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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Lancaster schools have a math problem

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—Nobody seems to know how it happened, but the Lancaster County Public Schools ran out of money before the end of their fiscal year June 30, the Lancaster board of supervisors learned last week.

In a written request by school superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore, who was then on a business trip in Switzerland, the school system asked the county supervisors for a supplemental appropriation of $143,000 in order to issue checks to close out the year's expenses.

School board chairman Donald McCann expressed frustration at the meeting, saying an earlier county audit indicated the schools had $300,000 in unspent funds, but now it appears the $300,000 was not unspent, "but overspent."

According to a memo to county supervisors from county administrator Bill Pennell, McCann had questioned the need for the supplemental appropriation asked for by Dr. Latimore prior to the supervisors' regularly scheduled late-June meeting, saying he wanted to meet with the supervisors and the county auditor "to determine the true fiscal situation of the schools."

Through mutual agreement by supervisors and the school board chairman at the June 29 meeting, the two entities will sit down with the county auditor on Tuesday, July 11, at 3 p.m. in the school board office to try to solve the math problem.

Ann Carter is new treasurer

Lancaster County Clerk of Circuit Court Constance L. Kennedy administers the oath of office to Ann Carter. The county's newest constitutional officer, Carter recently was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Treasurer upon the retirement of Anna Lee C. Haynie.

School board to meet July 10

LANCASTER—The Lancaster school board will meet Monday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Lancaster Middle School.

According to board chairman Donald McCann, the board and school superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore recently attended the annual meeting of the Virginia School Board Association.

Board members have also been reviewing the executive summary of an efficiency review of Lancaster schools conducted this past year by an independent consulting group which evaluates schools around the country.

Based on recommendations from the report, the board has set some broad goals for Lancaster schools next year: promote more arts education, improve technical education, and adopt a community service requirement for all seniors.

Patriotic concert tradition continues in Irvington

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, under the direction of Major Douglas Monroe (left), played for a field of hundreds (below) at the Irvington Commons last Saturday. The concert marked the band's 16th annual performance to kick off the Irvington July 4 celebrations. (Photos by Conrad Wineland)

Auto accidents claim three lives

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

WARSAW—A car crash that may have been caused by heavy rain killed two Lancaster County residents June 27.

Wayne Dennis Auman, 66, and his wife, Patricia Marie Auman, 54, both of Lively, were pronounced dead at the scene of a two-car collision on Route 360 in Richmond County. The accident occurred about 4:50 p.m. just east of the Downing Bridge over the Rappahannock River.

State Police Sgt. Kevin A. Barrick said Wayne Auman was driving his 1999 Pontiac Grand Am eastbound towards Warsaw when it swerved and slid sideways, colliding with an oncoming 2004 Ford Contour driven by Katrina Jenean Lee, 25, of Reedville.

Lee and an adult passenger, Corrine W. Lee, 44, and two children were transported to Riverside Tappahannock Hospital and later taken to VCU Medical Center in Richmond. None of their injuries were life-threatening, he said.

According to Barrick, wet road conditions may have caused Auman's vehicle to hydroplane, but he could also have lost control because of a medical condition. An autopsy was conducted but results were not available at press time.

A third fatality on Northern Neck roads occurred Saturday, July 1, when Cheryl Louise Danfora, 38, of Port Royal was killed in a two-car collision in Westmoreland County. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was driving a 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass on Route 3 near Pope's Creek Church when the vehicle crossed the center line and struck a 2000 Dodge Stratus head on, said Barrick. The driver of the Stratus, Robert John Hafler, 65, and his wife, Dian Hafler, 64, of Laurel, Md., both received non life-threatening injuries.

Robert Hafler was flown to VCU Medical Center and his wife was transported to Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg.

"So far this has been a particularly bad holiday on Virginia roads," said Barrick on July 3.

10 public hearings to occupy supervisors

HEATHSVILLE—Things have not slowed down for Northumberland's supervisors in the wake of several major decisions last month.

Having passed a budget with a tax increase, approved a new school and ruled on several major development proposals, the board still has a full agenda in July.

Ten public hearings are set for the July 13 meeting. They begin at 7 p.m. in the courts building at 39 Judicial Place.

The board will consider three requests to build private community marinas:

William Kirk Neal is seeking a permit to establish a private community marina with nine slips

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County requests speed study

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—County supervisor Jack Russell last Thursday asked Virginia Department of Transportation representative Clifton Balderson for a speed zone study on the county portion of Route 688, the James B. Jones Highway (alternate route) skirting the western edge of Kilmarnock.

Russell lives off the road and spoke firsthand of the "dramatic increase in traffic on the bypass" since the CVS Pharmacy moved to the intersection of the bypass road and Route 3.

"Some of the people who live off the bypass have a hard time getting out of their driveways" because of the "two-fold increase" in traffic, said Russell.

Speeding is also a problem, he added.

On a related subject, board member Wally Beauchamp reported that three citizens had called him expressing concerns about excessive speeding on Blueberry Point Road (Route 638) on the southwestern edge of White Stone.

Town planning commission to convene Tuesday

KILMARNOCK—The planning commission for Kilmarnock will meet Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the town hall. The commission will review ways to monitor and enforce local zoning and federal and state environmental ordinances.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Chesapeake Bay Overlay Ordinance will be reviewed in terms of land usage. At issue will be protecting the area watershed by limiting a building's footprint in proportion to lot size, controlling the clearing of vegetation for the future

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Police Reports

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

Clarance Edward Robinson, 43, of Heathsville was charged June 23 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Kevin S. Bullis, 31, of Weems was charged June 28 with writing a bad check for $941.54 to a Wicomico area business.

Alberto Rodriguez, 40, of Richmond was charged July 1 on a warrant as a fugitive from justice.

A Reedville man, 61, was charged June 26 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

A Heathsville woman, 24, was charged June 27 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $20.27 to a Kilmarnock area business.

A Heathsville woman, 39, was charged June 28 with trespassing.

A Heathsville man, 43, was charged June 28 with cruelty to animals.

A Heathsville woman, 19, was charged June 30 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Burgess woman, 19, was charged July 1 on a Lancaster County warrant with writing a bad check for $63.34 to a Kilmarnock area business.

An Ophelia woman, 31, was charged with assault and battery of a family member.

For the week ending July 3, the sheriff's office dispatch handled 111 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to eight alarm calls, 38 citizen's complaints, 17 accident or traffic related offenses, seven transports of inmates, 16 animal control complaints and two assists with other agencies.

Northumberland County Crime Solvers

Between May 23 and May 25, unknown person(s) attempted to enter and damaged the doors, an outside light and an exhaust vent on the pump station on Blackberry Road in Reedville.

Report information on this or any other crime in Northumberland County to Crime Solvers at 580-8477. Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers remain anonymous and are not required to testify in Court.

A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Rearranging a bookshelf, I pulled out a musty red volume titled "American Poems." The preface to this, the second edition, is dated 1880 and indicates that the book avails children of longer poems often omitted from school texts.

Lettering on the ragged spine promises works of Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant, Holmes, Lowell and Emerson, with biographical sketches and notes included.

The cover is stained. The pages are yellowed and the print, tiny. Clearly unopened for many years, the book looks as though it has come from - and, with the purchaser's noble intentions unmet, should be returned to - a used book sale.

Casually, I turned to the first page. There in neat, penciled penmanship is this claim of ownership: "Miss Lina Gay, Cedar Hill, Tenn., March 30th, 1891."

Lina Gay Neblett was my father's mother. She died before I was born. Long ruing that void, I rejoiced that there I stood, holding in my hand the book my grandmother had held in hers.

Blinded by glaucoma, Mrs. Neblett typed letters and stories on the shiny black Royal that Daddy bought for her from his earnings as a drummer in a dance band. I have particularly loved reading her story about "little Joseph" in his bright red sweater, riding a carousel horse as the breeze blew his hair.

But because she always typed, I had never seen her handwriting. Her inscription in the red book makes her real, brings her near.

More surprises awaited me. On the next page in my mother's familiar blue ink is this: "Presented by Mrs. Lina Gay Neblett to Frances Neblett, March 30th, 1941." And below that, added later, "and to a fine little poet, Jane Neblett, by Frances Neblett, January 12, 1957."

The inscriptions tell the story. Daddy's mother could not afford lavish gifts. She gave instead her treasured volume, and not to her daughters but to her daughter-in-law, my mother, who passed it on to me.

The January date is not my birthday. Perhaps she gave me the poems because I liked to write and had given my rhymes to my maternal grandmother for Christmas.

"I could fill a book with my own toasts and ditties. But anyone can rhyme. Poetry, on the other hand, requires the selection of the exact word, allusions to things biblical and mythological, profound thought, careful cadence and colorful imagery; and I am not a poet.

Mama taught me to rhyme. She loved limericks, loved meter. When we needed a skit for a high school pep rally, she wrote it. She rhymed the story of Juliette Gordon Low for the Girl Scout troop, rhymed Sunday school stories, rhymed salutes for every celebration.

I could fill a book with my own toasts and ditties. But anyone can rhyme. Poetry, on the other hand, requires the selection of the exact word, allusions to things biblical and mythological, profound thought, careful cadence and colorful imagery; and I am not a poet.

Surely this book of poems meant something to me at the time. I assume I started reading, found the lines well over my ten-year-old head, and cast the book aside.

Finding it all these years later, I grasp the significance of passing down cherished items; of a mother-in-law giving a loved book to her youngest son's wife; and of a mother trusting a daughter to embrace poetry and family.

Coincidentally, the book opens with Longfellow's "Evangeline," the first line of which Mama used to teach us meter.

"THIS is the FOR-est pri-ME-val. The MUR--mur-ing PINES and the HEM-locks." I can hear her clapping it out and picture her years earlier in a Little Rock classroom, mesmerized as an English teacher clapped it for her.

(The meter, by the way, is dactylic hexameter: four metrical feet of one accented and two unaccented syllables, ending with one metrical foot of one accented and one unaccented syllable. Clap it out.)

Until discovering the book a month ago, I knew only the first line and the dactylic hexameter of the hemlocks; never the tragic story of love and loss, never the British colonists' scattering of the Acadians from their peaceful homes, separating families in general and Evangeline in particular from her lover.

I sat down and read "Evangeline" straight through. The breathtaking lines tell a compelling story. No wonder Mama loved it.

Her 90th birthday would be tomorrow, but the gift is for me. I will read "Evangeline" again and again, always thinking of her, and of the grandmother I never knew, and of the book that links us three.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

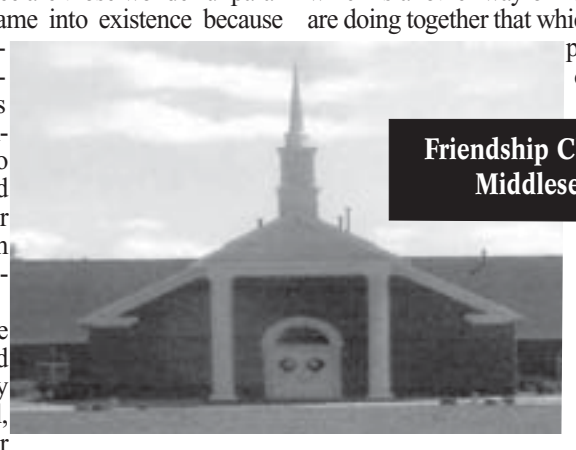
Letting Christ out of church

Summer sits heavy upon us of late. The oppressive heat, spells of dry weather, then floods, all slow us. Laziness fades as the need for conservation rises. One has to cut back, just to keep up. We seek relief by retreating to screened porches. We sit beneath paddle fans. Many admit defeat and hit the air-conditioning switch.

While we are resting from our labor, which by the way has tremendous biblical sanction, perhaps we can focus a bit on helping the church. There are two wonderful organizations that seek to just do that: to help the church by letting Christ out. These volunteer Christian originations make me proud to live here on the Northern Neck.

Along the corridors of my mind run three major arteries of theological energy. Avenue One is the love of my life: God's church. Let us not quibble about the definition of church. I simply include all and any bodies of believers who gather in the name of God's only son, our savior, to worship and serve him. It matters not to me whether it is a stained-glass cathedral, a sawdust-floored tabernacle, or a brush arbor. If concerned citizens have drawn together to pray glory down, if Christ is lifted, they are my kind of folks. Didn't Jesus remind his disciples that "if they're not against us they are for us"? As long as we agree to a Lord of salvation, we have a common ground for congregational tolerance.

Avenues Two and Three are those wonderful parachurch partners who came into existence because Christians of many persuasions came to the table of love, seeking ways to maximize their commitment. They wanted to do more, to do better, and to do it together. Their faith had led them from the sanctuary to the vineyards of the Lord.



Friendship Church
Middlesex

The Interfaith Service Council seeks to spread the love of Christ by meeting the physical, temporal needs of our communities. They have arms to help families who have fallen upon hard times. From food to school supplies, they are waiting to help, only a phone call away. They receive leftovers, hand-me-downs and furniture no longer needed by some and facilitate the blessing of the lives of others by their transfer.

The arms of the Interfaith Service Council have replaced or established septic systems, dug wells, plumbed houses, installed handicap ramps, and protected the homes of the needy against the weather.

The water project became so successful under the wings of Interfaith that it is now a stand-alone charity still doing excellent work for the Lord.

Interfaith workers have cut and stacked firewood. They have delivered furniture and paid utility bills. They have done these things in the name of Christ, which is another way of helping the churches. They are doing together that which they could not accomplish as a lose network of believers.

Avenue Three is Church Resource Services Inc. Years ago a handful of committed Christians were convened by Rev. Morton Townsend, acting as a representative of the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. The trust was seeking to favorably affect our religious communities. You see, these are the youthful stomping grounds of Jessie Ball. Later as a California educator she married into the duPont clan. After she died, her will called for establishment of the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund, designed to benefit any institution that had been a recipient of Mrs. duPont's gifts between January 1, 1960, and December 31, 1964.

The duPont Trust provided an incubator for empowering local churches to maximize their influence in many avenues of faith. They helped birth this locally-focused force and have kept a steadying hand. The next manifestation of this stellar group first functioned as a loose coalition of the Northumberland and Lancaster churches. As needs were identified and talents surveyed, the coalition evolved into an adaptation through which continued growth finds favor. It is an organization not afraid to grow in new arenas and venues. They seek to help the churches by providing a more formalized network of power. CRS has helped train local entrepreneurs how to establish and run businesses. They are doing so along a biblical model.

CRS further seeks to help the church by hosting training and educational seminars that allow small families of faith to have at their finger tips the talent and resources foreign to rural, poor and multi-ethnic congregations. Lately this fine group of volunteers has launched a noble work in bridge building between various sectors of our economy and citizenry.

CRS unites larger, more affluent congregations with less fortunate brothers and sisters to accomplish all things better in the name of Christ.

Both Interfaith and CRS need us to help each other and the Lord's churches. Pray about it. Ask your church to include them in your annual budget. Call and volunteer your talents and resources. It would be wonderful if we should all be guilty of helping the churches to help themselves. Please.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Business Meeting
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Sun.-Fri., July 16-21
Vacation Bible School
Come one, come all

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, July 11:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Dr. Ray P. Goude, Sr., Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Youth Sunday

Fairfield Baptist
15213 Northumberland Hwy., Burgess
Pastor Brian Hamrick
453-3530
www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Wednesday, July 12:
9:30 a.m., Bible Study
7 p.m., Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield
Pastor McKibbon
693-5503
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, July 12:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 6:
2:30-4:30 p.m., Summer Youth Program
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Saturday, July 8:
7:30 a.m., Youth Retreat on Dividing Creek (meet at church)
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
4 p.m., Town Hall Meeting
Monday, July 10:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, July 11:
10:30 a.m., WMU Meeting
5 p.m., Combined Budget & Finance and Renovation Comm. Mtg.
Wednesday, July 12:
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church,
435-2435
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
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, July 9:
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, July 9:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, July 9:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
529-9223
Sunday, July 9:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

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

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, July 12:
7 p.m., Bible Study

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

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
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
Monday, July 10:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday, July 11:
7:30 p.m., Choir practice
Wednesday, July 12:
6 p.m., Covered Dish Dinner
7 p.m., Business Meeting
Thursday, July 14:
5:30-6 p.m., Sign-up for Summer Fun Program
6-8 p.m., Summer Fun

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road,
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, July 9:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Historic Christ Church
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Grace Church
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
11 a.m., Worship
Thrift Shop:
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 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, July 9:
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, July 9:
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
Thrift Shop:
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
Third Sunday after Trinity
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
11 a.m., Service of Holy Communion
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

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

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St.
435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Worship

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

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

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

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday July 9:
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
Sunday, July 9:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

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

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich, Pastor
Saturday, July 8:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
7:30 p.m., Choir

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

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 12:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. Richard Scott Gordon, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Sunday, July 9:
9 a.m., Early Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Tuesday, July 11:
7 p.m., Church Planning Meeting
Wednesday, July 12:
7 p.m., Choir practice
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Church School for All Ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Rev. Judy Thomson
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Monday, July 10:
9:30 a.m., Fellowship and Family Life Ministry Group
Tuesday, July 11:
5:30 p.m., Witness and Service Ministry Group
Thursday, July 13:
3:30 a.m., Worship Ministry Group
5 p.m., Session

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
8 a.m., Weekender's Worship
9 a.m., Summer Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship "Living the Faith" (2 Timothy 2: 1-7)
Monday, July 10:
6:30 p.m., Disciple I (Ch. 30)
Wednesday, July 12:
9 a.m., Finance Committee
12:30 p.m., The Heart of Christianity Study Group

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

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Sunday, July 9:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, July 9:
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, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
10 a.m. Worship Service

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Obituaries

Wayne and Patricia Auman

LIVELY–Wayne Dennis Auman, 66, and Patricia Marie Auman, 54, both of Lively died June 27, 2006, in an automobile accident in Richmond County. The Aumans were members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster. He was a furniture upholsterer and she was a nursing assistant.

Mr. Auman is survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Wayne D. Auman of Hopewell, Randy Ray Auman of Lancaster and Robert Steve and Ethel Auman of Reedville; two daughters, Debra Auman and Nancy Auman, both of Gloucester; three grandchildren, Amber Botts, Stacy and Jessica Auman; three brothers, Sam, Joe and John Skerskie, all of Florida; and three sisters, Dorothy, Susie and Sharon Skerskie, all of Florida.

Mrs. Auman is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda Gail Dawson and Clifford Ray Dawson of King William, Debra Lynn Dawson and Thomas Kevin Dawson of Lively; two sons, Andy Walter Saunders Jr. and James Edward Ashburn Jr., both of Lively; seven grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Harry Edward and Carolyn Landon of Morattico.

Funeral services were held July 2 at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with the Rev. Scott Krejci officiating. Interment was private.

Evelyn C. Campbell

WHITE STONE—Evelyn Celitha Campbell, 72, died June 29, 2006, at the Mizpah Health Care Center in Locust Hill.

Miss Campbell was born in White Stone July 1, 1933, to Joseph and Nina Campbell. She attended the A. T. Wright School and joined Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone. She was employed at James Atkins Crab House for many years, until her health failed. She began residing at the Mizpah Health Care Center July 3, 1990.

Miss Campbell

She was predeceased by her parents; two brothers, Joseph Campbell Jr., and Lacy Winfield; and three sisters, Emmaline Smith, Hortense Robbins and Ruth Campbell.

She is survived by three devoted nieces, Connie Curry of White Stone, Julia Robbins of Lancaster and Ella Brockenbrough of Baltimore; a devoted nephew-in-law, William Curry; and many other nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held July 3 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church with minister Edith R. Davenport officiating.

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

Robert S. Crockett

FARNHAM—Robert Sidney Crockett, 86, of Farnham died June 26, 2006.

Mr. Crockett was a member of Coan Baptist Church in Heathsville.

He was a retired computer programmer with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was a member of the National Railway History Society and a World War II Army veteran.

He was predeceased by his previous wife, Laverne D. Crockett.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline L. Crockett.

A funeral service was held June 29 at the Jones-Ash Funeral Home Chapel in Rainswood with Rev. Lee Farmer officiating. Pallbearers were Madison Bromley, Ray Godwin, W.H. Shirley, Charles Swann, Quintin Swann, Wellington Nash, Michael Headley and Steve Thomas. Interment was at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in Callao.

Memorials may be made to the Callao Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 82, Callao, VA 22435.

Janet F. Donovan

FARNHAM—Janet Fay Donovan, 60, of Farnham died June 29, 2006.

Mrs. Donovan worked as a certified nursing assistant for the Orchard in Warsaw. She was a member of Totuskey Baptist Church in Haynesville.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Donovan; two daughters, Robin Nickless of Fairfax and Stacey Husak of Texas; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Frederick Donovan of Farnham, and Clay Stuart Donovan and Donna Donovan of Warsaw; two brothers, Billy and Bo Colliver, both of Maryland; and 11 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Jones-Ash Funeral Home Chapel July 2 with Rev. Chance Mace officiating. Pallbearers were Billy Douglas, Darius Perry, Robert Potter, Harry Donovan, Harold Donovan, Sherwood Donovan, Bill Prescott and Bill Moss. Bill Barnett was an honorary. Burial was at Totuskey Baptist Church Cemetery.

Terry O. Frisby

MERRY POINT—Terry O. Frisby, 57, of Merry Point died June 28, 2006.

Mr. Frisby was born in Lancaster County August 8, 1948, to Adolphus and Josephine Frisby. He joined Willie Chapel Baptist Church where he sang in the men's chorus during his latter years. He attended Lancaster County public schools. He later furthered his training in the Job Corp in New Jersey. He worked at Tides Inn and then in the fishing industry for many years.

Mr. Frisby

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Gloria G. and Michael Mitchell of Kilmarnock, and Betty L. Smith of Lancaster; 11 grandchildren, Deon, LaToya, Dennis Jr., Jannell, Charlette, Shanika, Miketez, Stevell, Ryaneshia, Rekita and Kyle; three great- grandchildren; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Edith Frisby of Kilmarnock, Joyce Nickens Russell, and JoAnne and Alvin Kelley, all of Lancaster; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Royal and Carolyn Frisby of Lancaster, and Alvin Frisby of Farnham; a granddaughter-in-law; four aunts, Rosa Lee of Kilmarnock, Dorothy Wright, Bertina Dunaway of Lancaster and Helen Cox of New Jersey; a great-aunt, Hilda Holmes of Baltimore; an uncle, Charles Smith of Lancaster; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held July 1 at Willie Chapel Baptist Church with pastor Michael Reed officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Frank C. Johnson

KILMARNOCK—Frank C. Johnson, 81, died May 20, 2006.

Mr. Johnson was born October 17, 1924, in Maryland. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He retired as chief highway inspector from the Arlington County Highway Department after 30 years of service. He spent his retirement years in Kilmarnock, Jupiter, Fla., and Ashburn.

He was an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Tequesta, Fla.

He was predeceased by wives Mary Springman Johnson and Judith Dugan Johnson.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Fran and Chuck Mitchell of Lucketts; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cindy Johnson of Spotsylvania; and two granddaughters, Taylor Ann and Wendy Lauren Johnson of Spotsylvania.

A memorial service was held June 3 at St. David's Episcopal Church. A private interment ceremony was held in Kilmarnock.

Memorials may be made to Capital Hospice of Northern Virginia 2100, P.O. Box 1576, Merrifield VA 22116-1576.

Colonial Funeral Home of Leesburg handled the arrangements.

Marian B.C.D. Johnson

WARSAW—Marian Bernetia Corbin Dunaway Johnson, 75, died June 25, 2006, at St. Mary s Bon Secours Hospital in Richmond.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Sharps September 7, 1930, to John Elliot and Mary Alice Wood Corbin. She graduated from Richmond County High School June 6, 1950. She joined Ebenezer Baptist Church in Warsaw where she served as a deaconess, a missionary, in the chorus and on the Corbin Scholarship Fund committee. She was a life member of the Northern Neck Women 's Commission, and a member of Eastern Star Chapter 186 and many other community organizations.

Mrs. Johnson

She married Rev. Bunnie Dunaway. They had seven children and four stepchildren. She later married Thomas Johnson. They had two stepchildren.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Catherine Darby; a sister, Inez Levere; and two brothers, William Corbin and "CJ" Corbin.

She is survived by 12 children and stepchildren, Carrie Little, Evelyn Bowser, Calvin Dunaway, Martha Talley, Sarah Wilson, Sheila Diane Brown, John Dunaway, Cecia Seldon, Ronald Dunaway, Lloyd Dunaway, Timothy Dunaway and Bunnie Dunaway; three sons-in-law; seven daughters-in-law; 27 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Falisha Carter; two sisters-in-law, Corrina Corbin and Bessie Wiggins; an adopted daughter, Genevieve Barnes; a devoted caregiver, Shirley Clayton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held July 1 at Ebenezer Baptist Church with pastor Samuel Hackett officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

George Kevorkian

WHITE STONE–George Kevorkian, 83, of White Stone died June 28, 2006. He was a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

Mr. Kevorkian retired from Illinois Tool Works in 1985 after 23 years as a tool and dye manufacturing engineer manager. He was a World War II veteran of the European campaign. He received numerous citations and the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Antedilubian Society.

He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Vivian Kevorkian; a son, Ronald Kevorkian; two sisters, Albis Kevorkian and Anahid Angell; a brother, Gregory Kevorkian; and two granddaughters, Kathleen Kevorkian and Kelly Kevorkian.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Betty J. Kevorkian; a daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and Ron Gese; a son, George D. Kevorkian, all of Denver; a daughter-in-law, Cary Kevorkian of Chicago; a sister, Louise Barrett of Chicago; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Joyce Kevorkian of Granger, Ind.; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; three stepsons, Dennis R. Hooker and wife, Susan, of Chicago, Michael Hooker and wife, Marianne, of Michigan, Kenneth Hooker and wife, Yvonne, of Arizona; eight stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held July 2 at Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Kilmarnock Baptist Church Education Fund, P.O. Box 99, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or Riverside Hospice, Building B, Suite 103, 7566 Hospital Drive, Gloucester, VA 23061.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess handled the arrangements.

From left are Keith, Janice and Jacob Neff, Mary Simonovich, Margaret Kause, Sam Simonovich and Rev. Robert Maier.

Four generations join Living Water church

On Sunday, June 25, four generations of Lutherans became the first members to formally transfer their membership to Living Water Lutheran Church in Kilmarnock.

Rev. Robert Maier of Richmond officiated. The entire congregation participated in the affirmation of baptism during the service.

Received into membership was first-generation Margaret Kause, who began her faith journey at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lilly, Pa., 83 years ago.

The second generation was represented by Mary and Sam Simonovich who transferred from Messiah Lutheran in Mechanicsville.

The third generation was Keith and Janice Neff who transferred from St. Andrew Lutheran in Portsmouth. They were received with their son, representing the fourth generation, 31-month-old Jacob Neff.

They are all residents of Lottsburg.

Living Water has begun accepting membership requests as they build the base of 80 members required to charter as an Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation. They began their fourth year in January.

The Virginia Synod recognizes Living Water Lutheran Church as a synodically authorized worshiping community. When Living Water receives a charter, the Virginia Synod will consider providing pastoral and financial support. In the interim, they rely on guest pastors.

Living Water Lutheran Church worships Sundays at 429 E. Church Street in Kilmarnock at 10 a.m. Call 435-6650, or 529-6269; write Living Water LC, P.O. Box 818, Kilmarnock, VA 22482; or visit www.livingwaterchapel.org.

Prayer and praise service set

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville will host a prayer and praise service Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m. Organist Dixie Goertemiller (above) will provide the music and Rev. Jeff Cerar will lead the service. An ice cream social will immediately follow.

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Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Youth Service
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3 p.m.,

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street,
Tappahannock; 443-5165
Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, July 6:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, July 9:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

Love Makes a Difference Outreach Ministries
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Burgess; 453-3939
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd, Pastor
Sunday, July 9:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, July 11:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, July 13:
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, July 9:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, July 11:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, July 9:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, July 12:
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 6:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, July 8:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, July 9:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, July 13:
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, July 8:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, July 12:
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, July 9:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, July 9:
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, July 9:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, July 14:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whisk Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Friday, July 7:
7 p.m., First Friday Praise & Worship Service
Saturday, July 8:
9-11 a.m., Food Bank
Sunday, July 9:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
6-7:30 p.m., A.F.T.E.R. God (Teens)
Monday, July 10:
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
Wednesday, July 12:
6:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study

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Claybrook Baptist Church Vacation Bible School "Treasure Cove Treasure Seekers."

Claybrook Baptist to host Bible school July 16-21

"Treasure Cove" will be the theme for vacation Bible school where sand will tickle your toes and balmy breezes will carry you to find the hidden treasure each day. Chester, the Treasure Chest, will tell of lost gems and enlist all to help in the search. Come and discover the riches of Christ.

Search parties will be conducted by the "Treasure Seekers." The participants will rotate through five fun activity sites and search for treasure, collecting a clue at each site. Finally, everyone gathers at Claim-Your-Treasure Closing to sing, pray, explore a mission project and get the last clue to the treasure. Ages 2 through 99 are welcome - with hidden treasures for all.

Registration will be held Sunday, July 16, from 5 to 6 p.m., followed with dinner at 6:00 p.m. for a donation of $1.50. Vacation Bible school will continue after the 6 p.m. dinner each night. Friday, July 21, will be a special family night complete with a cookout, games and lots of fun. For more information call Barbara McNeal at 438-5196.

Claybrook Baptist Church is on Route 222 in Weems.

Martin participates in Baptist assembly

Dennis Martin, a member of White Stone Baptist Church near White Stone, participated in the 16th annual General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) in Atlanta, June 22 and 23.

More than 4,000 Fellowship Baptists attended the assembly. Meeting highlights included more than 100 ministry workshops, an HIV/AIDS Summit and the commissioning of 19 new CBF Global Missions field personnel who will participate in the fellowship's mission work in the U.S. and abroad.

Participants also heard a challenging message of social justice from South African pastor Trevor Hudson.

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice.

The fellowship's mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission. Next year's General Assembly will be held in Washington, D.C., June 28 and 29.

Church Notes

■ Encountering revivalists

Revivalists Wes and Donna Geiger will lead an "Encounter of the God Kind" July 9 and 10, hosted by the City Worship Center at Dream Fields near Kilmarnock.

At 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, the topic will be "How to Talk Like God." At 6:45 p.m. on Monday, July 10, the topic will be "How to Receive From God."

■ Pre-convention concert

The annual pre-convention concert featuring the Northern Neck Convention Choir will be Monday, July 10, at the Lancaster Middle School Theater at 7 p.m.

Rev. William B. Scott, pastor of Little Zion Baptist Church in Oak Grove, will direct. Adrienne J. Bibbens will be co-director.

■ Men's celebration

Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Wicomico Church will hold a men's breakfast Saturday, July 8, at 8:30 a.m.

The Men's Day Celebration will continue Sunday, July 9, with the Rev. Gregory Howard, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Sparta, delivering the morning message. Rev. Howard is a former resident of Lancaster County.

■ Youth choir

The Rappahannock District Youth Choir will perform their 2006 concert at Bethel Church in Lively at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6. This is a program for young and old, a group of young Christians sharing the importance of mission work in their lives.

■ Missionary Day

The Angel Visit Baptist Church in Dunnsville will present its annual Missionary Day Service Sunday, July 9, at 9 a.m. The Rev. Marlon Haskell, pastor of the Seven Pines Baptist Church in Sandston, will be the preacher. Special music will be provided by the Sensational Gospel United of Tidewater.

■ Find Your Voice

Cliff Schelling will present "Finding Your Voice" to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock on Sunday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

Schelling is a Certified Professional Personal Coach whose clients include the Secret Service, a U.S. Senator, and numerous corporate chief executive officers.

■ Women's Day

Pastor Rodney D. Waller and members of Sharon Baptist Church will celebrate Women's Day Sunday, July 9. Braunda Rielley from Chicago will be the guest speaker.

A free will donation will be collected. The theme is "Igniting The Spirit as Women Press towards The Mark."

■ Sharon homecoming

Pastor Rodney D. Waller and members of Sharon Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming/Revival the week of August 6 to 11. Power Hour will begin at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and a homecoming lunch social at 1:15 p.m.

Rev. Todd Gray, former pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and currently serving as pastor of 5th Street Baptist Church in Richmond, will deliver the message on Sunday, August 6, at 3:30 p.m. The Sharon Homecoming Committee is in charge.

Rev. Stephen Pugh from Richmond will be the evangelist for the week. Prayer and Praise will begin at 7:30 p.m. Area singing groups will render the music. The theme is "Being in One Accord Through Unified Praise."

Answers on Aging

What is comfort care in a nursing home facility?

Comfort care is also known as palliative care, supportive care or symptom management. It is defined as care given to improve the quality of life to patients, making them more comfortable; some individuals who receive this type of care may have a serious or life-threatening illness.

The goal of comfort care is to prevent or treat the symptoms of a disease as early as possible; side effects caused by treatment of a disease; and psychological, social, and spiritual issues relating to the disease or its treatment. The goal of comfort care differs somewhat from traditional medical care which tends to focus more on curing the problem.

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The family of Julia Rebecca Lemon wishes to thank all those who supported her during her illness. The prayer support sustained both her and the family. She appreciated all the cards, phone calls and visits while at home and in the hospital. Your many acts of service and gifts helped sustain and cheer her. The meals you provided enabled us to spend as much time with her as possible. Your generous outpouring of love was not only extended to Julia, but to her entire family as well. She repeatedly told us the only way she was able to get through this difficult time was because of your love and support.

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Kilmarnock is active area for coin collectors, says new shop owner

by Kelsey Robusto

Kilmarnock Coins at 84 South Main Street in the Steptoe's District may be the only coin shop between Richmond, Fredericksburg and Tappahannock, according to owner Bob Balas.

The shop features stamps, watches, rings, coin magazines, Indian items, sterling and turquoise jewelry, and coins.

"It's an excellent Americana thing," Balas said.

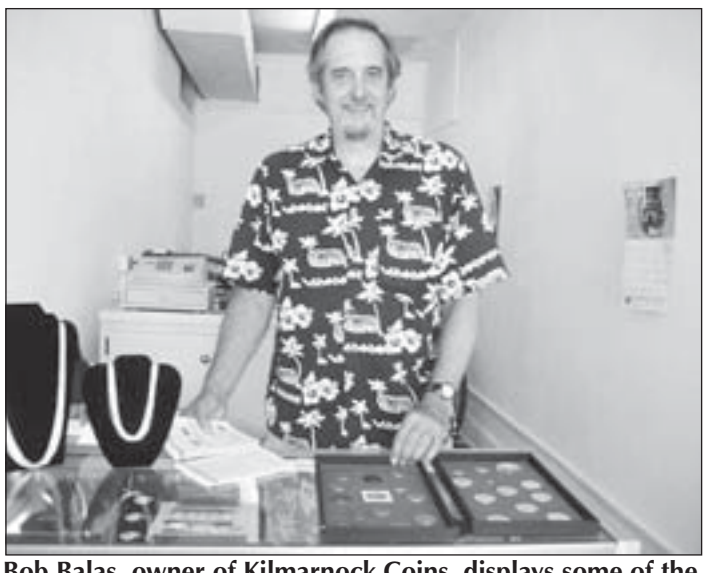
He provides all types of coins, from uncirculated to collectors' mints and treasures from the attic. He buys, sells and appraises coins.

"I am able to find hard-to-find items," said Balas.

He has 27 years of experience and was an original participant in two major grading services: the Numismatic Guarantee Corporation and the Professional Coin Grading Service.

He can grade coins, too, which is particularly important in certifying value. A graded coin with a certified value may be marketed for a higher price than otherwise.

"And I make strong offers," said Balas.



Bob Balas, owner of Kilmarnock Coins, displays some of the shop's coins and jewelry.

He sees appraisal, though, as important in any collection.

"Collectors should understand values," he said. "It's important in art and in coins."

Before coming to Kilmarnock, Balas owned and operated Liberty Coins in Richmond.

"I enjoy coins so much," Balas said. "I have found this a very active area in coin collectors."

Besides the mutual love of coins Balas has found in Kilmarnock, he says he simply loves the area.

Balas opened the store in March and admits that the hours are irregular for now.

"But I'm easy to catch. I'm generally open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but call before you come," he said. "I look forward to meeting more people in the area and answering any questions they may have."

From left are Bank of Lancaster Callao staff members Agnes Clarke, Nancy Hamilton, Cindy West, Julie White and Nancy Thrift.

Bank to renovate Callao branch

The Bank of Lancaster recently announced renovation plans for the Callao branch.

"The renovation process has begun. Customers will continue to receive full service through the intermediary office to the left of the main building. Our hours of operation remain the same. The intermediary office also provides for drive-up service and a night depository near the drive-up window. The walk-up ATM will remain in service at the existing facility. Renovation plans, however, include a new drive-up ATM," said president and chief executive officer Austin Roberts.

Assistant vice president and branch manager Cindy West and the employees are excited about the renovation plans for the new office, West said.

"Even though it's an intermediary office, it seems as if we've simply changed surroundings. We have everything set up in our new office to provide our customers with the friendly professional service they deserve. From service to security, we are ready to go," West said.

From left are Frank Chenault, Stanley Wiggins, salesman Dale Sanders, Charles Davis, facility chaplain Rev. Curtis Hawks, John Self, general manager Matthew Fleet and Benny Corbett.

Orchard men's group visits Rappahannock Tractor

On June 21, the guys from The Orchard visited Rappahannock Tractor Company. The men were greeted by salesman Dale Sanders and then joined by general manager Matthew Fleet.

The men discussed farming of long ago, tractors of today and yesterday, equipment upgrades and improvements. They even got to sit on an ATV in the showroom.

The Orchard Men's group led by the facility chaplain Rev. Curtis Hawks, thanked those who made the trip a success and enjoyable for all who attended. Those attending were Frank Chenault, Stanley Wiggins, Charles Davis, John Self and Benny Corbett.

Agricultural imports expected to rise in 2006

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is predicting that agricultural imports will rise as much as 10 percent in 2006. That would take ag imports to a record $63.5 billion, according to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

U.S. ag exports for 2005 reached $63 billion, about $1.6 billion higher than in 2004. Conversely, ag imports for the year totaled $59.3 billion–$5.3 billion higher than in 2004. Thus, the United States achieved a $3.7 billion surplus, down from $7.4 billion in 2004.

Since 2003, foreign agriculture imports into the country have increased by more than $13 billion, and the U.S. agricultural trade surplus has dropped $10.6 billion to its lowest level on record since the early 1970s. Analysts expect agriculture trade could be negative in 2006 if current trends continue.

About 60 percent of all agricultural goods imported into the United States come from Canada, Mexico, the European Union and the People's Republic of China. The top five agricultural products coming into the nation are wine and beer, red meat cuts, snack foods, processed foods and vegetables.

American farmers are concerned about keeping up if the global market continues to shrink profits at home. Virginia agricultural marketers are trying to sell consumers on buying local.

"We are trying to define that local advantage and the local identity," said Tom Sleight, director of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Marketing. "We are making sure that the consumer has an awareness to buying local as much as we can.

"Buying Virginia food products is not only good for the economy, but it is good nutritionally. We want to bring those messages out to the front, but it is rough, especially in big urban markets."

Beyond the economic concerns over foreign agriculture imports are nutritional and safety concerns. All food products that enter the country meet U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards. However, there are no guarantees or American regulations as to how that food is grown in its country of origin.

"You know it is a hard sell convincing the consumer to buy locally," Sleight added. "However, the other side of the coin is that trade is a two-way street. We have made a lot of progress in exporting Virginia products to other countries. So we can't have it both ways. If we want to export, we have to continue importing. It becomes a very tough formula to play out."

About 20 percent of all Virginia agricultural products are exported each year.

More than half of U.S. land is still used for agriculture

According to updated land use research from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, more than 50 percent of the country's total land area—2.3 billion acres—is used for agriculture.

The study showed that more than 60 percent of land is privately owned. The federal government owns 28 percent of U.S. land, while state and local governments own 9 percent and about 2 percent is in trust with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"The way we use our land has important economic and environmental implications for commodity production and trade," said David Coleman, a commodities expert with the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "It also plays a role in soil and water conservation and many other policy issues."

Since 1945, growth has been in special-use and urban areas, while grazing lands have declined. Forest-use land has generally declined since the 1940s as well, although it grew 2 percent from 1997 to 2002. Total cropland area decreased about 6 percent from 1978 to 2002.

Land used for agricultural purposes accounted for 52 percent of the national total; two-thirds of that was made up of grazing areas—grassland pasture and range, cropland pasture, and grazed forests.

In 2002, 28.8 percent of the total land in the U.S. (651 million acres) was in forest use, while 25.9 percent was in grassland pasture and range, 19.5 percent in cropland, 13.1 percent in special uses, 10.1 percent in miscellaneous uses, and only 2.6 percent, or 60 million acres, in urban land.

"The national numbers for actual cropland increased by 5 million acres from 1964 to 2002," Coleman said. "But cropland in the Southeast has continued to decline during that time. We have lost a lot of farmland in Virginia due to urban sprawl. Rural counties are seeing their fields going away and subdivisions growing in them instead."

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau, public land management agencies, and other sources were used to calculate the use of several broad classes and subclasses of agricultural and nonagricultural land in 2002.

The study, "Major Uses of Land in the United States, 2002," is available at www.ers.usda.gov/publications/EIB14/.

Business Briefs

■ Photo exhibit

An exhibition of photographic art at the Lancaster County Public Library for the month of July features the work of Jim Lamb of Haymarket and Wicomico Church.

He is showing nature, marine and landscape photographs from the Northern Neck and other locations. His work includes birds, flowers, boats and views.

■ Legal aid

John R. Rellick, managing attorney of Rappahannock Legal Services in Tappahannock, will be available at First Baptist Church at 3585 Courthouse Road in Heathsville from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, July 13, August 10 and 24, and September 7 and 21.

Although walk-ins will be served at the First Baptist location, it is preferred that applicants contact the Tappahannock office in advance at 443-9393 or 1-800-572-3094 to determine eligibility for services and reserve an appointed time.

■ Building inspector

Keith C. Cornwell successfully passed the Residential Building examination offered by the International Code Council. Cornwell is now a Certified Residential Building Inspector and is employed by Lancaster County.

■ Critics to meet

The Rappatomac Writers Critique Group meets the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be noon lunch at the Driftwood, in Coles Point on Thursday, July 20. Bring stories, chapters or poetry to share. The Rappatomac Writers is part of the Chesapeake Bay Writers Club. To attend, email reservations by July 17 to jriverside@direcway.com or chestyle@bealenet.com.

"Sailors Take Warning" was awarded a blue ribbon by judge Margaret Alderson (right).

Abstract show to remain on display through July

Abstract paintings are on display at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock through July.

Artist and teacher Margaret Alderson judged the show. She awarded seven ribbons.

"This show is a jewel of a review of all the various directions abstraction is taking. It would be a delightful visit on a hot July day," said Alderson.

Rose Nygaard won the blue ribbon for her acrylic painting, "Sailors, Take Warning." Alderson said, "The transparent glow of the painting made it a compelling choice."

Jane Stouffer won a red ribbon for her acrylic painting "Hidden Beneath" and Ann Vliet won red for her three-piece digital photo "Gone Platinum."

Alderson said Stouffer's painting had "the same glow and good solid shapes as the blue ribbon winner." She said that Vliet's work was "unique in its three pieces which take the viewer from realism to the abstract."

Yellow ribbons were awarded to Margaret Feil for her collage "Come Blow Your Horn"; Dorothy Grebos for mixed media painting "Portal"; Marianne Miller for her digital photo "Moonlight on the Water"; and Lella Lee Edwards for her mixed media painting "Serenity."

Alderson has been painting for almost 40 years in water media. Her background includes college art courses as well as extensive classes, workshops, and mentoring in California and the east coast.

In 1974, she helped to found the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria.

She taught there from 1985 until 1992 when she began the Art League's Travel Workshop program. She has organized and taught over 20 workshops abroad in Mexico, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Spain, and Bali as well as six workshops at the Ghost Ranch in New Mexico and a workshop at Spruce Pine, N.C., for Springmaid Workshops.

Alderson's work hangs in galleries in North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Her art is in many private and public collections. Alderson recently became a regular exhibiting artist at the Studio Gallery.

Dr. Vikas Maan, M.D.

Christina M. Slavin

Dr. Lewis welcomes new staff members

Riverside Lewis Clinic and Riverside Tappahannock Hospital welcome Vikas Maan, M.D. and Christina M. Slavin, nurse practitioner to the Lewis Clinic in Burgess.

Last month, Dr. Michael Chatterson left the Lewis clinic to fill the vacancy at Callao Family Medicine when Dr. Colin Forrester relocated to Canada.

"Although we have experienced quite a few changes in our physician network, we remain committed to making sure that all our service areas are covered and that access to care is convenient," said Elizabeth Martin, hospital administrator.

Dr. Maan brings with him over 10 years experience in both an outpatient and inpatient practice setting. He earned his degree at Pondicherry, India, and completed residency training at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in New York City.

Christina M. Slavin earned her bachelor's in nursing from Rutgers University in Newark, N.J., and master's in Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner Program from Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

"We were delighted that Dr. Maan and Ms. Slavin were able to fill the vacancies at the Lewis Clinic so promptly," said Martin. "They have already begun to see patients and have been of great assistance to Dr. Lewis."

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Restaurant to celebrate taste of new management

by Kelsey Robusto

Eckhard's, known for its combination of German, Italian and seafood cuisine, continues a tradition of European dishes for a second year under the management team of Donald Marvin and Roberta Bradwick.

The two managers hope the anniversary will draw customers, but Bradwick said "business has been getting better every month."

Eckhard's opened in Topping several years ago, but later went on a hiatus before Marvin and Bradwick took control.

"It was all German when we took over," said Marvin. "Then we added some Italian dishes and fresh seafood."

Besides a wide selection, dinners come with salads and "family style" vegetables.

"Everything is made from scratch," added Marvin. From the salad dressings to the desserts to the lasagna, every meal is homemade with fresh ingredients.

"One of our most popular dishes is the Jagershnitzel," Marvin said. "It is prime veal, egg-dipped and sauteed with a blend of cream and mushrooms and bacon, topped with a crème fraiche."

An Italian favorite is the Fettucini Neptune served in a "traditional alfredo sauce," as Marvin describes it. "It has jumbo shrimp right in the sauce and is covered in fresh lump crab meat with a little parmesan cheese on top."

Eckhard's managers Donald R. Marvin and Roberta L. Bradwick prepare to celebrate the restaurant's anniversary this July.

Eckhard's also boasts the first American import of a famous German beer made by monks.

Eckhard's is open Wednesday through Saturday from 4:30 to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The restaurant is on Route 3 in Topping, about a half-mile from the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge.

Virginia's beef cow herd at record level

The latest U.S. Cattle Inventory Report estimated the number of beef cows that have calved in Virginia at 747,000 head. This is the highest beef cow inventory ever recorded for Virginia. The previous peak in the state's beef cow population was recorded in 1997 at 740,000 head.

Virginia ranks 15th in the country for beef cow numbers. That puts Virginia's cowherd ahead of several western states such as California, Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon.

The number of beef cows in Virginia has been growing fairly steadily since the end of World War II. Since 1950, there has been a significant transition from dairies to beef cow operations. The cow/calf enterprise has been better suited for farmers who also work full time off the farm.

The cow/calf enterprise may be described as cattle operators who own breeding females and bulls and raise the resulting calves to about 500 to 600 pounds. The beef cow produces the feeder calf to which the other segments of the beef industry, including backgrounder, feedlot, and processor add value. Virginia's mild climate, abundant rainfall and excellent pastures are well adopted to the cow/calf enterprise. Most of Virginia's feeder cattle are shipped to other states with lower grain costs for the final production phase before being harvested.

Virginia's high quality pastures allow many operators to carry a cow and her calf on two to three acres while many drier western states may need 50 or more acres to maintain a cow. In recent years, Virginia producers have adopted improved forage management techniques such as rotational grazing to enhance the productivity of their pastures. A very recent development has been the modest expansion of beef cow herds in traditional tobacco-growing regions of the state.

There are estimated to be 22,000 farms with beef cows in Virginia. The top five beef cow counties include Augusta, Rockingham, Bedford, Fauquier and Washington.

According to The Virginia Cattlemen's Association, the record high prices received for feeder cattle during the last two years have broken the long spell of low or no profits to the cow/calf sector of the beef industry. Better calf prices have fueled enthusiasm and expansion fever among beef cow operators. The beef cow/calf sector tends to go through a 10-year cycle of herd expansion and reduction. Feeder calf prices tend to be in an inverse relationship with cattle numbers.

Beef breeds of cattle commonly raised in Virginia include Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Simmental and crosses of those breeds and others.

Equine infectious anemia reported in Commonwealth

Two horses in Pulaski County have tested positive for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). EIA is an acute or chronic viral disease that affects horses and other equines. No vaccine is available to prevent the disease and there is no known cure, but the disease is detectable through the Coggins test.

The two horses were diagnosed after blood was submitted to the Wytheville Regional Animal Health Laboratory by the owner's veterinarian to try to identify the cause of unexplained weight loss.

The first positive horse originated from Oklahoma and was purchased in 1994 at a sale in Radford, at which time it tested negative for EIA.

The second horse had not been tested since 1998, at which time it was negative. After confirmation of the first positive, the second horse was tested and found to be positive also.

The two horses, age 25 and 31, had been pastured together. The owners euthanized the horses to eliminate them as a source of infection for others.

Veterinarians with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) have been taking blood samples from horses within a one-mile radius of the infected horses. They have tested seven horses and results are pending.

VDACS urges horse owners in all parts of the state to test their horses routinely for the presence of EIA. The virus is spread mechanically from infected to healthy horses by biting flies or contaminated instruments such as hypodermic needles. It is not spread by direct horse-to-horse contact. Symptoms include intermittent fever, depression, progressive weakness, weight loss, edema and anemia. Horse owners can keep their stock from becoming infected by buying animals only after they have been tested and found to be free of any evidence of the disease.

Owners should not take their horses to any assembly point—show, sale, race track, trail ride—unless prior testing is required for all horses.

"These horses prove that this disease is still present in the state even though the number of new cases annually is small," said Dr. Richard L. Wilkes, State Veterinarian and Director of VDACS' Division of Animal and Food Industry Services. "Horse owners can help control the spread of this disease by getting a Coggins test annually even if they are not traveling with their animals. This is an instance where the National Animal ID System, when it is fully implemented, will help reduce the time it takes to notify horse owners in the immediate area, but even though all premises in Southwest Virginia are not yet registered, I am confident that our veterinary staff in the Wytheville Regional Laboratory will conduct a thorough investigation of these two most recent cases of EIA."

For more information on Equine Infectious Anemia, horse owners should check with their veterinarian, or they may contact VDACS' Division of Animal and Food Industry Services at 786-2483.

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From left, deli manager Susan Palmer, store manager Mindy Meador, owner Mike Christopher, manager Ruth Draper, and cashier Anna Cooper show off Robins Shell's grand opening decorations.

Convenience store reopens

by Kelsey Robusto

Robins Shell, a busy gas station and convenience store on Route 33 at Locust Hill, reopened June 15, about seven months after a devastating electrical fire and a series of delays.

The station burned to the ground in November.

"It took a while to reopen and to get everything set and scheduled," said store manager Mindy Meador.

The Shell station features a new color scheme of shades of brown, as compared to the previous red and white scheme. Meador said there are a few new employees and a few old favorites. Other favorites such as ice cream and pizza still remain. Additions include a larger coffee island and new items on the deli menu.

"We also have pay-at-the-pump diesel now," added Meador. "We didn't have that before."

Robins opened on schedule Thursday and continued the week with promotional hot dogs and drinks to thank local policemen, firemen and other emergency personnel for their hard work, especially during last November's fire.

The June 15 reopening, however, was "down to the line." Meador said many of the necessary items, such as a fountain machine and cigarette rack, did not arrive on time.

Robins Shell is open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Retailers prepare for sales tax holiday

Guidelines and rules for Virginia's first sales tax holiday were published recently by the Department of Taxation to provide information for both consumers and retailers.

The department also published a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions to show how the guidelines and rules will be applied during the sales tax holiday, August 4 through 6.

During the sales tax holiday, retailers will not charge the 5 percent retail sales tax on purchases of school supplies costing $20 or less per item, or clothing, including footwear, priced at $100 or less per article. Included as part of the guidelines are an all-inclusive list of school supplies eligible for the sales-tax exemption and a representative list of clothing eligible for the exemption. All retailers who sell the exempt items must participate.

The guidelines are posted at www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday.

"The Department worked closely with retailers and retail organizations in developing these guidelines and rules over the past several weeks," said public relations manager Joel Davison. "The new documents posted on our website should answer a lot of questions that both shoppers and retailers may have about the sales tax holiday."

In addition to exempting school supplies and clothing from the sales tax during the three-day "holiday," retailers may also choose to "absorb" the sales tax on any non-exempt merchandise they sell. Retailers who voluntarily absorb the sales tax must pay the tax themselves to the department.

"This means that retailers who don't sell school supplies, clothing and footwear may also participate in the holiday, if they so choose," Davison said. "We expect many stores to take advantage of this."

The sales tax holiday will take place each year beginning on the first Friday of August and ending at midnight on the following Sunday.

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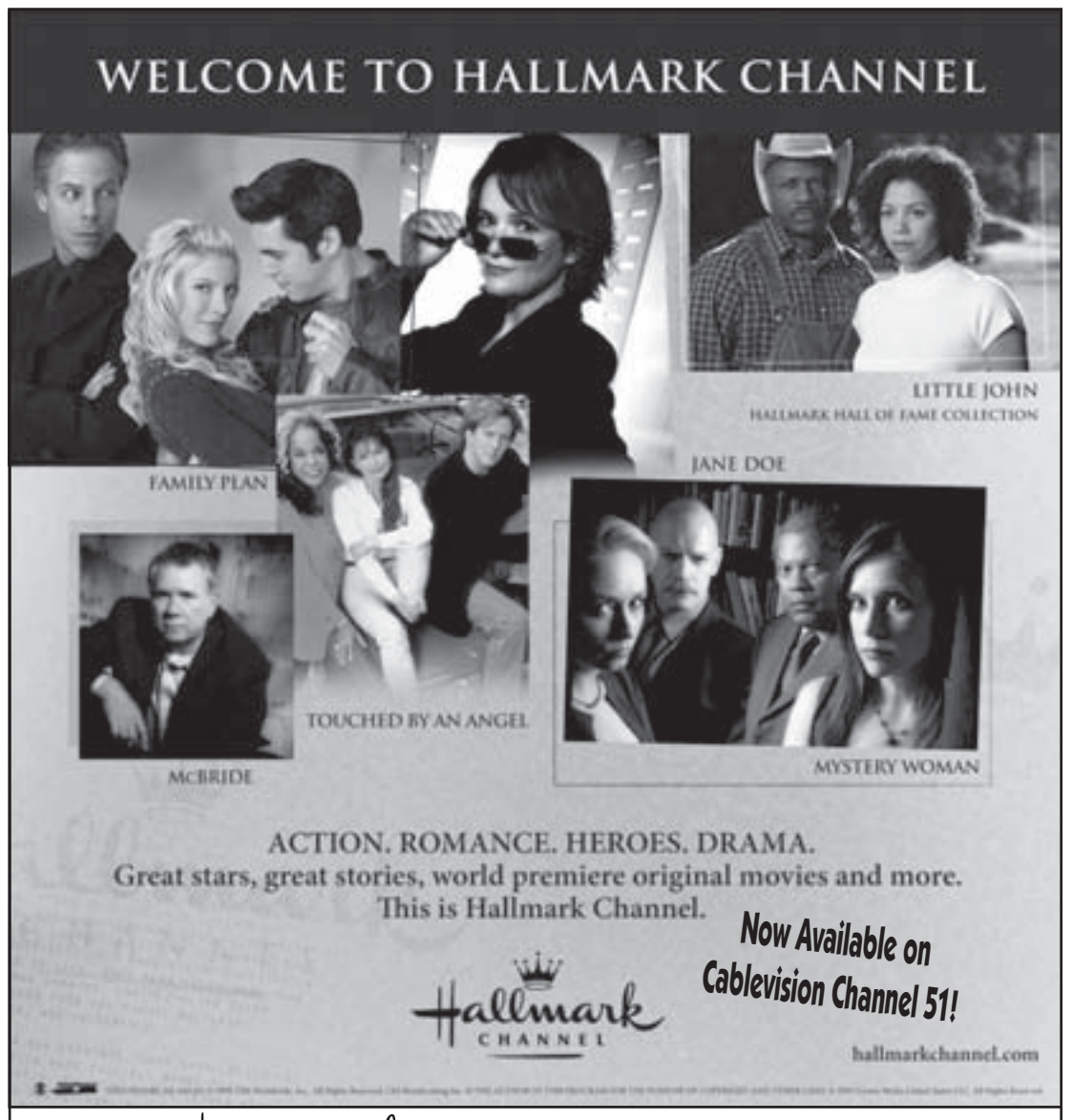

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Volunteers rewarded for commitment to children

by Kelsey Robusto

The Northumberland Elementary School Reading Program boasts winners from both volunteer categories for the "May, the Month for Children" Volunteer awards.

Organizers honored adult volunteers Howard L. York and his wife, Lynn R. York, as well as student volunteer Kiley Walker, on May 13 in Richmond. The award winners participated in Northumberland Elementary School's Reading Partners Program, which provides remedial reading aid to first through fourth graders.

Walker and the Yorks received due recognition for their consistent work with Northumberland children.

Howard and Lynn York, retirees who had previously tutored at their church in northern Virginia, joined the Reading Program after seeing an advertisement in the newspaper asking for volunteers. For nearly seven years the Yorks dedicated an hour every Tuesday to helping the elementary school children.

Lynn and Howard York received state-wide honors for their volunteer work over the past seven years.

An hour, that is, before joining the People Helping People tutoring program during the school day. The Yorks then came every Tuesday for two hours to tutor the children.

"It's a commitment," Mr. York said. "When you agree to be a volunteer it takes time."

The time, though, is always enjoyable, he said.

"I think the children give much more than we do. We enjoy their contact and their enthusiasm," Mrs. York adds.

The award was humbling to the couple. Mr. York noted that they "are just two people out of a number," but their double commitment may have won the recognition.

The Yorks seem less focused on the award itself and more preoccupied with the program.

"It's much bigger than you realize," Mr. York said. The work of the volunteers has helped the children understand their studies and it gives them positive role models.

"They [the Yorks] have been instrumental in spreading the word about the volunteer opportunity in our school throughout the community," said Sue Swift, who nominated them for the recognition.

Likewise, Walker gave of her time and energy with the Reading Partners Program. Walker began in the sixth grade, helping on both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

She also volunteered with summer school, giving 16 hours each week through the program. Walker also has volunteered with the Grace Lowery Memorial Golf Tournament, a Reading Partners-affiliated charity, for five years.

Walker's commitment at such a young age could be a model for today's youth. "Although she has since also become involved in several athletic teams (volleyball and softball)," Swift writes, "she has remained a faithful volunteer for the past five years."

"I stopped playing basketball so I could do Reading Partners," Walker said.

She began her work thanks to the example of her sister, who won the same award last year. Her continued commitment, though, sets her apart from her peers.

"I just liked working with the kids," Walker said. "They had a big effect on me. Some of them really struggle, but then they go home and read and try...and then they improve."

The "May, the Month for Children" Volunteer awards stand not only as recognition to these individuals, but to the community. The volunteers represent the area and its dedication to community service.

Their recognition may inspire others to do the same. More caring adults like the Yorks and more dedicated youths like Walker can make a difference in children's lives.

Story time for babies set

Six-month-old Harmony Ball loves to have her mother, Tameka, read to her. A new program at Lancaster Community Library for babies up to age 2 will be held Saturday, July 8, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

From left are scholarship committee member Genny Chase, Kimarnock Garden Club president Jane Denton, scholarship winner Leif Mieras and scholarship committee chair Jenny Saams.

Mieras receives scholarship

The Kilmarnock Garden Club recently awarded Lief Mieras a $500 scholarship.

Mieras has a 4.0 GPA and was ranked sixth in his class at Lancaster High School. His parents are Jonathan and Cynthia Mieras. He will attend Ferrum College in Ferrum this fall where he will work towards a double major in environmental science and biology.

Each year the Kilmarnock Garden Club offers a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Lancaster or Northumberland high schools.

This scholarship is offered to recognize and encourage students who are interested in obtaining a higher education or training in environmental/conservation/horticultural studies as well as biology and marine biology.

To be eligible, the applicant must have a scholastic average commensurate with his/her career goals and attend an educational institution that offers a degree or associate degree or other certificate of completion.

The deadline for submitting the application is May 1, 2007. Applications may be obtained by contacting the guidance counselors at either Lancaster or Northumberland high school, or call 462-3456.

Amiss earns bachelor's

Sara Jane Amiss graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University on May 19, 2006, with a bachelor's in mass communications, majoring in advertising and minoring in psychology.

Amiss was invited to the Golden Key International Honor Society, which honors the top 15 percent of the class and Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism/mass communications honor society which honors the top 10 percent of students in the School of Mass Communications. She was also a member of the VCU Ad Club and on the Dean's List.

A 2001 graduate of Northumberland High School, Amiss is the daughter of John and Diane Amiss of Mila. She also is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Swann of Remo and Florence Amiss of Richmond.

Sara Jane Amiss

Dodson-McAdoo earns master's

Shirley C. Dodson-McAdoo received a master's in nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University at the Medical College Campus on May 20, 2006.

She was inducted into the honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, in the spring. Membership requires a GPA of 3.65 or better, excellence in advanced programs, and demonstrated leadership and dedication.

She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners.

Dodson-McAdoo has been a registered nurse since 1977. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. For the past 10 years, she has lived in White Stone. She is past president of the Northern Neck Medical Association Alliance, president of the Northern Neck Medical Scholarship Fund for the past six years, a former board member of the Rappahannock Hospital Foundation, and a former committee member for the YMCA Festival of Trees.

Shirley C. Dodson-McAdoo

She is the daughter of Bianchina McAllister of Crossett, Ark., and the mother of H. Dale and Jay M. Dodson of Little Rock, Ark., and Kristen R. Dodson of Richmond.

Northumberland announces second semester Honor Rolls

Seniors named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the second semester are Casey Beatley, Paula Jett and Leanne Watrous.

Seniors named to the B Honor Roll are Lauren Bowles, Elizabeth Bramble, Veronica Brennan, Audrey Bryant, Shimara Carter, Tenoiya Carter, Erin Corsa, Rachel Cralle, Timmy Davis, Leslie Deitz, Jordan Gates, Ginny Gordon, Chris Harper, Celena Johnson, Sam Johnson, Brandon Lake, Shannon Lewis, Germica Middleton, Nicole Middleton, Megan Mozingo and Wesley Newsome.

Also, Carla Rich, Lisa Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, JaCarra Santos, Jer'Lisa Seldon, Krystle Sisson, Colin Smith, Patrick Smith, Amanda Spicer, Stacey Spring, Tiffany Spruce, Ebonee Taylor, Alyssa Vijuk, Auriel Walker, Amanda Wilkins and Boyang Zhang .

Juniors named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Kara Messick and Monet Stevenso.

Juniors named to the B Honor Roll are Erica Anderson, Ashley Fulcher, Sean Griffin, Caitlin Hall, Elizabeth Hamilton, Joy Lampkin, Brittany Lewis, Terra Millette, Christopher Mitchell, Hee Moon, Berenice Nazario, Andrea Pitman, David Rollins, Whitley Sanders, David Stoeber, Tara Swann and Frances Tucker.

Sophomores named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Gladys Castro, Kimberly Dobyns, Amber Harris, Kelsi Jewell, Heather Newsome, Kimberly Ogg, Nina Panzetta, Jessica Vanecek and Kiley Walker.

Sophomores named to the B Honor Roll are Jermaine Ball, Brittany Barton, Brittney Bea, Kacie Cockrell, Paul Corsa, Brandi Davenport, Brittani Davis, Renita Drake, Eddie Ferguson, Dylan Hall, Ethan Harding, Leslie Hinton, Jalissa Jones, James Knighton, Chelsey Krupski, Kyeong Lee, Samantha Lewis, Stephanie McDowell, Travis Mitchell, Shannon Morris, Brendan Roberts, Philip Shahan, Alisha Spruce, Ross Sumner, Cierra Taylor and Jessica Thrift.

Freshmen named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Patricia Baker, Lara Belfield, Anna Brennan, Ruth Hedberg and Hillary May.

Freshmen named to the B Honor Roll are Tylar Anderson, Edie Bliley, Caitlin Bradley, Jonathan Clarke, Devan Cockrell, Fenton Crowther, Joel Deihl, Sarah Duncan, Ashley Ford, Brenda Gilliam, Daniela Harvey, Samantha Haynie, Emily Headley, Mary Kelly, Zach Kues, Kasey Lawson, Ashley Lee, Jared Madison, Caroline McKenney, Lauren Mitchell and Jessica Morris.

Also, Anjelica Newsome, Elizabeth Newsome, Margaret Newsome, Joshua Nicholson, Regan Norris, Cody Payne, Heather Rice, Sarah Sinclair, Blaine Swann and Charnele Young.

Summer art classes offered to teens, adults

The Rappahannock Art League (RAL) Studio Gallery on Main Street in Kilmarnock will host two workshops with local artist and teacher, Kathleen Noffsinger.

"Individual Studies in Watercolor" is a two-day workshop to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students interested in improving their skill level using pure pigment transparent watercolor paints and their own photos and sketches will work one-on-one with Noffsinger.

Demonstrations will be offered as requested by the students and critiques will be optional. New students will receive a supply list upon registration. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

The second workshop is a one-day class July 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m."Watercolor—Color Mixing for All Levels" will include basic and advanced color theory to enable the students to mix colors with confidence.

The class is open to all media and all levels of painting experience. The instructor will be demonstrating with transparent and opaque watercolors.

Advanced painters in all media may work on a painting and should bring the appropriate reference materials and supplies. Watercolor painters will receive a supply list upon registration. The fee is $40 for RAL members and $45 for others.

To register, call 436-9309, or visit the gallery.

School Menu

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

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Monday, July 10:
Cereal & muffin
Orange juice
Pizza
Garden salad
Spiced applesauce

Tuesday , July 11:
French toast sticks w/syrup
Apple juice
Chicken nuggets
French fries
Fruit cocktail
Hot roll

Wednesday, July 12:
Scrambled eggs
Hot roll
Grape juice
Corn dog nuggets
Potato wedges
Pear halves

Thursday, July 13:
Sausage biscuit
Fruit juice
Beef-a-Roni
Garden salad
Peach cup
Italian bread

Omega Protein awards scholarships

Omega Protein Corporation recently awarded two local students with scholarships that, combined, represent a total award of $5,000.

Omega Protein's annual scholarship program provides two local recipients with $2,500. These scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors of Northumberland and Lancaster high schools to provide financial assistance to outstanding students who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, and strong extracurricular involvement.

The 2006 recipients are Amanda L. Spicer from Northumberland High School and Therese J. Killion from Lancaster High School.

Spicer was a well-respected student at Northumberland High School, where she was a member of the Beta Club and Foreign Language Club. She was known by faculty and staff for her strong sense of responsibility and for her diligence in class assignments. Spicer plans to attend Rappahannock Community College to study nursing.

Killion was a member of several campus organizations at Lancaster High School, notably the Student Council Association, and the Key Club, serving as the vice president of both groups. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Teachers describe Killion as intelligent, talented and enthusiastic. She will attend the College of William and Mary, where she plans to study biology.

"Omega Protein is committed to providing local graduates with opportunities to further their education," said president and chief executive officer Joseph L. von Rosenberg III. "We wish this year's recipients much success as they continue their pursuit of academic excellence."

Omega Protein is the nation's largest manufacturer of heart-healthy fish oils containing Omega-3 fatty acids for human consumption, as well as specialty fish meals and fish oil used as value-added ingredients in aquaculture, swine and other livestock feeds. The company has been operating in the Northern Neck for over a century, and remains committed to being a good community steward.

School Notebook

■ 20th reunion

Plans are under way for a 20-year class reunion for the Lancaster High School Class of 1986. A two-day event is planned August 12 and 13.

Details have been mailed to classmates. Responses are needed as soon as possible. If classmates have lost the information or have not received the mailing, contact Darlene Swaffin Nonnemacker at 435-1950, Cindy Forrester Stock at stock925@earthlink.net, or Kathy Nunn Taft at nunnlaw@rivnet.net.

Virginia children are healthy overall but need help in some important areas

According to results from the National Survey of Children's Health, children in Virginia enjoy overall good health, but some important issues including weight, asthma and injuries need more attention. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) offers programs that help address the health needs of the Commonwealth's youngest citizens.

The survey, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2003 and 2004, examined the physical and emotional health of children under age 18. Interviewers randomly phoned 102,353 individuals across the United States to estimate the national and state prevalence for a variety of physical, emotional and behavioral indicators of child health. Responses represent parents' perceptions of their children's health and health care.

More than 2,100 people with children were interviewed in Virginia. Results showed 90.1 percent of Virginia children had excellent or very good overall health, 92.7 percent had current health insurance coverage and 79.8 percent had a preventive medical care visit in the year prior to the survey.

"While these figures are encouraging, some of the findings highlight the need for VDH and the public to continue efforts to improve the health of our youngest, most valuable residents," said State Health Commissioner Robert B. Stroube, M.D., M.P.H.

Among issues raised, 36.3 percent of parents of Virginia children under age 5 are concerned about their child's learning, development or behavior. Some 10 percent of Virginia children under age 5 required medical attention for injuries, 30.5 percent were overweight or at risk of being overweight, 7.4 percent were affected by asthma and 30.2 percent lived in households where someone smoked.

Researchers looked at factors including medical care, family interaction, parental health, school and after-school experiences and safe neighborhoods. The survey helps inform the public, community leaders and policy makers, and provides a resource for researchers and grant writers.

"The survey gives us the ability to compare health information about Virginia children and families with other states and the nation," said Stroube. "It also can be used by state and local organizations to plan programs to meet high priority needs."

Improving the health and well being of children is a prime objective of VDH's Office of Family Health Services, and many of its programs address areas in which the survey showed Virginia could improve.

VDH offers child injury prevention programs such as Buckle Up Virginia, which distributes approximately 12,000 child safety seats per year to low-income families.

The Bike Smart Virginia program has trained more than 300 health and physical education teachers who instruct thousands of students each year in bike safety and helmet use.

The Asthma Control Project works with eight local coalitions across the state to reduce the burden of asthma in Virginia through education and training. Asthma specialists train health care professionals in asthma management and control practices. Other coalition projects include training children, parents and school staff in how best to manage asthma.

VDH nutritionists work on a variety of initiatives including efforts to reduce the number of overweight school-age children. They partnered with the Department of Education and trained 130 school nurses and health and physical education teachers in ways to teach students appropriate food habits and healthy nutrition using an educationally enhanced "Super Size Me" video. Staff also works with school nurses on these and other important issues to improve the health of school-age children.

The office's Quit Now Virginia program helps people stop smoking, reducing the harmful effects of second-hand smoke, which is associated with numerous new cases of asthma.

For more information about VDH's many health promotions, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov.

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Sorority installs new officers and recognizes excellence in education

At the final meeting for the year, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority for teachers, honored two members for outstanding achievements in the field of education.

Sue Swift, a teacher at Northumberland Elementary School, was given the Award of Excellence in Education. She is a reading specialist who has led workshops on the state level to help those who teach in the content areas, learn strategies to improve comprehension and reading for their students.

She is a devoted teacher who thrills at being able to help students become better readers, said Sorority member Joanne S. Pheris. She was chosen by her fellow teachers to receive this award.

It was stated that she always sets an example for others to follow with devotion and caring for her students, added Pheris.

Fran Mickel, a retired teacher of Lancaster County, was also honored with an Award of Excellence for her years of passion for learning. She was cited as being the sturdy bulkhead upon which everyone could always rely, she was forever there for her students, for her creativity, and most of all for remaining the gracious lady who never failed her fellow workers no matter what the circumstances, said Pheris.

The final meeting of the year included dinner at Tommy's in Reedville. Two new members were initiated, Linda Parks of Northumberland High School and Cynthia Sweat of the Alternative School in Warsaw.

New officers of the 2006-08 biennium were installed. They are co-presidents, Linda Coye of Lancaster and Grayce Cramer of Northumberland; co-vice presidents Charlotte Swaffin and Fran Mickel of Lancaster; treasurer, Sue Swift; recording secretary, Jan Bates; historian, Mary Lynn Slaughter, all of Northumberland; immediate past president, Joanne Pheris, chaplain Betsy Milstead and sergeant of arms Maria Givens, all of Lancaster.

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A booster seat can boost child safety

The Virginia State Police urges all parents, grandparents and caregivers to be sure their little ones are properly secured for their size and age, especially those over the age of 4.

Research indicates that too many children between the ages of 4 and 8 are graduating straight from a car seat to the adult vehicle lap and shoulder belt, instead of the recommended booster seat.

Children ages 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt, according to a study by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

The national CHOP study indicates that 98 percent of children in Virginia ages 4 and younger are typically restrained in child safety seats. However, it has also determined that in Virginia only 4 percent of children ages 4 to 8 were appropriately restrained in a belt positioning booster seat and 86 percent were restrained with a seat belt.

"From the infant car seat to the belt positioning booster seat, these child safety restraint systems are specifically designed to grow with and best safeguard the child," said Col. W. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. "Even with the most basic traffic crashes, our troopers see too many children being ejected from inside a vehicle or suffering from serious neck, head and spinal injuries because they were not properly secured."

Children ages 4 to 8 are generally too small for adult safety belts, which lay incorrectly across a child's neck and along the stomach. Such kids need a "boost" to ensure the safety belt will fit securely across their chests and low and snug across their hips.

For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers simply need to remember and follow the "4 Steps for Kids."

• Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds.

• Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from one year and 20 pounds to about age 4 and 40 pounds.

• Use booster seats in the back seat from about age 4 to at least age 8—unless the child is 4'9" or taller.

• Use safety belts in the back seat at age 8 or older, or taller than 4'9".

Virginia law requires all children through age of 5 to be properly secured in a child safety restraint, which includes booster seats.

Child safety seats, including booster seats, are available to those who cannot otherwise afford one through the Center for Injury and Violence Prevention's "Child Restraint Special Device Fund." A list of distribution locations and eligibility criteria for the program can be obtained at www.safetyseatva.org., or calling 1-800-732-8333.

Temperatures in parked cars pose deadly risk for children

As you pack the car for that Independence Day trip, remember that the temperature inside a car parked in direct sunlight can reach as high as 170 degrees in about 15 minutes. That's hotter than the highest temperature ever recorded in Death Valley or the Sahara Desert, the hottest places on earth.

At that temperature it takes only a matter of minutes for children to die or suffer permanent disability. According to preliminary findings from the state's chief medical examiner, 13 children died in Virginia from excessive heat between 1988 and 2003 as a result of being trapped or left in vehicles. They were all under 5 years of age.

Many of the vehicles involved in these tragic deaths had the common characteristics of being large vans or sport utility vehicles with tinted windows, which make it difficult to see a child inside. Another characteristic was that many of the vehicles had doors or trunks that were low to the ground, which gave curious children easy access to the vehicles' interiors.

"The message from these tragedies is that children should never be left unsupervised in or around cars," said State Health Commissioner Robert B. Stroube, M.D., M.P.H.

If driving children to certain destinations is not part of our normal routine, do something to remind yourself they are in the car. Place a teddy bear or diaper bag on the front seat beside you. Or put your purse or brief case in the back seat next to the child.

Other prevention tips include:

• Never leave a child unattended in a car even with the window is down.

• Always make sure that all children are out of the car.

• Always lock car doors and the trunk, even at home, and keep keys out of the reach of children.

• Keep fold-down seats upright to prevent children from crawling into the trunk.

• Never let children play in or around cars.

• Take immediate action if you see an unattended child in a car. Contact the parents or call 911 for help.

For more information on injury prevention, visit the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Injury and Violence Prevention at www.vahealth.org/civp.

LHS posts 'B+' Honor Roll

Lancaster High School recently posted its High Honors "B+" Honor Roll for the 2006 academic year.

Students named to the "B+" Honor Roll in grade 9 are Afton Gill, Hunter Gurley, Megan Hudnall, Megan Jackson, Tiffany Koscienski, Jeremy Lux, Victoria Mieras, Katherine O'Brien, Matthew Stevens and Karen Tignor.

Students named in grade 10 are Jewell Beatley, Christopher Bennett, Clinton Bennett, Cameron Carter, Emmalyn Carter, Ann Fitzsimons, Danielle Freeman, Kimberly Hudson, Melanie Logan, Lauren Mason, Charity Milstead, Lyna Nguyen, Tanesha Smith, Justin Stewart, Natalie Stickel, Dana "Trey" Stillman, Carlos Syversen, Lakeita Taylor, Samantha Whay and Candace Wiggins.

Students named in grade 11 are Linn Baumgardt, Solita Beale, Christopher Clark, Benjamin Conboy, Amanda Dreylick, Lisa Faulkner, Thomas Frere, Kori George, Cassandra Jackson, James Kellum, Marie Koehler, Joshua Lewis, Yi Ma, Lucy McCann, Kari Mitchell, LaShawnna Norris, Steven "Klye" Reid, Sarah Robertson, William Saunders, Paul Vest and Graham Winstanley.

Students named in grade 12 are Jacqui Brown, Jessica Crockett, Jeffrey Darden, Brittany Dodson, Roxann Francis, Keyondra Frederick, Autumn Gaskins, Megan Headley, Joshua Jett, Erin Kellum, Robert Lamkin, Leif Mieras, Patrick Oliver, Stephanie Selph, Tiffany Smith, Kimberly White and Trevor Winstanley.

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Win a blue ribbon at the 2006 State Fair of Virginia

RICHMOND—Competition has always been a main component of the State Fair of Virginia ever since the first organized fair was held in Virginia in 1854. Today, thousands of Virginians young and old return each year to compete for scholarships, premiums and the coveted blue ribbons awarding popular hobbies including the largest pumpkin, the tastiest pie, the finest quilt and the prettiest cow.

The 2006 State Fair will be held in Richmond September 28 through October 8 at the Richmond Raceway Complex.

Registration is under way at www.statefairva.org for the arts and crafts, baked goods and crops and vegetables competitions.

Registration for the livestock and equine competitions is accepted by mail only; entry forms for these competitions also can be found at www.statefairva.org.

The online entry system is available 24 hours a day. For questions regarding the on-line entry system, contact Scot Denecker at 1-800-588-3247 ext. 220, or sdenecker@statefairva.org.

Deadlines for entering competitions are: August 15 for livestock; September 8 for arts and crafts, vegetables, crops, baked goods, honey and giant pumpkins and September 15 for school group youth arts and crafts.

New competitions this year include:

• Youth Table Setting—youths create a table setting for two, with a theme based on their favorite book, imagining that they are inviting the main character to lunch.

• Quilling—a folk art technique involving rolling thin strips of paper into different shapes to form designs such as hearts, squares, tulips and more.

• Tamari Ball—a technique involving a styrofoam ball being wrapped in string, creating colorful designs and patterns.

• Digital Photography Manipulation—a creative twist on photography subjects.

Also new this year in the Livestock competitions is a Youth Market Goat Show October 2 and 3, as well as new scholarships for youths in SkillsUSA competition.

Numerous popular competitions are returning in 2006. A crowd favorite in its inaugural year at the 2005 State Fair, the Hershey's Cocoa Classic State championship this year extends its invitation to not only first-place winners, but also to second- and third-place winners, of the best Hershey's baked desserts at local county fairs for the grand bake-off, happening once again in the Blue Ribbon Mall. Giant Pumpkins also return to the Crops Center; last year's winning pumpkin, entered by Kreig O'Bryant of Courtland, weighed in a 757 pounds.

For general competition information, contact Jennifer Ross at 1-800-588-3247 ext. 237, or jross@statefairva.org. A complete listing of competitions, entry forms and entry deadlines are easily available at www.statefairva.org.

Case built for headstone

Rev. Richard Newlon (above) built this case to display Clarissa Pollard Hall's headstone at the Kilmarnock Museum. The stone, found in Kilmarnock between Harris Drive and Irvington Road about 10 years ago, was donated to the museum in 2000. After extensive repairs by Currie Funeral Home, the stone is now on display. Hall was the daughter of Capt. Thomas Pollard, an officer in the Revoluntionary War, and the wife of John Hall, the town's first postmaster. Hall also was the mother of five children, including well-known Addison Hall. She died on November 10, 1824. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

Gov. Kaine signs budget; issues line-item vetoes

RICHMOND—Gov. Tim Kaine last Friday signed House Bill 5002, the appropriation act that contains the $74 billion state budget for the 2006-08 biennium. The spending plan took effect July 1.

"This budget reflects the important objectives that the General Assembly and I share, especially in the areas of public education, higher education, public health, and conservation of our natural resources," Gov. Kaine said. "I remain hopeful that, with the budget battle behind us, we will now turn our focus to the still unresolved need for a long-term, sustainable plan to address the Commonwealth's transportation challenges."

Among the budget accomplishments this year were a number of initiatives recommended in the governor's budget. These include:

• Record funding for K-12 education, including a four percent pay raise for teachers, and more than $1.5 billion in overall funding increases,

• A $200 million investment in the Chesapeake Bay,

• More than $40 million in investments in early childhood programs, including the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, additional investments in the At-Risk Four Year Old Program, and addressing the waiting list for young children needing waiver slots,

• Significant investments in higher education research, including operating and capital funding to promote economic development, foster innovation, and develop tomorrow's cures for disease,

• More than $120 million invested in community mental health and mental retardation care, including additional waiver slots for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and innovative services to serve people in the community rather than in institutions,

• Funding for construction of a new Eastern State Hospital and planning funds for replacement of three other mental health and mental retardation facilities (Western State Hospital, Central Virginia Training Center, and Southeastern Virginia Training Center).

The governor also announced four line-item vetoes of technical language included in the re-enrolled appropriation bill.

"My four vetoes are technical, but they are substantive in that they maintain the practice of at least the past 20 years with respect to the governor's ability to take budget actions while the General Assembly is not in session," Gov. Kaine said. "In addition, my vetoes preserve the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches."

Gov. Kaine vetoed measures to:

• Add a number of limitations to the governor's authority to reduce appropriations administratively, in the event of an unanticipated revenue shortfall.

• Allow State Comptroller to authorize the disbursement of up to $3 million against appropriations of a subsequent fiscal year, when an emergency arises or when July 1 falls on a weekend, provided that the Auditor of Public Accounts provides written concurrence.

• Prohibit a governor from withdrawing a cabinet nomination during a General Assembly session and then reappointing the same person after adjournment of that legislative session.

• Require that agencies submit to the General Assembly copies of any budget reduction proposals provided to the governor, the governor's cabinet secretaries, chief-of-staff, or the Department of Planning and Budget.

New laws impact Virginia drivers

RICHMOND—Legislation which impacts Virginia drivers and motor vehicle laws took effect July 1. Brief summaries of some of the more significant new laws are listed below.

Providing alcohol—This new law requires the court to suspend, for a period of not more than a year, the driving privilege for anyone found guilty of purchasing alcohol for a person who is underage, intoxicated or interdicted (prohibited from using alcohol by court order). Currently, suspension of a driver's license in these instances is discretionary.

Underage purchase–Requires the court, in addition to other penalties, to suspend for at least six months (and not more than a year) the driving privilege of anyone 18 and older, who purchases, consumes or possesses alcohol in violation of state law. Currently, a suspension is imposed at the discretion of the court.

Vehicle racing—If a person causes the death of another person while engaging in a vehicle race in a manner so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show reckless disregard for human life, he is guilty of a felony. It is punishable by a mandatory jail term of not less than a year and not more than 20 years.

Military driver's license extensions—Spouses and dependents accompanying U.S. military or U.S. diplomats serving overseas may now be granted the same extension period for an expired driver's license as the service member. The period for all extensions is reduced from five to three years.

HOV lane fines—The fines for driving in the HOV lanes without the required number of occupants in Planning District Eight (northern Virginia) have been increased. Fines have increased from $50 to $125 for a first violation and from $200 to $250 for a second violation within 5 years while for third violations within 5 years, fines remain at $500, and for fourth and subsequent violations within 5 years, fines remain at $1,000. Also, three demerit points will be assessed for second or subsequent offenses occurring within Planning District Eight.

For HOV violations in other parts of Virginia, the fine has increased from $50 to $100. Convictions for all HOV violations will be placed on the violator's driving record.

VMRC recognizes change in command

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission on June 27 held a brief ceremony to honor Commissioner William A. Pruitt on his last meeting at the helm of the Commonwealth's marine resources management and regulatory agency.

Col. Steven G. Bowman was recognized as the new commissioner effective July 1.

Pruitt was first appointed Virginia Commissioner of Marine Resources on February 22, 1983.

Among habitat issues considered last week, the commission voted 5-3 to deny Edward Walendy an enclosed boathouse as requested on the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River in the Corrotoman-By-The-Bay subdivision in Lancaster County.

However, the commission approved an open-sided boathouse of dimensions equal to, or less than a previously existing structure, upon receipt of revised drawings acceptable to staff.

Walendy had requested 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.

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on a cove of the Little Wicomico River near Hacks Neck. The marina would serve residents of a proposed subdivision.

River Dream Homes and Double D Development are requesting a permit to construct a private marina with 14 slips on a cove of the Great Wicomico River near Warehouse Creek. The marina would serve residents of a cluster development approved for the site.

Margaret York and Double D Development have requested a permit to build a private community marina with 18 mooring slips along a cove of Cockrell's Creek. The marina would serve the residents of a recently-approved multi-family development on Fleeton Road.

The board also will consider requests from Odis Cockrell of Middle Bay Marine Construction who is seeking a permit to build a 64-foot extension at a previously approved commercial pier on the Great Wicomico River and Malcolm Long, who is seeking a permit to build a boathouse on Bridge Creek at 659 Sweet Hall Drive.

Roger O'Bier has requested a permit to operate an automobile graveyard or salvage yard at 2112 Hacks Neck Road.

To provide high speed internet service, Kabellero has applied for a permit to install a 120-foot pole tower at the county-owned waste collection site in Horsehead.

Melrose United Methodist Church wants to construct a new multi-purpose building on the church property and to relocate several existing buildings to property across the street.

The board also will consider two recommendations from the planning commission to make changes to the zoning ordinance. One change deals with private storage buildings and the other would bring the county's ordinance into compliance with state code by addressing t-head piers and gazebos.

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development of subdivisions, and monitoring and enforcing laws developed to protect the environment.

Additionally, commission members will continue to work on defining gateways into town with appropriate development and required rezoning.

Les Spivey will report on a contract awarded by town council June 26 to Simmons and Newsome P.C. Inc. The company will conduct the town's boundary line adjustment survey.

The top three layers of the modular reef were recovered in May 2005. From it, 120 samples were collected.

Steamer Rock project apparently producing

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

WHITE STONE—A project aimed at saving the Rappahannock River oyster is apparently working.

Dedicated in 1994, Steamer Rock, Lancaster County's first remnant sanctuary, is proof that alternative reef structures may help with oyster restoration.

"This basically offers hope that the native oysters can flourish in the bay in alternative reef structures," said chief scientist Romuald N. Lipcius with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Lipcius and fellow scientist Russell Burke examined specimens taken from the reef by a commercial diver in May 2005. The data was collected from a four-year class of oyster from 2001 to 2004.

What they found offers hope that the bivalve can once again thrive in area waters.

According to Lipcius, the oyster population on the reef was relatively free of disease and produced 1,000 oysters per square meter of river bottom.

"The modular reef provides an architecture that is conducive for settlement, growth and survival of the Eastern oyster and hooked mussel," Lipcius writes in a January 2006 report. According to data, the estimated collective density of 1,085 oysters and biomass per meter of river bottom are among the highest recorded for natural and restored oyster reefs.

In addition, there were approximately 8,617 mussels per meter of river bottom.

"Artificial reefs of this type of structural design should therefore be considered as viable alternative reefs in Eastern oyster restoration efforts," said Lipcius.

Restoration of the native Eastern oyster in the Chesapeake Bay has become a multi-agency effort with local, state and federal partners.

Steamer Rock and its companion, Christchurch Rock in Middlesex County, were both conceived by Capt. Bob Jensen, president of the Rappahannock Preservation Society.

Jensen spearheaded efforts to have clean concrete slabs from a Robert O. Norris Bridge restoration project placed at the river's bottom to form the reefs. The plan was proposed to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and reviewed and approved by that agency in less than a year.

Ashburn attends DAR's Continental Convention

The nation's capital last week welcomed more than 2,500 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for their 115th annual Continental Congress.

The opening night ceremony's keynote speaker was entertainer Wayne Newton, who was honored for his dedicated work as chairman of the United Service Organizations (USO) Celebrity Circle. Later that evening, Sound Portraits Productions was presented with the DAR Motion Picture, Radio and Television Award for its "StoryCorps" project to instruct and inspire Americans to record each other's oral histories for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Among the others honored by the DAR during the five-day convention were John Gonsalves, whose organization Homes for Our Troops builds and remodels homes for wounded veterans, and Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, the first woman since World War II to be awarded the Silver Star for valor in combat.

"It's inspiring to see so many Daughters make the trip to Washington to celebrate their hard work in their hometown communities," said Presley Merritt Wagoner, president general. "The reports of our members' enthusiastic dedication to historic preservation, education, and patriotism make it clear that DAR is playing an important role in cities and towns across the country."

In attendance at the Congress was Barbara Ashburn of the Cobbs Hall Chapter, based in White Stone. While at Congress, Ashburn attended all events, including the Virginia Luncheon. Barbara serves as her chapter's Regent.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American Independence during the Revolutionary War. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org.