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Lancaster considers real estate tax rate hike to meet growing budget

Budget hearing tonight; tax hearing next week

LANCASTER—County supervisors will hold a public hearing tonight (June 22) on a proposed $26.4 million budget for fiscal year 2006-07. A related hearing is set for Thursday, June 29, on a real estate tax rate increase. The hearings will begin at 7 p.m. in the General District Courtroom.

As proposed, projected revenue totals $26,458,663, up $1,717,335. Estimated expenditures total $25,5777,181, up $2,065,192. The anticipated end-of-year fund balance as of June 30, 2007, would be $881,482, down $347,857.

The proposed real estate tax rate for calendar year 2006 is 46 cents per $100 of assessed value, up 5 cents.

The tax on personal property and machinery and tools will remain at $1.52 per $100 of assessed value, while the tax on merchant's capital will stay at $1 per $100 of assessed value.

According to the board of supervisors' office, the real estate tax rates for public service corporations will also increase as much as other real estate in the county, while the personal property rate for such corporations will stay the same as last year at $1.52 per $100 of assessed value.

From left are Gibson and Gen. Sterling Wright.

31 percent tax increase gets mixed review in Northumberland County

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors heard only a couple of negative comments on the proposed 2006-07 budget and 31 percent tax rate increase during a public hearing last week.

Roughly a dozen people spoke last Thursday. Almost half of them commended the board for creating a good budget solution that includes funding to build a new school while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the state.

"I would like to compliment the board on following through with the campus plan," said Lynton Land of Heathsville. He said the proposed tax increase to cover the cost of the school is, "very inexpensive in terms of what other localities pay."

"We can't attract higher wage jobs without an educated population," said Susan Stubbs in support of the new school. "On the tax issue," she later added, "Virginia has very low taxes," but, she suggested, the board should change the assessment more regularly to ease the impact on property owners.

Greg Haugan of Heathsville, speaking as president of the Betts Landing Homeowners Association, said everybody in his community is in favor of the new school and the tax rate to support it.

Three people complained about how the reassessment was affecting their property taxes, although none specifically spoke against the proposed tax rate or the budget.

Joe Burrell of Whays Creek said his assessment increased in excess of 50 percent. He suggested that if the "neighborhood factor" was added to an assessment based on tables and charts, it would be appropriate. However, he said, if the assessment was based on market value and recent sales, then adding an additional 30 percent in the form of the neighborhood factor is arbitrary.

"Somebody needs to look at the neighborhood factor to see if its used properly," he said. "In my case, I may have to move."

Gerald Headley of Lottsburg said he had a 148 percent increase in his assessment and that he will see a 49 percent increase in his tax bill. He was unsuccessful in his attempts to appeal.

Sandy Harris of Pumpkin Hill said she and her husband had to put their house on the market as a result of the new assessment. Fortunately, she added, her children were able to buy it.

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Gen. Wright named grand marshal for July 4 parade

IRVINGTON—Clowns, costumed families and their costumed dogs, floats, decorated boats, antique cars, and of course, a marching bagpipe band. All will be parading patriotically through the streets of Irvington to the cheers and whistles of spectators in a down-home celebration on the Fourth of July.

Leading the parade as this year's grand marshal will be retired U.S. Army Gen. Sterling Wright. With an illustrious career going back to 1930 when he graduated from West Point, Gen. Wright took his first assignment as part of the U.S. Cavalry. He was one of the planners of the invasion of Normandy on D-Day during World War II, and then worked alongside the 29th Infantry Division, a National Guard Unit from Virginia and Maryland.

"At first I thought I would have to march," said the 97-year-old former infantryman with a sly smile. "Of course, I can't do that anymore. But the mayor said, 'No, you'll be riding in a car.' So I accepted."

Retired in 1965, the general has been a resident of Lancaster County since 1970 and pursued a second career as a newlywed 12 years ago. He is a lightning rod of teasing with his wife, Gibson, bearing the brunt of his joking.

"She pursued me," he claimed. But after Gibson's hail of objections to that rendition of events, Wright quickly switched to a new tactic. "We had to get married—as it turned out."

Of course, he explained, when everyone including the preacher saw them together at functions, they had no other choice.

The July 4th parade will be Wright's first command as a grand marshal.

"I suppose I will be busy marshaling," he said with authority. Everything he says is with authority.

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Party time

A crowd gathered at Belle Isle State Park last Saturday to hear the Wayne T. Holt Band. The band's performance, an installment in The Music By The River concert series, capped the park's afternoon-long celebration commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Virginia State Park System. More photo coverage appears on page A14. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

White Stone meals tax set for hearing; budget due

WHITE STONE—The town council will hold a public hearing tonight (June 22) on the proposed implementation of a 4 percent tax on prepared meals and beverages in White Stone.

The council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town office at 433 Rappahannock Drive.

Council also will vote on a proposed 2006-07 fiscal year budget totaling $157,100.

As proposed, estimated expenditures include central administration, $33,683; police services, $39,620; building and external requirements, $50,884; town council, $1,100, and capital/account reserve, $31,803.

Major projected revenue sources include local sales tax receipts, $45,000; bank franchise taxes, $52,000, cablevision franchise tax, $3,600; return on investments, $22,000; sale of town tags, $9,000; a law enforcement grant, $9,900; and fines, $7,000.

Cookie Haynie

Cookie Haynie to marshal Reedville parade on July 1

REEDVILLE—Cookie Haynie of Reedville, will serve as grand marshal for the Reedville Independence Parade, beginning at 3 p.m. July 1.

She remembers riding on a fire truck in this parade years ago when she was "just a kid."

Sponsored by the Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department, the parade is "a true community parade," featuring kids on bikes, almost every volunteer fire department vehicle in the Northern Neck and an audience that lines Main Street eagerly waiting for candy thrown to them by participants and politicians.

Haynie moved to Fleeton with her mother, three brothers and a sister when she was 11 years old. She graduated from Northumberland High School in 1964, and is married to Pete Haynie.

Haynie has two children, Lesly Hall and John Haynie Jr., and five grandchildren: Jessie, Dylan, Sarah Beth, Brady and Susan.

She has been a member of the Northumberland County Rescue Squad for 32 years, holding the office of president, captain, second lieutenant and training officer.

Haynie now serves on the board of directors, and is an instructor of CPR for the American Heart Association. She is also the vice-chairman of the Northern Neck pre-hospital committee for the Peninsula EMS Council.

She recalls joining the squad. "I had a friend who said 'let's join,' and we could trade baby sitting for squad days, so we did.

"Back then, we took patients to Richmond, and when we were on call and went to the grocery store, we had to let the dispatcher know how we could be reached. Back then, we didn't have all the advanced equipment we do now, and we only had advanced First Aid training.

"I remember the first call I took and how scared I was. A man had been injured when a log fell off a truck and hit him. We picked him up at the doctor's office in Lottsburg and took him to Richmond. We just had the driver and me in the back.

Haynie has also served the

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Courthouse needs assessment proceeds

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—"We're at Step 1 in a long-range project" is how F.W. Jenkins Jr., chairman of the Lancaster board of supervisors, describes an ongoing professional assessment of present and future security and space needs of the courts, constitutional officers, and other departments based in the Lancaster County courthouse.

About a year ago, the board authorized county administrator Bill Pennell to put out a request for proposals (RFP) to begin the analysis.

Both Jenkins and Pennell cite safety as the major factor driving the investigation—the safety of judges, attorneys, citizens and prisoners in the current courthouse situation. Jenkins noted the example of prisoners being paraded past citizens as a particular concern.

Jenkins said Wiley and Wilson, a Virginia architectural engineering group, is conducting a study, but he affirmed that they are "not drawing any plans" at this point.

No decisions have been made, he adds, and nothing is under consideration.

Pennell said an earlier "wish list" of space needs identified by judges, constitutional officers, and other department heads was quite large.

The engineering group will soon meet a second time with the constitutional officers and department heads to "fine tune" the initial security and space needs assessment, said Pennell.

"Each will have an equal opportunity to make a case for space/security," he said.

However, according to Pennell, the judges may have more clout since they have the statutory authority to require a governing body to build a new courthouse.

The study's $110,000 price tag is covered in the capital improvement program budget, Pennell explained. Expenditures will appear in both the fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007 budgets "as they occur."

Kilmarnock to adopt $3.03 million budget

KILMARNOCK—On Monday, June 26, the Kilmarnock Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town hall to consider the adoption of a proposed $3.03-million budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

Projected revenues total $3,037,000 and estimated expenditures total $2,578,000. The anticipated surplus of $459,000 is designated for a capital improvement fund.

Also on the agenda will be the appointment of a new council member to serve out the remaining two years of councilman emeritus Emerson Russell's term. June 21 was the deadline for applications for both Russell's seat and the one that will open when Dr. Curtis Smith is sworn in as mayor on July 7. The second position will be appointed during the July council meeting.

Contracts for a new well at the hospital will be reviewed for possible approval, pending a site inspection and approval by the state health department.

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June

22 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
Mahjong will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert provided. Tables of three or more. $2 per person. 438-4152.
The White Stone Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at 433 Rappahannock Drive. A hearing will be held on a proposed 4 percent tax on prepared meals. Council also will consider the 2006-07 fiscal year budget.
The Lancaster Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on a proposed $26.4 million budget for fiscal year 2006-07.
Robert Keyes will be featured on guitar at the Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock, beginning at 7 p.m.

23 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7 p.m.
Steve Keith will be featured at Donegaler's Irish Pub in Callao. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. 529-9782.
Fully Loaded will play on the deck at Smokin' Joe's Barbecue in Kilmarnock from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
A Square Dance will be hosted by the Square Pegs at 7 p.m. at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess. 580-4009.
A Garage Sale to benefit animals will be held at 810 Griffins Landing Road.

24 Saturday

The Mullins Sisters will perform at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

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Getting into character

Bev Mangan (Miss Daisy), Gernard Reed (Hoke) and Jason Strong (Boolie) try out a real classic. "Driving Miss Daisy" plays at The Westmoreland Players' theater in Callao through June 25. For tickets and times, call 529-9345.

24 Saturday

Steve Keith will be featured at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock.
Itchy Dog will be featured at Anna's Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Warsaw from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Jazz In The Courtyard will be featured at Ingleside Vineyards at Oak Grove. Dinner and music, $25; music only, $15. reservations required. 224-8687.
Bill & Clyde's NoNeck Jazzband will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Market Days at 11 a.m. on the Town Green.
The George Washington Birthplace National Monument will celebrate its 75th anniversary. An exhibit and program are planned.
Market Days will be held on the Colonial Beach Town Commons. 804-224-0021.

24 Saturday

A Sunset Canoe Trip & Campfire will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6 to 9:30 p.m. $6 per person.
Dinner at Seven will meet at the Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. RSVP 462-5430.
A Garage Sale to benefit animals will be held at 810 Griffins Landing Road.

25 Sunday

Anthony Campbell will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Town Green from 1 to 3 p.m.
The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Donegaler's Irish Pub in Callao immediately following church services.
Steve Keith will play from 2to 6 p.m. at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale.
A Vineyard Stroll will begin at 1 p.m. at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Walk and chat with the vineyard manager, winemaker or proprietor. Wine tasting. Free, however reservations recommended. 224-8687.
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26 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

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26 Monday

The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazerene at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.
Party Bridge is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. $5. For reservations, call 580-8205.
A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will begin at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H, the program will conclude June 28. $5.
The Democratic Committee for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.

27 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
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The Lancaster Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.
Books Alive meets at 7 p.m. the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. Library director Jayne McQuade will review books for summer reading.
The Democratic Committee of Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.

28 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meet at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
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The 5th Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild opens in Colonial Beach. The show continues through July 3. 224-4490.
The Board of Supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
(Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor.)

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GARFIELD (PG) 1:10, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10, 9:25
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CARS (G) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35

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Rehearsing for a birthday concert

Adelaide "Babs" McKelway rehearses in her White Stone home for the Friday, June 23, concert at Grace Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. The concert, organized by her son, clarinetist Dan McKelway, will honor Mozart's 250th birthday and Babs KcKelway's 70th. Musicians from the Cleveland Orchestra, the Richmond Symphony, the Kennedy Center Orchestra, the McKelways and others will perform Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos" and "Trio for Viola, Clarinet and Piano," the Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals," and other works. Admission is free.

Area Events

■ Radio field day

The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association will host Field Day activities June 24 and 25 at the Mid-County Rescue Squad Building at 7990 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.

Activities will include testing and practicing emergency communications on battery power. The public is invited to view the equipment and operations. Activities start at 2 p.m. Saturday and continue 24 hours.

There will be satellite communications, a demo of email by amateur radio and more.

■ Hilkiah Ball

On July 4 at 3 p.m., the Society of the War of 1812 will mark the grave of Hilkiah Ball in the Ball Family Cemetery on Route 3 at Windsor Farm. He served as sergeant in the War of 1812. Descendants and the public are invited.

■ Now playing

The Court House Players will present the thriller, "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin, June 22 through 25 at Peasley Middle School on Hickory Fork Road in Gloucester. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Advance sale tickets are $13 for adults and $12 for seniors 60 and over. All tickets at the door will be $15. For more information, call 824-4853, or 642-4144; or visit www.courthouseplayers.org.

■ Parade

The annual Ophelia July 4th parade will begin at 6 p.m. at Cockrell's Railway and end at Afton Church. Call 453-3689 to reserve a space in the parade before June 30.

All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult to participate in the parade. Food will be served at Afton Church.

Volunteers step-up for 'Steptoes'

From left are Judy Hannold, Judith Peifer, Charles Van Denburg, Isabel Eddy, Johnny Hayes, Jim Peed, Naomi Myrick and Agnus Carter. A member of the "Steptoe's Walkabout" planning committee, Carter relays details of the event to members of the art league. The "Steptoe's Walkabout" event will be held the first Friday of every month through October from 5 to 7 p.m. Businesses will be open in town with special events, live music, artists and food. (Photo by Jessica Crabill)

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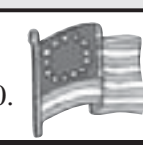
If you would like to participate or would like more information call Jackie Burrell at the Town Office between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at 438-6230.



Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

Over the last 40 years the word "ecumenical" has taken on a new meaning. Originally, it comes from the Greek word for world, and then it derived into an adjective to describe the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, signifying that he was the worldwide head of his church. In the 1960s it evolved into its present, most prominent meaning, in which it refers to cooperation and goodwill among Christian churches.

Here in the Northern Neck we prefigured that latter meaning with an innovative religious experience that has never been accorded the recognition for the historical significance that it deserves. I refer to the novel approach to worship adopted by several denominations at Colonial Beach in the 1890s.

The town founders had laid out a grid of streets and lots, and had begun selling lots in the 1880s, with incorporation following in 1892. The town grew quickly from its beginnings, chiefly attributable to the fair-weather influx of vacationers from Washington. Those folks came by steamboat down the Potomac, several thousand of them each weekend.

The ships embarked from terminals on Maine Avenue in Washington on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, returning their passengers to the District on Sunday evenings. The most memorable of the steamboats was the St. Johns, which has been the subject of many artist renderings.

Once at the beach, the visitors stayed at large Victorian three-story frame hotels, ate in the cavernous dining halls, and celebrated their "Washington-away-from-Washington." Many built cottages, but few became year-round residents. There were no churches in the new town until a group got together and built a small chapel to meet the Sunday needs. Their action was both daring and unique.

The chapel was a gem of the Carpenter Gothic style of architecture with a corner steeple, brightly colored glass in the windows, and cypress clapboard siding. Its uniqueness came from its use, for there each Sunday morning Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and Catholics shared the chapel for their own services. Each group had one hour in which to be in and out, allowing the next congregation to follow. The groups exhibited a wonderful spirit of cooperation, bridging their denominational differences with respect and good fellowship.

This proto-ecumenical venture continued for over 15 years, but by the early 20th century the little chapel had become inadequate for its growing congregations. In 1906, the Catholics decided to build their own church, the cornerstone of which was laid 100 years ago on June 10th. The Episcopalians followed with their own building in 1912, and soon thereafter, the Baptists erected their church, leaving the Methodists with the chapel solely theirs.

By 1950, the Methodist congregation had outgrown the small chapel, which they moved on rollers to the next lot, and built a new church in its place. Sadly, those were days before historic preservation became so prominent and a few years later the chapel was razed to make way for an educational building.

The legacy of the chapel continues and the spirit of good will that emerged in the 1880s has remained. Clearly those early residents of the beach anticipated the ecumenical movement that had not yet dawned on the larger world scene. Their deeds and their chapel deserve greater attention from historians and preservationists.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

Well, as I am writing this update, the budget conferees are finishing the final details of the compromise budget to be submitted to the House and Senate hopefully for a vote on Tuesday June 20.

Additionally, the House meets this afternoon —Friday, June 16, in a pro forma session to meet the minimum requirements of the state constitution which means that there is no legislation to vote on. This session was scheduled in anticipation of having a budget to vote on by Friday, but now instead, it will be Tuesday before we get to vote on a budget. This budget adoption process has been a long and eventful effort which has included many highs and lows. It would appear at times as though there was significant progress only to have the next day filled with hesitation and doubt. This process has had the unwanted distinction of being the longest in Virginia's history.

The budget adoption process begins now for both bodies with the consideration of the report from the budget conference committee. This conference report is the compromise budget that has been worked out by the committee. This committee is made up of six delegates and five senators.

On Tuesday, there will have to be several procedural moves to speed up the adoption process so that both bodies can complete their work. After procedures have been adopted to allow a vote on the budget, both delegates and senators will only be able to vote yes or no on the budget. There will likely be some comments about the budget, but no amendments are allowed, only a straight yes or no vote. The budget document is quite complex and will involve a significant amount of time for all legislative members to review.

After the legislature passes the budget, it then goes to the governor. The governor, who usually has five to six weeks to review the budget and make suggested amendments, will now only have 7 days to do so, since it will take until the end of next week to get to the governor the adopted budget document. After the governor sends the budget back to the legislature with his proposed changes, the legislature will meet to consider the amendments. At that point, the governor's amendments will either be agreed to or not. The budget then becomes final.

State government agencies and local governments will then know with certainty the amount of money they have for the coming year. Depending upon the assumptions local governments used in adopting their budgets, they will be faced with making adjustments to coincide with the funds they receive from the state. Under this scenario, all government functions continue at both the state and local government level.

I am very happy that all appears as though we will avoid the need for legislation to fund government without a budget. The idea of using this continuing funding resolution that is used by the U.S Congress is one that I do not believe is appropriate for Virginia. Budget decision-making is never easy and the use of continuing resolutions just puts off the tough decisions that must be made at some point. The Virginia Legislature has always been up to making these tough decisions. In listening to folks in the 99th District, I heard loud and clear that they expect their legislature to do the job for which we were elected and that includes adopting a budget without the use of continuing resolutions or facing potential government shutdowns. I am continuing to communicate with the budget negotiators on a daily basis and will do so until we have passed this budget.

In the district this past week, I started off on June 12 speaking to the Westmoreland Ruritan Club. On June 13, I enjoyed a tour of Fort A.P. Hill. After that tour was completed, I headed over to Reedville to meet another delegate for a tour of the Omega Protein fisheries. With so much attention being placed on this plant, I feel that it is important for legislators outside of this region to be able to see the work done to gain a better understanding.

On June 15, I visited with the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at Stratford Hall. This gave me the opportunity to inform them of legislative proceedings as well as an opportunity for me to hear from them how state policies impact their day-to-day work.

Over the weekend, I plan to speak at an Electoral Board Luncheon and from there stopping by to visit with folks at the Historical Marker Dedication at Westmoreland State Park. Additionally, I will also be visiting with the Little Ark Church congregation for their Juneteenth service and ceremony. The week has been one filled with good times and great opportunities to speak with people from throughout the district.

I can be reached by telephone, 493-0508, or email, robwittman@verizon.net.

Letters to the Editor

Seeking photos

To The Editor:

I am working on the proposed project, 0003-051-V13, C501. It consists of widening Route 3 from two lanes to four lanes with a median from south of the Lancaster County Court House Historic District and ends south of Route 614.

In 2000, cultural resource studies were conducted and successfully coordinated with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. We are aware of the presence of the historic White Marsh Church and have shifted the road so that all of the widening will occur to the other side of the road, opposite the church. Before the project is ready to be constructed in several years, an archaeological survey will be conducted in the area opposite the church. In this vicinity we know that the Brookvale P.O. and Store was in operation between 1900 and 1960 and around 1972 the building was demolished and removed.

If anyone knows of or possesses photographic images of the P.O./store building it would greatly help in our research of the site that the building stood on. Call 540-899-4033 or 540-220-8920.

Helen P. Ross
VDOT, Regional Cultural Resources Manager

Appointment due

To The Editor:

There seems to be a lot of concern in Kilmarnock over speculation that town council intends, at its Monday, June 26, meeting, to "appoint" a current councilman to the seat vacated by Emerson Russell's retirement. Of course, this is not only ridiculous, but would also be illegal. A sitting councilman cannot serve in two council positions simultaneously—his own and someone else's at the same time—that would be illegal and also impossible.

I'm sure that mayor-elect Dr. Curtis Smith, who will still be a councilman at the June 26 meeting will not vote for this illegal appointment nor will any of our other elected representatives. I'm sure that town attorney Chris Stamm will advise the council against this action and will not allow this illegality to take place. After all, Stamm is also an officer of the court. I'm sure that town manager Lee Hood Capps, will offer his opinion and advice regarding the illegality of such an appointment also. And lastly, I'm sure mayor Mike Robertson, at his last official meeting, will not hear nor allow the motion to be made of such an illegal action.

Fear not, council will appoint a town councilman, councilwoman or councilperson from those resumes that were requested and have been submitted to Capps. They will not appoint a sitting councilman, because the appointment of an already seated councilman would not be legal and therefore I'm sure would be contested by Kilmarnock's voters and subsequently reported to the governing authorities of the State of Virginia.

Rebecca Tebbs Nunn
Kilmarnock

Gloating doesn't help

To The Editor:

Last week I was happy to learn that one of the insurgents who we have long sought has finally been killed. Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi had eluded our efforts for three years. His demise was the result of many elements coming together. He was a violent and brutal man who acted in an inhuman way and needed to be put down.

The question I have is, why was it necessary for our officials to tell all the other bad guys the techniques and strategies that were used to find him. If the strategies worked once, why not keep them secret and allow them to work again? I can imagine that the insurgents are telling their spiritual advisors to stay off the phone and away from them. I don't know what I am missing. Why does the government need to outline in detail how we got him? I hate to think that the desire to gloat and brag is the reason.

I also don't see the need to continue showing photos of Zarqawi's corpse. Perhaps we need to convince people in the other countries that he is really dead, but not here. I didn't see the need to show photos of Saddam's dead sons and I don't see it now for Zarqawi. Perhaps we need to show more respect for the dead. How would we feel if photos of our dead soldiers were all over the news. I don't think we would appreciate it. We are already considered the bad guy in many quarters. Lets not compound it by enflaming them even more.

I have also been thinking about this "look'em in the eye" thing. It might work great in Texas, but I don't think Putan or Al-Maliki got it. We might want to consider placing it on the shelf with "mission accomplished," "dead or alive," and "bring it on."

Lloyd N. Hill
Weems

More speeding in Weems

To The Editor:

A letter of June 15 regarding the failure of the majority of drivers entering Weems to comply with posted speed limits was particularly timely as, Saturday evening, I was nearly struck by a car traveling so fast that it was unable to make the left turn by Campbell Church.

The driver bounced off the curb, while I ran for the church steps. He regained control of his car, made a squealing U-turn in the street and practically flew back out of the village before I could get his license number.

Several years ago, another of our residents was not so lucky. She was not hit, but her small dog walking beside her was killed.

The previous letter is also correct in that Weems is now primarily residential. We have a growing number of families with children and during the summer this population becomes even larger. We also have a contingent of elderly residents who enjoy walking and teens and adults who run and bike.

Not only do the young families in Weems use the church playground, but also their friends, visitors and others who live outside the village. The playground is across from Campbell Church. If the car that missed me on Saturday had tried to make a right turn instead of a left, he could easily have wound up in the playground where two children were playing.

A huge benefit to living in Weems should be that we're at the end of a road, where speeding cars and trucks should not be a factor. That's one of the reasons we moved here.

The Luttrell property, where a small subdivision is being developed, should begin the 35 mph zone, with a drop of 25 mph at James Lane and Wharton Grove and throughout the village. A few speeding tickets should be a deterrent, as they have been in White Stone. Those who frequently travel through White Stone are more careful about observing the speed limit than in past years. Hopefully, we can do the same for Weems.

Marilou Fox
Weems

What values?

To The Editor:

I am beginning to wonder what President George W. Bush means when he talks about "values."

Some families have had to pay the ultimate sacrifice for this tragic Iraq war. Most of those fighting do not come from wealthy families. However, our president, posing as a compassionate conservative, cannot bring himself to ask any of his richest supporters to make any sacrifices.

The president is anxious for congress to take up legislation that would permanently repeal the estate tax. Estimates are that vice-president Chaney would save between $13 million to $61 million, Rumsfeld between $32 million and $101 million, and who knows the amount to be saved by chief executive officers who have sucked money out of companies without any relation to their performance.

Much of this war will be paid for through the wages of the people who have no large estates to pass on. Also we can expect to see social programs like Social Security and Medicare suffer or eventually disappear. I am inclined to think that is just what many in congress would like to see happen.

Both sides of congress agree that raising the exemption to $7 million per couple is sufficient to cover the turnover of the vast majority of family businesses and farms. To do more in this time of soaring national debt is irresponsible.

I think this is a moral issue. Our president might take a look at Luke 12: 48, "For unto whosoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Mary L. Lay
Kilmarnock

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Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the June 22, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen).

Notice to voters

The voting list has been posted and I earnestly request all voters who have paid capitation taxes assessed and assessable against them for 1903, 1904 and 1905, (and having paid 1905 capitation tax six months prior to Nov. 6, 1906) to inspect the list and if your name is not there, report to me at once so I can have the judge have the name put on. Don't trust to me, as I am only human and liable to make mistakes.

J. M. Booth, Treas.,
Heathsville, Va.

Lively

Misses Susie and Carrie Norris have returned home from Richmond, where they have been attending school. Miss Ada Barker has also returned from school.

C. W. Dudly will move his sawmill in the near future convenient to W.J. Barker's tract of timber.

T.T. Lewis has purchased a small gasoline engine, which he is putting to many uses around his house.

Cleveland Haynie has been employed by Thrift Bros. at their mill near White Chapel.

Bluff Point

Catesby and Waldie Hall are home for their summer vacations. The former has been attending Randolph-Macon and the latter a school in Washington.

Miss Annie Hurst, who has been attending school at Warsaw, is home for the summer.

Owing to the heavy rains of late our roads are in a fearful condition.

(Transcribed by volunteers of the Genealogy and Research Center of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library).

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Do you remember?

This post card of Kilmarnock in the 1950s shows Main Street looking north from Irvington Road. (Courtesy of the Kilmarnock Museum)

PK-3: A foundation for lifelong learning

by Wade Ellegood

Virginia Forum

A broad, early-childhood education program that offers services to all Virginia's young children could pay big dividends for the Commonwealth. Candidate Tim Kaine made such an effort a centerpiece of is campaign. As governor, he has continued to push for universal pre-school education. It's a program all Virginians should support.

We must take the governor's program even further and align standards, curriculum, and assessment from pre-kindergarten through kindergarten, and into the early elementary grades. This is the PK-3 approach. The PK-3 approach provides voluntary, full-school-day pre-kindergarten for all 3- and 4-year-old children and full-school-day kindergarten that builds on the pre-kindergarten experience. The curriculum focuses on social skills and self-discipline as well as readiness for reading and math, and emphasizes a collaborative effort between families and teachers.

Research supports the PK-3 approach. A study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association tracked 1,500 disadvantaged minority children in Chicago for 16 years. About two-thirds of the children participated in a comprehensive preschool program where standards, curriculum and assessment were aligned with kindergarten through third grade.

Called Child-Parent Centers (CPC), these programs were part of the Chicago Public School system. The study found that CPC participants were almost 30 percent more likely to complete high school than a comparison group of equally disadvantaged children. Forty percent fewer CPC participants were held back in school or placed in special education, and CPC participants had 41 percent fewer arrests for violent crime. The study shows that the program can generate long-lasting results and benefits.

The CPC program demonstrates how the PK-3 approach works to improve the literacy and math skills of all children, especially English language learners and low-income children. The program strengthens children's social skills and motivation to help them succeed, reduces the need for special education services, and reduces the "fade out" effects often found in pre-kindergarten only programs.

The PK-3 approach encourages principals to build strong teams of teachers. Because it requires teachers to have the qualifications, knowledge and skills to teach all grades from pre-kindergarten through the third grade, teachers will all be on the same page and thoroughly understand the development of the curriculum across grade levels and ages. This enables parents to build long-term relationships with these important adults in their children's lives. To help qualified teachers make a career of early education, we must pay them what we pay all other elementary school teachers.

According to the recently released Child Well-Being Index report, the rise in 9-year-olds' math and reading performance as measured by the National Assessment of Education Progress ("the nation's report card") corresponds with the dramatic expansion of pre-kindergarten since the mid-'90s. Schools that use the PK-3 approach are more likely to see all children reach fourth grade equipped with the skills needed to learn at a higher level, narrow the achievement gap between groups of children, and meet federal requirements under the No Child Left Behind law. They also improve every child's chance of graduating high school and becoming a productive member of their community.

These educational advancements can translate into significant gains for the Commonwealth as a whole. PK-3 stimulates the coordination of funding streams and makes more efficient use of public resources for early and elementary education. The investment in early education programs offers a potential return rate of 16 percent by reducing costly grade retention, special education placements, teen birthrates, crime and incarceration.

In order for our children to be successful in school and in life, we must invest in the earliest years of learning. Model early education programs can have powerful and long-lasting results; they prevent serious societal problems and produce significant economic returns. These programs enable children to reach their full potential.

Too many of Virginia's youngest citizens are now starting their school careers at a disadvantage, especially in our state's low income rural and urban neighborhoods. We must change the way our education system works from the bottom up. The key is to build a bridge between pre-kindergarten and the K-12 system. We can do this by investing in PK-3 for all of the Commonwealth's youngest children.

(Ellegood is the president of the Richmond Education Association).

Rep. Davis honored as protector of property rights

Rep. Jo Ann Davis has been honored by the Property Rights Alliance (PRA) with its inaugural Protector of Property Rights Award. The PRA presents the award to members of the House of Representatives that vote with the property rights community on at least 86 percent of issues the organization tracks.

"I am very happy to accept this award from the Property Rights Alliance," Rep. Davis said. "I have fought hard in the past to protect the individual property rights of all Americans, and I will continue to do so in the future. I also want to commend the Property Rights Alliance for their hard work in protecting property rights, and wish them luck in the future."

One of the key votes rated by the PRA included support of HR 4128, the Private Property Rights Protection Act, which protects the rights of private property owners. This legislation, which passed the House, would reverse some of the effects of the recent Kelo v. New London Supreme Court decision that provided local governments with the authority to confiscate private land for economic development through the practice of eminent domain.

In support of this bill, Rep. Davis said, "Private ownership of property is vital to both our freedom and our prosperity, and this legislation will help ensure that our rights are protected as the Founding Fathers intended. Government seizure of private property for economic gain—even if adequately compensated–is un-American. Government should not be allowed to seize the property and businesses that Americans have worked so hard to own."

PRA Executive Director Scott A. Laganga added that "Rep. Davis is more than an ally in this battle; Rep. Davis is a 'Protector.' (She) is a true champion of private property rights, and Property Rights Alliance offers its thanks and congratulations."

This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

Help change the face of aging in America

It's almost two decades since I first heard him speak on the changing demographics of aging in America. He was a young man, but his wisdom was old. For me, that speech was a life-changing event.

His name was Ken Dychtwald, psychologist, gerontologist, futurist and author of best-selling books like *Age Power: How the 21st Century Will Be Ruled by the New Old* and *The Age Wave: How The Most Important Trend Of Our Time Can Change Your Future.*

In my excitement, I imagined having him appear on a local speaker series. But almost at once, an insurmountable roadblock surfaced. His fee for a one-hour lecture was $20,000.

Now, you might say no one is worth that amount of money. And you might be right. But, on the other hand, that was just the starting point for this dynamic forward thinking speaker. Currently, his rate is much higher and he is in great demand. He has addressed nearly two million people worldwide

A few years ago, former President Jimmy Carter described him as "today's most innovative and original thinker" on the subject of aging.

Dr. Dean Ornish, the author of *Stress, Diet, and Your Heart* and other health-related books, describes Dychtwald's *Age Power* as a wake-up call.

Age Power is a book that will provide "a much-needed paradigm of old age as a period of health and vitality," said Ornish.

There are two things significantly different about aging in the future. The numbers of chronologically old people will increase dramatically. And people will remain vibrant and productive to much later ages.

For these two reasons, our attitude toward aging must change.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2035 there will be 70 million persons over 65. This compares to 3 million at the beginning of the last century.

What's more, these will be the "new old." People with energy, good health, resources, influence and motivation, like yourself. People who are not ready to be put on the back burner.

In the 1880s, when Chancellor Otto von Bismarck of Germany arbitrarily selected 65 as the age for retirement, it made sense. After all, life expectancy was 45 and few people would ever need the safety net.

We must rethink retirement, says Dychtwald. "Using 65 as a marker of old age - and the onset of old-age entitlements - is meaningless, unfair, and even dangerous."

It would, however, be devastating to older Americans to scrap benefits without providing equal opportunity for employment. Obviously, the very first step is to label age discrimination for what it is - as immoral and illegal, just like any other discrimination - and then eliminate it.

Dychtwald's generation - the baby boomers - will change American demographics far into the 21st century, because of their large numbers. Society will change, because it must. But it will be slow.

In the meantime, it's up to each of us to take charge of our own individual futures. Dychtwald advises that everyone should "Be prepared to reinvent yourself several times in adulthood."

One by one, we can change the face of aging in America if we choose to.

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Letters to the Editor

Stripers brought home 49 medals

To The Editor:

I am deeply resentful of the coverage allotted to the recent YMCA National Swim Meet held in Fort Laudedale, Fla. This was an event which drew national attention, and your newspaper treated it as just another ho-hum photo-op with a not very accurate headline.

Your reporter actually thought the Stripers were a football team and that instead of swimming yards in various events, we somehow managed to run them carrying a football, and instead of a swim cap on our heads, we wore helmets. That would have been near impossible at the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, which has three Olympic pools, but no football field.

Our seven-member team members ran up a total of 200 points, finishing ahead of many other larger teams. And although individuals placed in each event, it was what we did as a team that counted. There are eight places in these large national meets, and each contributes to team points. The Stripers came home with a total of 49 medals. (The Record reported 17 first-, second- and third-place medals).

It seems to me that your readers would have enjoyed reading about our trip to BWI in a stretch limousine, complete with champagne breakfast, and our pit stop at McDonald's on the way. A little human interest with humor article instead of just a spot on the sports page might have been of interest to our friends and neighbors.

Sadly, had I known how this article was to be handled, I'd have saved myself the effort of writing it, or at least would have submitted it to another source.

Pauli Dillard
Wicomico Church

Democrats will meet

The Lancaster County Democratic Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.

On the agenda will be a discussion led by Norm Mosher on "Current Constitutional Issues." Mosher is a retired Navy captain who also served on the professional staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy earning advanced degrees in law and economics.

The group will also discuss their efforts to support Democratic candidates Jim Webb who is running against George Allen in the Senate race and Shawn O'Donnell who is opposing Jo Ann Davis in the House race in November.

Also, plans for the upcoming July 4 Independence Day picnic will be discussed. The time is from 5 to 9 p.m. All persons interested in the activities of local Democrats are invited to come.

For more information, contact committee chair Donna Thompson at 436-0605, or visit www.lancovadems.org.

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Engagements

Margaret Louise Scheu

Scheu-Sacks

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scheu of Lancaster announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Louise, of Jacksonville, Fla., to Jonathan Ross Sacks, also of Jacksonville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sacks of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Miss Scheu is a graduate of Christchurch School and the University of Virginia. She is employed by CSX Corporation as a media relations specialist.

The prospective groom received a bachelor's and a master's of accounting from the University of Florida and a J.D. from the University of Florida Levin School of Law. He is an attorney at the law firm of McGuire Woods LLP in Jacksonville.

A July wedding is planned.

Meredith Wike and Jack Geier

Wike-Geier

Meredith Wike and Jack Geier announce their engagement. After cruising in their 36-foot sailboat, Spindrift, they plan to return to Lancaster County for a September 2007 wedding.

Miss Wike is the daughter of Cliff and Debbie Wike of Catawba, N.C.

The prospective groom is the son of Bill Geier of White Stone and Kathy Kauffman of Topping. His maternal grandmother is Pat O'Shaughnessy of White Stone.

Museum establishes website

The King and Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum and the King and Queen County Historical Society have established a website. The addresses are www.kingandqueenmuseum.com and www.kingqueenhistsoc.com.

The site features information on the museum, its exhibits and activities, information on the activities of the historical society and applications for membership, as well as information on the Courthouse Green Historic District at King and Queen Courthouse.

An "online store" offers up books published by the historical society which had previously only been available at the museum and by mail.

Researchers will find information on the history of King and Queen County, an index of King and Queen Historical Society's semi-annual bulletins, and a searchable index of the archives at the museum. Maps on the website show the location of the museum, its hours and directions.

The information and photographs on the website were prepared by the museum and the site was designed by Page One History Publications of Richmond. The museum is a joint enterprise of the historical society and King and Queen County.

Local News

Mrs. Dixie Wood visited her daughter, Lisa Hart, and family in Point Pleasant, N.J., last week and attended her grandson's high school graduation. Sean will be attending James Madison University in the fall.

Ray and Bev Robichaud of Manchester, N.H., spent a delightful week with their newly-wed daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Ben Stallings, in Reedville. While here, they visited the Battleship Wisconsin (Ray served in the Navy during the vietnam War), toured the Navy base, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Reedville Fishermen's Museum, fished, played golf and enjoyed Northern Neck seafood.

Mary Leila and Randy Covington of Verona and Bluff Point and Dr. Arthur and Dr. Carolyn Conway of Richmond were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mc and M.J. Conway on Bluff Point.

Mrs. Ashby Blackwell and Mrs. Arthur Dize were in Williamsburg on Saturday for the high school graduation of Mrs. Blackwell's granddaughter, Virginia Bangit, held in the William and Mary Hall. Following graduation, her parents, John and Janice Bangit, hosted a luncheon for 18 family members at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown honoring Virginia who will be attending Emory and Henry College in Abingdon this fall.

Ken Creswell was honored with a surprise birthday luncheon on Saturday, June 17. Ken is 80 years old. The party was hosted by his daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Jeff Jackson. Jackson's daughters, Beth, Megan and Natalie, were also there to help. Those in attendance were Ken's wife, Jo Creswell, Brenda and Buddy Brinn, Eileen and Ralph Kraft, L.J. Carney, Sally and Jack Watsen, Karen and Wayne Mullins, Pat and Floyd Jones and Ed and Zena Smith. A good time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Keyser were dinner guests on Wednesday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bridgeman at their home in Reedville with a wide unobstructed view of the Chesapeake Bay.

Louie and Keeny Conley and children, Hallé and Colby, of Germantown, Md., arrived on Tuesday to spend this week with his mother, Mrs. George Dixon.

Robert Gill has been a patient at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond, since Friday a week ago.

James Dameron of Newport News spent Father's Day weekend with his father and grandmother, Marvin Dameron and Mrs. Ruth Dameron.

Mrs. Muriel Brown has returned from an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Laura Brown in Mt. Holly, N.J., and her son-in-law and daughter, Bob and Nancy Helwig in Middletown, N.J. While there she attended the wedding of her grandson, Jonathan Helwig.

Ed Bosher and Lester Brent co-hosted the Bluff Point Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Group on Sunday with 19 members present.

Cye Chilton returned to his home in Kennebunkport, Maine, on Tuesday after 10 days with his brother and sister-in-law, Jock and Nancy Chilton, and his father, Bobby Chilton, in Upper Lancaster.

Mrs. Elinor (Mrs. Urban) Haynie was the honored guest on June 11 when family members gathered at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Linda Peay and son, Cory, of Mechanicsville visited with her mother, Dixie, and Innis Wood on Saturday.

Fall quilt classes scheduled

The Tavern Quilt Guild will offer five quilt classes featuring nationally known teachers. The six-hour classes will be held in Reedville and Heathsville in the fall. Each class is $45.

Elizabeth Hamby Carlson will offer a workshop on "Burgoyne Surrounded" October 20 at Northumberland Public Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will help quilters design their own versions of these classic quilts. The class includes pattern drafting, color and value placement, calculating yardage and adding appliqué.

Carlson also will teach a "Strawberry Fair Album" workshop October 22 at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While working on one of the classic ten-inch blocks, quilters will learn template free-hand appliqué. The class is for all levels of skill.

Lois Smith will teach "Focus on Fabrics" October 19 at the Transportation Museum of Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Five-inch circles appliquéd without a flaw onto six-inch squares will showcase Japanese or other fabrics. The class is for beginners and those of intermediate skill.

Smith will also offer a design class, "Fibonacci Lends a Hand," October 20 at the same venue from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Quilters will go back in history and borrow a number sequence from a 13th-century mathematician, Leonardo Fibonacci. The class is for all levels of skill.

Jane Hall will offer a workshop, "Mariner's Compass" October 22 at Northumberland Public Library from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Quilters will learn to piece this traditional pattern with absolute accuracy, using freezer paper foundation for eight-inch blocks. She will also do quilt appraisals.

The mission of the Tavern Quilt Guild is to promote and preserve the art of quilting through the education of the members and the public. The guild is affiliated with and helps support Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern.

To register, and for appraisals, call Liz Mesec at 472-3498.

Anne Olsen to share garden with TV viewers

On Tuesday, June 27, at 8 p.m., Anne Olsen of Northumberland County will be featured on Virginia Home Grown on WCVE Channel 23.

Olsen has spent countless hours in the garden since she and husband John moved to their Northumberland County home 19 years ago.

A member of the Northern Neck Master Gardeners, she has cultivated a lush landscape of bright blossoms and native plants overlooking Barretts Creek.

Olsen will lead viewers on a tour of her back yard. She and host Richard Nunnally will discuss the basics of bay-friendly landscaping.

Olsen will describe how she integrated existing trees and shrubs into her garden, including a waterside buffer that traps fertilizer and sediment before they reach the creek. She will highlight some of her favorite native plants, which tolerate summer heat and require few chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Fancy Carp Manhole Cover

Fried Eggs Manhole Cover

Magneson to speak

The RFM Quilters are excited to have Mary Magneson as a speaker for their July meeting.

Magneson is a member of the Cabin Branch Quilters in Woodbridge. She will speak on and display two Japanese manhole cover quilts and some of her wearable art.

She has been quilting since the early 1990s and has been sewing for over 40 years. The inspiration to use Japanese manhole covers as quilt patterns came after an American quilter, Shirley MacGregor, noticed the unique beauty and graphic design of the manhole covers. She inspired other quilters to use these designs and many were eventually exhibited in the Baltimore Publics Work Museum.

Later, she published a book of these quilts, *Treasures underfoot: Quilting with Manhole Covers.*

The RFM Quilters will meet at 1 p.m. July 7 in Bethany United Methodist Church.

Births

Joline Christine Haynie

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Q. Haynie announce the birth of their daughter, Joline Christine, April 24, 2006, at German Town Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel G. Haynie of Reedville and Vernon and Carol Holter of Washington State and Christine and David Hunter of California.

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Heritage of America Band returns July 1

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band will kick off Irvington's Fourth of July festivities on Saturday evening, July 1.

Major Douglas Monroe will lead the band in a memorable evening of musical entertainment. Sponsored by the Irvington Chamber of Commerce, the Village Improvement Association and the Town of Irvington, the free concert begins at 7 p.m. on the Irvington Commons.

"We are delighted to have the band again this year. This will be the 16th year for the event and it has become a highly anticipated tradition," said Mary Ellen Tetrick, ICC/VIA spokesperson. "The music is spectacular and nothing compares to the atmosphere. Patriotism, camaraderie and appreciation for small-town America abound."

Formed in 1941, the USAF Heritage of America Band entertains a million people each year with its program of traditional classics, rousing marches, contemporary selections, a featured soloist and patriotic music. It has performed for presidents of the United States, the president of France, and the queen of England, and has made significant cultural contributions to communities in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

The band has received The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Organizational Excellence Award, and the Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence several times.

Families and friends are urged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics to fully enjoy the experience. Chesapeake Bank will contribute to the celebration, serving hot dogs, sodas and chips while they last.

Birthplace to celebrate Children's Day July 4

George Washington's first experience of freedom and equality among people was as a child in Westmoreland County. George Washington Birthplace National Monument has selected American Independence Day to honor and enthusiastically celebrate these childhood qualities that as the great leader of his country, Washington tried to regain for all Americans.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors may participate in and see many of the activities and amusements that the young George Washington and his free and enslaved playmates would have been a part of in the 1730s. A variety of Colonial outdoor games will be set up, and costumed helpers will be on hand to show children of all ages how to play. The adult activities that George Washington would have first seen at Popes Creek Plantation will also be demonstrated that day. Hearthside cooking, blacksmithing, spinet playing and tobacco farming are all scheduled. Regularly scheduled tours of the birth site and memorial buildings will also be given. Admission will be free on July 4 only.

George Washington left Westmoreland County in 1735 for the Washington family home that later became known as Mount Vernon. He left behind playmates destined to forever remain subjected to plantation masters, while he went on to pursue the comfortable but oppressive status of a Colonial American subjected to British tyranny. How much of his later heroism in the cause of freedom was influenced by his early experiences will never be known.

His leadership in the American Revolution and the early government of the nation are well known and need little explanation to show his inclination to liberty for his fellow free Americans. Much less understood is his intent and reason for the eventual freeing of all of his slaves in his will. Washington singled out his former valet (and some say best friend), fellow Westmoreland County native William Lee, for immediate emancipation and a lifelong pension. Could his experiences as a child playing with black and white children have contributed to his final action for liberty?

Some Colonial era artifacts have been unearthed and serve as clues to childhood activities at Popes Creek Plantation. The famous "toy man" made from pipe clay is a silent testimony to the amusement of at least one Washington child centuries ago. Subject to speculation is the reason archaeologists found spoons in the ground so close to the Washington home. Did George Washington or one of his playmates interrupt his playful excavations to answer a call to dinner or bed?

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is located on Route 204, off of Route 3, 11 miles west of Montross. Admission on Independence Day will be free. Admission on all other days is $4 for each visitor 16 and older.

Additional information about George Washington Birthplace National Monument is available by phone, 224-1732, or at www.nps.gov/gewa.

Fireworks to follow annual ball games

Fireworks will light up the night sky above the ballfields in Tappahannock on Tuesday, July 4, in conjunction with the Richmond and Essex counties' Independence Day celebration.

A softball game between the Richmond County and Essex County volunteer fire departments will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the fields at Essex High School. At 7:15 p.m., the popular old timers game between the Warsaw Tigers and the Tappahannock Wildcats will begin.

A 30-minute fireworks display will start at approximately 9 p.m.

The grounds at the ballfields open at 5 p.m. Concessions will be available.

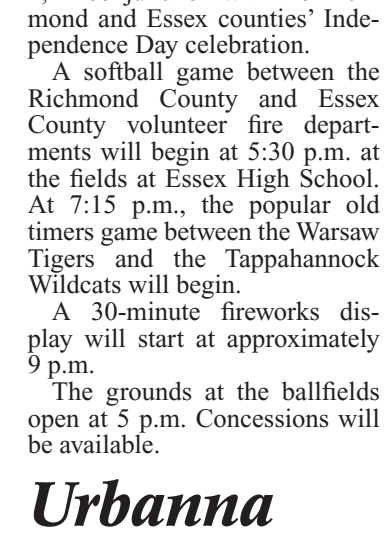
Urbanna plans July 4 waterfront celebration

The Town of Urbanna will host its traditional Fourth of July celebration at Upton's Point Marina on Urbanna Creek.

At 5 p.m., Sweet Justice will perform. The concert will continue until dark.

At 6:30 p.m., a boat parade and judging will begin with prizes for the most patriotic, most creative and most outrageous designs.

The Sheriff's Auxiliary will serve food and drinks from 5 p.m until dusk. There will be face painting for children. A fireworks display will begin at dark over Urbanna Creek.



This Franklin Saye original is among the auction items for CAPINNÉ.

Saye paints watercolor for CAPPINÉ auction

Franklin Saye recently produced an original watercolor and donated it for auction at the Northern Neck Rotary Club's annual CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction. The annual event will be held July 17 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock.

This is another in a long series of works donated by Saye, according to CAPINNÉ chair, Richard Abbott. Sale of his works has greatly contributed to the success of the event over the years.

The Saye depicts the riverboat "Lancaster" heading for Baltimore after having off loaded goods at the Irvington town dock circa 1900. The attached photo was taken before the painting was framed by Cindy Pittman at Rappahannock Hang-ups and Gallery in Kilmarnock.

This piece will join works by other local artists making one of the best offerings of art in many years. Many of the items being offered at this year's event are on display in the window of Hang-ups on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

Individuals and groups wishing to attend the event may get ticket information at any branch of The Bank of Lancaster, Rappahannock Hang-Ups, or by calling 435-4169.

Water View community celebration is July 1

The Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Independence Day celebration July 1, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Water View firehouse on Route 640 in Middlesex County.

The event will feature food, crafts, vendors, children's games, a moonwalk for the smaller children, lawn mower races, The Boogie Sharks Band, the Great American Discdog Show featuring Jeff Stanaway and Larry Beatty with their world renown Australian Shepherds and Border Collie, a firemen's parade beginning at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9 p.m.

To participate in the parade, secure a craft or vendor booth call Amy Ellis at 758-4816 or Cathy Russell at 758-5591, after 6 p.m.

Parade trophies will be awarded for Most Patriotic, Best Appearing Float, Best Appearing Antique Car/Truck; Best Appearing Antique Tractor, Best Commercial Entry, Best Appearing Car, Best Appearing Truck, Best Appearing Golf Cart, Best Appearing ATV/Dirt Bike/Go-Cart, Best Appearing Biker, Best Appearing Walker and Honorable Mention.

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Douglas A. Beck

Choral concert is Saturday at Grace

Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock will present a Summer Choral Concert featuring the Alban Chorale of Annandale on Saturday, June 24, at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Douglas A. Beck will lead the 16-member chorale in a program of traditional American songs, songs from the British Isles, and jazz standards. Selections include "Chester," "Ye Followers of the Lamb," "Loch Lomond," "The Kerry Dance," "Come Fly with Me," and a gospel adaptation by John Rutter entitled "The Heavenly Aeroplane."

Beck is director of music ministries at St. John's, Norwood Parish, in Chevy Chase, Md.

He started his musical career at the age of four, singing in churches with his mother accompanying on the piano. He has held organist positions consistently from the age of 13. He received a bachelor's and a master's in music from the Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

While there, he studied organ with Donald Sutherland, whose pedagogical lineage may be traced directly to Johann Sebastian Bach through other legendary church musicians including Marcel Dupré and Charles-Marie Widor.

An international performer, Beck has played at Historic Christ Church in Alexandria, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York, First Baptist Church in Ottawa, Altenberg Cathedral in Altenberg, Germany, and Antoniterkirche in Cologne, Germany.

Cruise-ins continue through October

The Mid-Peninsula Classic Cruisers is an organization dedicated to car enthusiasts and classic cars in Gloucester County. Every Friday, April through October, from 6 to 10 p.m., the organization holds a cruise-in at the Gloucester Main Street Center on Business Route 17.

Spectators are admitted free. Music is provided by Affordable DJs. Exhibitors only pay $1 to display their automobiles (must be 20 years old).

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Warsaw event to provide fun advice on antiques

A benefit Antiques One-Stop Road Show will be held July 8 in Warsaw to help Northern Neck residents learn if their old family heirlooms and keepsakes might have more than only sentimental or nostalgic value.

Patterned after the popular PBS television series, "Antiques Roadshow," the local fund-raising event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wellford Hall at St. John's Church at 5987 Richmond Road.

Organized by the Northern Neck Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the event, complete with food and live music, also will benefit the Richmond County Museum in Warsaw and the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society.

"The Antiques One-Stop Roadshow is an exciting first for the Northern Neck Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities," said the Rev. Michael Malone of St. John's Church, an APVA-NNB director. "It's sure to help our neighbors learn if old family heirlooms might be worth some real money."

Antique prints, furniture, porcelain, glass, cars and other such objects will be evaluated by experts with tickets at $10 for an item, or $25 for three items. Advance tickets are available where Antiques One-Stop Road Show posters are being displayed at antiques stores and other businesses throughout the Northern Neck. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

Food will be sold by the Warsaw Rotary Club. Music will be provided by The Rising Tide.

Evaluations of antique items will be made by the following experts:

• Paintings—Jennifer J. Acree, a Capitol Heights, Md., artist.

• Early furniture, glass, china and lighting—Brian Penniston, a Tappahannock antiques dealer.

• Prints—Richard Carter, of Millers Tavern, formerly with The Smithsonian Institution.

• Baskets, kitchen utensils, country furniture, crocks and Civil War items—Joe and Julie Johnson, Millers Tavern antiques dealers.

• Antique cars—Rev. Malone.

Dave Hershiser and his painting of the Great Pyramid of Chichen-Itza.

Hershiser exhibit continues

An exhibit showcasing the artwork of Reedville resident Dave Hershiser continues at the Northumberland Public Library through June.

The show includes oil and acrylic paintings of local subjects and images from traveling in Mexico where he visited the Mayan ruins of Chichen-Itza and Tulum.

Also featured will be a model of Atlantis built by the artist and based on the writings of Plato. Hershiser also will display a series of still-life paintings.

A graduate of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., Hershiser has exhibited his art in the Lancaster Community Library and Chesapeake Bank. His most recent solo exhibition was at the Heritage Center and Bookstore in Virginia Beach.

Books alive sets focus on summer reading

For Northumberland Public Library's next Books Alive program on Tuesday, June 27, library director Jayne McQuade will review a sampling of books available to the summer reader. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the library in Heathsville.

"I plan to organize my presentation around the type of book the summer reader enjoys," said McQuade. "Some wish to read a long-neglected classic of the literary canon, others have been anxious to read something that covers a current crisis in greater depth than news media provide. There's history, biography, adventure...then of course there are those of us who desperately need the sort of mental ease that only a good mystery can provide."

There are choices out there for all types of readers, and McQuade has put together a program to help summer readers pick out gems from the gravel."

"I have a surprise for the next Books Alive audience," said McQuade. "We all like to 'discover' authors before they become famous, and I've found one I'd like to introduce to Northumberland."

Light refreshments, courtesy of Ginny Estell, will be served.

Big sale to benefit animals

A three-day garage/driveway sale to benefit needy, neglected and homeless animals will be held June 23, 24 and 25.

This is the sixth annual sale for the Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund for animals and every penny goes to a needy critter.

To get to the sale site from Kilmarnock, take Route 3 toward Lively, turn left onto Route 620 at the Get-N-Zip and proceed 1.5 miles to 810 Griffins Landing Road (Page residence). Signs will be posted.

Colonial Beach to celebrate shared heritage

Colonial Beach recently announced that Governor Tim Kaine has designated the town as a Jamestown Community. In this role, Colonial Beach will give emphasis to its local and regional heritage—as the nation celebrates the 400th anniversary of the establishment of Jamestown in 1607, the first permanent English settlement in the New World, the beginning of the United States of America.

Extremely fortunate, the Sultana organization selected the Town of Colonial Beach as one of 20 landing sites for the 121-day re-enactment of John Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Next June, a 28-foot replica of John Smith's shallop will lay anchor at Colonial Beach for public viewing on the waterfront. After staying the night in conjunction with the annual Potomac River Festival, enactors will paddle and sail up the Potomac to Mount Vernon, Alexandria and Washington, D.C. See www.johnsmith400.org

With the 18-month celebration under way, the town invites the community to visit its Town Commons on the last Saturday of each month for Market Days. The tradition of Market Days in the Old Dominion emanates from those organized in Jamestown in the 1600s.

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Bay Seafood Festival tickets are selling fast

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Tickets can be purchased for $50 in Kilmarnock at Farm and Home and Eubank and Sons, in Irvington at Time to Cook, in White Stone at White Stone Pharmacy, and in Northumberland at Jetts Hardware, Lilian Lumber Company and Allison's Ace Hardware. Tickets also are on sale at all area banks, and may be purchased at www.kiws-rotary.org, or call 1-800-777-9717.

From left, Rotarians Lee Capps, Gary Ellis, Norman Scott, " Salty," Bob Hedges and Tom Decker sell tickets at an Irvington Farmers' Market.

The festival will feature all one cares to eat and drink, including soft shell crabs, fish, scallops, oysters, crab cakes, shrimp, clam chowder, barbecue, slaw, corn-on-the-cob, French fries, hush puppies, fried sweet potatoes, ice cream, beer, wine, mixed drinks and bottled water.

Music will be provided during the dining portion of the event by the big band sounds of Entertainment Systems and the Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band. The main music feature will be Casper.

Proceeds from the festival are given to area charities and organizations including Rappahannock Community College scholarship fund, area fire departments and rescue squads, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, The Haven, Northern Neck Together, area libraries, CASA, Jacob's Ladder, Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Healthy Beginnings, Interfaith Committee, Northern Neck Vocational Scholarships, Hospice and Crime Solvers.

Smithsonian plans two grand openings in July

This Independence Day, all Americans have reason to take pride as the Smithsonian Institution unveils the nation's collection of American art and portraiture, showcased in a landmark home in the nation's capital. The newly restored and renovated Patent Office Building houses the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery.

The iconic "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart, a riveting photograph of basketball star Shaquille O'Neal, a 32-foot-wide glowing map of the United States with more than 300 televisions by Nam June Paik and a visionary sculpture by folk artist James Hampton made from miles of gold and silver foil are just a few of the thousands of artworks returning to public view in the nation's capital.

In addition, the public will experience two innovative and bold new public spaces—the Lunder Conservation Center and the Luce Foundation Center for American Art. The museums and these specialized new facilities are now known collectively as the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture.

The Reynolds Center will feature music, food and family activities with a free, public festival from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Grand Opening Family Festival, sponsored by Target, will feature costumed characters from the collections, gallery tours, performances, free ice cream and music on every floor of the building. Musical performances will include jazz, fife and drum, barbershop, Native American folk, bluegrass, blues and salsa. There also will be dance performances throughout the day including hip-hop, flamenco and tap.

The museum's National Historic Landmark building is at Eighth and F Streets N.W., in the heart of a revitalized downtown arts district. The newly renovated building features dramatic architectural elements, including two city-block-long skylights, a curving double staircase, porticos modeled after the Parthenon and vaulted galleries illuminated by natural light. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Metrorail station: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red, Yellow and Green lines). For Smithsonian information, call 202-633-1000, or visit www.reynoldscenter.org.

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Committee chair promises racer-friendly competition

by John McCarthy

"Race Committee, come in please." [SILENCE]

"Race Committee, come in please." [MORE SILENCE, UNTIL FINALLY]

"This is the Race Committee. We cannot acknowledge. Read your sailing instructions."

Been there? Done that? Probably so, if you've been racing for awhile. But the 2006 Hospice Turkey Shoot organizers and race administrators are making a special effort to put the fun back into fair competition.

In the not-so-distant past, sailboat racers and their race committees had a love-hate relationship. Racers saw the race committee as a Darth Vader-like force, watching menacingly from the committee boat. And the race committee often viewed the racers as a recalcitrant group on the verge of mutiny. (Unfortunately, both perceptions may have been correct.)

Well, racers, the times they are a' changing, thanks especially to well-known, forward-thinking regatta organizers like Peter Craig, head of

John McCarthy

Premier Racing, and Peter Reggio, renowned race officer of NOOD regatta fame. Craig, Reggio, and others espouse the evolving concept of "racer-friendly racing."

Simply put, race organizers of large regattas around the country realize that successful events depend on the participating boats and their crews. The number of racers who return year after year is critical. Recruit the racers, give them what they want, and encourage them to come back the following year and to bring their friends. It all boils down to good racing, great parties and lots of fun.

Good racing encompasses a lot of things, but "racer-friendly racing" focuses on communication between the racers and their race committees. Race committee gurus Reggio and Craig often stroll the docks and mingle at post-race parties, soliciting ideas and opinions from racers on how the regatta is going and what can be done to make it even better.

Out on the water, racer-friendly race committees are spending more time talking to racers on the radio, giving them information on courses, timing, starting sequences, race committee intentions, and generally helping racers feel part of the process.

Make no mistake about it. Racer-friendly race committees do not do the racing for the racers. The rulebook prescribes certain flags and signals by which the committee gives specific information to the racers. But part of "playing the game" is the racer's ability to gather certain information (e.g., weather, wind, current) and to incorporate that information into his or her race plan during the race itself. The race committee's job is not to insert itself into the "playing of the game."

A good race committee knows it is not the show. The race is the game, the racers are the players, and the race committee is there to ensure the game is fair and that racers have a great time playing it.

Turkey Shoot Regatta slated for October 6–9

The 11th Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta October 6 through 9 will be "racer-friendly" from start to finish. On Friday evening, John McCarthy, principal race officer for 2006, will give a skippers' briefing which will include an informative and entertaining overview of how the race will be run, things the racers can expect, and a quick mention of any rules that may be of particular importance to the event. McCarthy will be available to talk to the racers, answer any questions they may have concerning the regatta, the rules, or any other racing related issues.

On Saturday morning, McCarthy will conduct a short skippers' meeting to cover any last minute details or questions. Then it's out to the race course. From then on, racers can expect liberal use of the radio by the race committee concerning the course, the starting sequences and any unforeseen problems.

For more regatta information, call 462-9808.

From left are Peter Knight in Salute, Dwight Timm in Silver Fox and Don Gallagher in High Hopes.

Timm wins single-handed sailboat race

Dwight Timm won a single-handed sailboat race at Yankee Point Yacht Club (YPYC) June 17. Members and non-members with boats 19-ft. long or larger were invited to participate.

Eleven boats competed, ranging from Alan Young's 35-foot bug eye, Wild Goose, to 19-foot Typhoons. The race began at 10:30 a.m. under nearly clear skies and with steady winds out of the south-southeast of about seven to eight knots. The course started between Carter's Creek and the entrance to the Corrotoman River, went around Towles Point to Rouges Point and back to the starting line, a distance of about 10.4 nautical miles.

Peter Knight in his 34-foot Pearson sloop, Salute, took an early lead and held it throughout the race. He was pursued by Brad Miller in Schielhallion and Timm in his Santana 20, Silver Fox.

Although Knight was first across the finish line, it was a handicapped race and he did not win. Based on corrected time, Timm claimed that honor. Jack Renirie in his 22-foot Catalina, Cygnet, finished second, an outstanding feat of sailing considering that he started the race 14 minutes late. Schielhallion and Salute finished third and fourth, separated by only 13 seconds.

The next race event sponsored by YPYC will be a women's race June 24.

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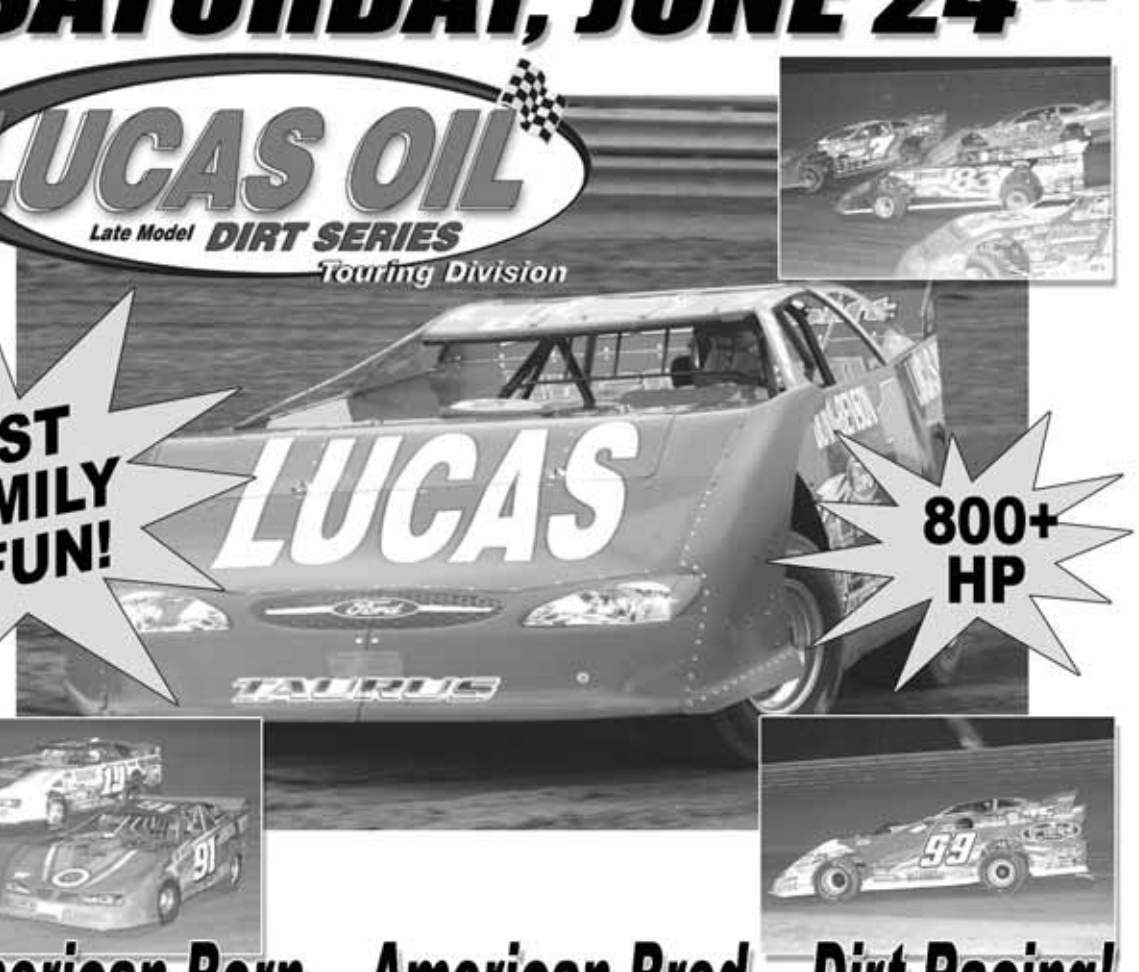

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From left, the members of the 1951-53 Wicomico High School basketball team included (front row) Carrington Cockrell; (next row) Roy Conley, Bob Christopher, Eddie Dawson and Irving Talley; (next row) Wayson Christopher, Innis Wood, Tom Northern, Mitchell Forrester, Dick Cockrell, Bud Hudnall and Edwin Sission.

Wicomico High basketball team gathers

Players and coaches of the Wicomico High School basketball team were entertained at a June 6 cookout at the home of Mitchell Forrester on Dividing Creek.

Eleven players from 1951-53 reminisced with principal and coach Carrington Cockrell and assistant coach Richard "Dick" Cockrell.

A highlight of the party was a letter jacket brought by Roy Conley. Carrington Cockrell, who will turn 90 on September 25, was the only man slim enough to model it.

Those unable to attend were Eddie Detrick, Jimmy Thomas, Jimmy Jett, Bobby Harding, Thomas Jett, Eugene Northern and Elliot Earl Delano.

Louis Henry Headley played guard.

Club Golf

ICYCC 18-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 18-holers on June 6 played a low net tournament. Winners were first, Maria Schreyer; and second, Mickey Kirby. Audrey Saunders, Harriett Baggett, Schreyer and Barbara Hope had chip-ins.

The two-day memorial tournament concluded June 13. The overall low gross winner was Susan Hill and the overall low net winner was Virginia Henry. Flight gross winners were first, Lori Richardson; second, Carol Haaland; and third, Baggett. Flight net winners were first, Saunders; second, Molly Gatchell; and third, Joan May. Haaland and Gatchell had chip-ins.

Tartan Golf Club

Sunday Twilight winners were first, Pete and Nancy Sturm; second, Charlie and Barbara Armfield; and third, John and Brenda Burton.

Monday Play Day women winners were first gross, Pat Kirby; first net, Faith Kauders; and second net, Brenda Burton. Men winners were first, Charlie Armfield; second, Pete Sturm; third, Don Bowser; fourth, M.P. White; fifth, Bucky Deihl; and sixth, Authur Abbott.

Sports Shorts

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Sportsmen – Walker Arthur, first; Roger Jamerson, second; Donnie Owens, third.
Modifieds – Bret Hamilton, first; Brent Bordeaux, second; Tom Eriksen, third.
Chargers – Davis Lipsombe, first; Bob Terry, second; James Hawk, third.
All-Americans – Marty Coltrain, first; Dustin Owens, second; Vernon Kirby, third.

June 3 upcoming races:
(VMS is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda. Pit gates open at 3 p.m..; spectator gates open at 4 p.m. Track activities begin at 6:15 p.m.)
Late model series (50 laps), **late models** (35 laps), **sportsmen** (30 laps), **modifieds** (25 laps).

Bridge

Nine tables of bridge were in play at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on June 13.

Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Arden Durham; second, Norma Drinnon and Barbara Hubbard; third, Beverly Oren and Babs Murphy; and fourth, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Ginger Klapp and Judy Peifer; second, Margaret Livesay and Vera Romaine; third, Virginia Adair and Jim Hazel; and fourth, Terry Carter and Fran Blencoe.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

Kids fish for fun and prizes

More then 35 local kids participated in a recent fun-filled day of fishing at the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge's Fifth Annual Kids' Fishing Day.

The event featured a free fishing clinic, fishing, food, contests and prize drawings. Every child in attendance received a goody bag with special souvenirs from the event.

The Kid's Fishing Day event was supported by the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends and produced with the help of eleven enthusiastic friends volunteers and partners, who baited hooks, untangled fishing line, and served food to participants. The friends group thanked Bob Mathers of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Lisa Moss of the USFWS Charles City Office of Fishery Resources, and Boy Scout Josh Eddy for sharing their experience at the clinic and throughout the day.

Wal-Mart provided lunch. The Kids Fishing Day is sponsored locally by Wal-Mart and Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends. The event is produced on a national level with support from Wal-Mart, Zebco, Eagle Claw, Keebler, Kellogg's, FishingWorld.com, Fujifilm, Laker Fishing Tackle, FLW Outdoors and Castrol.

Refuge maintenance worker Greg Owens assists a young angler with his casting skills.

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		Sunrise	5:45	High	10:27	1.3′			Moonrise	7:19	Low	8:00	0.1′
		Moonset	**7:05**	Low	**4:37**	0.0′			Sunset	**8:31**	High	**1:37**	1.3′
		Sunset	**8:31**	High	**10:55**	**1.8′**			Moonset	**10:30**	Low	**7:51**	0.1′
		Moonrise	4:21										
Sat	**6/24**	Sunrise	5:45	Low	5:43	0.0′	**Wed**	**6/28**	Sunrise	5:46	High	1:59	1.6′
		Moonset	**8:10**	High	11:18	1.3′			Moonrise	8:24	Low	8:41	0.1′
		Sunset	**8:31**	Low	**5:29**	0.0′			Sunset	**8:31**	High	**2:20**	1.3′
		Moonrise	5:15	High	**11:45**	1.7′			Moonset	**11:01**	Low	**8:36**	0.1′
Sun	**6/25**	Sunrise	5:45	Low	6:31	0.0′	**Thu**	**6/29**	Sunrise	5:47	High	2:40	1.5′
		Sunset	**8:31**	High	**12:07**	1.3′			Moonrise	9:26	Low	9:20	0.1′
		Moonset	**9:06**	Low	**6:18**	0.0′			Sunset	**8:31**	High	**3:02**	1.3′
New - **12:06**		Sunrise	5:46						Moonset	**11:27**	Low	**9:21**	0.2′
Mon	**6/26**	Moonrise	6:16	High	12:32	1.7′	**Fri**	**6/30**	Sunrise	5:47	High	3:19	1.5′
		Sunset	**8:31**	Low	7:17	0.0′			Moonrise	10:26	Low	9:58	0.2′
		Moonset	**9:52**	High	**12:53**	1.3′			Sunset	**8:31**	High	**3:44**	1.3′
				Low	**7:05**	0.0′			Moonset	**11:50**	Low	**10:07**	0.2′

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

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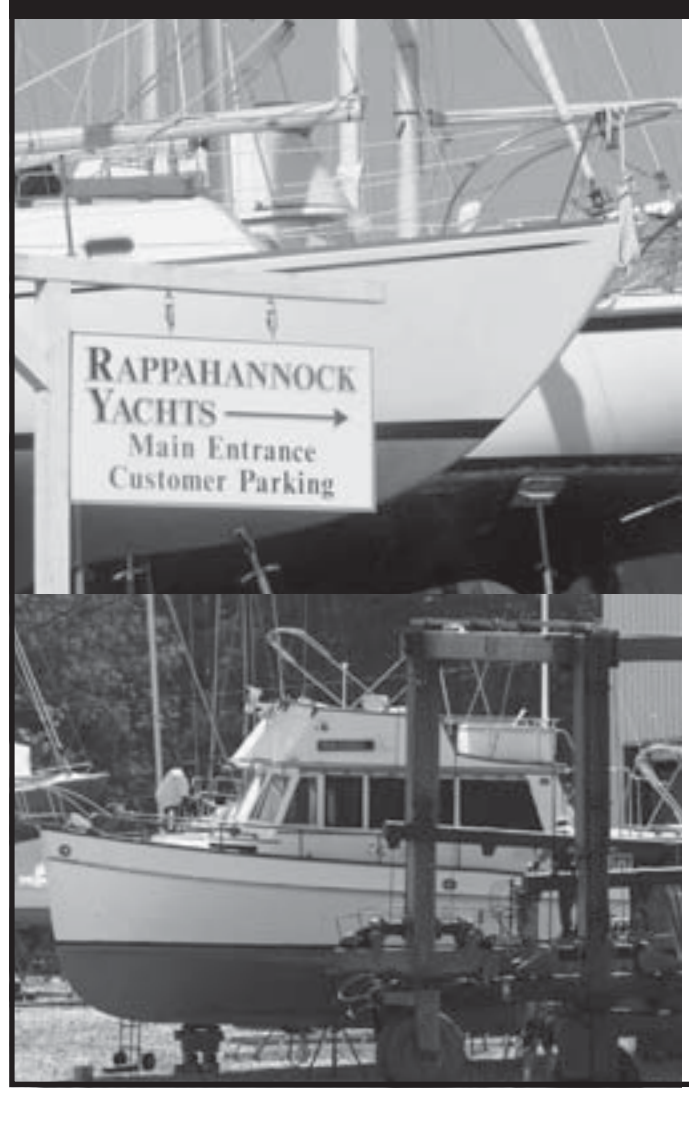

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Kallus entertains aviators

Ret. Navy Capt. E.R. "Bing" Kallus brought little known stories of aviation history to the Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society luncheon meeting at the Pilot House at Hummel Field on June 15. Kallus called his talk "When did they aviate down by the Golden Gate?" It covered events from 1849 to 1934.

Kallus began with Rufus Porter who organized the "California Aeronautical Co." in 1849, and created an 800-foot gas bag with a suspended gondola, which carried passengers. He charged $100 a trip to speed travelers to the California gold fields. His scheme died, but the idea continued.

Frederick Merrick of the San Francisco Bay area launched the California Steam Engine Co., proposing a scheme similar to Porter's, but with the added attraction of fine dining. A small alcohol-powered steam engine drove two propellers. Possibly two balloons were built and much stock was sold, but it's not clear if either ever flew.

A man named Morrell tinkered with gas balloons and powered one with six automobile engines. The balloon became airborne in Oakland, but had a steering problem due to wind from across the bay. The engines gyrated, caused a leak, and the balloon writhed like a dying snake. In blimp terminology this was a "hiss out"as distinguished from "flame out," when the blimp goes so fast that the nose caves in and can't be steered.

In 1910, the Los Angeles flying club organized an air show at Dominguez Hills with American and French pilots. San Francisco wouldn't be outdone, so they held a show at the Tanforan Race Track.

The novelty of flying human beings attracted 100,000 people.

The next year, San Francisco held another show at Tanforan, an Army-Navy show, with the Pacific fleet anchored in the bay, and the National Guard camped in the infield. The army quickly built a landing strip adjacent to the racetrack, and named it Selfridge Field.

At this point, American manufacturers included the Wright brothers. Glenn Curtiss had pavillions with professional flyers Lincoln Beachy, Eugene Ely and others. The Wright brothers' planes were operated by levers to warp the wings. The Curtiss planes were steered with a wheel and a rudder operated by the pilot's feet. To draw attendance, the pilots flew around showing off, buzzing ships, flying down Market Street, and landing on streets in Oakland and San Francisco.

The Navy offered the USS Pennsylvania for a demonstration and Capt. Pond agreed to build a landing platform extending from the No. 3 turret over the guns. Wires were installed across the deck attached to sandbags to arrest landings. Ely's flying equipment included a football helmet and bicycle inner tubes criss-crossed around his body as a flotation device.

Harriet Quimby surfaced in 1911 as the first American woman to earn a pilot's license. She wore a slinky purple velvet suit with a hood. She became the first woman to fly across the English channel.

In 1915, San Francisco held a huge celebration for the Panama Canal opening. Elaborate buildings were erected along the waterfront from Ft. Mason to the Presidio, and an airfield was developed.

Lincoln Beachy, the first man to fly loops, flew daily demonstrations. At night, he flew with phosporus flares attached to the wings. He agreed to fly through the mechanic's pavilion, the first attempted through-a-building flight. He went through the doors, but a loud crash was heard. After a few moments, Beachy walked out, saying "Guess I misjudged it!"

By World War I, the U.S. had about 100 pilots. Aircraft and engines were needed. The War Department brought a man from Detroit named Packard to build aircraft. He knew of the powerful Hall-Scott engines with a V configuration. Bigger engines, made by bolting V sections together, created the Liberty, a V-12 engine. These 4,500 hp engines were the basis for a surge in civilian aviation after World War I. Jacuzzi Co., the current hot tub builders, produced "toothpick" propellers for World War I, and even a few aircraft.

In 1919, the Navy crossed the Atlantic with the NC-4. It tried to fly two P-9s to Hawaii in 1925 from California, but both planes had to land on the water. Ingenious Navy men rigged a wing as a sail and were rescued by a ship offshore of Molokai.

U.S. Army Capt. A. Hegenberger and navigator Capt. Maitland, flew to Hawaii in 1925, just before Jim Dole offered $35,000 to the first to complete such a flight.

Kallus concluded the program describing his favorite souvenir. Holding up his hand he said, "This is the hand that shook the hand of Charles Lindberg in the cockpit of an aircraft."

The chapter will meet Thursday, July 20, at noon at the Pilot House. Non-members are invited.

From left are Betty Taylor, Larry Taylor and Dick Farr.

Taylors place first and second

The husband and wife team of Betty and Larry Taylor of Ditchley were first and second, respectively, in the 22 iron sight benchrest match held June 16 at the White Stone range of the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club Inc.

Betty Taylor shot a 198-11Xs, Larry Taylor had a 196-5Xs and Dick Farr of Reedville shot a 195-9Xs for third place.

Betty Taylor used a Winchester model 52-B, Larry Taylor a Remington model 40X and Dick Farr a Winchester model 52-D. This was Farr's first competition with the club.

The course of fire for the match was 20 shots at 50 yards, sighting shots included in the time limit.

The next match will be a pistol NRA short course, 22 and centerfire at 25 yards to be held July 1 at 9 a.m. For more information, call Barry Kennedy at 435-2909.

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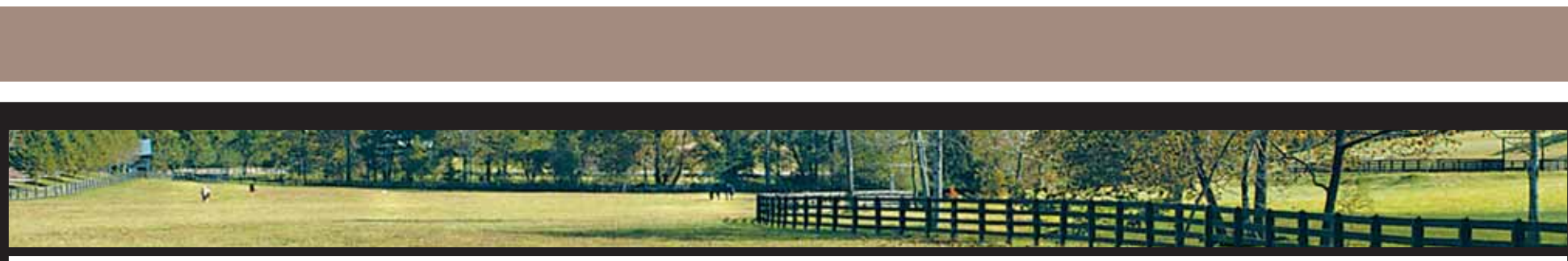
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Area is well represented at Virginia Special Olympics

Five Northern Neck residents competed in the Virginia Special Olympics state games June 9-11 at the University of Richmond.

Jazmine Houston competed in the standing long jump and the 100-meter run, while Courtney Reisner participated in the softball throw and running long jump.

Amy Fuchs, William Ball and Rich Pruett also competed in the softball throw. Fuchs and Pruett both participated in the 100-meter walk and Ball threw the shot put.

Medals and ribbons were awarded in each competition.

"Congratulations go to all the athletes for their courage and determination," said parent Rosie Pruett.

From left, Amy Fuchs, Jasmine Houston, William Ball, Courtney Reisner and Rich Pruitt competed in the state Special Olympics.

Flotilla 3-10 team competes in search and rescue

A four-member team from Flotilla 3-10 recently competed in the fifth Coast Guard District play-offs for this year's International Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition. Julian Everly, Gary Palsgrove, Joe Riley, and George Schluderman represented the Chesapeake Division at the Coast Guard Station in Portsmouth. It was an extremely competitive event with the prize being to ultimately represent the US in a contest against Canada. Only five other teams drawn from the 120 flotillas in the 5th Coast Guard District were fielded. Flotilla 3-10 is the first to compete from the Northern Neck or from within its division.

ISAR is an annual competition between the United States and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary units. This past weekend's competition was an olympic-style event involving the key elements of a typical search and rescue effort including search planning and execution, patching a split water pipe, and rescuing a man overboard—all strictly timed to simulate a real emergency. One more play-off in Cape May, N.J., will determine the U.S. teams. The 2006 competition between the "best of the best" in the two countries' auxiliary organizations will be held in Portsmouth, Va., in September.

From left are team member Gary Palsgrove with Rear Commodore Mike Center and members Joe Riley, George Schluderman and Julian Everly.

Julian Everly led the Flotilla 3-10 team. Of the competition he said, "This event really tests the skills that auxiliary members in the Operations Program practice all the time in order to assist the Coast Guard in its mission. Even though we lost by seconds (of minutes) in the competition, we're even better prepared to respond in a life and death situation. We believe in the Coast Guard's motto, 'Semper Paratus' (always prepared)."

Several weeks ago Flotilla 3-10 participated in a day-long exercise called "Auxiliary Ready for Operations" with active-duty Coast Guard personnel from Station St. Inigoes. They were the first such flotilla to do so. A nighttime search and rescue exercise is scheduled for this coming week.

Although Flotilla 3-10 has been emphasizing its operational program and getting new members trained for on-water missions, all other program areas continue at a feverish pace with on-going courtesy vessel safety checks, three more boating safety classes being offered, and safety patrols on the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers. For more information about Flotilla 3-10's activities in support of recreational boating, or to inquire about joining the auxiliary, contact Wayne Ploger at 472-3835, Gary Palsgrove at 472-3370, or Dick Flaherty at 445-1029.

A Doctor Speaks

by George Moore, MD

A prostate cancer update

The most common internal malignancy in males, prostate cancer is a worry for every man. It is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men in the United States and the second most common cause of male cancer deaths. About 250,000 new cases and 30,000 deaths related to prostate cancer occur annually.

A man's risk increases as he grows older, and family history of the disease also increases the risk. However, the effect of family history is much stronger if more than one close relative had the disease, especially if it was diagnosed before the age of 60. The median age of diagnosis is 70 years of age.

Serum prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening initiated in the early '90s, has offered a tool to diagnose about 40 percent of cases. The current screening recommendations for prostate cancer include an annual serum PSA and digital rectal examination starting at 50 years of age, or at 40 years for African-American men and those with a family history of disease.

Some investigators are evaluating the role of chemoprevention. In one recent study, finesteride (Proscar) taken daily was shown to decrease the prevalence of prostate cancer by 25 percent. Unfortunately, the drug caused a higher incidence of high-grade prostate cancer. Studies have also been done using beta-carotene from supplements as well as foods, but the evidence is also mixed.

One study linked supplements to a 23-percent increase in the risk of prostate cancer as well as a 15-percent increase in the risk of dying from the disease. A Harvard study reported a 32-percent reduction in prostate cancer risk from beta-carotene supplements, but only in men who had low levels of beta-carotene in their blood.

Although proof is not yet available, tomatoes, soy and the mineral selenium may have a role in reducing the risk of prostate cancer, while very high levels of alpha-linotenic acid (the omega-3 fatty acid in flaxseed and canola oils) and calcium may increase risk. Vitamin E is also under study.

There is evidence that diet is important. For prostate cancer and general health, the best diet is low in saturated fat but high in vegetables, fruits, whole grains and fish. Hopefully, current research will help find some way to prevent prostate cancer. To date, the findings have been bleak.

Clark completes impressive first season on the mound for Randolph-Macon College

Becky Clark of Lancaster recently completed her first season as a pitcher and outfielder for Randolph-Macon College's softball team. The Yellow Jackets went 17-17.

Clark, a freshman, pitched in 21 games and had 29 strikeouts. She had three saves, pitched 11 games in relief and finished 10. She was second in the rotation in innings pitched, strikeouts and appearances.

In the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), Clark was tied for first in saves. She was ranked 19th in the nation in NCAA Division III in saves.

In 50 trips to the plate, Clark had 10 hits, 3 RBI and five runs scored.

Clark also had nine starts in 15 games played on the R-MC field hockey team last fall.

She is the daughter of Bill and Kim Clark of Lancaster and a graduate of St. Margaret's School.

Becky Clark of Lancaster just completed her freshman season with the Randolph-Macon College softball team.

Correction

Bob Struck of Heathsville took third place in the recent Reedville Bluefish Derby croaker contest with a 3.04-pound fish.

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The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band opened festivities last Saturday afternoon at Belle Isle State Park.

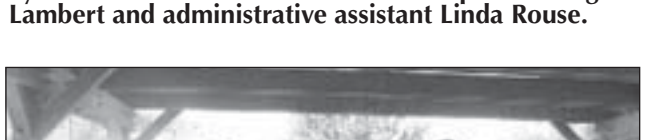
Park manager Tim Shrader presents a special edition Virginia State Parks Monopoly board game to Jamie Barrack of Alfonso. The game was one of several prizes given away during the celebration. Prize donations came from Rappahannock Tractor, Queens Creek Outfitters, Lilian Lumber, Jett's Hardware, Country House, Lipscombe Furniture, Radio Shack, Kilmarnock Toy Store, Eubank & Son, The Sports Centre, Christmas House, Wal-Mart, Tappahannock, Wal-Mart, Gloucester, Capt. Billy's Charters, Friends of Belle Isle, Belle Isle State Park, Westmoreland State Park and RW's Sport Shop.

Celebrating 70 years of recreation; Happy Birthday, Virginia State Parks

Five large birthday cakes emblazoned with the 70th Anniversary logo were consumed by children and adults. From left are park manager Tim Shrader, chief ranger Mike Lambert and administrative assistant Linda Rouse.

Highland dancer Erin Fearing danced to the pipe and drum.

Musician Steve Keith entertained during the afternoon.



Friends of Belle Isle State Park members and park staff (left) gave away cake and park souvenirs to hundreds of visitors during the celebration.

Kaliq Noel of White Stone rode away on the boy's bike.

Chief ranger Mike Lambert presents a girl's bicycle to Nikki Sheridan of Burgess. Her daughter, Danielle Sheridan, 5, held the winning ticket.

Many folks personalized walking sticks during the Music By The River concert Saturday evening.

Photos by Robert Mason Jr.

Some folks enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shade of the park's new tent.

From left, Christy N. Holt, Wayne T. Holt and Joe Edwards of the Wayne T. Holt Band closed the festivities with "Will The Circle Be Unbroken."

Dressing up for Second Saturday

Participants in last Saturday's "Second Saturday" program at Christ Church dressed in colonial clothes and used colonial toys and tools to learn about the church and life in early Virginia. From left, Tyler and Madison Lewis and Meg Teagle catch their breath after jumping rope.

Chamber launches Leadership Lancaster

Broad-based community leadership is critical for long-term, positive community development. Therefore, the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Leadership Lancaster.

This is a program to develop existing and emerging leaders for Lancaster County, both civic and political, to serve in a variety of ways—planning commissions, local businesses, town councils, area boards, elected officials, church leaders, nonprofits—all of which make Lancaster County a vibrant place to live.

The curriculum is designed to assist participants to confidently identify issues/challenges in the community and implement a plan of action to address them, with such topics as: identifying community assets, taking action, negotiation skills, conflict management, communication for results and building strategic partnerships.

The steering committee is looking for volunteer trainers who would be trained by the Pew Partnership; community "experts" to discuss community issues; potential candidates for the Leadership Development Training Program; and corporate and individual sponsors.

To get involved, contact Dick Donovan at info@lancasterva.com, or 435-6092; or Dr. Jack Russell at drjack14@netzero.com.

▼ Cookie Haynie . . . .

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community as secretary/treasurer of the Reedville Street Light Association; past president of the Reedville Elementary School PTA; First Aid instructor for the Boy Scouts; a Girl Scout Leader; a Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor; Past Matron of Elizabeth Chapter #35 Order of the Eastern Star.

She has also served as a representative from Reedville on the Northumberland County Republican Committee, and a representative to several state conventions.

Haynie is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and a past vestryman. She is a member of the Morgan City Fire and Rescue Department.

"I'll have my Rescue Squad right behind me in the parade," she said. "Just where they have been all these years. We are a team, and always have been."

Parade organizer Danny Haynie asks that anyone wishing to participate in the parade contact him at 453-3127. There is no fee for being in the parade, as there are no trophies presented to winners.

The traditional Reedville Independence Day celebration will be held July 1.

Other activities include arts and crafts booths, music, children's games, an afternoon parade and evening fireworks.

The annual Firecracker 5k Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Registration will start at 7 a.m.

An artist's arena craft fair and children's activities will be held throughout the day on the grounds at Bethany United Methodist Church.

A morning pie-eating contest for children will be held on the grounds between Bethany and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

The museum opens at 10 a.m. and will hold a children's boatbuilding event from 10 a.m. to noon.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the museum will hold its annual small boat show, which this year features boats from Butler's Boatyard in celebration of the yard's 100th anniversary.

The Blue Heron Cafe will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special music featuring the YMCA Day Campers singing campfire songs, the Northern Neck Bay Tones Barbershop Octet, M.O.M gospel singers, Jessica Haynie, the Riversong Barbershop Quartet and the duet of Don Bassett and Alice Hershiser will be held under the museum pavilion from noon to 3 p.m.

The festivities will conclude at 9 p.m with fireworks.

The celebration is sponsored by Bethany United Methodist Church, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Northern Neck State Bank and the Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department.

▼ Gen. Wright . . . .

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His prior experience in this kind of 'theater' was judging the Kilmarnock Christmas parade some 20 years ago.

"When Bob Tyson (the late retired general) and I judged the Kilmarnock parade, we applied West Point standards. We didn't give anyone high marks," Wright reminisced.

Parade participants need not worry about being judged by Wright this year, thanks to the decision by town fathers to put the general and his wife in the parade.

Folks interested in participating—marching bands, family groups, pets, jugglers, etc.—are invited to sign up with Jackie Burrell between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the town office, 438-6230.

Parade time is 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 4. Participants will line up at 10 a.m. in the staging area between Crockett's Landing and Carters Creek Road. The parade route will wind down King Carter Drive and culminate near the town Commons. Antique cars will be on display at the Commons following the parade. Hot dogs will be available with profits going to the YMCA.

The annual fireworks display at the Tides Inn will begin at 9 p.m. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and watch from the dock area of the former Tides Lodge.

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Wordsmiths craft new zoning definitions for board approval

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—A handful of citizens brought prepared questions, concerns, and diagrams regarding two proposed zoning definitions to the Lancaster planning commission public hearing June 15.

Chairman David Jones fielded their questions, asked his own of them in return, and looked to planning/land use administrator Jack Larson to answer various zoning ordinance specifics and offer explanations to both the public and the commission.

The commission eventually recommended the board of supervisors adopt new definitions for guest houses and private piers.

The need for a new guest house/guest quarters definition was heard first.

"We're here now because the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) had a problem with the definition," explained Jones.

Larson added that the BZA had asked the commission to look into limitations for the terms as well.

The case prompting the request was that of Windmill Point resident Bud Ward who planned to put a second guest house on his property.

"You are raising a real issue for piecemeal or vigilante enforcement," said Ward.

He explained that a space over his garage had formerly been used as a guest house (although it had no kitchen), but was now being used as a studio.

He recently applied to the county to build a separate structure to accommodate guests, since the position of a VDOT drainage ditch and easement on his property did not allow him to build onto his house as had been his first plan.

The county considered this separate proposed structure a second guest house.

Thomas J. Smith, author of the only written comment the commission received concerning this issue, also expressed in person his concerns that the proposed size limit of 1,200 square feet was unnecessarily large. He suggested that 800 square feet was large enough.

He said the larger size is comparable to the total area of about four medium-sized hotel rooms.

In his letter to the county, Smith had said that if a family occupies the guest house more than 50 percent of any year, permission should have to be granted from the county.

He disagreed with a phrase in the proposed definition which states: "occupancy not exceeding six months except for immediate family members." Smith said the six-month approval should not be granted unless there is a "special exception."

Architect Sam Nuckols speaks to the planning commission regarding a new zoning definition for guest house.

"Who do you see monitoring the length of stay?" Jones asked. "It would be a tough situation."

Smith replied that it would probably be neighbors who did the monitoring.

Both Jones and Larson admitted that the guest house question had not been a problem up to this point, but Jones explained, "We don't want them (guest houses) being rented out."

Local architect Sam Nuckols argued another point in the proposed definition, "The size of the building doesn't really matter," he said, but where it's placed could be a problem.

He said the setback from the property lines is the most important consideration.

"On any parcel of land you have one principal structure and everything else is an accessory structure" requiring a lesser setback, said Larson.

Setbacks for the principal structure are 25 feet from adjoining property lines, while accessory buildings must meet just a 5-foot setback.

Several members proposed maximum sizes well down from the 1,200-square-foot figure previously advanced by commissioners.

"It makes it less desirable to live there (in a guest house) for a long period of time, the smaller the size," observed commission member Robert Smart.

Before making his motion to approve a definition that would lower the maximum size from 1,200 square feet to 900 square feet, Smart noted that the definition would stop what he saw as the two major areas of abuse: more than one guest structure on a lot and using the structure as a rental unit.

The commission unanimously passed a definition for guest houses/guest quarters as an accessory structure or part thereof which is physically detached from a principal dwelling, not to be used as a rental unit, and intended for occupancy only by guests of the family residing in the principal dwelling. Guest houses/guest quarters shall be limited to 900 square feet of living space, one per lot or parcel, and occupancy not exceeding six months except for immediate family members.

Private pier

Fewer public comments were offered on the revised definition for a private boat pier.

A dialogue among citizen Weston Conley, Larson, and the commission members exploring general aspects of the proposed revision resulted in several additional changes.

It was noted that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will allow a pier to extend further out in a waterway than one-fourth of the waterway's width in hardship cases and that Lancaster County's allowable pier size is more generous than that of neighboring counties.

Property rights and responsibilities were also noted, such as the requirement that a pier be set back 5 feet from the property line; that property lines don't extend beyond mean low water, and that an application for a new pier or an addition must show the configuration of the proposed pier as well as the existing neighboring piers. Adjacent neighbors must also sign off on a new pier.

By unanimous vote, the commission defined a private boat pier as a pier six feet wide or less, not to exceed one-fourth the width of its waterway unless otherwise approved by proper authority, and elevated no less than four feet above wetland substrate, with up to 250 square feet for an "L" or "T" or other structural configuration, for private use to which a boathouse is not attached. Other structures such as fish cleaning stations, benches, low profile boat lifts, and handrails are permitted if the height of these structures does not exceed four and one-half feet above the pier.

Both definitions were forwarded to the board of supervisors for approval.

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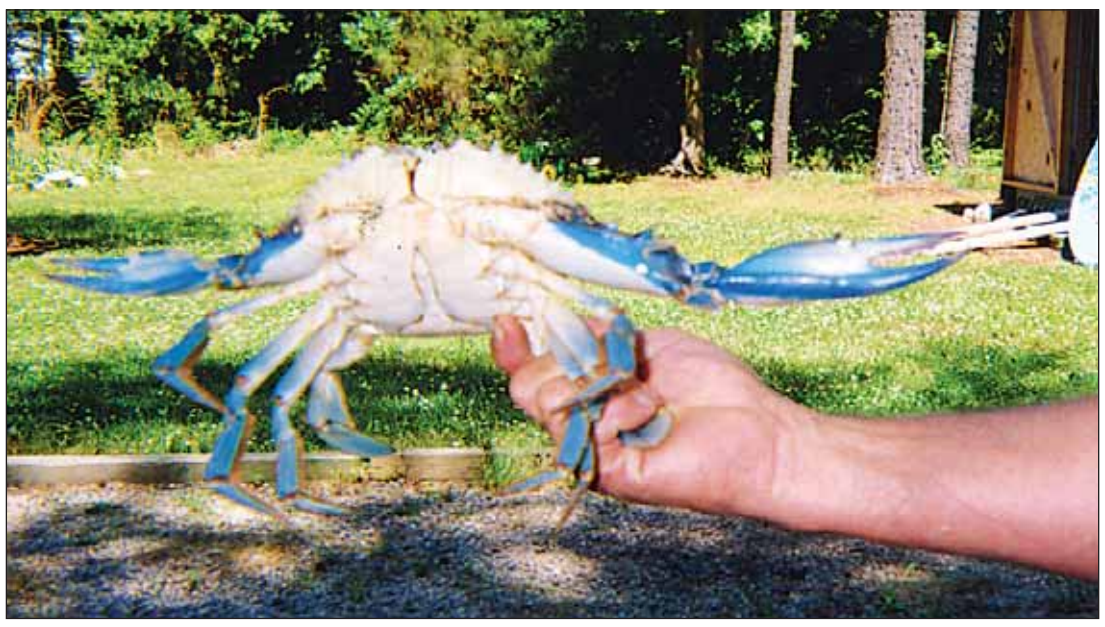

Jumbo Jimmy

This extra large Chesapeake Bay blue crab was harvested from the Rappahannock River June 13 by a Lancaster County waterman, who chose to remain anonymous to protect his turf. This jimmy measured 8¾″ point to point and 18″ claw to claw.

Assembly plant coming to tech park

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—The Business and Technology Park off Harris Road in Kilmarnock may be getting its first technology company. The Kilmarnock planning commission last week recommended approval of the site plan for M-Teq of Reedville, which plans to relocate its headquarters to the park.

M-Teq plans to build an 11,000-square-foot facility with 3,000 square feet designated for office space and 7,000 for an assembly plant. Owners Mary and Greg Williams say they hope construction will be completed in 12 months.

M-Teq employs 15 to 20 people including engineers, computer scientists and crews to assemble circuit boards. The company primarily handles federal government contracts. Most recently M-Teq secured a military contract from the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren.

In an update on Wal-Mart's plans to build in Kilmarnock, town manager Lee Hood Capps reported that Wal-Mart's engineering firm, Vanasse Hangen & Brustlin Inc. (VHB), has submitted required zoning applications and environmental assessments to county and state agencies. They are currently waiting for approval.

Commission member Virginia Henry presented suggested (C-1) zoning ordinance changes relating to communication towers and antennas. Proposed changes were delayed at a previous meeting pending research by Henry.

Henry submitted the ordinance used in Marlboro County, S.C., as an example for consideration. She also included a review and proposed changes by Grayland Horn, owner of Kabellero.com, a local internet service provider. Commissioners will review the material and make a recommendation at their next meeting.

▼ *Budget . . . .*

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Four people spoke in support of the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. The clinic is seeking a $59,000 contribution this year from Northumberland. That request represents an $18,000 increase over last year. The proposed budget cuts that increase to $4,000.

Executive director Jean Nelson said the clinic last year provided $1.2 million in services to the residents of Northumberland. In return, the clinic asks for a 25 percent contribution from the county.

Nelson pleaded with the board to provide full funding for the clinic. She noted that the free health clinic provides much needed services to those who fall between the cracks, people with service industry jobs whose employers cannot afford health insurance.

Lee Allain of Lottsburg also supported full funding for the free health clinic.

"We are talking about a service that has remarkable benefits to the community," he said.

Allain added that he would like to see full funding for the tourism council as well. The board cut a requested increase of $10,000 to $7,500 in the proposed budget.

Allain noted that without full funding, the tourism council will be on hard times.

"The council is doing a remarkable job under the leadership of Patty Long," he said.

Only Bob Kane of Lottsburg criticized specifics in the budget and asked the board to look at reducing increases in other places.

"If you take out the debt service for the new school, the budget includes a 9 to 10 percent increase in spending," he said. "It looks like this budget could use some more scrubbing."

He noted that the judicial budget has increased by a total of 31 percent in two years.

"That seems high without knowing the details," he said.

He noted similarly high increases in the departments of health and welfare and community development. He also encouraged the board to take a hard look at the school budget and to consider cutting requests for anything optional, such as several new remedial teaching positions supported by the school board.

He commended the county administrator for reducing the general administration budget.

"I recommend that you review these line items for surpluses that could be trimmed to reduce the tax rate."

The board had to wait seven days from its public hearing to take action on any items in the budget.

Final budget approval is expected when the board meets at 4 p.m. today (June 22) at the courthouse.

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