in under-served areas.

The House wants to remove this funding from the budget while the Senate wants to leave it in. Del. Wittman, who sponsored another bill this year to bring high-speed internet access to under-served areas, supports this funding as well.

"High speed internet access is critical to economic growth in rural areas," he said. "It allows these areas to attract new companies and to compete with larger areas on a level playing field."

Sen. Chichester has championed funding for Taylor's Creek Road in the Senate version of the bill, and Del. Wittman would like to see that funding make it into the final budget. He said he tried to get the same funding into the House bill without success. Sen. Chichester's amendment diverts the funding needed to complete Taylor's Creek Road directly to the Fredericksburg District's budget.

This would prevent the county from having to wait years to save up enough money to complete the project and work could resume as early as July.

Resolution on these issues is expected in the next few weeks.