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Police Reports

Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett reported charges were brought against 11 individuals July 24-31.

Derrick D. Palmer, 30, of Nuttsville was charged July 25 on a Lynchburg warrant with possession of a controlled substance.

Leslie B. Hudnall, 21, of Warsaw was charged July 28 with grand larceny and two counts of obtaining money by false pretenses.

A River Road man, 35, was charged July 24 with contempt of court.

A Weems man, 37, was charged July 24 with failure to appear in court.

A Crawfords Corner Road man, 19, was charged July 24 with contempt of court.

A Thomas Landing Road man, 19, was charged July 25 with driving on a suspended license.

A Warsaw man, 61, was charged July 25 with contempt of court.

A Lancaster woman, 18, was charged July 26 with contempt of court.

An Urbanna man, 34, was charged July 26 with failure to appear in court.

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Working the pound

The sun rises on the Chesapeake Bay as Walter 'Peale' Rogers and Leslie Hudnall begin the process of gathering fish out of the pocket of one of several pound nets they work daily. See story and photos on Page B11. (Photo by Audrey Thomasson)

Grigsby to seek office

Lindy Grigsby

LANCASTER—Lindy Grigsby of Lancaster has declared her intent to run for the office of the Treasurer of Lancaster County. She follows in the footsteps of her family's long history of public service in Lancaster County, which dates to the 1700s.

Grigsby is a one-time volunteer and longtime supporter of Hospice. She has served for several years on the Community Planning Management board. She was elected to the Lancaster County School Board in 2002. A former teacher, she has also spent many years in banking and is currently employed by Chesapeake Bank.

She was married to the late Michael Grigsby. She is the mother of a married daughter, Jenny Pannell, and a son, Matthew Grigsby, a student at Lancaster High School.

County to put more bite in dangerous dog codes

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will conduct several public hearings August 10. The board meets at 3:30 p.m. at the courthouse at 72 Monument Place and reconvenes for hearings at 7 p.m. in the courts building at 39 Judicial Place.

Public comment will be taken on a proposed amendment to the county code to require that owners of dangerous dogs increase their current $50,000 in liability insurance coverage to at least $100,000.

The board will also seek public comment on an amendment to the county code which would require reimbursement for expenses incurred when law enforcement, firefighting, rescue and emergency services personnel respond to DUI incidents and other similar traffic incidents. Reasonable expenses of such an emergency response would not exceed $1,000.

According to zoning administrator W.H. Shirley, two requests will be heard from separate parties for conditional use permits to operate childcare centers.

Stephen and Susan Brown want to operate a center in their home at 89 Cedar Lane in Callao.

William and Cynthia Thompsen (owners), and applicants Sara Carroll, Lori Crawley and Leslie Crawley plan to operate a childcare center at 191 Old Glebe Point Road.

Among other zoning hearings, Glenn Lester seeks authorization to establish a sand and gravel pit on north side of Carlson Road about a half-mile west of Jesse Ball duPont Road in the Wicomico Magisterial District.

Henry and Frances Harner seek authorization to construct an open-sided boathouse alongside an existing pier on Glebe Creek at 501 Honest Point Road.

Gov. Kaine announces proposal to cap menhaden harvests

VIRGINIA BEACH—Gov. Tim Kaine last week announced a proposal to set an annual cap on the harvest of menhaden from the Chesapeake Bay. The proposal is consistent with goals set in a recent fishery management plan adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), which will be asked to approve Virginia's proposal.

Gov. Kaine announced the proposed cap during an event at First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. participated in the recent satellite from Sandy Point State Park in Maryland.

"Today, in Virginia, we again demonstrate that protecting Virginia's environment and supporting our economy can go hand in hand," said Gov. Kaine. "I am pleased today to announce a menhaden management proposal that will protect the health of the menhaden fishery, foster additional scientific research, and protect fishery-related jobs."

The governor's menhaden management proposal, which is supported by industry and leaders in the environmental community, establishes an annual cap on menhaden harvested from the Chesapeake Bay for industrial purposes of 109,020 metric tons. This represents the average annual harvest over the most recent five-year period, 2001 through 2005.

The proposal also includes a provision to allow a one-year "credit" to be granted for the year immediately following a fishing season when catches fall below the 109,020 metric-ton cap. For example, the 95,300 metric ton menhaden harvest in 2004 would result in a 13,720 metric-ton credit. Under the proposal, credits would be limited so that no harvest arises above 122,740 metric tons.

"When Gov. Kaine and I met recently, we discussed our common goal to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, the important ecological role that menhaden play in the bay, and the need for a proper management plan to keep the fishery healthy," said Gov. Ehrlich. "We in Maryland have worked hard for two years to reach a balanced and sensible solution to the menhaden issue. I applaud Gov. Kaine for putting forth a strong plan that benefits the long-term health of the bay in both Maryland and Virginia."

The proposal also includes an agreement in principle between Virginia and Omega Protein to collaborate on critical menhaden-related research, and to seek additional federal funding to support that research.

"The collaborative work of industry and academia to produce research necessary to better understand this fishery, its health, and its importance to the bay's ecology and economy will create an important resource for the future of the bay," Gov. Kaine said.

Representatives of Omega Protein Corporation Inc., which employs more than 250 people at its Reedville plant, and Menhaden Matter, an umbrella organization for leading environmen-

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Lancaster supervisors and citizens raze proposed definition for a guest house

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—By a four-to-one majority, the public spoke against a proposed definition including limitations for guest houses at the July 27 meeting of the Lancaster board of supervisors.

The definition, offered by the planning commission as a new addition to the county zoning ordinance, was also rejected unanimously by the supervisors.

Moving to reject the proposal, District 1 supervisor and board chairman F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. said if it becomes necessary to control abuses, "put it in the zoning classification."

Strong opinions were expressed on both sides of the issue by citizens and supervisors.

One citizen described the proposed definition and its subsequent enforcement as "vigilante enforcement" while others made reference to tactics used by Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 1940s.

"This is the first time in nine years I've felt like a Gestapo (agent)," said District 5 supervisor B. Wally Beauchamp.

"The issue of enforcement bothers the hell out of me," said District 3 supervisor Pete Geilich.

Citizens speaking in favor of the definition expressed concern about abuses like three or four families living in one guest house.

Others feared the potential multiplication of dwellings in low density residential areas if there is no limitation on the numbers of guest houses on a parcel.

Opponents of the proposed definition cited the one-size-fits-all maximum square footage of 900 feet, the impact on privacy of a narrow property line setback of only five feet, and the fact that whatever the size of

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Board schedules working retreats

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors and the planning commission for Lancaster County plan to meet August 19.

Scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, the working retreat will take place at the Northside Branch of the Bank of Lancaster in Kilmarnock.

The board of supervisors also has accepted meeting requests from the towns of Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone. Separate sessions will be scheduled during September with each town.

Habitat for Humanity will help residents qualify for new home

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—For some folks the dream of owning their own home is about as realistic as Oprah Winfrey pulling into town on a bulldozer, clearing trees to make a local version of Angel Lane and giving away homes to anyone in need.

While no one is holding their breath for Oprah's arrival, thanks to a new program set up by area leaders of Habitat for Humanity, becoming a homeowner can be a reality even for people with low incomes and poor credit ratings.

According to Andrena Seawood, vice president for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, finding families that qualify for a Habitat home has been extremely difficult due to bad credit reports.

"All those people have to do to qualify is take steps to clean up their credit," Seawood said. "The debts must be satisfied so that the home is not taken away from them by creditors."

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Gary and Suzy Swift invited me into the white clapboard building I have long admired on the north side of Bluff Point Road. With its raised seam tin roof and a breath of gingerbread on the porch, the building started as a Northumberland County two-room schoolhouse.

The Swifts gave me the lineage. Bluff Point Graded School originally sat next door where the Methodist church is now. Its second location was at the turn to Kent Point. Then in 1913, the Northumberland school board built the third successive Bluff Point school on two acres of the former Kelley property. That building now houses the Bluff Point Community League.

Any truant peeking through those oversize vertical windows must have thought the first- through seventh-graders looked teensy under the nearly 14-foot ceilings. (The community league members recently painting the interior also noticed the height.)

In 1925, the church was built next door and the school was restructured for first through third grades. In 1933, it closed and pupils went to Kilmarnock or Wicomico Church schools.

In 1937, the school board sold the building to the Lower Northumberland County Community League for $200 cash, and in 1976 Patrick Conway, the sole surviving trustee of that organization, sold it to the Bluff Point Community League for $10.

League members are committed to maintaining the building. For now, they've done what they can by themselves. They need professionals to paint the roof, reglaze windows and replace rotted wood. With many disappointing attempts, they learned that local funding organizations help programs, not buildings.

"In 1937, the school board sold the building to the Lower Northumberland County Community League for $200 cash, and in 1976 Patrick Conway, the sole surviving trustee of that organization, sold it to the Bluff Point Community League for $10."

Ironically, that revelation has been a three-fold blessing. First, it sent the league to Richmond seeking monies from Virginia's General Assembly. Ann Andrus, state grants coordinator for the Department of Historic Resources, and Sen. John Chichester strongly supported their efforts, resulting in the league's award of a $5,000 matching grant for building restoration.

That means that if they have work done costing $10,000, the state will give them $5,000 after completion, and they must raise the other $5,000. The Northern Neck Chapter of the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, area banks, and many Bluff Point and Indian Creek residents have contributed $3,900 toward the match.

Secondly, within the grant process the Virginia Department of Historic Resources gave approval for the building to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. For final designation, however, meticulous research is required about the building's history, and documentation surfacing thus far has been slim.

But third, and perhaps most significant, the league through the impetus of Suzy Swift, a former Arlington teacher still passionate about education, has begun educational programs for and with area schoolchildren.

Fourth-graders at Northumberland Elementary School interviewed the three known surviving students: Linda Adkins, Eleanor Haynie and Marjie Butler. Guided by their teacher, coincidentally named Susan Swift, they asked the women about lunch, discipline, teachers, writing instruments, books, recess, heating and transportation, and bound their findings in a colorful booklet for presentation at a league meeting.

Social studies teacher Renee Tadlock brought Lancaster fourth-graders to see the school, hear Suzy Swift's historical presentation and view Bob Butler's detailed model. Later, dressed in costume, each child reported in first person at a league meeting about a separate aspect of Bluff Point school life.

Northumberland Elementary teacher Susan Lewis brought gifted art students armed with disposable cameras provided by the school. They will present pictures drawn from their photos at a league meeting.

And so the building that first housed education for Northumberland children 93 years ago has come full circle, providing education on the same site again.

"I'll dream up something else because I think it's really important that the children get a chance to see the building," said Suzy Swift. "There are other old schools, but this is the only one in continual use since it opened.

"It can be rented out. We have dinners here. The Indian Creek Property Owners Association uses it. We rent tables and chairs, and it was a voting place. It has a handicapped-accessible bathroom and a ramp. It has been open to and used by the community."

The league needs memories, memorabilia, money and members. Open to anyone anywhere, membership is $15 per year for six spring and fall monthly potluck-and-program meetings and a June picnic.

To give or receive information, contact the Swifts at 435-6012.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

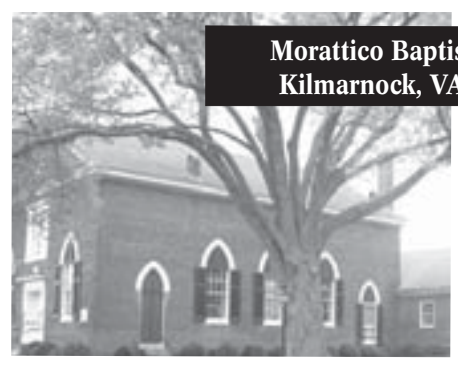
From the window ledge

Seven years after pastor Fred Claybrook started the Baptist work in Irvington in 1891, Grant Colfax Tullar (1869-1950) was the musical evangelist assisting in a Methodist Episcopal revival in Rutherford, N.J. Tullar was born in Connecticut when Ulysses Grant and Schuyler Colfax were president and vice-president. In Tullar's day, it was customary for a musician to accompany traveling preachers to create such music as could be offered fresh from the harp. He wrote, played and sang the tune for that night's meeting. His hymn was "All for Me the Savior Suffered."

Carrie E. Breck (1855-1934), a Presbyterian homemaker, had sent two of her poems to Tullar, one of which more perfectly fit the tune previously constructed. Tullar placed her poem with his song and it was first published in 1899, in his *Sermon's in Song*. The marriage of poet and musician first appeared in 1921, in *Kingdom Songs*. The hymn grew in popularity and entered our hymnals in 1956.

"Face to Face with Christ My Savior" is based upon First Corinthians 13:12, "Now we see but a poor reflection… then, we shall see his face."

When my grandmother gave up housekeeping, she moved into a new home built by my uncle and my dad on the southwest periphery of Richmond's old Chesterfield border. The guys actually made the imitation stone blocks in molds of four and six. They had been working on the house for a couple of years before the first course of block rose from the gravelly hillside.


Morattico Baptist
Kilmarnock, VA

I was moved to live with my mom, stepdad and pesky little sister, Jo, in a post WWII asbestos haven called Castle Heights, just off Petersburg Pike. I attended the Summer Hill Elementary School where I must have dipped Anne Burton Burgess's pigtails in ink, because that next year my folks introduced me to Fork Union Military Academy.

That Tanbark Drive home was so special to me because my grandmother, Lida Doughtie Farmer, lived there. She had moved a number of her favorite shrubs and plants to the lot and helped my uncle lay out borders around the yard. The home was lovely; the gardens handsome. From grandmother's window one could see into the valley. Across the back of the lot, which sloped down to a creek, ran a railroad track. My uncle, Nicholas Allen Vaughan, had dammed the creek and lined it with river rock. He had built a cookout house where he and other Manchester Lodge Masons and the men from Webber Memorial Baptist Church gathered to cook Brunswick stew. He also built the first in-ground blue-walled swimming pool I had seen. I learned to swim there by being thrown in and many a summer's day found me awash.

When she wasn't playing the piano, cooking or writing to her sisters back home in Holland, Va., Lida was standing at her window looking toward the confluence of the pool, pond, creek and hills. She had the hymn "Face to Face" typed on a small bit of paper, folded in half and tucked along the lower window edge.

One morning while grandmother was peering from her window I asked her what she was always looking at. I mean, for a wee lad, a lot with a pool, pond, creek, train tracks and cookout house was an amazing view.

She shocked me when she said that she was looking at Jesus and remembering her young life in Nansemond County, her travels to Centralia, the handsome mail carrier with buggy and sorrel mare whom she'd married. She was looking back at her five children and their three kids. She was inventorying blight and blessing, looking into the face of Jesus and singing the hymn. She'd first heard "Face to Face" at a revival service in Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church, then across Hull Street from granddad's butcher shop.

Her daughter, my aunt Beulah Vaughan, once recorded the hymn for a Sunday evening radio meditation program sponsored by the Joseph Bliley Funeral Home, then at Third and Marshall. Do you know the hymn?

"Face to face with Christ, my Savior, face to face – what will it be, when with rapture I behold him, Jesus Christ who died for me? Face to face I shall behold him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all his glory, I shall see him by and by.

"Only faintly now I see him, with the darkened veil between, but a blessed day is coming, when his glory shall be seen. Face to face I shall behold him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all his glory, I shall see him by and by.

"Face to face, O blissful moment! Face to face – to see and know; face to face with my redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so. Face to face I shall behold him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all his glory, I shall see him by and by."

Now heading into my sunset years, I can more fully appreciate what grandmother saw from her window ledge. Singing her song and looking for Jesus has made many a rough day tenable for me. I actually believe that searching for his face makes my life more purposeful.

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, August 8:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Fairfield Baptist
15213 Northumberland Hwy., Burgess
Pastor Brian Hamrick
453-3530
www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Wednesday, August 9:
9:30 a.m., Bible Study
7 p.m., Bible Study

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

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 3:
2:30-4:30 p.m., Weekly Summer Program 7 thru 10th grade
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Saturday, August 5:
7:45 a.m.- 12 noon, Habitat for Humanity
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Communion Worship
Monday, August 7:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, August 8:
10:30 a.m., WMU at Mayfair House
5 p.m., Budget Committee
Wednesday, August 9:
3-5 p.m., Weekly Summer Program, K thru 6
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
Lebanon
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Providence
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Norwood
10 a.m., Sunday School

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

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 9:
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, August 6:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, August 9:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship/Holy Communion
Mon-Fri, Aug. 7-11
7:30 p.m., Revival

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all
11 a.m., Worship Service
Lord's Supper
Monday, August 7:
7 p.m., Boy Scouts Meeting
Wednesday, August 9
7 p.m., Church Council Meeting
Thursday, August 10:
6-8 p.m., Summer Fun Program

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road,
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, August 6:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Historic Christ Church
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist at Grace Church
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
11 a.m., Worship
Thrift Shop: 453-4830
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville

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, August 6:
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, August 6:
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, August 6:
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, August 6:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
The Transfiguration of Christ
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 August 6:
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, August 6:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, August 9:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)
429 E. Church St., 435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Worship

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street, Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

Afton United Methodist
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Worship

Bethany United Methodist
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
Sunday August 6:
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, August 6:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
Tuesday, August 8:
10 a.m., Missions Committee meets at Bethel
Wednesday, August 9:
6 p.m., BEUMM Picnic at the pavilion in Lively

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

Galilee United Methodist
747 Hull Neck Road, Edwardsville;
580-7306, Rev. Vernell M. Carter
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Heathsville United Methodist
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Henderson United Methodist
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich
Saturday, August 5:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Thursday, August 3:
8 p.m. AA-11th Step Meeting
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
5 p.m., Kid's Dinner/Craft
Monday, August 7:
6 p.m., Emmaus
Tuesday August 8:
8 p.m., Al-Anon

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval,
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 9:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. James W. Tinney, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Early Morning Worship Service (Elevator available)
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
(Elevator available)
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
Tuesday, August 8:
7:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 9:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Homecoming meeting
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4
Sunday, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Church School for All
11 a.m., Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Dr. Sandy McKelway
Nursery provided during Church School & Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 8:
5:30 p.m., Witness and Service Ministry Group
7 p.m., Christian Ed Ministry Group
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Pastor Nominating Committee
Thursday, August 10:
3:30 p.m., Worship Ministry Group

Milden Presbyterian
Sharps
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
8 a.m., Weekender's Worship
9 a.m., Summer Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

Wesley Presbyterian
1272 Taylor Creek Rd., Weems, 438-5853, Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7:30 p.m., Worship

Christian Science Society
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Cornerstone Fellowship
2243 Buckley Hall Rd. (corner of Rt. 3 & Rt. 198, Cobbs Creek, VA
Rev. Chris Morgan, Pastor, 725-9145
www.gocfc.com
Saturday, August 5:
7 p.m., Worship
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
7 p.m., Midweek Service
Nursery, Children and Youth Ministry provided

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock
Dreamfield, Irvington Road,
Kilmarnock, 804-761-1578
Pastors Mike and Lesley Gates
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Tabernacle of God
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 1-3

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock;
443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan
Thursday, August 3:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, August 6:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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
Sunday, August 6:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, August 8:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, August 10:
6 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment for Youth

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Obituaries

Perry A. Barnes

COLONIAL BEACH–Perry Andrew Barnes, 44, of Colonial Beach, died July 29, 2006.

Mr. Barnes was a manager for Food Lion in Colonial Beach.

He was predeceased by his father, Littleton Arthur Barnes.

He is survived by his wife, Allyson M. Barnes; his mother, Judith Coates Barnes of Warsaw; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dolores B. and Clyde Harris of Richmond, and Wendy B. and Albert Owens of Lively; a brother, Richard Arthur Barnes of Richmond, and a nephew, Donte Owens.

A graveside service was held August 1 in White Chapel Cemetery in Lively with the Rev. Ronald Okrasinski officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Colonial Beach Rescue Squad.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home in Rainswood handled the arrangements.

Joyce W. Burruss

REEDVILLE—Joyce Weathersbee Burruss, 71, of Reedville died July 27, 2006.

Mrs. Burruss retired from Sprint Communications.

She was a member of Wesley Presbyterian Church in Weems.

She is survived by her husband, William F. "Bill" Burruss; a son and daughter-in-law, William F. and Carol Burruss of Annapolis, Md.; a daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Tim Alford of Rocky Mount, N.C., three sisters, Maggie Martin of Greenville, N.C., Cora Coda of Kensington, Md., and Sybil Brenneky of Spokane, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Wesley Presbyterian Church Saturday, August 5, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rappahannock General Hospital Palliative Care Unit, P.O. Box 588, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or the Northumberland Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Reedville, VA 22539.

Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Roland M. Dameron Jr.

MATHEWS COUNTY—Roland M. Dameron Jr., 75, of Mathews County died July 26, 2006.

Mr. Dameron was born in Richmond and was raised in Northumberland County. He served in the armed forces during the Korean War. He received degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and George Washington University. For 30 years, he and his wife have worked as realtors in Mathews County. He was a member of Kingston Parish Church.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Phyllis Cockrell; a daughter and son-in-law, Joy D. and Conrad Austin of Isle of Wight County; and a son, Jay Walter Dameron of Mathews County.

A graveside service was held July 29 at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.

Contributions may be made to the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 723, Mathews, VA 23109.

Foster-Faulkner Funeral Home in Mathews handled the arrangements.

Jessie D.G. Kues

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.—Jessie Dunaway Gregg Kues, 70, of Morehead City, N.C., died July 20, 2006, at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City.

A native of White Stone, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Elizabeth Dunaway Gregg of White Stone. She was a graduate of White Stone High School and was formerly a member of White Stone United Methodist Church.

As Miss White Stone, she participated in beauty pageants in the Northern Neck in the 1950s. She attended Mary Washington College where she played the trumpet in the all-girl marching band.

Ms. Kues lived in Richmond for about 15 years before moving to North Carolina in 1971. During her career, she was employed at Planters Bank and Trust Company and the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. In North Carolina, she worked in real estate and at Wachovia. She retired from the North Carolina State Employees' Credit Union in Morehead City.

She volunteered at nursing homes in Morehead City and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Morehead City.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-laws, Charles Edward "Eddy" Kues Jr. and Terry Kues of Morehead City, and Jesse Gregg and Kim Kues of Middlesex, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Rebekah and Allyson Kues of Morehead City, Jessica and Austin Kues and Ryan Wall of Greensboro, N.C., and Kelsey and Avery Johnson of Middlesex, N.C.; and several cousins.

Funeral services were held July 23 at First Baptist Church with pastor Charles Royal officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery in Morehead City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Carteret County, P.O. Drawer 1619, Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

Linda Kvell

KILMARNOCK–Linda Kvell, 91, died July 17, 2006, at The Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock.

Born in Tallinn, Estonia, Mrs. Kvell escaped to Finland in 1944 during the Soviet occupation of her country. She subsequently settled in Sweden with her husband, Erich, and their son and then immigrated to the United States in 1952. She became a U.S. citizen in 1958.

She was a long-term resident of New York City, where she worked as a bookkeeper for the United Church of Christ. After retiring, she lived in Lakewood, N.J., and Washington, D.C.

She was predeceased by her husband, Erich Kvell.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Ene-Mai Kvell of Lancaster.

Funeral services will be held in Lakewood, N.J., with burial next to her husband. Faulkner Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Burgess handled the arrangements.

Florence T. Palmer

WHITE STONE—Florence T. Palmer, 64, died July 23, 2006, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Palmer was born December 7, 1941, in White Stone to Edward and Bernice Morris. She attended A.T Wright High School and graduated from Brookvale High School. She attended Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone.

She moved to Baltimore in 1962 where she attended Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church. She was employed at Sinai Hospital for 22 years and also did private duty nursing.

She married Joseph Palmer June 26, 1993.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Alison Rothwell; a grandson, Larvelle Rothwell Jr.; her mother, Bernice Morris; ten sisters; three brothers; 23 nephews and nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held July 27 at Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church.

A funeral service was held July 29 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church with pastor Rowena Davenport officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were James Jeffries Sr., Larvelle Rothwell Sr., John Proctor, Paul Stokes and James A. Jeffries.

Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Jesse L. Walker Sr.

FARNHAM—Jesse Lee Walker Sr., 89, died July 24, 2006.

Mr. Walker was born July 7, 1917, in Lawrenceville in Brunswick County to Edward Branch Walker and Mary Barner Walker. He was the tenth of 11 siblings.

He attended Oak Grove Elementary School and St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia State University, the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia. He served in the South Pacific during World War II and received two Bronze Star Medals

He gave 30 years of service to education in Richmond County: six years as head teacher at Sharps Elementary School, 17 years as principal of Julia G. Page Elementary School, and seven years as administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Farnham where he was a deacon. He was a member of the men's fellowship club and the senior choir.

His service and civic affiliations include the Rappahannock Alumni Chapter of St. Paul's College, the Eastern Virginia Health Agency, the Health Safety Committee, the A.Y. Thompson Memorial Fund, the Retired Teachers Association, the General Vocational Education Advisory Council, the Special Education Advisory Council, the Richmond County Planning Commission, the Civic League, the NAACP, the Community Services Association, the Democratic Committee and the Recreation and Community Services Association.

He received many awards including the 1986 Alumnus of the Year Award by St. Paul's College National Association and in 1990 was named "an Unsung Hero" by the Black Businesses and Professional Coalition.

He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Lyndes Virginia Thomas Walker.

He is survived by two sons, Edward Walker and Jesse Lee Walker Jr.; two daughters-in-law, Monica and Theresa; two grandchildren, Kerrell and Joelle; a granddaughter-in-law, Taene; two great-grandsons, Kamron and Jocqui; a sister, Henrietta Hardy; four sisters-in-law, Elizabeth, Ethel, Melva and Verdell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held July 30 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Lawrence Samuel as eulogist.

Lee Funeral Home in Warsaw handled the arrangements.

Congo chorale visits

On tour at Presbyterian churches throughout the Southeast, the 12 members of the Chorale Presbyterienne du Congo sang to a full sanctuary at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church on July 27. They used voices, hand motions and native instruments to tell of their devotion to God and Congo.

Church Notes

■ End of time

On Sunday, August 6, Sharon Scott will speak at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR). Her subject will be, "The End of Time and in the Meantime." The UUFR meets at 10.30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive.

■ Homecoming

Mount Vernon Baptist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming and revival with a picnic August 12 at 3 p.m. Homecoming services will begin August 13. A fellowship dinner will follow the morning service. The evening service will begin at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Rodney Waller of Sharon Baptist Church will be the guest speaker and he will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Revival services will continue August 14 through 18 with prayer and praise at 7:30 p.m. and worship service at 8 p.m. The evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Marcus Martin of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hustle. Music will be rendered each night by various singing groups.

■ Revival week

Willie Chapel Baptist Church in Lancaster will hold its annual summer revival August 6 through 11. The Sunday afternoon service August 6 will begin at 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday prayer and praise service will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by the worship service.

The revivalist for the week is the Rev. Donn Hall, pastor of Zion Baptist church in Kinsale. On Sunday, Pastor Hall will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. Area churches will provide the music during the week.

■ Revival time

Beulah Baptist Church in Lively will have its annual summer revival August 13 through 18. The Rev. Pierce Keyser of Park Lane Baptist Church in Baltimore will be the guest speaker.

The revival will begin at 3 p.m. August 13. Keyser will be accompanied by Sam Oliver and the Mass Choir of First Baptist Church in Heathsville. Services will continue nightly at 7:30 p.m. Music will be rendered by local choirs.

Grief support group meets Wednesdays

The grief support group of White Stone Methodist Church meets Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.

"The pain that one feels at the death of a loved one is probably the worst pain that most of us will ever feel," said the Rev. Jim Tinney, at a recent meeting.

"It is a unique experience, so it has its own special name: grief. Sympathetic friends may say, 'I know how you feel,' but they don't really if they have not had this experience themselves. And they may expect you to 'get over it' in a few weeks. But you don't," said the Rev. Tinney.

The grief support group provides an opportunity for grieving people to meet with others who really do know how they feel, he said.

There is no agenda, just free and open discussion. Participants relate their experiences and feelings and offer suggestions.

Cornerstone holds youth camp

Over 160 teens from Cornerstone Fellowship Church of Mathews ascended on Christchurch School for their annual youth summer camp. The theme was "XTREME 2006-Livin' Beyond The Norm."

Youth Pastor William Deagle said "the purpose of the camp was to introduce young people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and for them to find God's plan and purpose in their life."

Pastor Blaine Bartel was among the speakers. He founded Thrive Communications, an organization dedicated to serving those who shape the local church.

Bartel was the founding youth pastor and one of the key strategists in the creation of Oneighty, which has become one of the most emulated youth ministries in the past decade reaching over 1,500 students weekly under his leadership. A recognized authority on the topics of youth ministry and successful parenting, Bartel is a best-selling author with 12 books published in 4 languages, and is the creator of Thrive, one of the most listened to youth ministry development systems in the country selling more than 100,000 audio tapes and CDs worldwide.

Other speakers included pastor Dean Hawk. He has been a youth minister for 23 years and is the founder and president of Dean Hawk Ministries and founder of H20 Youth Source, a curriculum designed to quench the spiritual thirst of today's youth.

Hawk feels that creativity is the key to his successful ministry. He says the most effective way to minister to a teenager is to tap into the creative power of God.

"The teens enjoyed fantastic relevant praise and worship and inspired speakers who spoke into their lives purpose and meaning," said Deagle. "The youth also had times of recreation from tube riding behind jet skis, rock wall climbing plus many other XTREME activities."

For more information on youth activities at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, call 725-9145, or e-mail mail@gocfc.com.

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In Loving Memory of
Christopher Lee Dawson
on your 18th birthday
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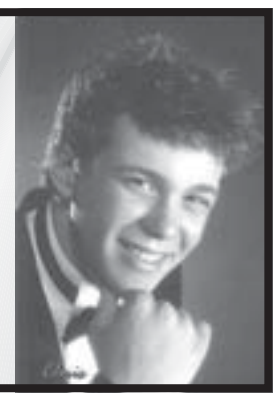
Aunt Dottie, Uncle Bill, Brandy and Chris



Mt. Olive revival set

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church will hold its annual summer revival August 13 to 18. The August 13 11 a.m. service with the Rev. Dwight E. Seawood will be accompanied by the Mt. Olive Men's Chorus. Lunch will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall.

The revival service begins at 3:30 p.m. with guest Pastor John Edward Nickens of Bethel Baptist Church of Franktown on the Eastern Shore. He will be accompanied by his church congregation and musical groups. Nickens is the son of the late Rev. J.J. and Fannie Nickens of Kilmarnock.

August 14 to 18 the revival services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with prayer and praise. The revival will begin at 8 p.m. with guest minister Mike Jones of Village of Faith Ministries of Varina. Music will be provided nightly by local gospel musicians and groups.

A simple thank you is not enough to express gratitude to all of our friends, neighbors and family who supported and prayed for me during the passing of our beloved "Sam." There were so many cards, flowers, food, monetary gifts and countless visits that have been a great comfort to me. I pray that God will richly bless each of you.
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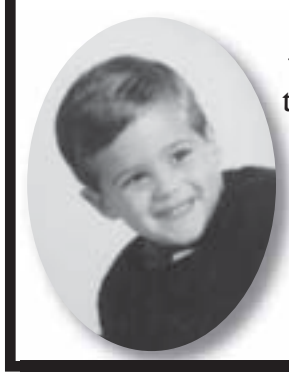

Happy18th Birthday
to our beloved son and angel
Christopher Lee Dawson
8/6/88 — 8/27/05
We love and miss you.
Mama and Dad

In Memoriam

Time may heal my broken heart. Time may make the wounds less sore.

But time will never heal my love for you.

Your loving wife, Mary

Buddy Brill
Dec. 30, 1929 - Aug. 3, 2005

Mission team returns

The student ministries of Coan Baptist Church in Heathsville and Irvington Baptist Church have returned from their third summer mission trip to east Tennessee. The groups formed the CBIB Summer Mission Team. Each day they held day camps in the Townsend area. In the evenings they returned to provide family entertainment with a Christ centered message. Over 146 campers attended the day camps throughout the week. The day camps are sponsored by the Chilhowee Association of Baptist Churches, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Above is the CBIB Summer Mission Team with Bob and Barb Hurst, owners of Mountaineer Campground in Townsend.

Gov. Linwood Holton talked with the children at the Sharon Baptist Church day camp.

Day camp held at Sharon Baptist

Sharon Baptist Church in Weems held a summer day camp July 17 to 21.

On Monday the campers and staff visited the Reedville Fishermen's Museum display at the Lancaster Community Library. They did t-shirt paintings with a real fish. Chef Combo and Mary Ann Harris made lime apple splashes. Each child had a "taste passport" to score their snacks.

On Tuesday, Lancaster County Fourth District supervisor Jack Russell had breakfast with the children and spoke encouraging words. Cheryl Rice made strawberry trifle. The children then visited Christ Church where they saw a film and took a tour. They participated in hands-on activities including brick making, taking gravestone rubbings and writing with quill pens.

On Wednesday, former Gov. Linwood Holton came for breakfast and talked with the children. Catherine Kenner made "dirt cups" for snacks. Led by pastor Rodney Waller, Mary Ann Harris and Joan Rice, some children visited Hickory Hollow Nature trail. Others took the option of watching a movie with popcorn and candy.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed the YMCA indoor pool.

On Friday, Chef Comb made fruit kabobs and Pat Thompson made delicacies. A pizza party was held at Pizza Hut in Kilmarnock.

Bible Tic Tac Toe winners were Damitri Robinson, Calvin Henderson, Anthony Wilson, Allesia Muschette, Kelvonna Clayton and Brooks Muschette. They received Pizza Hut coupons. The McDonald's coupon winners were Carli Henderson, Dominique Taylor, Alexus Robinson and Ranisha Johnson.

The mothers of the day camp staff were Joan Rice, Diana Carter, Mary Ann Harris, Catherine Kenner, Ora Fisher, Brooke Fisher, Sunacia Taylor, Ashley Jones, Deja Jenkins and Latrisa Fisher.

The sponsors were Keith and Geraldine Avery, Lloyd and Eleanor Hill, Ora and Arnold Fisher, Jack Russell, Sandra Smyre and Mary Jane Crockett.

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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, August 6:
10 a.m., Worship Service
Tuesday, August 8:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Northern Neck Religious Society & Friends (Quakers)
Alice & Dave Hershier 804-453-7062
Sunday, August 6
11 a.m., Discussion
12 noon, Social Fellowship

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, August 6:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 3:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday, August 5:
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, August 6:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, August 10:
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, August 5:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, August 9:
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, August 6:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
473 Timberneck Rd. Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
Sunday, August 6:
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, August 6:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, August 11:
7 p.m., Bible Study

White Stone Church of the Nazarene
57 Whisk Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
Sunday, August 6:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
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Homecoming and revival are set at Sharon Baptist

Sharon Baptist Church in Weems will hold its annual homecoming and revival Sunday, August 6, to Friday, August 11, with the theme, "Being in one accord through unified prayer and praise."

On August 6, the Power Hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Morning worship at 11 a.m. will be led by Pamela Laws Light with music by the SBC Unity Choir directed by Keith Avery, Dorothy Noel and drummer Michael Thompson.

The service will be followed by a luncheon and social hour at 1:15 p.m. A DVD, "A Rich Legacy of Memories," will be shown.

At 3 p.m., a concert featuring Keith Avery, Faith Waddy and Cornell Conaway will be presented. The evening service will begin at 3:30 p.m. led by Sandra Gaskins-Smyre. F. Todd Gray, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church and former pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Wicomico Church, will be the guest evangelist. The Crusade Choir of First Baptist Church in Heathsville will provide music. Sunacia and Shamerah Taylor will perform a praise dance to "unity."

The revival evangelist for the rest of the week will be the Rev. Stephen Pugh of Richmond. Worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Choirs of area churches will perform.

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Vacation Bible school helps Louisiana church

The recent vacation Bible school at Claybrook Baptist Church in Weems raised $1,698 to help Port Sulphur Baptist Church in Port Sulphur, La., which was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Church services there are being held in a tent, which also serves as a distribution center for food and water for residents.

Some 90 youth and adult leaders attended each of the five nights of the Claybrook VBS. The theme was "Treasure Cove." Attendees received clues where a treasure was buried when they visited classes on music, Bible stories, crafts and the snack shack. Dinner was served nightly. The clues were put together at the closing assembly and the hidden gem was found.

An offering to help the Port Sulphur church was collected each night. The event ended Friday with a cookout, games and a hayride.

From left, Troy Allen, Payton Wilmer, Hannah Wilmer, Harris Clarke and Olivia Brocklebank sing and play instruments at the Claybrook vacation Bible school.

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Outboard engine mechanic passes on expertise at RCC

Grid Michal will teach a course in outboard engine repair for RCC's Fall 2006 semester.

A lifetime of experience with boat engines has given Grid Michal uncommon proficiency in the diagnosis and treatment of his floating "patients."

Michal teaches small outboard engine service as an adjunct instructor at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. The self-styled "Motor Doctor" began learning these techniques at age 10 in his father's business, Tidewater Marine of Kilmarnock, and over the last half-century has developed them to an exact science.

"When I teach, I keep two things in mind," said Michal.

The first is a "what's wrong with this picture?" approach. Looking for the element that doesn't fit when considering the problem as a whole, he says, can lead to some stunningly obvious insights.

His second principle is based on the classic Sherlock Holmes precept: after eliminating the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

"If nothing else is left, then you know what the problem is," he said. When his students follow these guidelines to an "Aha!" of discovery and triumph, he regards it as the crowning point of his teaching career.

"I now realize that this is the best place in the world," said Michal about the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula; but just after graduating from high school his most urgent desire was to leave the area. He spent a number of years traveling the country on behalf of the Hertz Corporation, providing customer-service training for his brainchild, the Hertz #1 Club, which, according to the company website, has attained the status of an international symbol for fast service.

But the lure of home was too strong to be resisted, and in the mid-1990s he returned to Kilmarnock to take over the family business, later converting it to the Motor Doctor's mobile operation.

"I could go anywhere, any time, to fix your boat," he said.

For the last few years, he has worked for Brown's Marine in Deltaville.

It was also in the 1990s that Michal began his connection with RCC. The English and history classes he took there, coupled with the influence of his mother, an English teacher and the first woman copywriter to work for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, gave him the motivation to start writing. His first column was submitted experimentally to In-Fisherman Magazine, "and they published it!" This led to further columns in other publications, including Sea Magazine and Go Boating.

When the Tidewater Marine Trade Association suggested a class in boat-engine repair, he volunteered to teach it. His next move was to make contact with RCC's Workforce and Community Development Center in order to get the class under way.

"My experience with editors proved to me that the worst they could do was to say 'No,' " he said.

Since then Michal taught an abbreviated course in Summer 2005, as well as one covering a full semester in Fall 2005, and will begin another semester course in August 2006.

"I love the teaching," said Michal. "But at the first class, I was terrified. Public speaking is not my forte. But by the second class, everyone had relaxed, and it was great."

Some of his students have planned to seek employment in small-engine repair, but many of them merely want to be able to repair their own boats. "They'll never have to call anyone for help again," said Michal.

Marissa Coates

Marissa Coates named finalist in pre-teen Virginia program

Marissa Coates, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haynie and Mr. and Mrs. James Coates Jr. of Lancaster has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Virginia Scholarship and Recognition Program September 15-17 at the Clarion Hotel in Williamsburg.

Pre-Teen Virginia is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies ages 7 to 12 based on their academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State finalists will be evaluated on academic achievement; volunteer service to community; school honors and activities; development of personal skills and abilities; general knowledgeability; communicative ability and on-stage acknowledgment of accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Virginia will award more than $5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Coates is grateful to the following sponsors who have enabled her to participate: Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harmon of Frankfort, Ky.; Software Sales Careers of White Stone; Burkes Inc. of Kilmarnock; Mr. and Mrs. William Pennell Jr. of Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Jr. of Kilmarnock; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Loudy of Kilmarnock; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ransone of Irvington; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Middleton of White Stone; Lively Drug Co. of Lively; Mr. and Mrs. William Sigler of Kilmarnock; and Rev. and Mrs. William Ricketts of Emporia.

The Pre-Teen America Program, founded in 1990, offers wholesome family activity. The National Headquarters for the Pre-Teen America Scholarship and Recognition program is in Baton Rouge, La. Patricia Daniel is the founder and national director.

The National Charity affiliate of the Pre-Teen America Program is the Shriners Children's Hospitals. The Pre-Teen America Program has donated more than $325,000 since 1990 to the Shriners Children's Hospitals, as well as to other previous national charity affiliates. If interested in recommending a participant or applying for a future Pre-Teen America program, visit www.preteenamerica.com, email info@preteenamerica.com, or submit the young lady's name, address, age, birth date and G.P.A. to the Pre-Teen America National Headquarters, P.O. Box 14328, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Children's vision test should be part of back-to-school preparations

With back-to-school planning already in full swing for parents and children, one important item must be added to the checklist—a vision screening or an eye exam.

Problems with vision can have a profoundly negative impact on a child's learning ability. And, a vision screening or eye exam may be the only way to detect a lifelong, vision-threatening condition known as amblyopia.

According to the National Eye Institute, amblyopia is the most common cause of visual impairment in childhood. Amblyopia occurs when the brain and the eye are not working together effectively. As the brain develops and receives diminished images from the affected eye, it begins to suppress those images and favor the unaffected eye. If this condition persists, the weaker eye may become useless.

"The most frightening aspect of amblyopia is that your child may have it and not even know it," said Tim Gresham, president and chief executive officer of Prevent Blindness Virginia. "The child grows up believing that how they see is how everyone else sees."

In an effort to help save children's vision, Prevent Blindness Virginia, along with Prevent Blindness America, has declared August as Children's Eye Health and Safety Month and has developed two resources to help parents and children learn about, and effectively manage, amblyopia.

The Children and Eye Problems Web Discussion Forum allows parents the opportunity to discuss all subjects related to amblyopia (and other eye conditions). Topics range from general information on amblyopia and its treatment, to shared experiences and emotional support.

The Eye Patch Club is a program geared towards children with amblyopia and their families. Wearing a patch over the unaffected eye for extended periods of time is a common form of treatment, but not one that is generally met with enthusiasm from kids.

The Eye Patch Club program is designed to encourage the children to wear their patches as prescribed by their doctor. Among other materials, members of the club receive their own special calendar and stickers.

The stickers are placed on the calendar for each day the child wears his or her patch. Once the calendar is complete, the child may send it into Prevent Blindness America to receive a special prize. The Eye Patch Club kit may be purchased for $12.95. Proceeds will go to Prevent Blindness Virginia's sight-saving programs, which include free vision screenings.

For more information on amblyopia, other children's vision issues, the Children and Eye Problems Web Discussion Forum, or to sign up for The Eye Patch Club, call Prevent Blindness Virginia at 888-790-2020, or visit www.pbv.org.

Band practice to begin

The Lancaster High School Red Devil Band will begin summer band practices August 14 for all freshmen band members, the flag team and majorettes from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Freshmen students who have signed up for band as a class must attend summer band practice and be a member of the LHS Marching Band.

The entire band will have practice during the weeks of August 21 and 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The band's first performances will be in Lively for the Upper Lancaster Firemen's parade September 2 and at the first home football game September 15. Students will get a schedule of performances and competitions at summer practice.

Band members must purchase uniform t-shirts which will be used during all early performances and throughout the year.

This year's band promises to be one of the biggest and best in LHS history. Members are encouraged to get their horns cleaned and their embouchures in shape.

Band members and parents may call Robbie Spiers at 462-0697, 462-5177, or at 435-6580 if you have questions or concerns.

Lancaster schools to hold registration

Lancaster Primary School and Lancaster Middle School registration for the 2006-07 school year will be held Wednesday, August 9, from 7 a.m. until noon and on Thursday, August 10, from noon until 7 p.m.

Homeroom assignments and other school information will be available. Registration will begin in the lobby at each school.

Open house for Lancaster Primary School will be held August 29. Pre-school open house begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by kindergarten open house at 6 p.m.; first grade at 6:30 p.m.; second grade at 7 p.m.; and third grade at 7:30 p.m. Students and parents will begin in the cafeteria where they will meet the teachers and then visit the classrooms.

Open house at Lancaster Middle School is scheduled August 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. Fourth-grade orientation will be held in the auditorium from 6 to 7 p.m.

Bullock attends forum at CNU

The Virginia Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) recently announced the 2006 YLF Student Delegates.

Twenty-five high school juniors and seniors attended this year's Youth Leadership Forum, held at Christopher Newport University in Newport News from July 10 through July 14.

The forum's goal is to help students learn about the principles of leadership, how to become effective leaders, choose careers, and build self-confidence. The 2006 YLF Delegates are all highly motivated and talented young adults.

Ibraheem Bullock represented Lancaster at the forum.

The Woman's Club of Lancaster County scholarship recipients are, from left, Gary Wardlaw, Roxann Francis, Timothy Blake, Courtney Carter and Keyondria Fredeick.

Club awards five scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to five Lancaster County High School graduates by the Woman's Club of Lancaster County. Anne Hanchey, chairman of the club's education department, introduced the recipients who were guests at the club's annual picnic in June. They are Gary Wardlaw, Roxann Francis, Timothy Blake, Courtney Carter and Keyondria Frederick.

The club's members thank those who participate in their monthly and annual fund-raising game luncheons, the bridge lessons, and the bi-monthly duplicate bridge sessions. Money from these sources enables the club to award scholarships and meet other needs in the community.

The club will meet September 13 for a potluck luncheon and lay plans for the next year's activities and goals. To participate, call Donna Berger at 462-0495.

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EMT class pursues field training exercise

On Saturday, July 22, the Montross Volunteer Rescue Squad (MVRS) and the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) helped Rappahannock Community College's Emergency Medical Services faculty, Suzanne Tolson and Terrence McGregor, stage a training exercise for the Summer 2006 class of emergency medical technician students.

A mock-up of a two-car collision gave them practice in extrication and emergency treatment techniques.

A MVRS ambulance transported students Paula Eash, Nick Greene, Kevin Beatle, Tom Jarvis, and John Pitts to the Baynesville Road site in Westmoreland County where the WVFD had set up the mock collision. After WVFD member Gerald Wilkins explained the use of the rescue equipment, and allowed the students to try it out, he and EMS program director Tolson briefed the two volunteer "victims" (student John Pitts and community member Jeff Jones) and got them into position for the class to practice the techniques of vehicle extrication.

The call was announced to the students, who divided into two crews, each with an attendant in charge, and quickly located their designated patients to begin extrication and treatment. Due to the severity of the "injuries" diagnosed in one of the patients, his assigned crew requested transportation from Aircare Medivac in Fredericksburg; a helicopter landed at the scene within 20 minutes of the call. Both crews had their patients ready to be moved when it arrived, and the one more critically "injured" was loaded into the helicopter while the other was transported by ground ambulance.

Community member Jeff Jones (right), representing a victim in an EMT class exercise, receives treatment from RCC student Kevin Beatle.

At the end of the extrication exercise, the students remained at the site for additional training from the helicopter's flight crew. They then returned to MVRS headquarters, where they received further information on trauma scales, landing zones, and factors to consider in deciding whether to call for air transport.

Students working for their EMT-Basic qualification at RCC load a patient into an Aircare Medivac helicopter as part of a class exercise.

Virginia school wins national environmental education contest

High school students from across the U.S. and Canada convened July 23 through 28 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to participate in North America's largest high school environmental education competition. Participants learned about environmental issues affecting natural resources as they competed for awards in the 2006 Canon Envirothon.

The 19th annual gathering of high school students interested in gaining a better understanding of conservation was held at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Fifty-two teams, 44 from the U.S. and eight from Canada, involving more than 250 students, competed in the 2006 Canon Envirothon for a share of the $75,000 in college scholarships and prizes.

Organized through the National Association of Conservation Districts in the U.S. and The Canadian Forestry Associations, the competition tests teams on knowledge of soils/land use, forestry, aquatic ecology, wildlife and this year's current issue of water stewardship in a changing climate.

The Virginia Team, Fort Defiance High School, represented the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District. Team members are Kate Abshire, Ryan Bugas, Ali Fitzgerald, Whitney Hawkins and Bob Michaels. Team coaches are Brent Hull and Eric Stogdale. Team sponsors are the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Manufacturers Association Outreach Group, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund and Philip Morris.

The team won the Canon Environthon national competition. Each member was awarded a $5,000 college scholarship.

The Canon Envirothon is the culmination of a series of competitions that began during the past school year and involved more than 500,000 teenagers throughout North America. In written tests and oral presentations, five member teams from schools and organizations competed for the distinction of representing their state or province at the Canon Envirothon.

Each team's knowledge is tested under the supervision of foresters, soil scientists, wildlife specialists and other natural resource professionals. Teamwork, problem solving and oral presentation skills are evaluated as each team offers a panel of judges an oral presentation containing recommendations for solving an environmental challenge that will be presented during the competition.

This is the 11th year Virginia has participated in the Envirothon Program. For three years straight, the Virginia team has placed in the top five overall teams at the event.

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District thanked sponsors, teachers, students, volunteers and judges for making the event such a huge success.

For information on starting an Envirothon team at a high school through 4-H, FFA, Ecology Club or home school group, contact the local soil and water conservation district or the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 804- 559-0324, or dana.roberts@vascd.org.

Fork Union Military Academy affirmed by NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has affirmed that grades, graduation and core courses from Fork Union Military Academy will continue to be used in the NCAA initial eligibility process for student athletes entering college on athletic scholarships.

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McKinney receives state award

Beth D. McKinney of Caret was honored June 27 by the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia as the 2006 Outstanding Industry Person of the Year.

The award was presented at the group's convention and trade fair, June 25 to 27, at the Hilton in Virginia Beach. Some 420 independent insurance agency personnel attended.

The award recognizes an individual's excellence in customer service and professional conduct, and his or her contributions to the insurance industry and the recipient's community.

Employed as agency development director for Northern Neck Insurance Company of Irvington since 1998, McKinney's career spans some 20 years as an insurance agent, marketing representative and company development director in Virginia.

The recipient of Allstate Insurance Company's Business Professional of the Year Award in 1997, McKinney earned Northern Neck Insurance Company's Employee of the Year Award in 2002, and the Outstanding Company Person of the Year Award from the Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia in 2005.

She is also active in the Special Olympics Committee and the membership committee of the association.

Dr. Ransone elected president-elect of academy

Sterling N. Ransone Jr., M.D., F.A.A.F.P. of Deltaville, was elected president-elect of the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians during an annual scientific assembly July 20-23 in Virginia Beach.

Dr. Ransone, who has previously served on the board of directors and as first vice-president, will assume the office of president during the association's annual meeting in August 2007. During his year as president-elect, Dr. Ransone will also serve on the executive committee.

Dr. Ransone has practiced medicine in Deltaville since 1995, after finishing a year as chief resident at Riverside Family Medicine Residency Program in Newport News. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Family Medicine and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Ransone is the president of the Mid-Tidewater Medical Society, and is the First District Director for the Medical Society of Virginia.

He previously served the Commonwealth as member and vice-chairman of the Virginia Voluntary Formulary and as a county medical examiner. He also has been active as medical director for the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad and Hospice Support Services of Middlesex. He is a team physician for the Middlesex High School football team, and also volunteers his services at the Gloucester/Mathews and Northern Neck Free clinics.

Dr. Ransone is married to Dr. Karen Ransone, a pediatrician at Fishing Bay Family Practice who also represents the First Congressional District on the Virginia Board of Medicine. They have three children, Elizabeth, 10, Katherine, 8, and Sterling III (Scooter), 6. He is the son of Charlotte and the late Dr. Sterling Ransone of Mathews.

Gallery displays Jett's photography

The photography of Starke Jett of Reedville is regularly on display at the Studio Gallery on Main Street in Kilmarnock and currently in one of its windows.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary, Jett studied photography at the Rhode Island School of Design and the Brooks Institute of Photographic Arts and Science in Santa Barbara, Calif.

He has been a staff photographer for newspapers in Santa Barbara, Richmond and Charlottesville. In 1991-92, in association with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, he worked on a project documenting the watermen of the Northern Neck.

Jett manages a photography studio for portraits and commercial work. The studio also serves as a gallery for local artists.

He does freelance editorial work for magazines such as Chesapeake Bay, Wooden Boat and Soundings, and other publications. He has been published in England's Classic Boating magazine.

Starke Jett

He is co-author of The Chesapeake Book of the Dead, a work documenting bay graveyards published by John Hopkins University Press.

For Jett, photography is about capturing the moment. "My motto is, 'Fleeting moments are future memories,'" he said.

For him, photography also has a mystical quality. The camera captures births, marriages and the most important moments of our lives. The photo history of the family is one of the items people most seek to save from disasters. He calls such albums "the fabric of our past."

"God has given me some talent for this art and if I do my job to the best of my ability, sometimes he passes along something that I can only say is miraculous. It is my responsibility to use my skill for the benefit of others, not just myself."

Jett's work has been widely exhibited. He has won awards for excellence from the Virginia Press Association and the Virginia News Photographer's Association, and a gold medal from the International Regional Magazine Association for a feature on the Chesapeake Bay log canoes.

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Gwynn's Island restaurant makes the Best of the Bay

The Seabreeze, a family-owned restaurant in Gwynn's Island in Mathews County, has been included on the list of best family restaurants in Chesapeake Bay Magazine's Best of the Bay 2006.

Specializing in fresh, local seafood, the Seabreeze was selected by the magazine's readers as the fifth best restaurant for family dining on the bay. The Seabreeze has been among the best of the bay choices for the past six years, steadily moving up the top 10 list of honorees.

Owned by Ralph and Mary Valdrighi, the Seabreeze opened in 1979. The waterfront building overlooking Milford Haven suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Isabel in 2003 and has undergone major renovations. Although its interior design has changed, the restaurant still offers family-friendly dining.

The Seabreeze serves breakfast, lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and is open for breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The restaurant does not serve alcohol.

Other local restaurants on the best family restaurant list include Horn Harbor House Restaurant in Burgess and the Crazy Crab in Reedville.

Tommy's in Reedville made the best romantic restaurant list.

Crazy Crab also made the best restaurant for crab cakes list.

Virginia Farm Bureau endorses '25X'25' vision

The state's largest agricultural orgnization on July 26 officially endorsed the "25X'25" initiative, a vision shared by ag organizations nationwide as well as the Big Three automakers.

The vision is that, by the year 2025, America's farms, forests and ranches will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the U.S. while continuing to produce safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fiber. A group of volunteer farm leaders first envisioned the goal, and it quickly gained the support of a broad cross section of the agriculture and forestry communities. 25X'25 is supported financially by the Energy Future Coalition, a nonpartisan public policy initiative funded by foundations.

Tracee Bentley, a spokeswoman for the coalition, sought Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's endorsement while addressing the organization's board of directors about the program.

"Our steering committee picked 20 priority states out," Bentley said. "Those 20 states were chosen for many different reasons: their political climate, ag leadership at the national and state levels, and then their resources available. Virginia is one of those priority states because of the presence of ag you have here."

Bently told the Farm Bureau board that the 25X'25 goal was gathering support from business, labor, conservation, environmental and religious groups and is building significant momentum with state policy makers. It has garnered the support of seven U.S. governors and four state legislators. DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors also have voiced support. Bentley also pointed out that U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia who chairs the House Agriculture committee, is chief co-sponsor of the initiative in the House.

"Our project is very ag-oriented," she said, "and everybody else can endorse all day long, but until you have some major ag organizations (on board) it's not going to come together."

Bentley noted that achieving the 25X'25 vision will have a wide range of benefits, including reducing America's dependence on foreign oil; creating new jobs in manufacturing and in rural areas; bringing new technologies to market; saving consumers money; and reducing smog.

"We can produce 70 billion gallons of ethanol—about 25 percent of our projected gasoline use in 2025—from farm and forest resources, including many waste materials," she said.

In endorsing 25X'25, board member Paul Anderson of Frederick County noted that, while the cost-effectiveness of bio-based fuels has been questioned, ancillary benefits are overlooked.

"I am baffled at how much we hear about what's cost-effective and what is not," Anderson said. "Yet people fail to mention what we will save in terms of environmental costs and health costs."

More information on the 25X'25 vision can be found at www.25x25.org.

Christiansen attends conference

Ross Christiansen, owner of Ross's Rings and Things in Kilmarnock, recently attended a series of educational seminars, workshops and courses at the Independent Jewelers Organization's Fall Buying and Seminar Conference in Reno, Nev.

Ross Christiansen

Christiansen also previewed the lines of more than 150 top manufacturers and jewelry designers who exhibited their merchandise, some of which is exclusive to Master IJO Jeweler members and is not available from any other stores in this area.

Christiansen then selected many items for the fall season that are sure to delight customers.

"Attending the IJO Conference gives us a competitive edge over our competition by keeping us up to date with what is currently going on in our industry" said Christiansen.

IJO is an international buying group and educational organization of independent retail jewelers with almost 900 members worldwide. Its group buying power enables members to offer customers high-quality jewelry and loose diamonds at tremendous savings, while maintaining the reliability and integrity of an independent retail jeweler.

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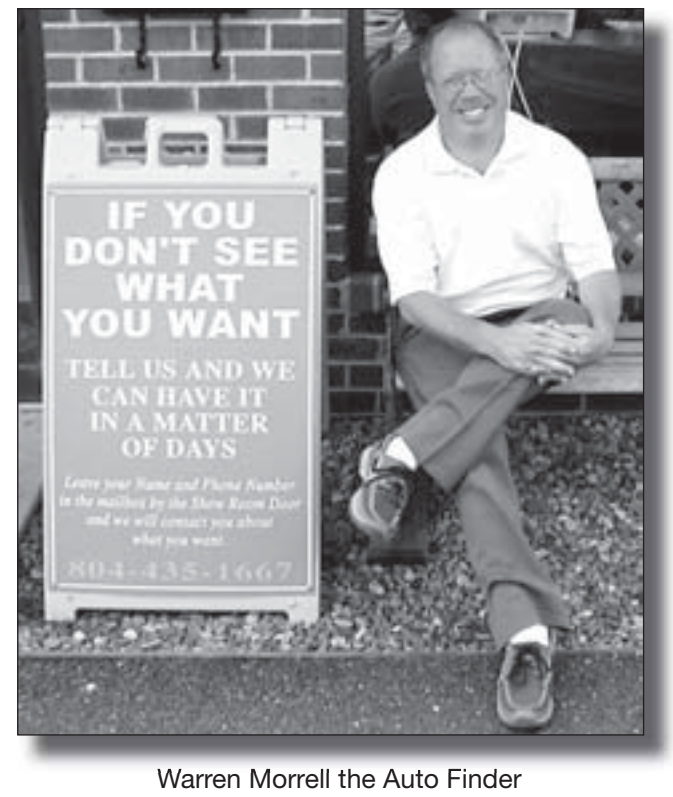

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Johnson joins real estate office

Frank A. Johnson of Deltaville recently joined the Chesapeake Bay Office of Frank Hardy Inc., Realtors as a full time associate broker. He is a licensed real estate broker in Virginia and North Carolina.

Johnson most recently was a senior analyst for E. L. Hamm & Associates Inc., a management and engineering consulting firm in Virginia Beach, as well as principal broker of E. L. Hamm Real Estate, a wholly owned subsidiary. Locally, Johnson previously owned The Galley Restaurant in Deltaville.

He received a bachelor's from the University of Virginia and a master's in Business administration from the College of William and Mary. He began his real estate career over 27 years ago in Charlottesville with HasBrouck and Graham Realtors, and his experience includes residential real estate sales and finance, property management, and the financing and syndication of multi-family and commercial properties.

Frank A. Johnson

Johnson is the past president of The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, the past president of the Middle Peninsula Board of Realtors, past vice chairman of the Middlesex County Industrial Development Authority and served as a member of the Middlesex Public Schools Vocational Advisory Board. Johnson is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Association of Realtors and the Northern Neck Board of Realtors. He is a member of the Hampton Roads Realtor Association, Virginia Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

Johnson said he is excited about working with his wife, Elizabeth, the managing broker and owner of the Chesapeake Bay office of Frank Hardy Inc., Realtors.

"Elizabeth and I share a commitment to excellence in representing sellers and buyers in our area," said Johnson.

Johnson said he is looking forward to representing Frank Hardy, Inc. The company was founded over 30 years ago in Charlottesville and specializes in country, estate and waterfront properties through most of Virginia.

Johnson will represent the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and looks forward to working with the many friends and neighbors he has grown to know as a business owner in the area.

Jane Ludwig

Bay Meadows announces expansion

Jane Ludwig, principal broker of Bay Meadows Real Estate, announced last Monday that Bay Meadows has firmed up plans to add a new office in Kilmarnock.

The new office will be housed in a building under construction and owned by Donahue Properties across from Chesapeake Bank at North Main and First streets.

"This is a key location and will help our expanding business. Al Ludwig, currently Bay Meadows' managing broker, will be the broker in charge in the new office with the White Stone office continuing as it has for the past 17 years," Ludwig reported. "We plan to be open before Labor Day, but no definite date has been set."

NHS graduate distills premium vodka

When one thinks of distilled spirits, most people normally think of Kentucky and Tennessee. Better yet, they might think of the flashy packaging that contains standby import brands. Regardless, most wouldn't think of Virginia as home to one of the new premium brand vodkas in the U.S. and the world.

Two years ago when entrepreneur Paul McCann, a 1976 graduate of Northumberland High School, began development of his super-premium brand vodka, he never thought he would be the one distilling it either.

While having martinis with his friend (and now partner Chris Kardian), McCann was observing the selection of vodkas behind the bar when he looked at Kardian and asked, " Why is it that all of the premium brand vodkas are imported?"

With the fire lit, he began doing research on what premium American vodka brands were available. What he found was that there were only a handful of brands being produced and even fewer that were made from potatoes.

Additional research indicated also that people were increasingly gravitating to distilled spirits as their choice of drink, especially vodka. To capitalize on this growing trend of premium vodka drinkers, in 2004 McCann formed The Parched Group LLC, owners of Cirrus brand. He explained they came up with a company name that drew attention but was not offensive or derogatory, "it just made sense, especially if we were going to be a distilled spirits manufacturer. Regarding the product, my brother Ray came up with the name. What we found was that when cirrus clouds are present, good weather almost always follows. Having a name that reflected clarity and distinction was a name that we felt we wanted to have associated with our product,"said McCann.

In August 2004, development of his new super-premium triple-distilled Cirrus Vodka began in the downtown Richmond commercial district. Fourteen months later Cirrus Vodka had been awarded two silver medals in international competition for the vodka spirit and a bronze for the tastefully designed packaging.

Nonetheless, that was not good enough, he said. To be competitive with the big boys, they needed to do more. After some tweaking, in March of 2006 he re-entered the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. It is one of the largest spirits competitions to date in the U.S.

"I am blessed that we have been able to design a 'triple' distillation process that yields a high quality and ultra-smooth vodka," said McCann.

Hence, the best tasters in the world have described Cirrus Vodka as wonderfully full-bodied, slightly sweet, and with a creamy vodka flavor, "highly recommended."

In June, Cirrus Vodka rolled into selected Virginia ABC stores.

According to McCann, sales have been brisk and the response by folks that have tasted the product has been beyond expectations. The response has been so good that over 60 hotels, bars, and restaurants, some of which include The Tobacco Company, Havana 59, Can Can, Bottega's, Sine', Cabo's, PF Chang's, Julep's, Patina Grill, Shula's 2 and Fleming's have taken on the product in the first two weeks of distribution so they could make it available to their customers.

"The reason I went into the spirits business was about creative expression, love of the culinary, and 'great vodka.' I always knew that I wanted to be a manufacturer, but never thought it would be distilled spirits. I am just pleased to be able to do it right here in Virginia," said McCann.

Three public economic development/workforce meetings remain in state

Three regional public meetings remain as part of an effort to develop the Governor's Economic Development and Workforce Development Strategic Plans.

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Patrick O. Gottschalk and senior advisor for workforce Daniel G. LeBlanc will host these special sessions with business leaders, educators, economic developers, community activists, and concerned citizens across the Commonwealth.

Each of the meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will feature special sessions devoted to workforce and economic development topics. Remaining meetings include July 31 at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research at 150 Slayton Avenue in Danville; August 1 at John Tyler Community College, Chester Campus, at 13101 Jefferson Davis Highway in Chester. The meeting will be held in the Nicholas Student Center, room N102B; and August 2 at Norfolk State University at 700 Park Avenue in Norfolk. The meeting will be held in the L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center.

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Business Briefs

■ **Cooking for crowds**

Virginia Cooperative Extension and Three Rivers Health District will offer a "Cooking for Crowds" workshop August 25 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the AT Johnson Human Services building in Montross.

The class is for non-profit, volunteer-run groups that prepare food to be served or sold to the public. The fee is $20. To pre-register, call the Lancaster Extension office at 462-5780 by August 21.

■ **Drafting a plan**

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a Business Plan Workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. August 15 and 16 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Pre-registration is required. A $40 fee is due by August 11. To register, call 333-0286 or 800-524-8915.

The workshop will cover the development of a narrative and financial forecasting portions of a business plan.

■ **Stroke screening**

Life Line Screening will be at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive near White Stone August 31. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. For an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287.

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HOLLY RITTENHOUSE JOINS RIVER TOWNE

Holly Rittenhouse, a veteran in Northumberland Real Estate, has joined River Towne Properties and will work out of the firm's Reedville-Burgess office.

Sandra Hargett and Beverly Schultz, River Towne's owners, pointed out that "Holly's background in serving her clients in real estate together with her strong ties to the community via family and friends, should serve her well as she continues her career with our firm. River Towne is more than pleased to have her as part of our Reedville-Burgess office."

Holly lives in Reedville. She has two daughters - Mary Frances and Virginia.

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Clean cities to hold biodiesel workshops for state farmers

Virginia Clean Cities will sponsor three workshops to increase awareness of bio-diesel as a viable alternative fuel for farmers throughout the state.

The one-day workshops will cover the basics of bio-diesel use and production; why it is important to switch to cleaner, domestic and more environmentally friendly fuels; safe usage and production; and case study experiences with making and using bio-diesel.

The first workshops will be August 9 at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Holland.

Andrew Smith, senior assistant director of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, and Del. Robert J. Wittman will discuss bio-diesel legislation. Other speakers will include members of the alternative fuels lab at James Madison University and a panel of farmers who make their own biodiesel.

"We are excited about the opportunity to educate more people, particularly farmers, about producing and using biodiesel," Smith said. "We hope this is just the beginning of a greater use of biofuels."

The second workshop is tentatively scheduled for December in Prince George County. The third is scheduled for late fall or early winter at Virginia Tech.

The registration fee for the workshops is $10. To register, visit www.hrccc.org/biodiesel.html, or call 757-357-7004, ext. 6, or 757-547-7172, ext. 3

Deadline extended for completing EQIP practices

Farmers now have until September 1 to complete projects requiring energy cost assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The original deadline was June 30.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. It offers financial and technical assistance to participants who implement structural or management practices on agricultural land.

The one-time payment adjustment is available to farmers and ranchers who signed EQIP contracts in 2004 or earlier, with projects completed between March 1 and September 1. Projects must be completed before payments can be made. A 15 percent payment increase is available for specific practices that increased in price 20 percent or more due to rising energy costs or higher prices for construction materials, including steel, concrete and plastic pipe.

Nature photographers to open exhibit August 6

Nature photographers Sam Schaen and Marilyn Gaizband of Annandale will exhibit their award-winning photography during August at Bay Country Studios, 577 Rappahannock Drive, in White Stone.

The exhibit will open with a joint reception at the studio and White Stone Wine & Cheese August 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit, "Feathers & Fur," will feature photographs of animals in their natural habitat taken on travels the couple has made throughout the United States and abroad, with trips to the Galapagos and Falkland Islands, and Kenya.

Gaizband creates visual patterns using digitally engineered composites. Schaen prefers straight photography, attempting to capture animal behavior in a natural setting.

Gaizband's interest in photography began at age 30 when she was given her first 35mm camera. She studied at the Corcoran School of Art, specializing in black and white photography. She developed a method for using infrared film to produce images that looked like impressionistic pointillism. Her work has appeared in fine-art photography shows. One of her works received honorable mention in the 2005 Nature's Best Photography Contest and was published in the magazine.

Schaen became serious about photography after meeting Gaizband in 1983. His initial subjects were architecture, landscapes and people. Both photographers have been members of the Northern Virginia Photographic Society since 2003, of which Schaen is president.

They became interested in birding on a trip to Maine five years ago. Their interest grew and extended to other animals. They shoot with digital cameras.

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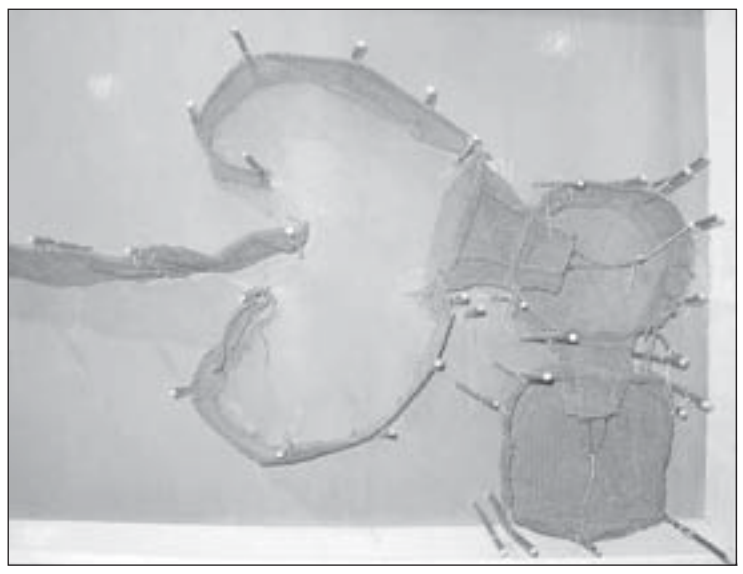
Pound net fishermen continue bay tradition

Photos and story by Audrey Thomasson

Capt. John Smith recorded the earliest form of local pound net fishing in his log books detailing the life of Indians of the Chesapeake Bay region in the 1600s. Back then, the method was known as weir fishing and consisted of thousands of poles driven deep into river bottoms in side-by-side fashion to corral and trap fish. Little has changed in the 400 years since. Midway through the 1800s, nets were introduced by New England fishermen along with more elaborate corralling methods. Today's pound net fishermen have not strayed far from those methods. It was a hard life then and continues to be a hard life today.

Ever wonder what the poles and nets are doing in the middle of the bay? It is a fisherman's trap for catching schools of fish. Each morning at sunrise, he will be out there emptying the pocket of thousands of pounds of fish.



A pound net is made up of a 900-foot leader (left) that directs schools of fish into the heart shaped 'false pound.' From there, they funnel into the 'main pound' and then into the 'pocket' where they are collected each morning by the pound netter.

Emory Haynie and Leslie Hudnall pull up the bottom net to force the fish to the surface of the pocket.

Peale Rogers uses a five-bushel net to scoop fish from the pocket into the hull of the Glenna Fay.

Members of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum bring the museum boat alongside the Glenna Fay to get a first-hand look at pound net fishing. A young boy holds up a live fish from the catch.

The sun has not yet broken over the horizon of the Chesapeake Bay as the wooden boat glides across the water, dragging a smaller wooden skiff behind it. As the world sleeps, only the chugging of an old faithful engine breaks the serenity of the hour. It is 5 a.m.

Standing in the hull of the Glenna Fay, Walter 'Peale' Rogers easily steers the 40-foot Chesapeake Bay deadrise by tiller. He is headed on a course deep into the bay. It is a trip he and his three-man crew take six days a week.

Rogers is a fourth generation pound net fisherman. His earliest recollections of fishing are going out with his father a few times when he was about five years old. At the age of 12 he became a regular part of the summer crew.

"On particularly windy days, I could get sea-sick from the choppy waters," he says over the vibrating hum of the engine. "Because my dad kept the boat at our home dock, it was the worst feeling in the world to wake up to the sound of that boat leaving on those mornings without me."

At 14, he and his younger brother, Frederick Rogers, started their own pound net operation in the summers until he could buy his first car at 16. He then spent summers working on the menhaden boats.

His father, Ray, wanted more for him than the hard life of a fisherman, so Rogers went off to Randolph-Macon College. He earned a degree in economics and then promptly returned to the fishing industry. The day after graduation he and his brother drove down to Louisiana to work on menhaden boats. They returned a few years later, and he fixed up his father's moth-balled boat and began his career as a pound netter. At 42, Rogers is considerably younger than his 57-year-old boat.

With all the laws and regulations imposed on the fishing industry in recent years, he jokes that maybe he should have majored in psychology instead.

The fisherman's best catch is his wife, Martha, a third-grade school teacher at Chesapeake Academy. Married 16 years, Martha supports his passion for the work, encouraging him if he gets down when the catch is bad or the weather sets him back, and reminding him of the better days and the things he loves about it.

The couple lives in Reedville with their two children. While daughter Elizabeth, 12, makes the occasional early morning trip with dad, son Reese, 10, goes out once a week.

"It's great to be back home in the morning sometimes before my kids are up out of bed," Roger says.

As the black night begins to slip away, a structure of poles and nets is barely visible on the horizon. Rogers guides the boat straight for it.

The structure is made up of fishing nets hung from pine poles that are wedged deep in the bottom of the bay forming a straight fence against the current, called a leader. About 900 feet long, the leader directs schools of fish into the main structure set at the deep end of the leader where the poles and net form a series of three connected compounds or 'pounds,'which is the basis for the name, 'pound net fishing.'

Each pound serves to corral the fish and funnel them from pound to pound until they reach the smallest, called a pocket, and are trapped inside.

Rogers guides the boat up to the pocket. Silently, the team begins working, tying the Glenna Fay onto one of the poles while Rogers jumps into the wooden skiff. He opens a corner of the pocket by releasing the net. Then pulling on a guide rope tied to the structure, he drags the skiff inside the pocket. Two of the crew, Leslie Hudnall and Northumberland high school student Emory Haynie, jump into the skiff with Rogers. The three put their bodies into the back-breaking task of pulling up the bottom net of the pocket, bringing thousands of trapped fish to the surface.

The nets are filled to the gills with menhaden but also contain blue crabs, spot, striped bass, flounder and many other species, including skates. Earlier in the season, the nets will contain fewer menhaden and more of the edible fish.

Once the fish are gathered together, Rogers begins scooping them up with a large bale net and dropping them into the hull of the Glenna Fay while Hudnall and Haynie continue to pull the net up.

Ned Reese, a retired computer expert and Martha's uncle, is on the Glenna Fay checking and measuring the edible fish and tossing back into the bay anything that falls short of regulation size. Once the pocket is emptied, Rogers and his crew close up the nets and return to the main boat. Since the catch from this pound net did not fill the hull of the boat, the crew heads for another of Rogers' four locations in another part of the bay.

As the boat chugs across the water, they separate the edible fish and crabs into containers and ice them down. All the other fish are left in the open hall and the skate are tossed back into the bay, "to live another day," says Hudnall.

Along the way, the Glenna Fay has suddenly become the most popular spot on the bay as a trail of seagulls and osprey fly above. A few daring birds take a dip into the skiff for anything that may have fallen behind.

After visiting the other pounds, the boat is full and Rogers heads for Reedville and docks at the processing plant. A giant vacuum sucks the menhaden from the hull and carries them to a conveyor belt. While Hudnall oversees the process on the boat, Rogers and Haynie work the conveyor belt. Joined by Rogers' dad, they separate out the small fish which are packed in boxes and used for chum by recreational fishermen. The larger ones go into bushel baskets and then into a blast-freezer until frozen solid. They will be shipped out as crab bait to commercial fishermen in the Carolinas and Louisiana and for lobster bait in the northeast.

Martha drops by with a cup of coffee for her husband and to check on how his day is going.

Once the menhaden processing is complete, Rogers' takes his boat over to the wholesale dock where he sells most his edible fish to a wholesaler who ships them to restaurants and fish markets in the Carolinas and Baltimore, Maryland. He holds out a few to sell to local residents who have been buying from him for years.

It is 10:15 a.m. when he sells the last of his fish.

But the pound net fisherman's work does not end with the sale of his catch. Throughout the season he will clean and repair his boat and make repairs to the pounds. During summer months the pounds become damaged by recreational boaters who may not notice them at night or understand their purpose.

Over the years, storms and hurricanes have wiped out much of the industry. According to records, a 1933 hurricane nearly wiped out the pound net fishing industry completely. It came back over the years and peaked on the Chesapeake Bay in the mid '50s with between 2,000 to 3,000 pounds.

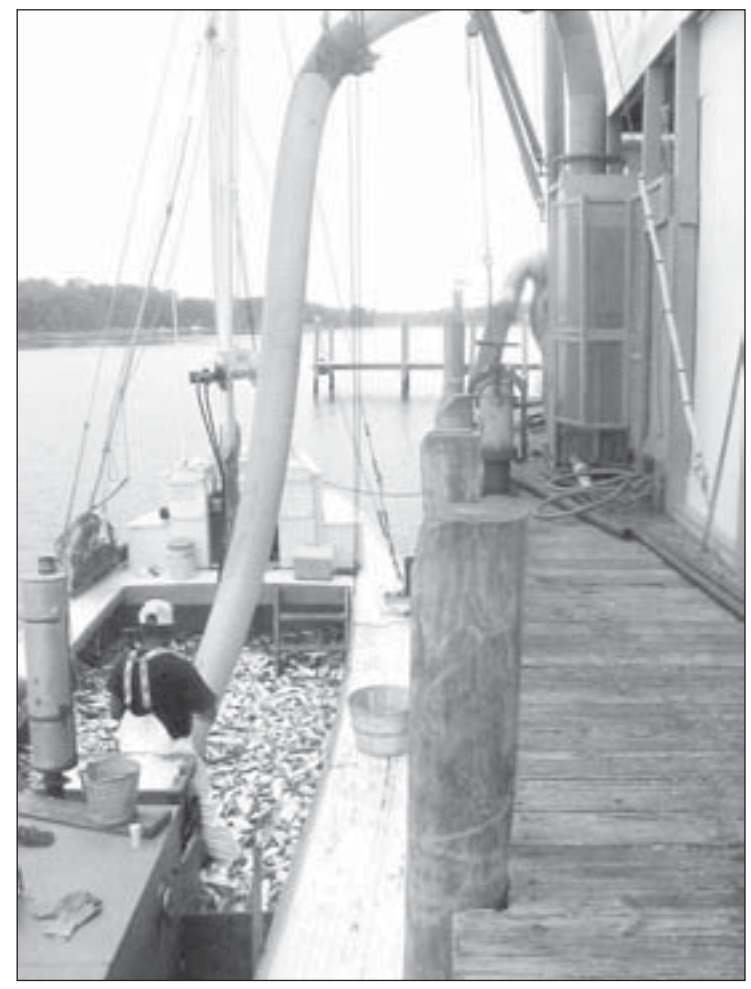
Today, there are only 50 to 60 active pounds being fished in Virginia. Rogers is among only three full-time pound net fishermen in Reedville and three others who mix pound net with crabbing.

Pound net fishing is a dying industry not only because of all the regulations placed on the fishing industry, but because of the rising cost of materials while wholesale prices have changed very little over the past 20 years. Many pound netters have dropped out because it is so labor intensive all year.

The winter months contain the toughest work of all. They are spent repairing pounds, replacing poles and damaged nets or constructing new pounds that may have been wiped out by a hurricane or boaters. Rogers works sunup to sundown, 12 to 14 hour days, from October to March.

Harvesting poles begins in October by locating tall pine trees that the pound netter must then purchase, chop down into 35-foot lengths, strip of branches, and sharpen one end to a point so that it can be pile driven into the sea bed. It is hard going with all the work done by hand.

Approximately 200 trees are used to construct one pound and each spring at least a third of the old poles must be replaced. Some years Rogers has to restore an entire pound.



Leslie Hudnall oversees a vacuum hose which sucks the fish out of the hull and onto a conveyor belt in the processing plant in Reedville.

Emory Haynie and Peale Rogers sort out the smaller fish from the larger menhaden.

The large menhaden come off the conveyor belt and go into bushel baskets to be flash-frozen and then shipped out as bait for commercial crabbers and lobster fishermen.

Area residents sort through the edible fish.

The hand-sewn nets are bought in bulk and rigged by hand to each fisherman's specifications. Made of nylon, the massive netting is dipped in troughs filled with copper paint to protect them from marine growth. After being coated into a deep red color, the nets are stretched out flat for drying. At 20 feet deep and 1,000 feet in length for each pound net, Rogers' nets take up an area equivalent to three football fields. Each is weighted with chains along the bottom edge to keep them on the sea bottom.

Once all the poles and nets are ready, they must be hauled to the dock and loaded onto the Glenna Fay for transporting out into the bay. Each pole is pile-driven five feet into the sea bottom and then the nets are hung and lashed to poles.

The nets are removed at the end of each season, around the first of November, and go back up in March in time for the next season. And then it all begins again.

For Rogers, inspiration and support come from his wife.

Martha says she would not have him do anything else. "I love his choice of careers because that's what he enjoys doing. It was in his grandfather's blood, it was in his father's blood, and it is in his blood. He loves it."

And that's what matters most.

Boxes of small menhaden will be sold as chum to recreational fishermen.

Truck catches fire

At approximately 8:05 a.m. on Monday, July 24, a farm dump truck caught fire at the intersection at Brown's Store Market. The Northumberland County Sheriff's Department and Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department responded. The fire was put out some 30 minutes later. (Photo by Nikki Broughton)

▼ *Police . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

An Old Salem Road man, 33, was charged July 27 with contempt of court.

A Burgess man, 35, was charged July 27 with domestic assault and battery and curse and abuse.

Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton reported charges were brought against 27 individuals July 14-30.

Kevin Bullis, 30, of Weems was charged July 17 with failure to appear in the General District Court on a felony bad check charge.

Michael Deshawn Thomas, 24, of Fredericksburg was charged July 18 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine as well as a misdemeanor charge of distribution of marijuana.

Jerry Stull of Kinsale, 38, was charged July 21 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Kenneth A. Kerst of Madison, Wis., 58, was charged July 24 with a felony count of driving under the influence of alcohol - fourth offense within 10 years.

Heather Collins of King William, 22, was charged July 24 with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

Damon Johnson of Temple Hills, Md., 30, was charged July 26 with entering a Callao business in the nighttime with intent to commit larceny, unauthorized use of a vehicle, and grand larceny of 19 firearms in connection with a break-in at R.W. Sporting Shop on October 9, 2005. Johnson also was charged on a Westmoreland County misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear in the General District Court.

Tobias P. Rojas of Heathsville, 22, was charged July 29 with felony eluding, and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving.

Lamanuel Veney of Heathsville, 33, was charged July 29 with malicious wounding.

Orathai Brandt of Heathsville, 47, was charged July 30 with entering a dwelling at night with the intent to commit larceny and a misdemeanor charge of trespassing.

A Heathsville juvenile, 15, was charged July 14 with possession of marijuana.

A Heathsville juvenile, 12, was charged July 14 with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

A Heathsville juvenile, 11, was charged July 14 with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

A Wicomico Church man, 22, was charged July 18 with possession of marijuana, third offense driving suspended and trespassing.

A Heathsville man, 41, was charged July 19 on a Richmond County warrant with writing a bad check for $45 to a Haynesville area business.

A Heathsville woman, 27, was charged July 19 with writing a bad check for $9.44 to a Callao area business.

A Heathsville man, 51, was charged July 21 on Essex County and Caroline County warrants with failure to appear in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

A Reedville man and a Burgess man were charged July 21 with having dogs with no tags.

A Lancaster juvenile, 16, was charged July 23 with two counts of carrying a concealed weapon and failure to stop for police.

A Heathsville man, 18, was charged July 23 with reckless driving.

A Lancaster man, 18, was charged July 23 with assault and battery of a family member.

A Browns Store man, 42, was charged July 24 with a probation violation and aggressive driving.

A Kilmarnock woman, 28, was charged July 23 with trespassing.

A Heathsville juvenile, 17, was charged July 26 with petit larceny.

A Heathsville juvenile, 15, was charged July 26 with a felony probation violation.

A Heathsville man was charged July 26 with abandonment of an animal and no rabies vaccination or dog tags for the animal.

A 35-year-old Burgess man was charged July 27 with assault and battery of a family or household member and telephone harassment.

A Heathsville man, 32, was charged July 29 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

LANCASTER COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS
UP TO $1000 REWARD

Law enforcement officials are seeking assistance on three wanted persons.

Matilda Regina Baker, 35, is wanted for fail to comply with a court order. She is described as a black female with black hair and brown eyes. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. Her last known address was 2939 Madeir Court, Woodbridge, and before that it was 406 Melmark Court, Richmond, Va.

Jennifer L. George, 26, is wanted for 12 counts of bad checks. She is described as a white female, 26, with brown hair and blue eyes. She is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. She has tattoos on her back, right hand, shoulder, left foot and hand. Her last known address was 111 Rose Lane, White Stone.

Joyce D. Jones, 30, is wanted for a bad check. She is described as a black female with black hair and brown eyes. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds. Her last known address was 121 Conway Lane in Wicomico Church.

Report information about Matilda Baker, Jennifer George, or Joyce Jones to the Lancaster Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Calls are not recorded. Callers do not have to give their names and will not be asked to appear in court. Information could lead to a reward up to $1,000.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Between May 24 and May 25, unknown person(s) entered a residence in the Sunnybank area near Reedville and cash was taken from a bedroom closet.

Between April 28 and May 2, unkown person(s) stole alminum concrete forms from a business near Wicomico Church.

Anyone with information on these crimes or any other crime in Northumberland County is asked to call 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.

▼ *Habitat . . . .*

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Habitat is so serious about helping them do just that, they have enlisted the help of Paula Owens, a mortgage lending specialist at Chesapeake Bank.

"A bad credit report is an instant stop on a loan application," said Owens. "It's amazing how many people have not been taught how to keep good credit and how important it is."

Owens has been working with several families to clean up their credit and get them on the road to home ownership. The process can take anywhere between four months to two years or more depending on the amount of debt.

One woman in the program has spent over two years correcting her credit. "She has worked very hard and is nearly there," she said.

The payoff is participating in the planning and building of an $85,000 house that meets the owner's specifications and with only half the loan to be paid back at no interest financing.

Habitat houses are built with no profit added and no interest charged. Building materials are financed by a revolving fund, with monthly mortgage payments from completed houses paying for the materials to build future Habitat homes. Additional funding comes from donations, no-interest loans provided by supporters and fund-raising activities.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a small down payment and monthly mortgage fees of $250 to $500, homeowners are required to invest 300 hours of their time in building their home and helping with another.

To qualify, consumers from the ages of 18 to 60-plus must demonstrate they will be responsible home owners. Old debts must be satisfied, they must be three years out of bankruptcy, have saved enough to make a $1,000 to $2,500 down payment, and have a small reserve for emergencies.

"We have access to grants that could allow us to build 10 Habitat houses a year," said Seawood. "All we need are qualified families."

For more information on Habitat for Humanity, call 435-3461. Anyone interested in credit counseling and help in fixing their credit report may call Paula Owens at Chesapeake Bank, 435-1181.

▼ *Guest houses . . . .*

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the first residence built on the lot, the next one would be considered "an accessory structure" and therefore could not be larger than the proposed 900 square-foot maximum.

Many speakers cited the situation of a property owner building a small weekend residence as the first structure on a property which therefore becomes the "principal structure" by county definition—and then wanting to build a larger dwelling later.

However, the county considers all additional structures "accessories."

"From a zoning point of view, an accessory structure is an accessory structure, is an accessory structure," said land use/planning director Jack Larson.

Architect Sam Nuckols questioned why there would be a maximum size on a guest house if there are no size limitations on any other structures in the various zoning categories, except some commercial buildings.

Nuckols argued that a guest house offers "architectural versatility" to the property owner.

Supervisor Beauchamp, who is also a Realtor, warned that a result of adopting the new definition would be more property subdividing to meet the requirements.

In one of the few light moments of the intense debate, realtor G.C. Dawson pointed out to the supervisors, "More square footage is more taxes." He was opposed to the proposed definition because of the size limitation.

Realtor Jill Anderson raised a new concern as she voiced her opposition to the proposal's no-rental intent.

"We need more affordable houses for teachers" and nurses and other needed workers who are not in a position to buy a home at the current high housing market.

"We have hundreds of families that rent spots to teachers, state troopers, and even physicians," added Beauchamp.

Another citizen observed that renting out facilities on a property can bring in needed income for those on a limited budget.

In related business, the revised definition for a private boat pier was unanimously passed by the supervisors.

Gov. Kaine appoints Laqueur to VCA board

Maria Laqueur

RICHMOND—Gov. Tim Kaine recently appointed three new members to the board of the Virginia Commission for the Arts for five-year terms. The commission is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Maria Laqueur of Weems was one of the new members appointed. Laqueur is vice president/presenters with the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts. In this position she is responsible for engaging and executing the programs for the foundation's annual performing arts series, "On Stage." In addition, she is involved in some of the programming of local school and local showcase concert events. She also has served on the performing arts touring advisory panel of the commission.

Since moving to the Northern Neck in 1996, Laqueur has enjoyed becoming active in the community, she said. She has served on the Lancaster Community Library board in Kilmarnock with two years as president; seven years on the Hospice Regatta Board in Warsaw, where she was recognized recently with the 2006 Spirit of Hospice award, and as a trustee of Yankee Point Yacht Club.

Her professional career spans nearly 30 years, primarily in management positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Prior to moving to the Northern Neck, she worked as executive director of the Association of Part Time Professionals, as the U.S. marketing director of Bemrose UK Ltd. and in various positions at the Library of Congress.

Other interests include traveling, music and art, reading, being with family and friends, and most of all, living with her husband, Jerry Hamm, in Weems, said Laqueur.

Also appointed were Nicholas J. Covatta Jr. of Accomac, chairman of Atlantis Investors, which controls equipment sales/leasing/rental companies in Virginia and Maryland, and Vaughan Webb of Rocky Mount, assistant director of the Blue Ridge Institute of Ferrum College.

The new members replace E.A. McMath, Gary Grant and Roddy Moore, whose terms ended June 30.

▼ *Menhaden cap . . . .* *(continued from page B1)*

tal groups such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Coastal Conservation Association, also joined Gov. Kaine at the announcement and endorsed the plan.

"Today I stood with Gov. Kaine as he announced the Virginia proposal to the Atlantic States Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) for resolving the menhaden catch limit issue. This proposal is a milestone in the realm of fishery management decisions involving menhaden. Omega Protein, the sport fishing community, the environmental community and other Atlantic coast states fisheries managers have all come together in agreement on this proposal for the Atlantic States Fisheries Commission," said Del. Rob Wittman.

"It is my sincere hope that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will adopt this proposal in lieu of the proposal from the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board. I believe that this proposal ensures the long term sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay menhaden population and is in the best interest of Omega Protein, the sport fishing community and the Chesapeake Bay. I intend to introduce legislation for the Virginia General Assembly to adopt these measures as soon as I am able and I will work with the House and Senate leadership to ensure that this happens," said Del. Wittman.

VMRC authorizes 40-foot extension for existing pier

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission last week approved a pier extension for Mr. and Mrs. Rob Boswell on Kingscote Creek in Northumberland County.

The Boswells requested authorization to construct a 70-foot-long by 6-foot-wide extension to an existing 90-foot-long private, non-commercial timber pier.

However, following a related hearing last week the commission, by a 4-2 vote, approved a 40-foot extension which gets the pier to a maximum of 122 feet channelward of the mean low water mark.

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