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General Assembly approves $74 billion biennium budget

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

RICHMOND—It came down to the final hours, but the General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a $74 billion budget for the 2006-08 biennium early this week.

Gov. Tim Kaine will have only seven days to respond and return the budget to the legislature for final adoption by the June 30 deadline.

"The end is definitely in sight," said Sen. John Chichester.

"No budget is exactly what any one individual, one caucus or one legislative body wants in its entirety," he said. "However, this two-year budget is one that meets our core responsibilities pure and simple and positions us in good stead for whatever the future brings."

Del. Rob Wittman shared similar sentiments as he walked to the House caucus Tuesday morning.

"You have to vote the whole document up or down," Wittman said. "There are things I'd like to see done differently, but overall I think this is a fair solution."

The budget provides a 19 percent increase in state funding to local public schools, as well as increases from the general fund for health and human services, public safety, economic development and the judicial system.

"The integrity of the General Fund is preserved," Sen. Chichester said. "It will continue to be used for its intended purposes: education, public safety, health care and the environment."

Transporation will continue to depend on the Transporation Trust Fund.

The House and Senate have met in the middle on transportation issues. The budget provides a total of $568 million to be used immediately, coming close to outgoing Gov. Mark Warner's proposal of $600 million.

Some $229 million of that will pay off transportation debt, freeing up future funds for construction and maintenance rather than interest payments. However, $339 million of the total is contingent on the General Assembly implementing new legislation by November 1 to address long-term funding sources for transportation. If the legislature fails to act, the money will eventually revert to the general fund and will not be spent on transportation.

"Despite a healthy economy, we resisted the temptation to institute a host of new, though desirable programs," Sen. Chichester said. "Instead, we devoted the surplus first to the constitutionally-mandated items – the Rainy Day Fund and the Water Improvement Quality Fund."

The budget provides a total of $222 million to clean up Virginias waterways, including $200 million to improve point-source pollution on the Chesapeake Bay, nearly $40 million for non-point-source pollution control and $3 million for Virginia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The money will be divvied up between upgrading sewage treatment plants (through grants to localities) and cost-share dollars for farmers to implement best management practices.

"I am very happy with the number of dollars there," Del. Wittman said. "I would like to see money in the second year, however. We'll have to keep working on that."

Del. Wittman was also pleased to see that funding for his biofuels incentives program made it into the final budget. The program will provide a 10 cent per gallon stipend on every gallon produced in the state for companies processing at least 10 million gallons of biofuel per year.

"This funding will make us competitive in attracting a biofuels company to our area, hopefully to the 99th district," Del. Wittman said.

Del. Wittman was pleased to see that the final budget removes a provision that would have cut state aid to the regional jails, but he was disappointed that it includes a mechanism to reform the land preservation tax credit program. Del. Wittman has been a big supporter of this program and has fought Sen. Chichester's efforts to cap

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Democrats pick Webb to challenge Sen. Allen

RICHMOND—Virginia Democrats last week chose James H. Webb Jr. to challenge Republican incumbent Sen. George F. Allen in the U.S. Senate election in November.

Webb received 53 percent or 83,298 votes statewide in the Democratic primary Tuesday, June 13, while Harris Miller received 46 percent or 72,486 votes.

Voters in the lower Northern Neck cast the majority of their ballots in favor of Miller. He received 223 votes for 62.46 percent in Northumberland County and 185 votes for 56.06 percent in Lancaster County. Webb received 145 votes in Lancaster and 134 votes in Northumberland.

As expected, voter turnout statewide was light. Of the Commonwealth's 4,515,275 registered voters, only 155,784 participated, or 3.45 percent.

In Lancaster, only 330 or 3.98 percent of the 8,296 registered voters turned out. In Northumberland, where there are 8,809 registered voters, only 357 votes were cast for a 4.05 percent voter turnout.

Police Reports

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

Elizabeth C. Rasmussen, 42, of White Stone was charged June 13 with a felony probation violation.

Daniel P. Kelly, 28, of White Stone was charged June 14 with forcible sodomy and rape.

A Weems boy, 16, was charged June 13 with attempted rape, aggravated sexual battery and forcible sodomy (all felonies) and indecent liberties with a child less than age 13 (misdemeanor).

A Warsaw area man, 46, was charged June 13 with contempt of court.

A Brent Court man, 29, was charged June 15 with domestic assault and battery.

A Spotsylvania man, 18, was charged June 16 with failure to appear in court.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported charges were brought against 13 individuals last week.

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

Wallace Rice, 40, of Lancaster was charged June 12 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Jerry Stull, 38, of Kinsale was charged June 14 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

A Wicomico Church woman, 21, was charged June 12 on a Lancaster County warrants with writing bad checks for $6.09 and $6.49 to a Kilmarnock area business.

A Burgess man, 45, was charged June 13 on a Warren County warrant with failure to appear and failure to obey a court order.

A Warsaw man, 46, was charged June 13 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Heathsville man, 45, was charged June 13 with driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving.

A Reedville man, 45, was charged June 14 with two counts of assault and battery of a family member and possession of marijuana.

A Tappahannock woman, 19, was charged June 14 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Tappahannock woman, 33, was charged June 14 with writing a bad check for $10.61 to a Callao area business.

A Heathsville male juvenile, 16, was charged June 14 with malicious assault.

A Montross man, 50, was charged June 16 with writing a bad check for $73.53 to a Callao area business.

A Lottsburg man, 45, was charged June 16 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

Ensemble presents Celtic concert

The man behind the harp, Master Sgt. Dave Boone, led the Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble last Friday at the gazebo in the Irvington Commons. The group entertained over 100 people. They are part of the larger United States Air Force Heritage of America Band that will play on Saturday, July 1, at 7 p.m. on the Irvington Commons. (Photo by Jessica Crabill)

Preparing for disasters

by Audrey Thomasson

A hurricane barrels ashore taking down power lines and cell towers, flooding neighborhoods and blocking evacuation routes with downed trees. Or perhaps terrorists blow up one of the three nuclear power plants triangulating the Northern Neck and radiation drifts this way.

Wildfires, tornadoes, winter storms—whatever the emergency, disaster sometimes strikes quickly and without warning. If it happens in the middle of the day, families may be separated at work, school or in cars with no way to find each other.

After last year's debacle on the Gulf coast, any assumption that the federal government is going to ride in like the U.S. Cavalry to save the day has been turned on its head. Ten months after Hurricane Katrina's devastation, broad concerns remain about the fed's ability to react to a disaster. For all the talk in Washington about revamping the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Homeland Security, the biggest unanswered questions center on the government's ability to lead and coordinate a gargantuan bureaucracy in a crisis, including solving jurisdictional disputes with local governments.

It is especially troubling this year not only in light of renewed terrorist threats, but because of warnings from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that a very active hurricane season is looming for the Atlantic coastline.

"Our communities must be prepared to go it alone the first 72 hours," said Bill Evans, a 26-year emergency services veteran with military and civilian expertise. The Irvington resident regularly consults with FEMA and last year

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Protect your family with a disaster plan

Throughout the year, and especially during hurricane season, everyone needs to be personally or individually prepared for long interruptions in delivery of normal services and supplies to the community during emergencies.

The American Red Cross - River Counties Chapter (ARC-RCC) reminds everyone to be prepared.

Small man-made or natural disasters, such as fires or floods, periodically happen to isolated families or confined areas, and are usually handled with a timely response, bringing in needed supplies and support from other areas which were unaffected and able to respond.

A larger natural or man-made disaster creates a more difficult situation for an immediate response to all citizens at the same time.

This means that there may be

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Robert C. Mathers Jr. is a sent-here. He was sent here 23 years ago by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to replace the game warden who'd resigned. Though he'd gained plenty of know-how from two Army tours and a stint with the National Guard, Bob was a newcomer to the warden business, having started in Cumberland County only three months earlier.

Now, at 58, he's the oldest of five wardens in the patrol district serving the Northern Neck. With full powers of policemen, they join forces when needed, but mostly they serve alone with pagers activated. Bob's title is Senior Officer, and his primary enforcement area is Lancaster County.

The department is responsible for fish and wildlife of all species native and not native to the Commonwealth, and for providing recreational opportunities to the public. The department is financed largely by sportsmen through sales of hunting and fishing licenses, boat registrations, a small amount from Virginia's general fund, and a long-standing federal tax built into the retail price of hunting, fishing and boating equipment and redistributed to the states.

What he expects is compliance with the law. Though some make honest mistakes, he said that 97 percent of hunters and fishermen are legitimate sportsmen. It's the other three percent that disturb him, especially poachers shooting deer at night.

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"A poacher is a person who has no consideration or respect for wildlife or laws that protect wildlife," said Bob. "I don't mind telling you that I love to catch a poacher."

On Bob's belt are two flashlights, pepper spray, a pager, a 40-caliber pistol and ammunition, a Leatherman tool, a compass, latex gloves, and two pairs of handcuffs. But the real tools of his trade are lessons learned in the school of hard knocks and from mentors along the way.

Having been mentored, he returns the gift every Friday with Trooper Patrick McCranie through the Troopers on Patrol for Students (TOPS) program at the alternative school. They bring positive role models to speak to these children who have been temporarily removed from mainstream classes for academic and/or behavioral reasons.

Bob has been involved with youth programs for 20 years. He taught hunter education to eighth-graders, was the first scoutmaster for Troop 222 in Lively, and conceived the family outdoor day at Belle Isle State Park. He believes that all children, regardless of their family strength, benefit from mentoring.

This past year, his stepdaughter, Mandy Headley, was talking about her first-grade students at Lancaster Primary School and their mentors from Northern Neck Together. Bob's need to serve bubbled up. He called McCranie about helping at TOPS.

He knows that children have issues beyond the classroom; knows that difficulties at home are transferred to school. Some students are able to rise above personal problems, he said, and others need help.

"I would have benefited from an alternative school, but we didn't have one," said Bob, who grew up in Falls Church wanting to be in the Army and in law enforcement.

"I went into the Army and had the benefit of serving under World War II vets. To me, World War II vets are saints. A few of them saw something in me that no one else saw. They took me under their wing and trained me not just to be a soldier but to be a man. So I know that mentoring works."

Before the Army, two English teachers were role models. Mr. Dudley in eighth grade and Mrs. McCullough in 11th were tough as nails, demanded that their students meet highest expectations, inspired Bob and gained his lifelong respect.

"Every once in a while at TOPS I can see the spark in an eye and know that I've struck a nerve," he said. "I was explaining about people with an I-don't-care attitude. I said that I'd found that most people who have an I-don't-care attitude actually care too much and don't want you to know it. With one child, it was obvious that I had struck a nerve.

"At the alternative school there are success stories. People who left in the middle of the year didn't return. But some of the success may not manifest itself for another 15 to 20 years. We may not know in this lifetime, but a seed may germinate."

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

I'm a meddling old fool

Just days ago I ran into one of our youngest son's friends. Grown and educated, he lives in the big city, having outgrown the old hometown. Gosh, he has grown into a handsome young man. Let me tell you that that little boy of long ago jumped out of that big body and gave this old preacher a bear hug.

It seems as if he had come home on holiday to visit the "old folks," his parents, now pushing their fifties. How old does that make me, I wonder?

Standing outside the former CVS store we did a quick inventory of the lads and lasses of his peer group. We shared what we knew about whereabouts, relationships and concerns. Too soon he was off on his original errand prior to stumbling over the preacher. As he dashed off with life clutched hard in his hand, I teared up.

My conversation about his friends, my son's friends, left me all too emotional. You see, most of those lads and lasses are out from under parental wings and no longer attend church anywhere. Don't stop there: some of their parents no longer go to church since the kids left home.

Let's back up a bit. My young sidewalk friend cheerfully apprised me of his great new job. Daily he travels back and forth across the big city. So, twice daily he passes many a good gospel-believing church. You guessed it. I asked him if he was attending church in the city.

His long "No" was anticipated. Beyond that admission, I read in his eyes, heard in his voice, "hope." My heart smiled, for his pastor had made an impression. His Sunday school, Bible school teachers, choir members, had planted seeds. His parents had modeled faith's behavior.

Fairfield Baptist
Burgess

"You know preacher, I've been thinking about it. I need to get back in church," he said.

Teasing the lad, I shared with him what I knew about some of those churches he frequently passes. Most have responsible and dedicated folks, called of God, to mentor to young adults. I endorsed those I could in our short time together. I even threatened to sic a couple of churches on him if he didn't find a class, sit in a pew, invest in God's kingdom in the big city.

My life is far richer than ever it might have been, because of church. Many years back I approached a wide flight of stairs leading to an old south Richmond church. I was met on those steps by an elderly deacon. He ruffled up my red hair, then slicked it back, teased me about my freckles, poked me in the ribs, asked my name and then escorted me into the Sunday school assembly.

Down the aisle we went; brand new friends on a quest together. Soon he introduced me, then plopped me right down into a lady's lap. She said, "Johnny, I've been waiting for you."

Wow, no question about it; her hugs said more than words can record, I'd found a church home.

Songs sung, announcements absorbed, Bible story read, we were soon off to class. Envelopes popped from a desk drawer, Bibles were counted, credit was given to lessons studied, points were awarded for those staying for "peachin" and one of the boys was asked to show me through the building to where the attendance was reported and money counted. The next Sunday my scores improved.

That first deacon I met kept up with me until his death. A few times it was by phone, sometimes by word from a relative or friend. That first teacher sent me birthday cards until she died. I only recently was able to throw them away. The salutation was always the same: "Little Johnny Farmer," at such and such place. My family had readdressed the mail several times.

The love shown me by those old church warriors of long ago remains a constant in my life, now plowing my sixties. My freckles have faded, my hair is now white; but those who loved me in that first church are hid in my heart. So is their Lord.

I wish to encourage all who are working in our Northern Neck churches to keep up the good work. Be prepared for each occasion. Study God's Word. Continue to love and monitor those whom God has called us to serve. Be sure to be regular in your own attendance. Make church coverage a must when planning to be away. Check with your subs when you return to inventory happenstances. Share your heart, your life, abundantly.

Many of the youngsters, and adults as well, will grow to be better Christians if we anchor our relationships with them in love. Every volunteer church worker can be an ambassador for God's kingdom, and will have an everlasting effect. Invest sufficiently in his work that it reaches beyond the perimeter of every house of faith and infects the heart of many an unbeliever.

My bride, Hazel, is an example to me that what we do daily for others, and the Lord, really matters. That grown man who visited me on the sidewalk was one of her church lads. He once wore butter finger cookies on one hand's fingers and sipped milk with the other while learning about Jesus. That's evangelism.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, June 25:
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, June 27:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Dr. Ray P. Goude, Sr., Pastor
Thursday, June 22:
10 a.m., Exercise Group
7:30 p.m., Pastor Search Committee
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All
11 a.m., Youth Sunday
Monday, June 26:
4 p.m., Exercise Group
6:30 p.m., Horseshoe League
Tuesday, June 27:
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
Wednesday, June 28:
4 p.m., Exercise Group

Fairfield Baptist
15213 Northumberland Hwy.,
Burgess, Pastor Brian Hamrick
453-3530
www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Wednesday, June 28:
9:30 a.m., Bible Study
7 p.m., Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon,
693-5503
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, June 28:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1703
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Thursday, June 22:
3-5 p.m., Weekly Summer Program
7th thru 10th
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Friday, June 23:
Youth Coffee House w/KUMC
Saturday, June 24:
7:45 a.m., Habitat for Humanity
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with Rev. Allan McConnell
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Monday, June 26:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Mon-Wed. June 26-28:
6-8:30 p.m., Vacation Bible School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church,
435-2435
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services

Maple Grove Baptist
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells
Richard C. Newlon, Minister
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Morattico Baptist
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road
White Stone; 435-1272
Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr., Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, June 25:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice, doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA, 529-9223
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, VA 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, June 28:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
11 a.m. Senior Outreach
1 p.m. Mid-day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

White Stone Baptist
517 Chesapeake Drive
Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor
White Stone: 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
Sunday, June 25:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
6 p.m., Bible Study on Biblical Prayer
Monday, June 26:
2:30 p.m., Mayfair Birthday Party
Mon-Fri, June 26-30
6-9 p.m., Vacation Bible School

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road,
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, June 28:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972;
Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
The Rev. David H. May, Rector
The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., Interim Asst. Rector
Sunday, June 25:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Historic Christ Church
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Grace
Wednesday, June 28:
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

St. Mary's Episcopal
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712, The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Thrift Shop:
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville, 453-4830

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal
5940 White Chapel Road, Lancaster
462-5908; Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Guided tours by appointment
Sunday, June 25:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

St. Stephen's Episcopal
(Anglican Communion Network)
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 to 4

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, June 25:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, June 28:
10 a.m., Healing Service, Communion
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Fri., Sat.

St. James Anglican/Episcopal
Rt. 14 at 626, Mathews County
Rev. William T. Kump, 757-244-7955
e-mail: wtkump@juno.com
Roger Murch 436-9355
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
www.stjamesapa.org
Sunday, June 25:
Second Sunday after Trinity
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
Sunday June 25:
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; C-529-5948, H-529-9930
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
pastormikeramming@yahoo.com
goodshepherdlcmscallaova@verizon.net
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, June 28:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St., 435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street, Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road, Ophelia;
453-3770, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday June 25:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
Thursday, June 22:
6 p.m., Lively Bells practice at Bethel
7 p.m., Lay Leadership Committee meets at Bethel
Sunday, June 25:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Sun-Thurs June 25-29
6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School
Friday, June 30:
6 p.m., Commencement & Dinner for parents and grandparents

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road,
Edwardsville; 580-7306
Rev. Vernell M. Carter, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich
Saturday, June 24:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, June 22:
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Tuesday June 27:
8 p.m., Al-Anon
Wednesday June 28:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval,
Sunday, June 25:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Mila
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Saturday, June 24:
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Meeting
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Early Morning Worship
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
4 p.m., Church Picnic at the Koca's
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Monday, June 26:
7:30 p.m., Called Charge Conference
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 -4
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Church School for all
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Rev. Tim Hoyt Duncan, Assoc. for Leader Development from the Presbytery of the James
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Monday, June 26:
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Day Camp at CMPC
Tuesday, June 27:
7 p.m., Pastor Nominating Committee
Wednesday, June 28:
10 a.m., Congregational Care Ministry Group

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
8 a.m., Weekender's Worship
9 a.m., Summer Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship "Priorities"
(Haggai 2:10-12)
Monday, June 26:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 29)
Tuesday, June 27:
10 a.m., Parish Nurse Committee
Wednesday, June 28:
9 a.m., Congregational Development

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd., Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7
Sunday, June 25:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, June 25:
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553,Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock
Dreamfield, Irvington Road,
Kilmarnock, Pastors Mike and Lesley Gates, 804-761-1578
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri:
1-3 p.m.,

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock;
443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan
Thursday, June 22:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

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Obituaries

Samuel R. Carter Jr.

WICOMICO CHURCH—Samuel Roland Carter Jr., 53, died June 9, 2006.

Mr. Carter was born September 15, 1952, in Baltimore to Roland Sam Carter and Earline Burrell Carter. He joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church and attended public schools in Northumberland County and in New York City. After high school, he attended the national School of Meat Cutting in Toledo, Ohio, and received certification in meat cutting. He worked as a butcher in Lancaster County grocery stores. Later, he worked at Ampro Fisheries in Reedville until his health began to fail.

He married Marcia Diane Taylor March 9, 1991.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Tiffany, Latoya and Ryan; two grandchildren, Kia and Jatavious; his mother, Earline Carter; three sisters, Deveta, Sylvia, Maureen; two brothers, Martin and Charles; six brothers-in-law, Carson Morris, Albert Carter, James Torea Taylor, Walter Ricky Taylor, Everett Taylor, and Thomas Taylor; three sisters-in-law, Jeanette Smallwood, Ann Brown and Selethia Walters; four aunts, Marion Capel, Nina Harrison, Ronnie Garrett and Elsie Carter; two uncles, Aldolph Burrell and David Burrell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held June 14 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church with pastor Dwight Seawood officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Jean P.A. Dawson

MILA—Jean Pauline Allen Dawson, 69, of Mila died June 19, 2006. She was the widow of Clarence Harding Dawson.

Mrs. Dawson was a retired cafeteria manager for the Prince George's County, Md., school system where she worked for 27 years.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Debbie Dawson of Mila and Brenda and Thomas Lazar of Glen Burnie, Md.; three grandchildren, Thomas Lazar, Andrew Dawson and Jennifer Lazar; and two brothers, Richard Allen and Paul Allen, both of Waldorf, Md.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 22, at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m. with Rev. Lee Scripture officiating. Interment will be in Wicomico Baptist Church Cemetery in Remo. Pallbearers will be Thomas J. Lazar, Andrew Dawson, Joe Peterson, David Dawson, Charles Dodson Jr. and Thomas C. Lazar.

Katherine A. Glenny

LANCASTER—Katherine Agee Glenny, 60, of Lancaster, died Saturday, June 3, 2006.

Mrs. Glenny was a homemaker and a native of Newport News. She was a graduate of Newport News High School, Class of 1964.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne R. Glenny; a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Martha Agee of Citrus Hills, Fla.; an aunt, Jean Rew of Newport News; two stepchildren, Brian Glenny of Williamsburg and Kathy Zinskie of Newport News; a niece, Teresa Agee of Smithfield; a nephew, Robert Agee of Hydro, Okla; and a niece, Sharon Agee of Manteca, Calif.

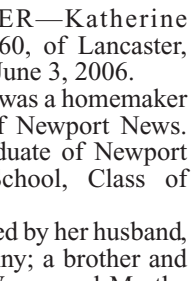
Donations may be made to the American Heart Fund.

Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News, handled the arrangements.

Henrietta L. Hackett

KINSALE—Deaconess Henrietta Lee "Ms. Duce" Hackett, 86, died June 10, 2006, at MCV Hospital in Richmond.

Mrs. Hackett was born March 20, 1920, in Westmoreland County to Joseph and Mary Lee of Tucker Hill.



Mrs. Hackett

She was one of six children.

She attended Westmoreland County public schools and joined New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Kinsale. She was a member of the senior choir and later was a member of the deaconess board.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jesse Hackett; and four children, Cherry, Charles, Frederick and Joseph Hackett.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Albert Crawley of Baltimore, Hilda and Benson Braxton of Kinsale and evangelist Irene and Rev. Bill Brown of Baltimore; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward and Gloria Hackett, and Robert Hackett, all of Kinsale, and deacon James and Linda Hackett of Callao; a sister, Irene Thornton of Warsaw Health Care Center; a brother-in-law, Garland Hackett of Kinsale; a daughter-in-law, Fredia Smith Hackett; 30 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; devoted friends, Rev. Gerald Smith, Mrs. Pee Wee Fauntleroy and Catherine Turner; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held June 13 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church with pastor Claude Tate as eulogist and minister Drucilla Tate officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Calvin Lee, James Thornton Jr., James Hackett Jr., Joseph "T. J." Hackett, Eddie Hall and Alvin Crawley. Honoraries were James "Bonnie" Hackett, Bucky Gaskins, Mervin Hackett and Randolph Garner.

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

Anne R. Hall

FARNHAM–Anne Rebecca Hall, 83, of Farnham died June 13, 2006. Mrs. Hall was a member of First United Methodist Church of Gulf Port in Gulf Port, Fla.

She was a retired secretary with the Anne Arundel County Public School System in Maryland.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis Henry Hall Jr.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Becky Lou and Sherwood Donovan of Farnham; a son and daughter-in-law, Louise Forrester Hall Sr. and Rosemary Hall of Frostburg, Md.; five grandchildren, Louis F. Hall Jr., John F. Hall, Michael F. Hall, Sherwood "Woody" Donovan Jr. and Todd A. Donovan; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood June 16 with Rev. Chance Mace officiating. Pallbearers were Louis F. Hall Jr., John F. Hall, Michael F. Hall, Sherwood W. "Woody" Donovan Jr., Todd A. Donovan, Zachary Donovan and Matthew Hall. Burial was at Roseland Cemetery in Reedville.

Julia R. Lemon

MORATTICO—Julia Rebecca Lemon, 57, of Morattico died June 15, 2006, after a 13-year battle with breast cancer.

Mrs. Lemon was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Morattico. She was a 1971 graduate of the College of William and Mary and a charter member of the Morattico Waterfront Museum. She taught elementary school for 34 years, 27 of them at Richmond County Elementary School in Warsaw.

She received the support and love of many friends from the breast cancer support group, Richmond County School System, her church and the community.

She was predeceased by her father, Robert Ripley Lemon.

She is survived by her husband, James T. "Jim" Johnson; her mother, Mary Frances Yancey Lemon of Lynchburg; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Curtis Waskey Jr. of South Boston, Elisabeth and David Daystar of Lexington and Rachel and Richard Harris of Virginia Beach; her mother-in-law, Margaret Johnson; three nieces, one with a husband, Rania and Michael Vaites, Tara and Chelsea Daystar; six nephews, one with a wife, Curtis Waskey III, Troy and Jill Waskey, Jesse Daystar, Corey, Andrew and Jeremy Harris.

Memorial services were held June 19 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Interment was private.

Memorials may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 75, Morattico, VA 22423, or Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, 5001 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Roland O. Redmond

HEATHSVILLE—Roland Onsville "Top" Redmond, 78, of Heathsville died June 12, 2006.

Mr. Redmond was born June 11, 1928, in Edwardsville to Jeremiah and Mary Redmond. He attended Northumberland County public schools and joined Shiloh Baptist Church Reedville.

He worked as a fisherman for Zapata Haynie for 45 years. He was well known for his knowledge of fishing and his wonderful personality.

He was predeceased by three sons, Oliff Poopie Redmond, Avery Redmond and Douglas Redmond; four brothers, Christopher Redmond, Oliver Redmond, Jeter Redmond and James Redmond; and a sister, Elizabeth Redmond.

Mr. Redmond

He is survived by his wife, Inez Straughter Redmond of the home; four daughters and a son-in-law Yvonne and John Curry of Largo, Md., Robin Redmond of Washington, D.C., Crystal Redmond of Fairfax and April Redmond of White Stone; two sons, Ruben Redmond of Heathsville and Roland Jerry Redmond of District Heights, Md.; seven grandchildren, Tamara Curry of Hollywood, Calif., John Curry Jr. of Largo, Robin Marie Redmond of Washington, D.C., LaDawn Redmond of White Stone, Gabrielle Miles of Temple Hills, Md., Ralph Waller and Nicky Waller of White Stone; a great-grandchild, Tray Redmond of Washington, D.C.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernice and Ruben Cottrell of Baltimore and Narciuss Bailey of Bronx, N.Y.; a brother, Douglas Redmond of Baltimore; two sisters-in-law, Pearline Roane and Florence Johnson, both of Hague; four special friends, Leonard Ward and Earl Dameron, both of Edwardsville, and Charlie Raines and deacon Steven Curry, both of Burgess; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held June 17 at the Shiloh Baptist Church with pastor T.W. Morris officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Elsie M. Thornton

REEDVILLE—Elsie Mae Thornton, 73, died June 15, 2006, at her home in Reedville.

Mrs. Thornton was born June 9, 1933, to Asa and Eula Rice of Northumberland County. She was their second oldest daughter.

Mrs. Thornton

She attended schools in Richmond and joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville. She was a member of the Progressive Club and assisted church groups.

She married William Vernell Thornton Sr.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Sheila Dinnell Williams; and a granddaughter, Jessyca Lynnette Conaway.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years; a daughter and son-in-law, Venessa and Wayne Conaway; three sons and daughters-in-law, Curnell McKinley and Sarah Crockett, William V. Thornton Jr. and Direthia Thornton, and Emanuel and Amanda Thornton; a foster daughter, Corrine Lee; a son-in-law, Lewis Dennis Williams Sr.; 11 grandchildren, Sheri Walker, Teona Conaway, Michelle Redmond, Carl Redmond, James Redmond, William D. Thornton, Lakeya Thornton, Dawn Williams, Lewis Williams Jr., Devonte Thornton and TreSean Thornton; a foster granddaughter, Katrina Lee; 12 great-grandchildren; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Ruby Griffin, Oneta and Marshall Wilson, Barbara and Sam Brown, Audrey and Sterling Palmer, Theresa and Phillip Fauntleroy and Rowena and Luther Campbell; a brother and sister-in-law, Thornton and Francine Rice; six aunts, Lucille Parker, Alma Jones, Bertha Wonsom, Oletha Kenery, Ella Butler and Olivia Benns; two uncles, Nelson and Owen Thornton; eight special friends, Sheila and Linda Cuffee, Marcia Jackson, Valerie Hooper, Mary Frances Rich, Hazel Doublin, Portia Bea and Mamie-Jean Carter; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held June 18 at First Baptist Church in Heathsville with pastor John S. Fountaine officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pallbears were Thurston Palmer, Malcolm Fallin, James Fallin, Ryland Taylor, Floyd Fallin and Lewis Fallin.

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

Church Notes

■ Kinney to speak

On Sunday, June 25, Tom Kinney will speak at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR) at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone. His talk will be the fifth in a series on influences of God in today's world wherein the peoples of the world come together at a point humorously described as one World Wide Love Blob.

■ Revival continues

The Church of Deliverance in Lively will hold summer revival services June 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 22, the guest revivalist will be Rev. Lewis Jackson and the choir of Macedonia Baptist Church of Heathsville. On Friday, June 23, the guest revivalist will be minister Cynthia Foster of the Church of Abraham in Newport News.

■ Concert set

The Church of Deliverance in Lively will host a gospel concert Saturday, June 24, at 6 p.m. featuring the Temple Aires of Portsmouth, the Zion Knights of Tappahannock and the Conaway Brothers of Lancaster.

■ Celebration

The seventh anniversary of pastor Donald O. Conaway will be celebrated Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m. at The Church of Deliverance in Lively. The guest minister will be Rev. Marcus D. Martin of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hustle. He will bring a choir and congregation.

■ Bible school

Bethany Baptist Church in Callao will hold vacation Bible school, "Artic Edge Challenge Adventure," June 25 to 29. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

From left are Julie Geier, Rebekah Conboy, Women of Grace president Carol Kirby, Erica Patton and Cheryl Pugh.

Women of Grace present awards

The Women of Grace named three Lancaster High School Class of 2006 graduates as recipients of their Christian Living awards at their June 12 meeting.

The recipients are Rebekah Conboy, Erica Patton and Nicole Turner. They were chosen for exemplifying principles of Christian living through maintaining high moral standards and involvement in church, community and school activities. The monetary awards may be applied to educational expenses or other career preparation.

Committee co-chairmen Cheryl Pugh and Julie Geier introduced Conboy and Patton, accompanied by their mothers, to the club. Turner was unable to attend.

The meeting was held at Verville, the home of Ammon and Kathy Dunton.

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Keyser to head assembly

W.R. Keyser

W. R. Keyser has been elected Faithful Navigator of St. George Assembly 2821 of the Knights of Columbus of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock.

Keyser received the honors of Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in 2002 in Falls Church among 297 candidates from Virginia. He was selected as Faithful Navigator for his work in supporting the assembly.

He has been chosen as Sir Knight of the month. He has been Warden of Infant Jesus of Prague 11667, Knights of Columbus, for several years.

He has been a member of St. Francis de Sales Church for more than 50 years and serves as an usher. He and his wife, Ray Lee, have been named "Family of the Month." Recently he was named Knight of the Year by the Virginia State Council.

Other officers elected were Faithful Friar, Rev. James Bruse; Faithful Captain, Wes Werling; Faithful Pilot, John Janda; Faithful Comptroller, Eugene Wolski; Faithful Scribe, Kenneth Flester; Faithful Purser, Don Phillips; Inner Sentinel, Richard Hall; Outer Sentinel, Arthur Smith; Faithful Admiral, Sam Bridgeman; and Color Corp Commander, George Conley.

Bill Barnes was elected to the board of trustees for the first year, John McCormack for the second year and Jim Pelczar for the third year.

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Earl, Ellaween and the Robinson Family

God picked a beautiful flower to place in his garden. Carroll & Walice Smith & Daniel Clayton wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and all acts of kindness. We thank God for loaning her to us for 51 years. She was our joy. May God Bless.

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From left are Erin Ward, Colin Smith, Virginia Gordon, committee chair Therese Horwath, Rev. Brant Hay, fund namesake Frances Hurst, Timothy Blake, Paul Polk, Jessica Dull and Matthew Row.

Covington-Hurst Education Fund scholarships awarded

A scholarship awards ceremony was held June 18 at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess.

Covington-Hurst Education Fund scholarships were presented to Timothy Blake of Kilmarnock, who will attend James Madison University, Courtney Carter of Lancaster, who will attend James Madison Universtiy, Jessica Dull of Heathsville, who will be a junior at Christopher Newport University, Virginia Gordon of Reedville, who will attend Rappahannock Community College, Brandi Kellum of Kilmarnock, who will be a junior/senior at George Mason University, Paul Polk of Kilmarnock, who will be a sophomore at Virginia State University, Matthew Rowe of Lottsburg, who will be a senior at William and Mary, Colin Smith of Heathsville, who will be a freshman at William and Mary, and Erin Ward, who is attending Rappahanock Community College.

Any resident of Northumberland and Lancaster counties who is pursuing further education may apply to the Covington-Hurst Education Fund for financial assistance. The fund is named after two long-time church members and retired teachers, Betty Covington and her sister, Frances Hurst.

Ready for 'Trading Places'

The White Stone Baptist Church vacation Bible school, "Trading Places," will begin Monday, June 26, at 6 p.m. From left are pastor Dennis Martin, Catherine Ronquest holding Cammi the chameleon, Faith and Parker Ronquest, Sheila Rollins and Madison Owens.

▼ *Churches . . .* *(continued from page B2)*

Love Makes a Difference Outreach Ministries
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Burgess; 453-3939
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, June 27:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, June 29:
6 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment for Youth and Youth Adults
Third Friday of every month
7 p.m., Women of Virtue Fellowship

New Life Ministries
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
436-5079, Pastors: Phillip C. Lee and Richard Lynn
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, June 27:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, June 25:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, June 28:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

Seventh-Day Adventist
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock
Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-443-3070/804-443-1821
Thursday, June 22:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, June 24:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, June 25:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, June 29:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Summer Mass Schedule
Saturday, June 24:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, June 25:
11 a.m., Mass
12:30 p.m., Mass
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, June 28:
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone, 758-4790; L. Lowrey
www.uufrappahannock.uua.org
Sunday, June 25:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, June 25:
11 a.m., Streamed service from Detroit Unity.
12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group (the Quest)
Non-denominational, for all ages

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
Sunday, June 25:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, June 30:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whisk Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Sunday, June 25:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
Monday, June 26:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Wednesday, June 28:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study

"Super 19" program returns

Since 1989, Shiloh Baptist Church (a mile east of Burgess) has offered a summer enrichment program in July for children ages three to 17.

The program, known as "Super 19," provides travel and cultural events and socially, emotionally and spiritually enhancing activities.

The program eangages community agencies including the health department, the Department of Social Services, the Northumberland school board, the Northumberland Public Library, the Northumberland Extension Office, the Lancaster Community Library, the River Counties Foundation and the Rural Virginia United Coalition.

The program will operate July 5 to 31 from 8 a.m. to noon.

To enroll a child, visit the church office from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 453-3074.

Rev. Allan McConnell

Rev. McConnell to preach

Rev. Allan McConnell will be the guest preacher at Kilmarnock Baptist Church on Sunday.

He is a member of Grace Baptist Church in Woodbridge, where is was ordained into the gospel ministry in 2004. He completed his seminary education at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies and is waiting for a call into the pastoral ministry.

Soon to retire from government service, Rev. McConnell seeks to follow God's leading as a bi-vocational or full-time pastor. Together with his wife, JoAnn, they see God's hand at work in their lives as a progressive series of steps preparing them for pastoral ministry.

They have three children and four grandchildren.

Shifflett addresses Methodist men

Dr. Matthew R. Shifflett spoke June 14 to the Bethel-Emmanuel Methodist Men at Emmanuel Church in Morattico on healthy living. He discussed diet, rest, exercise, attitude and the mind-body connection.

Dr. Shifflett said that organic foods are preferable to conventional and artificial products and that how they are prepared is important. He suggested eating locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Adequate exercise and rest are both necessary, he said, and that a positive attitude influences the subconscious mind and makes a richer life.

It was Dr. Shifflett's second presentation before the group this year. He is the president of the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the board of the Northern neck YMCA.

Dr. Matthew Shifflett

Program chairman John Sloan thanked Dr. Shifflett and gave him a collectable 1938 Scoutmasters handbook. Dr. Shifflett is an Eagle Scout.

President Jerry Ruble announced that there will be no membership meetings during July and August, but picnics at Bethel and Emmanuel churches will be held in August.

Lovelace to give concert

Tim Lovelace, a comedian, musician, and songwriter, will be in concert at Tibitha Church of God on Fleeton Road in Reedville July 15 at 7 p.m.

Lovelace has traveled with the Florida Boys, the Kingsmen and Jake Hess. He was featured on the Gaither video "Joy In The Camp." His comedy songs, "Don't Sit In My Pew" and "The Wall Song" have received national radio chart success.

He has received nominations for a Grammy, a Dove award, comedian of the year and instrumentalist of the year.

An offering will be received to cover the expenses of the concert.

Local youth urged to think globally

Teen Night June 30 at White Stone Church of the Nazarene from 7 to 10 p.m. is going to be somewhat different than usual.

Invisible Children Teen Night, as it has been designated, will include a talented band, "I Am Burning," as well as a showing of the documentary "Invisible Children." The purpose is to promote awareness of a particular social issue, the children of Northern Uganda who find themselves at risk for kidnapping by a rebel army.

The concept of "Invisible Children" was born when three college students traveled to Uganda in search of a story for a documentary. They came across hundreds of children traveling, sometimes walking miles without parents, from the villages to sleep in the city to avoid being kidnapped. They sleep wherever they find room, and this can be anywhere from a hospital to somewhere outside. Being kidnapped means becoming a child soldier for the rebel army, where they are forced to become desensitized and kill. Often, they are forced to kill their parents as initiation.

After the college students returned to the United States, they put together a documentary of what they had seen in hopes that the children would no longer be "invisible" to the world.

The White Stone Church of the Nazarene is pleased to be able to show the documentary during Teen Night as well as sell shirts, bracelets, and work by local artists to support the Invisible Children Foundation, said pastor Brad Grinner.

All local teens (grades 5 to 12 or ages 11 to 18), are urged to attend.

For more information, call Grinnen at 435-9886, or visit www.invisiblechildren.com.

Rev. Tinney is new pastor for White Stone UMC

Rev. Richard Gordon, pastor of White Stone United Methodist Church, has been appointed as new pastor to Courtland United Methodist Church in Southhampton County Portsmouth District. He will officiate his last service in White Stone June 25.

Appointed to serve as pastor of the church is Rev. James Tinney, who is completing seven years at Clarksbury Charge in the Rappahannock District. He will officiate his first Sunday in White Stone July 2.

The church holds come-as-you-are worship services Sundays at 9 a.m. followed by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. There is also an 11 a.m. worship service with a nursery provided.

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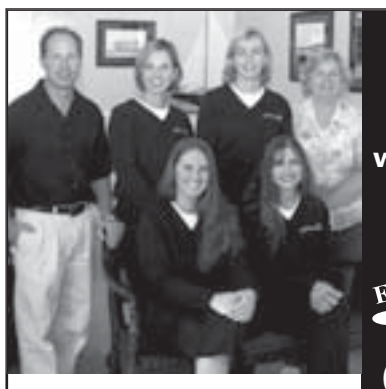

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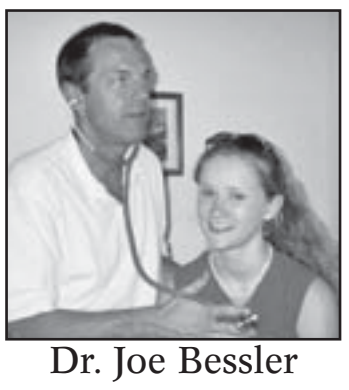
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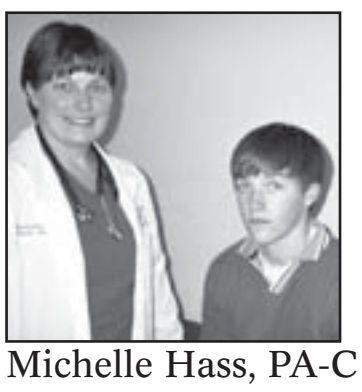
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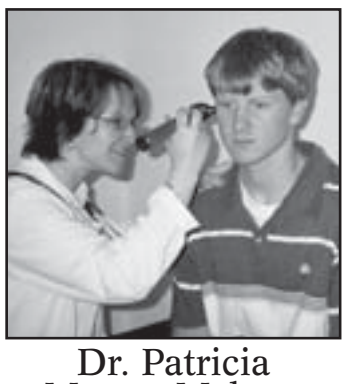
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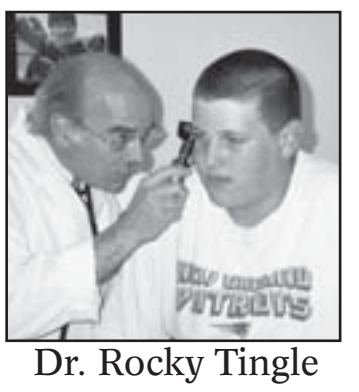
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New furniture store brings more choices to Kilmarnock

by Kelsey Robusto

The Kilmarnock Furniture Store at 43 South Main Street adds a new facet to furniture options in Kilmarnock.

Owner Shawn Donahue described the new store's concept as "a little different from traditional furniture stores."

Furniture available through "the Bassett line Simply Yours allows you to choose different leg types, different arm types, skirts or no skirts. It is custom built for you at the factory," explained manager Terry Bowen.

The line also allows customers to choose from over 500 fabrics and, by computer, see that fabric on the furniture of their choice, she said.

"You can build it on the screen," Bowen said.

Clients can expect the customized furniture to arrive in four to five weeks. If shoppers find the chair of their dreams in the shop, though, they can buy it right off of the floor.

"We're low-key." Bowen said. "You can sit down or walk through with your coffee."

Coffee?

Donahue's Talk of the Town Coffee House is integrated into the store. All of the furniture in the coffee shop, furniture store, or the upcoming Mexican restaurant can be ordered, they said.

Manager Terry Bowen (right) and his wife, Therese, recline in some of Kilmarnock Furniture's newest arrivals.

The Kilmarnock Furniture Store is different and complimentary to Kilmarnock's other furniture stores, said Donahue. The store brings different styles and encourages friendly competition. Donahue explained that local stores all provide "suitable choices" for the Northern Neck area.

The population growth and a shift from seasonal residents to year-round necessitates more choices in the area, said Bowen. He believes the area should provide everything needed for its inhabitants.

Bowen said, "We also are encouraging people to spend evenings in town." On Monday through Thursday the store will be open until 5 p.m.; on Friday and Saturday it will stay open until 7 p.m.

Business Briefs

■ Thank you

The Hunter Sailing Association – Southern Bay recently thanked Ken and Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger of Norton's Yacht Sales in Deltaville for their sponsorship of a new sailing association formed in the Hampton Roads area for owners of Hunter sailboats.

Norton's Yacht Sales has been a long-time sponsor of numerous sailing events. The membership of the group has grown rapidly since the first organizational meeting held at Bay Point Marina in March 2006. A series of sailing activities have since been held to include raft ups at Willoughby Bay and Harborfest in Norfolk.

■ Referencing the Northern Neck

Writer and historian Alf J. Mapp Jr., a part-time resident of Lancaster County, often sprinkles his works with references to Northern Neck places and people. His latest publication, a fourth edition of his first book, The Virginia Experiment: The Old Dominion's Role in the Making of America, 1607-1781, includes at least six references to the Corotoman River, seven to Robert "King" Carter, Colonel John Carter, several Washingtons, and numerous Lees.

■ DMV holiday

All Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customer service centers will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. DMV will be open on Monday, July 3.

Talk of the Town Coffee House manager Dennis Miller displays the front counter and the delicious desserts within.

New coffee house is 'talk of town'

by Kelsey Robusto

Talk of the Town Coffee House opened at 41 South Main Street in Kilmarnock on June 15. The small shop proposes to be open from 6:30 a.m. until...whenever.

"We don't know the hours yet because the concept is unique," owner Shawn Donahue admits. "We'll have to wait and see what the demand is."

Donahue does know, though, that the shop will be open seven days a week. The coffee house offers areas to relax alone, chat with friends, or meet in a business setting. The front has a table for two and a table for six, while bar-like single seats line the side wall. In the back is a public conference area, free and available whenever the shop is open. There also will be an outside seating area, and the entire shop will have wireless internet access.

The menu features soups, salads, wraps and desserts. Beverages include sodas, smoothies and coffee from, as Donahue describes it, "the best cappuccino machine that money can buy." The machine, the shop's special feature, is "the only coffee machine that is approved for international coffee tournaments," he said.

"So," Donahue jokes, "it better make a good cup of coffee."

There's more to the new shop than coffee, though. One of the fascinating things is the building itself. Manager Dennis Miller can tell you the history. It was built in 1910 after the fire of 1909 and became a livery stable for the community. Then, in 1930 it was remodeled and turned into a showroom for a Ford dealership. In the late 1930s, Bob Crowther bought the dealership.

Remains of old brick cover one side wall, bringing a timeless feel to the new coffee house.

Irvington floral shop has new ownership

With children and grandchildren in Chicago, Richmond and the Outer Banks, a sailboat, and sale of two successful businesses, Ed and Ingrid Peake could have retired comfortably and quietly to their home at Wilton Creek. But they aren't the retiring type.

The Peakes intended to put their feet up when they sold their printing business in New Jersey. They did—briefly—before going into the restaurant business in Richmond. After they sold their interest in Six Burner in the Fan District, they started looking for another business opportunity in the Northern Neck or Middle Peninsula, where they enjoyed sailing on weekends.

Conversations with Peggy and Dudley Patteson of The Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington led to an offer to buy The Hope and Glory Shop. Now called Chatfields, the shop sells cut flowers, fresh and dried floral arrangements and accessories for the home and garden. Irvington had a small town feel the Peakes liked.

"It reminded us of where we lived in New Jersey, a quaint, riverside town called Clinton," said Ed.

"I love to hear the carillon at the Baptist church," said Ingrid. "It reminds me of Europe."

They love the people, too, they said. They have been pleasantly surprised by the number of people who have come in simply to introduce themselves, welcome the Peakes and wish them well.

Ingrid Peake is Chatfield's floral designer. A Dutch native (she and Ed met 34 years ago when he was stationed in Germany), she grew up arranging flowers and honed her talent at her sister's floral design school.

From left are Ed and Ingrid Peake.

"I take what the client has in mind and arrange something that's just for them."

She recently did the flowers for a private party at The Local. "Heather provided vases and bamboo to match the Asian menu," explained Ingrid. "I added greens and bright orange Oriental lilies to carry through the theme and compliment the new color palette and the white tablecloths."

Chatfield's is full of pretty and whimsical accessories for the home and garden that the Peakes obtain at shows in Atlanta and New York, on the internet and from artisans they cultivate.

"Our customers are from all over. People who live here all the time or part of the time and guests from the Tides Inn and Hope and Glory," said Ed. Recently, a little French girl took a lamp with a hat for a shade home to Paris.

Chatfield's is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and sometimes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

"We're still refining our hours of operation," said Ed. "We want to be open when our customers want us to be."

Doing what they love in a pretty place for pleasant people, Ed and Ingrid Peake are redefining retirement.

Conservancy salutes Century Farms

The Northern Neck Land Conservancy seeks to increase the number of Century Farms that are registered in the five counties of the Northern Neck. There are 56 such farms currently, and there are certainly more out there, according to Susan Lindsey of the conservancy.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services set up the Century Farm Program to honor "the enduring spirit of agriculture and the generations of Virginia farm families whose diligent and dedicated efforts have maintained these farms and contributed so greatly to the economy of the Commonwealth."

This is exactly the use of the land the conservancy seeks to preserve, as a means of protecting the area's traditional economies, land and rural heritage, said Lindsey.

To be certified as a Virginia Century Farm, a farm must meet certain criteria. The General Assembly enacted legislation in 1997 setting forth these terms. The farm must have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years. It must be lived on or actually farmed by a descendent of the original owner. And it must gross over $2,500 annually from the sale of farm products, or in the case of growing trees for harvest, be certified at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

A. Mason Brent stands by the entrance to Roanoke in Heathsville, a Century Farm.

The owner completes an application form, has it notarized, and sends it to the department's address in Richmond which is on the form.

There is no fee. The family will receive a certificate signed by the governor and a sign appropriate for outdoor display. In addition, the name of the farm and its owners will be posted on the Department of Agriculture Century Farm website. Forms are available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/century, or by calling Judy McBride at 436-1131.

"The Northern Neck is experiencing very rapid growth and change," said Lindsey. "But we still have the opportunity to protect its natural beauty and historic resources by espousing programs like the Century Farm program."

The mission of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy is "to preserve the rural heritage of the Northern Neck by conserving its lands, waters, economies and culture for future generations," she said. The Century Farm program shares this vision.

As A. Mason Brent of Heathsville says of his Century Farm, "What Roanoke means to me is indeed my heritage and roots. It's what I am. When I think about anything I do here, I think not only in terms of how I am impacting what has happened here in the last two centuries, but also what my impact will be on my family in generations to come."

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Allison to judge Labor Day show

Don Kennedy, chairman of the Rappahannock Art League's Labor Day Exhibition, recently announced that Jeffrey W. Allison will be the judge of this year's show.

Allison is the Paul Mellon Collection educator at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the coordinator of statewide programs for the museum.

"We are thrilled that Jeffrey Allison has agreed to be our judge," said Kennedy. "He has impeccable credentials. He was a juror for the 2004 Trawick Prize, one of the largest cast awards for visual artists in the United States. Those fortunate to have attended the March Rappahannock Art League meeting recall his outstanding presentation on The World of Toulouse-Lautrec."

Allison is curating the exhibitions, Southern Kin: Photographs by S. Eugene Wall and Faces at the Races: Equine Culture in Virginia. He most recently curated Through Different Eyes: The Faces of Poverty in Virginia, which opened at Virginia Commonwealth University and was displayed at the 2006 Virginia General Assembly.

Jeffrey Allison

Allison's exhibitions, Unbroken Circle: Unto the Generations, which explores contemporary life among indigenous cultures in the U.S., Panama, and Costa Rica, and A Horse of Course: The Equine Image in Art at VMFA, are currently traveling to museums and art centers throughout Virginia.

He also curated Egypt Through the Drawing Room: 19th Century Stereographs of Egypt, which was shown at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and continues to travel throughout the country.

Allison's work was recently displayed as part of The Reality Show at Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News and in a two-person exhibition along with the works of Glen McClure at the Academy of Fine Arts in Lynchburg.

Prior to coming to the museum, Allison served as director of special projects and taught history of photography at Virginia Intermont College. He was director of the art services network, a statewide organization focusing on individual artists in the early 1990s.

Allison has been on the faculty of East Tennessee State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Highlands Community College, the Hand Workshop, and the William King Regional Arts Center.

Sweeping support

On behalf of Bank of Lancaster, Callao office assistant vice president Cindy West presents broom sale chairman Mike Harwood a check to support the Northumberland Lions Club. The funds will assist the Lions with ongoing efforts to help the sight impaired. Proceeds from the sale of brooms made by the blind will be used to reimburse the blind for their work and to purchase eyeglasses for local people. "Bank of Lancaster applauds our local Lions Clubs for their dedicated support of these worthwhile programs and is proud to be a 'Mane Lion Supporter' and share in this endeavor," said West.

Acreage reports matter to farmers

Across Virginia's farm fields, spring planting is nearly complete. This is when most producers begin work on what may be the most important piece of paperwork, next to their taxes, that they do all year...the annual Acreage Report.

The Acreage Report, necessary for most federally subsidized crop insurance policies, can save money, if it is done right, or cost money if it is done wrong. It determines the amount of crop insurance provided and the amount of premium charged. If producers fail to report on time, they may not be covered. Each crop has its own deadline. If they report too much acreage, they may pay too much premium, if too little, they will recover less if they have to make a claim for losses.

If there are any doubts about what to do, producers should contact their crop insurance agent to help them complete the acreage reporting forms. They have to sign off on the forms as well as the farmer. But the legal responsibility is the farmer's, to check and make sure that the acreage report is accurate. The acreage report declares what crops were actually planted, what share they have in those crops, how many acres were planted, the dates they were planted, the kind of "units" the producer is using for insurance purposes, the approved yield, the farming practice used, like irrigation, and any acres by crop unit that they were prevented from planting.

The acreage report can be revised as planting goes on, up until the acreage reporting deadline. June 30 and July 15 are the most common acreage reporting deadlines, covering many of the major crops across the Commonwealth. Participating producers must file an acreage report with their crop insurance agent and with their local FSA office. The two reports must contain the same information or an explanation why not. Producers have tested soil moisture, checked weather reports, and worked long hours to get their crops planted, but without an accurate Acreage Report much of that work might never reach the bottom line.

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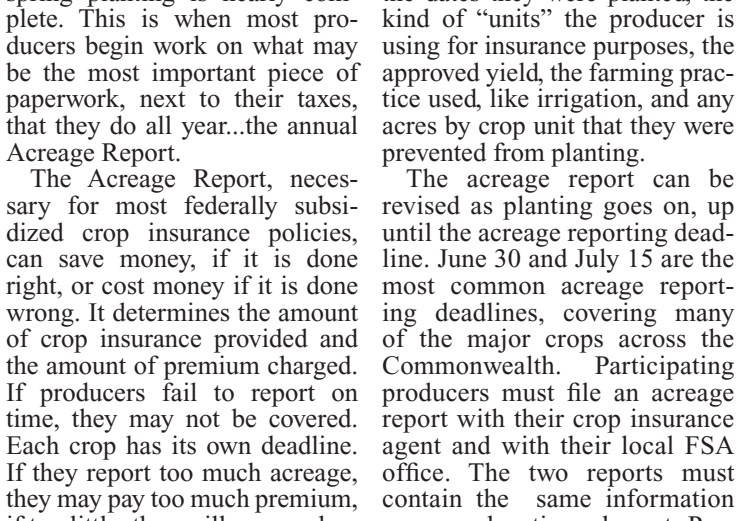

Smith receives Byrne Award

Renee Smith, a cardiac monitor tech on the Rappahannock General Hospital telemetry unit, recently received the Maryanna R. Byrne Award. From left are director of acute care services Ann Gumina, Smith and vice president of nursing Gail Cameron. The award was established in 1992 by Robert L. Byrne in memory of his wife, and is given annually to a deserving RGH employee who is entering the nursing program at Rappahannock Community College.

Enterpreneur workshop slated in Warsaw June 28

On June 28 in Warsaw, the SBA and the Central Virginia PTAC will hold an Entrepreneur Express Workshop for entrepreneurs and small-business owners. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bank of Lancaster at 4935 Richmond Road.

The Central Virginia PTAC will explain its many services to assist businesses through the process of selling to state and federal governments. It also can show how a location in the Warsaw area can qualify for certain benefits. In addition, women-owned, minority-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned businesses are eligible for similar benefits.

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Gov. Kaine proclaims 'Virginia Dairy Month'

With a nod to the historic past and an eye on a healthy future, Gov. Tim Kaine has officially recognized June as Virginia Dairy Month in the Commonwealth.

As the proclamation states, the Virginia dairy industry has contributed to the development of the state's economy and the well-being of its citizens since dairy cows arrived at Jamestown in 1611. Nearly 400 years later, Virginia's dairy industry consistently ranks near the top when compared to the state's other principal crops, livestock and livestock products.

In 2005, Virginia's dairy farms produced more than 207 million gallons of milk and contributed cash receipts of $293 million to the state's bottom line. More specifically, each of Virginia's 105,000 dairy cows produced an average of 1,975 gallons of milk in 2005, enough to make 1,699 pounds of cheese, or 1,415 gallons of ice cream.

Dairy foods are known for their delicious taste and health benefits. They are nutrient-dense, supplying 72 percent of the calcium available in the American diet, along with nine essential vitamins and minerals, including potassium, riboflavin, phosphorus, vitamins A, D and B-12 as well as protein. Studies indicate that eating three to four servings of dairy per day could help lower the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and some forms of cancer as well as assist with weight management.

The theme for June Dairy Month 2006 is "Find the Healthy Way with 3-A-Day." It urges everyone to get three servings of dairy per day: a glass of milk, a cup of yogurt or a slice of cheese. With today's explosion of varieties and choices, it's easy to enjoy a delicious dairy trio every day. Flavored milks such as banana, orange cream, vanilla and old favorite chocolate join the countless varieties of cheese and myriad selections of yogurt.

Celebrate Virginia Dairy Month during June. Continue to find the healthy way with three or more servings of dairy products year 'round.

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Bankers take proactive role in emergency preparedness

Austin L. Roberts III

As the 2006 hurricane season begins, an American Bankers Association Task Force has issued recommendations taken from lessons learned since Katrina. In order to speed recovery efforts in future disasters, these policy recommendations have been shared with the Treasury Department, Department of Homeland Security, Small Business Administration, bank regulatory agencies and other agencies involved in emergency preparedness issues, according to Austin L. Roberts III.

Roberts, president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Lancaster and Bay Banks of Virginia, has been appointed chairman of the ABA's Emergency Preparedness Task Force.

"Banks play a vital role in the recovery of any community hit by disaster," said Roberts. "From cashing checks to borrowing money, people turn to their bank when picking up the pieces of their lives. Banks have a proven record of preparedness, and these recommendations will help us help our customers and our communities more effectively."

The Task Force recommended efforts to improve emergency communications. Make it easier for more banks to get priority service through the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service and Wireless Priority Service so that data and voice communications, such as ATM and regulatory messages, can continue unimpeded.

Streamline the distribution of financial assistance. Help reduce fraud by giving banks an electronic file with check numbers and their amounts; if these numbers do not match, banks will know not to cash them.

Develop uniform debit card guidelines so that victims can use them immediately for goods and services rather than waiting to cash a check.

Speed the delivery of governmental disaster loans. The SBA should integrate financial institutions more fully into the disaster lending process. Allowing financial institutions to directly offer disaster loans in a manner similar to the 7(a) program is the most effective way to get the largest amount of disaster lending into the greatest number of victims' hands.

Develop a consistent governmental response. Repeat and replicate the effective response to the bank regulatory agencies. They minimized regulatory impediments, such as mandatory customer identification guidelines and other reporting requirements, so that bankers could meet customers' cash and financial needs. Their rapid response to Hurricane Katrina can serve as a model to encourage other agencies to provide such flexibility in the future.

Foster the development of regional coalitions to help financial institutions serve their communities.. Several regions and municipalities have established emergency preparedness networks that formally link financial services with federal, state and local emergency management agencies. This should be encouraged nationwide.

Leverage the alliance between state bankers associations and the ABA. State bankers associations often serve as the central point of contact for bankers and their state banking officials during an emergency. The government should tap into this network and utilize ABA's alliance as a bridge between local and national recovery efforts during a disaster.

The task force also announced the publication of the ABA Emergency Preparedness Toolbox, a 124-page guide to help banks with their disaster recovery plan. The task force members combined lessons learned from Katrina and other catastrophes to produce this new resource that includes improving emergency communications, understanding a disaster's economic impact, and preparing for the avian flu and other potential pandemics, said Roberts.

He also said that it gives him a great deal of pleasure to be a part of a task force that will help make decisions relative to emergency preparedness for his own community and throughout the Commonwealth and for those communities of fellow bankers across the country.

Starting a food-based business workshop scheduled for July 19

The Agribusiness Development Services Office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) invites people interested in starting a food-based business to a workshop July 19 at the Oxbow center in St. Paul.

The one-day course will give participants information on starting and operating a food-based business in Virginia and will explain some of the regulatory issues that govern such a business. Participants will tour the commercial kitchen at the center.

Program components include registration and coffee at 9:14 a.m., an overview of a food-based incubator program and tour of the Oxbow Center commercial kitchen at 10 a.m.; VDACS' role in regulatory issues and record keeping at 10:30 a.m.; regulations governing a catering business at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon.

Afternoon discussion topics include Taking a Product from Recipe to Retail: Resources for Small, Value-Added Food Product Development, and An Overview of Food Labeling Requirements at 1 p.m.; Business Planning: Developing an Enterprise Budget for a Small, Food-based Venture at 2 p.m. and Marketing Strategies for Small and Micro Food Ventures: Branding and Selling Your Product at 2:45 p.m.

The Oxbow Center received a grant from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission to establish a commercial, shared-use kitchen program which will serve as a resource for the individuals who want to start a food-based business. The center will offer clients an inspected facility where they can manufacture food products to sell at retail without the expense of setting up a private commercial kitchen.

The center offers the facility for food processing and also will offer technical assistance in cooperation with the Department of Food Science and Technology at Virginia Tech. Staff will assist processors with issues such as product formulation, shelf-life and product labeling.

The Ag Development Office at VDACS will work with clients of the Oxbow Kitchen as they graduate from the center and set up their own processing facilities.

For registration information, contact Charles Green at VDACS, 225-4539, charles.green@vdacs.virginia.gov, or Neva Hamilton, Executive Director of the Oxbow Center, at 276-762-0516, or oxbow@ntelos.net.

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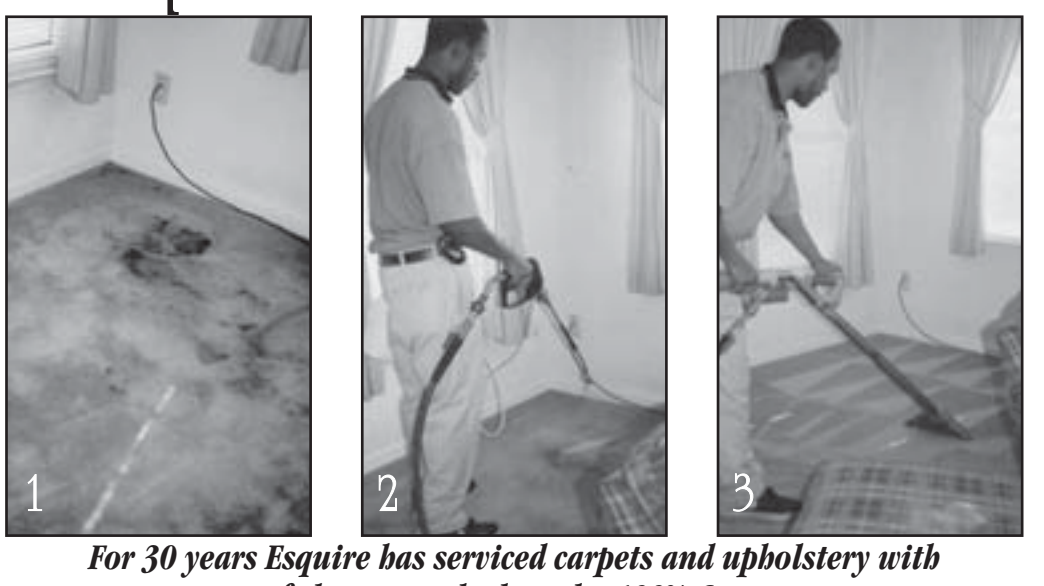

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Class visits zoo

Fun Learning Preschool finished up the year with a trip to the Norfolk Zoo. From left are (front row) Riley Molineaux, Shelby Lewis, Macie Daniel, Blair Smith and Cole Stamm; (next row) Nicholas Timble, Amanda Steensma, Rachel Clarke, Blake Smith, Evan Johnson and Joey Hoffman.

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School wins honors at 2006 National Ocean Sciences Bowl

A team of high school students from Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Governor's School in Warsaw were recently honored at the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Governor's School students Abby Hughes, Tiffany Lee, Jonathan Lee and Luke Bessler, and their teacher-coach Kevin Goff, emerged from heated competition with 24 other nationally ranked teams. The Governor's School team was awarded the James D. Watkins Sportsmanship Award, a special recognition from the NOSB officials that acknowledges the students who best exemplify professionalism and collegiality by demonstrating respect for one another, their opponents and the competition judges.

The NOSB is a program of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education and is funded through the National Oceanographic Partnership Program, a collaboration of 15 federal agencies. Its purpose is to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens.

At the May 2006 finals, the more than 120 students—from 25 regional competitions around the U.S.—represented the best and brightest of the nation's students interested in marine sciences. They fielded questions designed by marine scientists in a round-robin, double elimination contest that tested their knowledge of oceanography, geology, biology and maritime history.

Under the guidance of their teacher-coaches, NOSB students broadened their awareness and understanding of the oceans as they prepared for the competition. The bowl provides a forum for students who excel in math and science to receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent.

The team from Chesapeake Bay Governor's School earned the right to represent the Virginia Region after winning the Blue Crab Bowl held in February at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. There, the Governor's School faced 14 other teams from across the Commonwealth. This was the second win in two years for Coach Goff.

To prepare for the nationals, Coach Goff met with his team twice each week, reviewing ocean science content, as well as competition skills. The students had library research assignments that helped them broaden their knowledge base. But, they agreed that field studies made some of the most important contributions to their problem-solving abilities. Guided by Coach Goff, the team conducted hands-on investigations on the Outer Banks during spring semester. Field trips to the Baltimore Aquarium, Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center and the Yorktown shoreline provided additional exposure. And, a special pre-competition field day on the Monterey coastline, funded through the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), helped extend their experience beyond the Mid-Atlantic.

Goff, a VIMS graduate and science teacher for 13 years, is a firm believer in developing problem-solving abilities in his students and was pleased with their performance.

"I was the most impressed by their high marks on the analytical questions," he said. "The 'Team Challenge Questions' require higher level thinking skills and synthesis. The students' strong performance shows that they can pull their knowledge together and apply it. This reveals the strength of their understanding."

Goff sees marine science as a powerful tool for teaching science and the critical thinking skills needed to tackle the real world problems we face in the Chesapeake Bay and elsewhere. "Marine science is so integrative, multi-disciplinary and collaborative. Plus, it brings together high-tech and hands-on field work. It's an exciting way to demonstrate all of these important qualities of science."

Coach Goff's team includes students from three schools; Abby Hughes, a senior at Rappahannock High School; Luke Bessler, a junior from Lancaster High school; Tiffany Lee, a senior from Essex High School; and Jonathan Lee, a junior at Essex High.

The top scoring team of the NOSB 2006 competition was Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School from Massachusetts.

Storytime returns

Tonya Carter reads to children at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Storytime is back for the summer every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. For the entire summer reading program schedule, visit the library, or call 435-1729.

Lancaster Head Start class holds end-of-year ceremony

The 2005-06 Lancaster Head Start class held its end-of-year ceremony May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Lancaster Primary School cafeteria.

The ceremony opened with a welcome from parent committee president Sherman Sutton and his wife, Sarah, who is this year's committee secretary.

Lead teacher Latrisa Fisher gave the parents the last classroom update for the year, followed by a performance from the 18 students. Their performance included songs, dance and reciting of verses learned during the school year. Fisher was assisted by teachers aide, Catherine Kenner and Head Start substitute Rose Bach.

Certificates for participation were awarded to the parents and classroom volunteers by family services coordinator Shelly Taylor. Certificates and pictures were presented to the students by the teacher staff.

Four students received certificates for completion of two years in the program, Shykeise Brown, Shane Evans, Benjamin Lee and Cedrick Ward.

Fourteen students received certificates for completion of one year, Montayjah Ball, Khaliq Beane, Tariq Beane, Makaila Butler, Quinaisha Cox, Kevone Crockett, Keith Gaskins Jr., Amar Hawkins, Jalin Powell, Tyrell Reese Jr., Damier Smith, Jaiquawn Smith, Xavier Sutton and La'Kia Woodson.

The Suttons made a special presentation to the teachers and the FSC. A special presentation was made to each child by policy council representative Tosha Williams.

Class t-shirts were made by the Sports Centre in Kilmarnock. Balloons for the students were donated by All Occasions Cards and Gifts in Kilmarnock, and McDonalds in Kilmarnock provided each student with a coupon for a free Dollar Menu item. A potluck dinner was served.

Carter and Jewell earn R-MWC Book Awards

At undergraduate awards assemblies recently, the Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae Book Award was presented to outstanding sophomore girls at Lancaster and Northumberland high schools. Criteria are academic excellence and leadership.

Kelsi Jewell, the daughter of Dr. Vikas and Daphny Maan of Fleeton, received the award on May 31 at NHS. Emmalyn Carter, the daughter of Bernard and Joni Carter of Irvington, received the award at LHS on June 2.

The oldest of five children, Kelsi also received the Future Problem Solving Award, tied for the biology award and was cited for excellence in world history. She plays varsity softball and field hockey and will attend the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School in Warsaw next fall.

Emmalyn also received an award for biology, her favorite subject. Recently tapped for National Honor Society, she plays clarinet in the Lancaster High School band and went to London with the band last year. She plays field hockey and rides horses. A member of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, she has younger twin sisters.

The book awarded was an anthology of poems and photographs of paintings from Randolph-Macon's Maier Museum of Art. Recipients qualify for renewable merit scholarships ranging from $5,000 to $13,000 if they apply to and are accepted for admission at Randolph-Macon.

Guidance counselors Hutt Williams of NHS and Lara Brown of LHS coordinated local school efforts, and Jane Neblett Tims, R-MWC Class of 1968, presented the awards.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College is a private liberal arts institution founded in 1891 in Lynchburg.

Ag technology grads find work, competitive pay

The 28 graduates of Virginia Tech's Agricultural Technology Program aren't worried about getting a job this spring, according to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

The program offers an associate's degree with concentrations in animal agriculture, landscape and turf management, crop production and agriculture business. At least half of its cumulative 685 graduates were employed within a month of getting their degrees. The program began in 1987 with strong support from the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and other agriculture groups.

"Farm Bureau has been proud to support this program through recruitment and financial support of students," said president Bruce L. Hiatt. "And it has been gratifying to see the outcome—graduates garnering competitive salaries and becoming successful in agribusiness ventures, some of which they own and operate themselves."

Ag technology graduates earn an average of $31,000 a year right out of college, according to Virginia Tech. With a focus on specialized courses that directly prepare students for careers in their respective fields, the program also requires an occupational internship for a minimum of 12 weeks before graduation.

"Hands-on experience makes a big difference. And after two years, these students can compete head-to-head with four-year graduates from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in terms of annual salary," said Stephanie White, associate director of the Agricultural Technology Program.

"At the fall career fair, students are amazed (to learn) that employers are actually competing against each other for these students and offering internships. There are more employers than there are students across the country for these career openings," she said.

Another key to the success of the program is the strong support of Virginia's agribusiness community. Most of the internships are provided by those businesses. County Farm Bureaus provide financial scholarships to students, many of them from those organizations' respective communities.

For more information on the Agricultural Technology Program, visit www.cals.vt.edu/agtech/index.html.

PTA officers

The Lancaster Primary School PTA board members for 2006-07 from left are treasurer Gail Nelson, secretary Pam Hodges, vice president Lisa Brocklebank, and president Cindy Clarke.

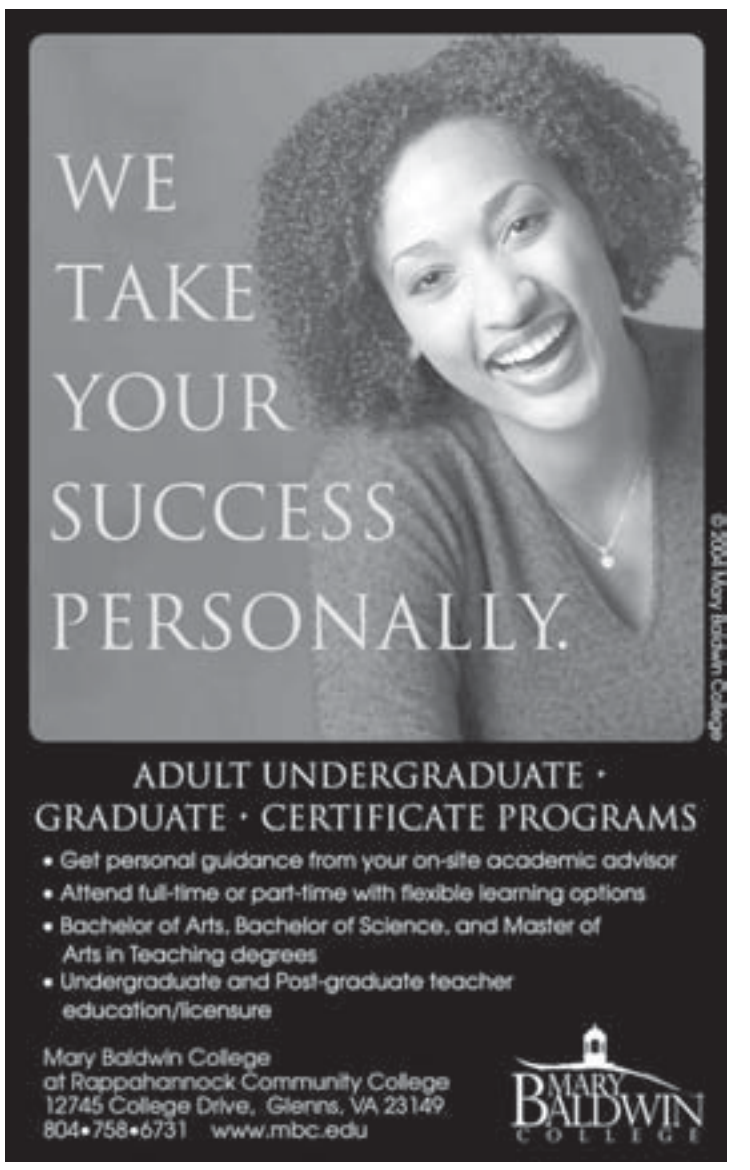
St. Margaret's School announces local honors

Head of School Margaret R. Broad recently announced the names of students who have earned a place on the St. Margaret's School honor, merit and B rolls for the third and final trimester of the 2005-06 academic year.

Students named to the Honor Roll have an average of 90 or above with no grade below a B. Eighth-grader Annie Badenoch of Irvington made the Honor Roll.

Students earning Merit Roll recognition have an average of 87 or above with no grade below a C. Junior Michelle Burch of Burgess and eighth-grader Sarah Gibson of Montross made the Merit Roll.

Additionally, students earning a trimester average in the B range with no term or trimester grade below a C were named to the B List. Senior Alexandra Newman of Lancaster made the B list.



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Persevering students

Students at Lancaster Primary School who demonstrated perseverance in May had breakfast with principal Merle Stables. The students also received certificates and gifts. The event is sponsored by the PTA. From left, kindergartners and first-graders chosen were (front row) LaNaysha Savoy, Keith Beane, Skylar Vanlandingham, Calvin Henderson, Karon Ball and Dynesha Redmond; (next row) Trey Tyers, Roman Smith, Kiera Lee, Jamond Thompson, Martez Davis and QueenAsia Croxton; (next row) Diamond Taylor, Cody Chance, Jahmekah Nickens, Jacqneil Champion, K'Shawn Adams and William Clarke; (next row) Shykeila Brown, Jahlil Nickens, Jamil Redmond, Stables, Vilesha Waller, Amber Davis and Devin Smith.

From left, second- and third-graders were (front row) Jamie Coates, Patricia West, Jason Cutting, Samantha Woodcock, Kevin Gaines and Ariana Marsh; (next row) Rayshawn Elmore, Lane Brocklebank, Yolazya Ward, Tyriek Gaskins, Quianta Brown and Ashlyn Goode; (next row) Troy Ercelino, Antonio Owens, Steve Waller, Tynesha Seldon, Emilee Whay and Sabrina Brown; (next row) Kelli Tignor, Paola Mattei, Brandon Mickles, Stables, Dominique Waller, John Savoy and Caleb Gordon.

Cassandra Quick

Kasey Ashburn

Garden club awards camp scholarships

The Rappahannock Garden Club awarded their annual Nature Camp scholarships to Kasey Ashburn of Weems and Cassandra Quick of White Stone.

The scholarships are awarded to students with an interest in the environment. They must do well academically and have strong references from sponsoring organizations.

The Nature Camp, owned and administered by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, is in Vesuvius; it is a conservation camp specializing in natural history and environmental studies.

Quick is a seventh-grade student at Lancaster Middle School. She has a keen interest in science and conducting experiments.

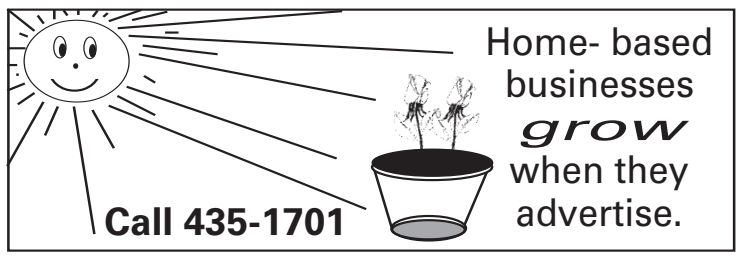
Ashburn is in seventh-grade at Chesapeake Academy. She also is a science student and participated in the bi-annual academy Science Fair.

A Nature Camp orientation program for the girls was held at the Lancaster Community Library. Garden club committee members chairman Ann Hecht, Pat Kirby, Dana Smith and Mary Hoerneman conducted the meeting. They acquainted the students with the program and provided handouts with information for their two-week stay beginning July 17.

Also attending were the students' parents, Kathleen Taft and Wendy Ashburn, and LMS principal Craig Kauffman and headmaster Seth Ahlborn of Chesapeake Academy.

Students give recital

At a recent piano recital, Babs McKelway's students each played a piece by Mozart, in honor of the 250th anniversary of his birth, and works by Schumann, Brahms, Schubert, and Scott Joplin. From left are Carter Clark, Alec Faulkner, Margaret Powell, Eleanor Beane, Nancy O'Shaughnessy and Jessica Bronner.



Chesapeake Academy announces end-of-year achievements

Chesapeake Academy in Irvington last week announced the following students in grades four through eight who have achieved Honor Roll or Headmaster's List for the term, semester, and/or year-end in the academic year 2005-06:

Students named to the Honor Roll for the fourth term in grade 5 are Nathan Altaffer, Christopher Brown, Griffin Campbell, Preston Davie, Elizabeth Hudnall, Christian Johnson, Mariana Mangano and Nikki Stump.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the fourth term in grade 6 are William Chapman, Carter Clark, Nelson Drake, Alexis English, Cyrus Jett, Emily Moore and Teddy Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the fourth term in grade 7 are Austin Brown, Emma Hollowell and Jackson Neal.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the fourth term in grade 8 are Patrick Best, Rebecca Britt, Georgia Courson, Mikey Faulkner, Kaitlyn Hand, Jenny O'Shaughnessy, Andy Schroeder, Patrick Szyperski and Ben Wrightson.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the semester in grade 5 are Brown, Campbell, Thomas Euler, Hudnall, Johnson, Mangano and Stump.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the semester in grade 6 are Chapman, Clark, Drake, Jett, Moore and Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the semester in grade 7 are Brown, Hollowell, Ford Kirkmyer and Neal.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the semester in grade 8 are Best, Robbie Brent, Britt, Courson, Faulkner, Hand, Weston Johnson, O'Shaughnessy, Schroeder, Szyperski and Wrightson.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the year in grade 4 are Ryan Campbell, Carter Drake, Lauren James, Rachel Jayne, Hannah Kellum, Reese Rogers, Madison Scott and Emily Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the year in grade 5 are Brown, Campbell, Euler, Hudnall, Starke Jett, Johnson, Mangano and Stump.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the year in grade 6 are Chapman, Clark, Drake, Alexis Hayden, Jett, Moore and Szyperski.

Students named to the Honor Roll for the year in grade 7 are Brown, Hollowell, Kirkmyer and Neal

Students named to the Honor Roll for the year in grade 8 are Best, Brent, Britt, Courson, Faulkner, Hand, Johnson, O'Shaughnessy, Schroeder, Szyperski and Wrightson.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth term in grade 5 are Euler, Jett, Sam Keesee and Nickolas Neal.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth term in grade 6 are Will Perkins and Lauren Waite.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth term in grade 7 are Kasey Ashburn, Jamie Ahlborn and Whitney Spence.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth term in grade 8 are Johnson, Gretchen Lidicker, Hannah Newman, John Radcliffe and Rachel Wyvill.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the semester in grade 5 are Jett, Keesee and Neal.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the semester in grade 6 are English, Perkins, and Waite.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the semester in grade 7 are Ashburn, Ahlborn and Spence.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the semester in grade 8 are Lidicker, Newman, Radcliffe and Wyvill.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the year in grade 5 are Keesee and Neal.

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Students named to the Headmaster's List for the year in grade 7 are Ashburn, Ahlborn and Spence.

Students named to the Headmaster's List for the year in grade 8 are Lidicker, Newman, Radcliffe and Wyvill.

Jaqueline Busic

Busic graduates in Salem

Jacqueline Elyse Busic, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Anthony Busic, formerly of Lively, graduated from Salem High School in Salem June 13.

Busic was selected as a Salem Distinguished Scholar, based on a 4.0 or greater cumulative GPA. She was named the 2006 recipient of the Walter and Avis Hunt Endowment through the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. She will attend Virginia Tech.

She is the granddaughter of Lorraine Busic of Mathews and the late V. Raymond Busic and John and Barbara Tetreault of West Springfield, Mass.

School Notebook

■ **Scholarship**

Benjamin Lewis of Farnham, an undergraduate student in the College of Natural Resources at Virginia Tech, recently received the A.E. Evans Scholarship.

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LMS posts final 'B' Honor Roll

Lancaster Middle School recently posted the final "A" average Honor Roll based on 2005-06 final grades.

Students named to the "B" Honor Roll in grade 4 are Kerstin Allen, Alexander Anderson, Denee' Baudoin, Shadonta Beane, Sharda Beane, John Blake, Crystal Blue, Travis Boyd, DeAndre Bromley, Tyquan Brown, Bridell Carter, Ta'Sheem Crosby, Dazah Davenport, Nikolas Daye-Smith, Sophia Deskin, Virginia Foster, Tykasia Gaskins, William Gill, Tala Henderson, Stephen Hodges, Deja Jenkins, Tiffany Johnson, Brittany Jones, Samuel Kelley, Stacey Kellum and Tomasia Kelly.

Also, NaJee Laws, Demetrick Lee, Justin Lewis, Kris Martin, Joshua Moore, Lysa Nguyen, Kaliq Noel, Ven'Toyia Noel, JaQwanda Norris, Keyondra Norris, Samantha Randolph, Collin Ross, Scottie Scott, Taylor Shirk, Jamonte Smith, Demisha Sutton, Tre'Von Taylor, Kevin Thomas, KaDasia Veney and Anesha White.

Students named to the "B" Honor Roll in grade 5 are Kai Antonio, Brandi Benton, Holly Booth, Liza Carter, Nell Carter, Casey Clarke, Shaquille Coles, Cheyenne Cooke, Carrie Crowell, Holland Fisher, Ka'Shay Frazier, Cassie Haydon, Motley Haynie, Jonathan Jackson, Marques Kelley, William Kellum, Cameron Kenner, William Lackert, Kedrick Lee, Daniel McGrath, Janay Mickles, Bethany Milstead, Keith Montminy, Brian Moody, Robert Nickens, Gerquel Owens, Kala Ross, De'Jon Savoy, Tyler Shirk, Stephen Shrader, Brittany Stewart, Tyasia Thompson, Jamie Thorn and Natalie Whay.

Students named to the "B" Honor Roll in grade 6 are Katelyn Abbott, Corla Betts, Evan Bolt, Johnathan Buzzell, Daveshawna Carter, Tensley Clowser, Michael Coleman, Zachariah Crabill, Corey Creech, Elizabeth Crowell, Blair Crowther, Timothy Dawson, Connor Ferrand, Melvin Gregory, Christopher Hampton, Kalisha Harding, Endeshia Haynes, Nathaniel Henderson, Joel Hudnall, Prince Jackson, Khadijah Kelly and Octavius Kelly.

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Students named to the "B" Honor Roll in grade 7 are Mark Adams, David Antonio, Shaina Baker, Brittany Barbery, Lawrence Barrack, Davis Brent, Richard Bunnell, Christopher Buzzell, Heather Carter, Erica Charnick, Jermaya Cox, Kevin Cutting, Brittany Davenport, Jessica Grulkowski, Kenneth Hammell, Tremaine Harvey, Colie Haydon, Rachel Haywood, Kimberlie Hensley, Anthony Hill, Clayton Hinson, Timothy Hudson, Johnmall Jenkins, Margaret Jett, Kadesha Lee and Corbin Love.

Also, James Merrick, Latore' Middleton, William Mills, Kelvin Mitchell, Marcus Mondy, Brooks Muschette, Lindsey Randolph, Bianca Rice, Ciera Saul, Ashleigh Saunders, Zachary Saunders, Melissa Schomer, Timothy Self, Lauren Selph, Chelsie Smith, Martha Smith, Kevin Stewart, Alexander Syversen, Kenneth Thomas, Jasmine Walker, Danesha Walters and Dylan Young.

Students named to the "B" Honor Roll in grade 8 are Cassandra Alexander, Michael Alston, William Barrack, Sean Bowles, Jihad Bullock, Samantha Cain, Genevieve Campagnola, Kallissa Childs, Jacob Christman, Brian Churchill, Charles Coleman, Kadriene Cox, Carol Davis, Lynasia Doggett, Jerome Gaskins, Justin Gordon, James Harding, Shanise Jones, Tiena Joyal, Samantha Lackert, Shardaye Lee and Tracy Love.

Also, John May, Gabrielle Mondy, Jasmine Moody, Ruth Murray, Kentel Noel, Chellse Palmer, Thomas Raymo, Tiara Scott, Carolyn Shrader, Quinton Thompson, Danielle Warner, Ryan Wilcox, Lamar Williams, Vantel Williams and Christopher Wright.

School Menu

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menus in Lancaster County . Chilled milk is served with each meal.

LANCASTER

Monday, June 26:
Cereal & muffins
Orange juice
Pizza
Green beans
Spiced applesauce

Tuesday , June 27:
French toast sticks w/syrup
Apple juice
Cheese burger on bun
French fries
Peach cup

Wednesday, June 28:
Scrambled eggs & toast
Grape juice
Chicken nuggets
Mashed potatoes
Pear halves
Hot roll

Thursday, June 29:
Sausage biscuit or
Fruit juice
Hot dog on bun
Baked beans
Chips, Fruit cocktail

From left are Phil Williams, Rachel Wyvill, Jenny O'Shaughnessy, Kaitlyn Hand, Christopher Brown, Patrick Szyperski, William Perkins, Ford Kirkmyer, Austin Brown and clinic director Jean Nelson.

Council raises $1,000 for clinic

The concept behind the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic's new foundation struck a chord with the 2005-06 Chesapeake Academy's Student Council.

Each year, the council raises funds to sponsor an event or project, said head of school Seth Ahlborn. When considering a project, the clinic had just announced formation of its foundation and "the kids felt this was something they could really get behind."

They raised $1,000 and recently presented the gift as a permanent endowment to the foundation.

The clinic created the foundation to assure that annual operating costs are met and to build an endowment. This will help ensure that uninsured, low-income residents will continue having the benefit of clinic services.

The students "wanted to make sure other kids are taken care of in the future," Ahlborn said. Building on a small surplus from the previous year, council members and representatives raised funds through bake sales, manning concession stands at athletic events, and Tag Day, when one day a month students can pay a quarter for the privilege of wearing their favorite clothes rather than uniforms.

Accepting their contribution was executive director Jean Nelson who recognized the extra work the students had undertaken and remarked how much such community support is appreciated.

"It is refreshing to know that younger people are aware of a community need, and that they took positive steps to address it. "We are deeply grateful for their efforts on behalf of our neighbors in need," she said.

Foundation fund-raising is an ongoing effort. Donations may be sent to the clinic at P.O. Box 1694, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Workshop planned for student artists

The Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery will hold four children's workshops during July.

Shauna McCranie, former art teacher at Northumberland Elementary and current teacher at Lancaster High School, and Marilyn Sprouse, art teacher at Lancaster Middle School, will be the instructors.

McCranie's classes "Tesselations" and "Exploring the Masters" will be held July 17 to July 21 and are open to ages 6 to 13. Six-year-olds must have completed kindergarten. The fee is $100, which includes supplies.

"Tesselations—Art Puzzles" will be held daily from 1 to 3 p.m. The students will be exposed to the art of M.C. Escher as they enjoy a week centered around how tesselations make various patterns. Students will draw, paint, design, and cut squares and create puzzled shapes. They will use a variety of materials including construction paper, markers, colored pencils, and paint. The class will share stories about their drawings and will learn about artist Escher. McCranie will offer a new lesson for returning participants.

McCranie will teach "Exploring the Masters" from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Students will be inspired by stories that tell a true tale about each master artist. Each day the students will work in different media to create their own version of works from Picasso, Degas, da Vinci, Cassatt and Van Gogh.

Sprouse will instruct two workshops for ages 10 to 15 from July 24 through July 27. "One Exploration—Multiple Methods" will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. "Studio Art Crafters" will be held from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. The cost of each workshop is $80, which includes all materials.

"One Exploration—Multiple Methods" will focus on one subject. Participants will choose their subject and explore creating that subject through drawing and shading, sketching, watercolor, collage and tissue.

"Studio Art Crafters Workshop" will change the focus each day to a different creative craft. The topics are fabulous footwear, FIMO beads, terrific T's, and radical radials.

To register, call the gallery at 436-9309.

St. Francis de Sales awards scholarships

Scholarships were awarded at Mass on June 4 for the 2006 St.Francis de Sales Scholarship Program. A total of $8,000 in scholarship funds was awarded to four young parishioners. From left are Ben Smither, who will attend Rappahannock Community College; Meredith Martin, who will attend Virginia Tech; Father James Bruse; Maria Bessler who will attend the College of William and Mary, and Therese Killion, who also will attend the College of William and Mary.

Lakeshia Weldon

Weldon graduates from institute

Lakeshia Weldon has graduated from the Medical Careers Institute in Newport News in the medical assistance degree program.

She hopes to return to college and pursue a major in physiology.

She is the daughter of Pamela Weldon of Browns Store and Kevin Johnson of Washington, D.C.

She is the granddaughter of Curtis and Oneda Weldon and Carol Johnson, all of Browns Store.

Elizabeth Rachel Harding

Harding earns degree at Tech

Elizabeth Rachel Harding graduated from Virginia Tech on May 13, 2006, with a bachelor's in business, majoring in accounting and minoring in crop soil environmental science from the college of agriculture.

While at Tech, Harding was president of the Virginia Tech accounting society, a member of the agronomy club, a member of the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor society and on the dean's list.

Harding will be attending graduate school at Tech in the fall working toward her master's. She will be a graduate teaching assistant teaching two recitation sections of the principles of accounting courses for both the fall and spring semesters.

A 2002 graduate of Lancaster High School, Harding is the daughter of Emerson Harding IV and the late Mary Keyser Harding. She also is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Harding III of Lancaster and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keyser of Northumberland and the late Mrs. Patsy Keyser.

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History professors to attend seminar

From June 12 through June 20, 19 professors representing 16 community colleges across Virginia will attend a seminar, "Recent Scholarship in American History," at the University of Virginia and Monticello.

The seminar is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Virginia Community College System. It is organized in partnership with the University of Virginia and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. It will be led by Carol Berkin, professor of history at Baruch College and City University of New York Graduate Center.

"Community college history professors often represent a student's critically important first—and sometimes last—college level encounter with American history," said Lesley S. Herrmann, executive director of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. "Yet these teachers often have little time to keep current with the latest scholarship in the field or to discuss new interpretations with their peers."

"Virginia Community College teachers of American history are masters of the craft of the survey course, yet often have little chance for reflection and discussion on scholarship that revises and refines what they teach," said Cliff Haury, professor of history and dean of humanities, fine arts and social sciences at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

"All of us who teach history need to engage new ideas and test the durability of our older understandings," said Berkin. "New scholarship challenges old certainties, offers unexpected insights, and opens up new avenues for discussion.

It is important to read recent scholarship, but it is equally important to have a setting in which we can debate the merits of these works with our peers."

Willie Betts and John Paden will represent Rappahannock Community College.

Rev. Harley-Leach earns doctorate

Rev. Grace Harley-Leach of White Stone graduated summa cum laude with a Doctor of Theology in advanced theological studies from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary of Shreveport on May 5.

The owner of White Sails Yacht Services, she is also the founder of White Stone Academy: a parachurch ministry providing sacred and secular education, counseling and international missions.

Immediately after graduation, Dr. Harley completed "Katrina-Part II," a six-week mission project along the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to Biloxi. Work during this follow-up visit was a continuation of the six-week fall mission "Project: Relief Vehicle."

Volunteer services of chaplaincy care, job placement, resource assistance, medical education, and pharmacy assistance were offered.

Rev. Harley-Leach

Basing out of the Bay Saint Louis, Miss., free clinic, she encountered a variety of clients with numerous needs. She was also guest preacher for the combined African-American congregations of Pearlington, Miss., on several occasions.

"It was a great privilege and honor to be with these dear people during their challenge of long-term recovery," said Rev. Harley-Leach. "They are sweet-spirited and hospitable folks with appreciative attitudes. Each one has a story that is worth hearing. Each one merits spending time with and each life brings inspiration. They have much to teach us and we can all participate on some level in their healing process. It is our Christian duty and will be our blessing."

Follow-on chaplaincy care and resource networking for Katrina Survivors will continue under "Project: Virginia Cares."

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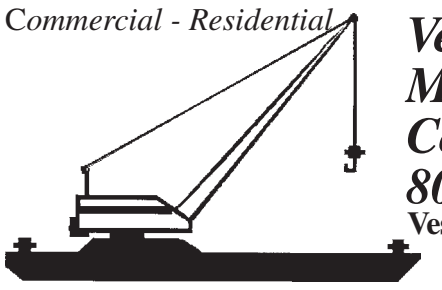

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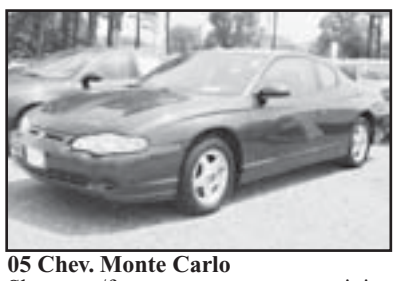

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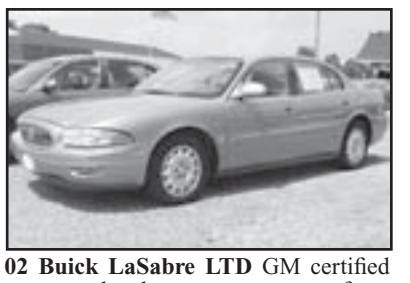

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Commission to address two local boathouse applications

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission on June 27 will address two habitat management issues of local concern. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC headquarters, 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News.

Steve Lowe seeks authorization to construct a 36-foot long by 18-foot wide open-sided, private boathouse at an existing pier and wetslips on Ball Creek in Northumberland County. The project is protested by adjacent property owners.

Edward Walendy seeks authorization to construct a 35-foot long by 19-foot wide private, closed-sided, single-slip boathouse to replace an existing storm-damaged 35-foot long by 28-foot wide open-sided, dual slip boathouse at his property on the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River in the Corrotoman-by-the-Bay subdivision in Lancaster County.

▼ *Preparing for disasters . . . .* *(from page B1)*

led one of the first emergency medical teams into the worst area of New Orleans just hours after Katrina. His team is credited with saving 189 lives.

With alberto, the first tropical storm of the season moving across Florida last week, what is the state of readiness in Lancaster and Northumberland counties for Alberto and the ones that follow—Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto and others? Each has the potential of intensifying into a major hurricane that could knock out services and even isolate the area if bridges are damaged and roads are impenetrable.

Since 9/11, county administrators like Bill Pennell in Lancaster and Kenneth Eades in Northumberland have been focused on gearing up emergency services. Both counties have stock-piles of emergency supplies. Additionally, some localities are investing in NOAA radio systems that continuously broadcast weather forecasts and warnings specific to the area and can sound an alert of approaching dangerous weather. At the first warning, supplies will be checked, propane tanks topped off and alerts will be sent through the community on local radio stations.

When Hurricane Isabel hit the region in 2003, the power was the first to fail, taking down the water supply with it. This year, generators will be chugging away in many area towns keeping a steady flow of water to homes. But without home generators and with many areas susceptible to flooding, some residents may still be in trouble.

"Virginia is well ahead of Louisiana in terms of disaster preparedness," said Scott Hudson, head of Emergency Services for Lancaster County.

According to Hudson, Lancaster Middle School on Church Street is designated as the area's primary emergency shelter. The school is equipped with showers in each of the boys' and girls' lavatories and the cafeteria is large enough to accommodate anyone left homeless during a disaster. Plans are under way with groups like the YMCA to help special needs victims, such as those whose lives depend on specially powered equipment but who are not in need of hospitalization.

The elementary school on Academic Lane in Claraville is the primary emergency shelter for Northumberland County.

"It is big enough to accommodate large numbers of people and is fully generated with the capability to handle hot meals" for displaced families, says Eades. During Isabel, a generator was brought in to provide hot showers at the middle and high schools.

At this time, neither county has facilities that would accommodate pets beyond what the animal shelters can handle, but according to Hudson, they are still working to solve the problems.

In any disaster, the American Red Cross is on hand with emergency supplies, ice, food and water. They rely on churches to volunteer their facilities and the Northern Neck has no shortage of congregations willing to help out.

During Isabel, Kilmarnock Baptist Church became Lancaster County's primary kitchen for feeding families who were without power for weeks. Their disaster teams are part of Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief, an organization recognized for its ability to respond to disasters across the U.S. and the world. The group was feeding Louisiana residents only hours after Katrina's strike.

With specially equipped trailers, Virginia Baptists prepare meals for thousands and provide crisis care chaplains to the emotional and spiritual needs of people who may have lost everything. Not forgetting to rejuvenate volunteers, one trailer is equipped with shower facilities dedicated to their needs.

Evans says there is no way local police or emergency teams can get to everyone in the first few days after a major disaster. "Families need to prepare for emergencies, not just wait for the authorities to come in and rescue them."

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management, www.vaemergency.com, provides a brochure on understanding and developing a safety plan for different emergency situations. "Get Ready for Emergencies and Disasters" is available for free in county and business offices, schools and post offices. The guide addresses questions on how family members can meet up if separated, how neighbors can help each other and what to do if forced to shelter at home. There is a preparedness checklist on emergency contacts, stock piling emergency supplies, how to prepare the house before evacuating and what to pack should disaster force evacuation.

One of the lessons of Katrina is that emergency planning by business owners is critical to a community's success after a disaster. If businesses are not up and running soon after a disaster, people will be out of jobs. The non-profit organization, Ad Council, www.adcouncil.org, has compiled information in its Ready Business campaign, targeting disaster preparation information for small- to medium-sized businesses, offering checklists and assessment worksheets.

Fixing all the problems that still exist will take a lot more time and dollars. While local officials are working very hard, Evans said the Pennells, Eades and Hudsons cannot do it alone. "There are some extremely qualified people here with experiences that are untapped," he said. "And there are many others who could help by taking a community college course in emergency training. Anyone interested in helping should contact their local emergency coordinator or county office."

More information on preparing for a disaster is available from The Virginia Department of Health, www.vdh.state.va.us, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, www.fema.gov, and the American Red Cross, www.redcross.org.

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a period of time where you, your family, or your neighborhood will have to respond to your own needs till help can arrive, especially when roadways are impassable, as was the case with hurricane Isabelle several years ago.

Protect yourself and your family from inconvenience, pain, suffering, or in some cases, loss of life or limb by practicing good health and safety measures at home and work, and being prepared for emergencies.

Create a disaster plan. There are no excuses for delay. A simple plan is better than no plan, but a well thought out plan which involves the whole immediate and extended family in its implementation can help create a sense of security, especially for children, elderly, and pet members of your family who are dependent upon you.

Be always mindful of others who have a limited capacity to cope with disasters. Many neighborhood plans are designed to call around and check up on neighbors who may need assistance.

You may not be able to control every possible scenario, but having responsibly given it your best effort will improve your family's and friends' chances of a more comfortable and a safer disaster experience.

The Red Cross is always looking for volunteers to help in safety and health programs, as well as other necessary support functions such as: filing; answering phones; manning a booth at a market; helping design or improve programs; or taking a leadership role in disaster, fund raising, or publicity. ARC classes (such as CPR, etc.) can be arranged for company employees, and ARC trains all volunteers.

For more information on "preparing for, surviving through, or coping after" a disaster or emergency, or to volunteer your time or services, contact the American Red Cross - River Counties Chapter at 435-7669 / P.O. Box 1151, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or visit at 39 Harris Road in Kilmarnock.

Katherine Keyser plans to donate 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.

Keyser to share hair

Katherine Keyser, 10, of Taylor's Creek recently had Mary Bush of Lively Creations cut 12 inches of her hair to donate to Locks of Love.

Keyser decided around the age of 7 when her hair started getting long that she would like to donate it to Locks of Love. Except for a few trims, she has never cut her hair.

Locks of Love was established in 1997 and provides hairpieces to children with medical hair loss.

Keyser said she hopes a little girl will enjoy her hair as much as she has over the years.

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it. The approved budget sets at $50 million cap in land preservation tax credits in 2007 and $75 million annually thereafter and refines the donation qualifications.

Sen. Chichester was pleased that the budget package provides tax relief to Virginia residents in several ways. A companion to the budget agreement repeals the estate tax effective July 1, 2007.

"By next year, the Virginia estate tax will be gone," he said. "A back-to-school sales tax holiday will occur this August. Purchasers of long-term care insurance policies will get a tax break. And, there will be tax incentives for citizens to assist schools that serve students with disabilities."

Reviewing funding for non-state agencies, Del. Wittman said, "the ones that had the most critical needs got the funding, like The Haven, which has outgrown its space." The Haven will receive $75,000.

A number of local museums and foundations will receive some portion of the funding requested in the final budget. The Westmoreland County Museum and Reedville Fishermen's Museum will each receive $100,000 in funding from the state. The Steamboat Era Museum and the Foundation for Historic Christ Church will each receive $50,000. The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library will receive $25,000; the Morattico Waterfront Museum, $15,000; the Richmond County Museum, $11,500, and the Northern Neck Farm Museum, $10,000.

The Northern Neck Historical Society is slated for a $75,000 state contribution. The Menokin Foundation is down for $20,000 and the Kinsale Foundation is set to recieve $15,000.

Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern and the Historic Bluff Point School will each receive $5,000.

Del. Wittman was still waiting to hear whether the final budget includes funds for Bay Aging's Adult Day Break program, a pilot project birthing center in the Northern Neck, the Potomac Heritage Scenic Trail and completing Taylor's Creek Road. Funding for these items may be buried deeper in the budget.

He was disappointed to learn that funding for the Northumberland Community Center did not make the final budget.

"I am hoping to be successful on next year's request," he said. "They made the effort to get things going. They have already built the building. We are going to work with them to get some funding next time."

Program renews crackdown on intoxicated drivers

RICHMOND—Virginia motorists are reminded to keep their holiday travel safe. Virginia State Police and local law enforcement will be participating again this year in Checkpoint Strikeforce. Beginning July 1, 2006, sobriety checkpoints will be set up around the state, part of a highly publicized and visible crackdown on intoxicated drivers.

Checkpoint Strikeforce involves five states in the Mid-Atlantic region, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. Motorists driving anywhere in those states this holiday weekend may encounter a Checkpoint Strikeforce sobriety checkpoint.

"The Department of Motor Vehicles supports the year-long activities of Checkpoint Strikeforce as a sustained effort to aggressively work to reduce the number of DUI related fatalities in our state," said DMV Commissioner D.B. Smit. "Checkpoint Strikeforce reminds us all: You drink and drive, you lose."

Transportation board reduces six-year plan

RICHMOND—The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) last Thursday approved the Six-Year Improvement Program for fiscal years 2007 to 2012.

The program, which is based on the latest official revenue forecast, allocates $6.9 billion over six years to highway construction and other projects managed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), compared to the $7 billion program adopted last year. The program also allocates $2.3 billion to rail, public transportation and commuter service programs managed by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).

As required by the Code of Virginia, the six-year program is based on the official revenue forecast from the Department of Taxation. That forecast shows declining growth in the key transportation funding sources—the state gas tax and related transportation user fees. The highway construction program is reduced further by higher costs for asphalt, concrete, steel, aggregate and fuel, as well as rising maintenance needs.

"The Commonwealth Transportation Board has a legal responsibility to use the most recent official revenue forecast to update the transportation program by July 1," said Virginia Transportation Secretary Pierce Homer. "In the absence of General Assembly budget approval, today's program must be based on the November revenue forecast. The updated program includes steep reductions in the core transit programs and in the primary, secondary and urban road allocations."

Based on the official revenue forecast and consistent with state law and CTB policy goals, the program adopted today shows a reduction in formula allocations of approximately $795 million, over six years. Total formula allocations to the construction program have been reduced as follows:

• Primaries—$318 million or 47 percent.

• Secondaries —$238.5 or 47 percent.

• Urban streets—$238.5 or 47 percent.

"Unfortunately, local and regional financial resources will be required to offset many of these reductions," said Homer.

State money provided to transit capital projects will decline sharply. The portion of state funds used to match federal dollars for transit projects will drop to 22 percent, the lowest in the program's history, an approximate 50 percent reduction in historic funding levels.

The CTB also approved the final transportation budget for fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007). The budget allocates $4.2 billion for all transportation costs, including maintenance and construction of Virginia's highway system, operations and administration, debt payments and support to ports, aviation and public transportation. After maintenance, debt and other priorities are funded from the budget, remaining revenues go to construction projects in the six-year program.

The DRPT budget includes $506 million for rail and public transportation in fiscal year 2007. This includes funding for transit improvements, commuter assistance programs and rail programs. Other key budget items include the purchase of new transit buses and facilities, Rail Enhancement Fund projects and the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Virginia State Police cite 1,900 for restraint violations

RICHMOND—More than 1,900 drivers and passengers failed to obey the law and buckle up while traveling on Virginia's roadways during the two-week 2006 Click It or Ticket enforcement effort.

The Virginia State Police joined forces with local police and sheriff's offices across the Commonwealth to conduct safety belt checkpoints and other stepped-up law enforcement activities as part of the annual nationwide buckle-up safety initiative. From May 22 through June 4, Virginia State Police statewide cited 1,985 safety belt violations and 477 child restraint violations.

"There is a reason we refer to seat belts as 'safety' belts," said Col. W. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. "Statistics show that regular safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes."

With Virginia experiencing a significant increase in fatal traffic crashes this year, Col. Flaherty emphasized the need for every Virginian to take steps to reduce their risk of being involved, injured and/or killed in a crash.

From January 21 to June 16, preliminary numbers show that 187, or almost half, of the 397 men, women and children killed in vehicle crashes were unbelted. Preliminary figures also reveal that as of June 16, 47 more people have lost their lives in traffic crashes this year compared to the same date as last year.

"Safe, sober, responsible driving is the best safeguard against a traffic crash and our best defense against the continuing rise in traffic deaths this year," said Col. Flaherty. "Drivers need to set the example for passengers of all ages by always buckling up. When worn correctly, safety belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent—and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans."

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