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Rezoning the county a section at a time

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—Northumberland County begins the long-anticipated overhaul of its zoning code at the September 21 planning commission meeting. The document has not seen a major revision since 1974.

County staff distributed a draft of the updates to the board of supervisors and the commission in August. The draft document is also available on the county website and at the public library.

The public will be able to learn more about the proposed changes and to provide their comments at commission meetings.

Organized much like the recent comprehensive plan review, the zoning code update process will tackle a few chapters at a time, with volunteer Greg Haugan facilitating the overview and discussion. This time, however, each section will move directly from the commission to the board of supervisors the following month. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment at both levels, although the commission will spend more time with the discussion and comments.

The commission will begin with discussions on sign regulations, lighting and a highway corridor overlay. Proposed changes would limit the placement, height and appearance of signs. Regulations would be less restrictive in commercial areas, and signage regulations would apply to the new, revised zoning districts.

The changes would also require that all exterior lighting be shielded and limited in intensity, to be measured by the county's light meter.

The commission also will discuss a new highway corridor overlay district that would apply to all development up to 500 feet on each side of the centerline of Routes 360 and 200. The purpose of the overlay district is to protect these roads and facilitate safe access and traffic movement along them. The corridor includes landscaping and architectural guidelines.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the upstairs courtroom at 72 Monument Place. Comments may also be submitted in writing.

Reedville hosts weekend visitors

Reedville was bustling with activity inside and out last Saturday. Above, classic boats parade down Cockrell's Creek during the fourth annual antique and classic boat show sponsored by the Tidewater Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. Right, Neva Hart, demonstrates her quilt appraisal technique. She offered verbal and written appraisals at the museum. Members of the Antique Automobile Club of America also made an appearance. (Photos by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

VDOT official reports on Wal-Mart traffic study

by Audrey Thomasson

WHITE STONE—Virginia Department of Transportation resident administrator Sean Trapani appeared before the White Stone town council last week to explain the Wal-Mart traffic impact study. But all council got was more dissatisfaction.

"We asked Wal-Mart for an analysis of the entire Northern Neck," Trapani explained. "But we're limited on the analysis we can require a developer to do beyond the immediate site."

Trapani was responding to what council had called an inadequate and non-specific study by Wal-Mart's consulting firm. The firm based its analysis of the traffic impact on White Stone on proprietary information from similarly populated markets. The two-page report concluded that the store will not create a substantial increase in traffic across the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge and through the town of White Stone because the present number of vehicles crossing the bridge to use the Gloucester store is about the same as the number that will cross from Middlesex County to use a Kilmarnock store.

From left, Lloyd B. Hubbard was sworn in for a third term as mayor along with new council members Lee Ann Washington and Mac Davis while Randy Reeves began his seventh term on council.

"We're not against Wal-Mart and the additional retail stores and chain restaurants that usually follow," town manager Garey Conrad said after the meeting. While admitting the new businesses would create convenience, Conrad believes they would also generate a substantial increase in traffic through White Stone, making it unsafe to park on the street and frequent local shops.

"We're not just a flea on somebody's sleeve to be brushed off. We want a legitimate, professional study done that shows the impact specific to this town," he said. "And if it is as negative as we expect it to be, we can then go to the General Assembly to ask for emergency funding to alleviate any traffic problems it would pose."

Trapani also reported on the status of the Norris Bridge, saying the 50-year-old structure has maintenance problems including holes in the roadway and concrete damage on the underside.

"Structurally it's fine," he said, "but we still have problems left over from Isabel," the hurricane that struck the area

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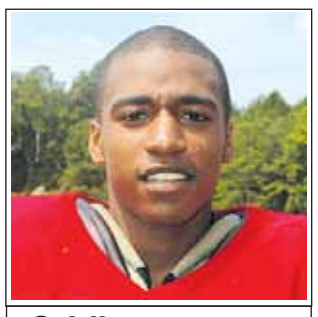

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County supervisors to grant towns three separate audiences

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster board of supervisors on Saturday, September 16, will hold separate, consecutive public meetings with the councils and managers of the three incorporated towns within the county.

The meetings will be held at Bay Trust Company at 1 North Main Street. It is recommended that the public enter off Church Street.

The Town of Kilmarnock will lead off at 8 a.m., with White Stone following at 9:30 a.m. and Irvington at 11 a.m.

Board agenda items will include the aftermath of Tropical Depression Ernesto and a consideration of bids for the 2006 tax anticipation note.

Irvington council session to open with oath, hearing

IRVINGTON—The oath of office ceremony for newly elected councilman Dr. Robert Westbrook, along with returning councilman William H. Evans III and vice-mayor Ralph D. Ransone, will lead off the Irvington town council meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight (September 14) at 235 Steamboat Road in Irvington.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on a request by Thomas and Jacquie Colligan for installation of a swimming pool at 122 Old Mill Road.

Re-grading of the grounds of the Town Commons comes before council for a second year in a row. Originally scheduled for November 2005, the project was delayed until contractors could repair a drainage ditch on the west side of the Commons near the Steamboat Era Museum. Closure of the grounds would again result in the cancellation of the popular Irvington Farmers' Market for the rest of the season.

Additionally, there will be discussions on proposed street lights along Chesapeake Drive, a request from the Village Improvement Association to install water lines in the Commons, the presentation of a preliminary sketch for the Graham subdivision near the Tides Inn and an update by town administrator Gil Unangst on the comprehensive plan.

Council is expected to go into a closed session to discuss applicants for the part-time position of town administrator. Unangst took the position last fall on a temporary basis.

Kilmarnock to discuss town center

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Mayor Curtis Smith reported that a proposed children's playground and new town center will be the focus of the Monday, September 18, town council meeting at 7 p.m. in Kilmarnock's town hall.

A citizens' playground committee led by Camille Bragg will report to council on its progress in obtaining neighborhood support for a playground/commons area. A possible location is behind Lee's restaurant on Waverly Avenue. Monday evening the committee met with council member Carmen Kilduff and Smith as well as representatives of the Kiwanis Club which pledged $5,000 in support.

Progress on development of a new town center will also be

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Old meets new in Northumberland County— This month, the Northumberland board of supervisors will consider extending a conditional use permit for the Northern Neck Farm Museum, which recently erected an antique windmill (left) at the future site of its facility. The board will also consider granting Gordon and Judy Burgess a permit for a modern windmill meant to generate electricity. A prototype (right) stands behind the county courthouse. (Photos by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Northumberland supervisors to address a variety of issues

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will hold seven public hearings when it meets tonight (September 14) at the courts building in Heathsville.

The board convenes at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse for reports from VDOT residency administrator Sean Trapani, superintendent of schools Clint Stables and county administrator Kenneth D. Eades. Charles Walsh of the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board will also address the board.

The public hearings begin at 7 p.m.

Forrest and Virginia Henry, owners, and Carol Lapasky are seeking a permit to operate a boarding kennel with six runs at 80 Jessie Dupont Memorial Highway.

Gordon and Judy Burgess have applied for a permit to erect a 70-foot wind turbine to generate electricity at 128 Chesapeake Beach Road.

The Northern Neck Farm Museum is seeking an extension of the special exceptions permit issued November 10, 2004, as well as a property tax exemption.

Greenleaf Land Management is seeking an exception to the Chesapeake Bay Act to construct a roadway through a portion of wetlands to access property off Dodlyt Road near Reynolds Corner.

Greenfield Harbor Subdivision near Burgess is requesting to be added to the list of areas within the county where it is prohibited for dogs to run at large.

The board will also consider allowing the use of golf carts on Potomac Drive, Presely Drive and within Potomac Bay Estates on Newmans Neck Road.

The public may also comment on a proposal to abandon the final 190 feet of Route 627.

George and Elizabeth Hayden have withdrawn their request to establish a 75-foot by 700-foot private air strip for an ultra light aircraft off Sunnybank Road and Sweet Hall Drive.

Sept. 14 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
The Wetlands Board for Lancaster County will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Board of Supervisors for Northumberland County will meet at 3:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville. Public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the courts building.
The Irvington Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the town office.
The Interfaith Service Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.
The Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Center in Lively.
American Legion Post 117 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the post home in Reedville.
No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.
The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building at 7990 Northumberland Highway near Heathsville.
Guitarist Robert Keyes will play at 7 p.m. at Cafe Mojo in Urbanna. 758-4141.
A Basic Coastal Navigation will begin at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Th course will be taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. $65. To enroll, call 435-2254.
The Mary Ball Washington Republican Women's Club will meet for a Dutch Treat luncheon at 1 p.m. at The Tavern at 73 Monument Place in Heathsville. The speakers will be Ryan Dunn, a district representative for Sen. George Allen, and Joe Schumacher, a top aide to Rep. Jo Ann Daivs. 580-4050.
The Potomac River Fisheries Commission will meet at 2 p.m. at the PRFC Building at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach.
A Great Take-Out Lunch to benefit WalkAmerica will be held at Willaby's in White Stone. Willaby's will donate a portion of the proceeds for take-out food to the local March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign. See the menu at www.willaby's.com or call 435-3669.
The Garden Club of the Northern Neck will meet at 11:45 a.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. Phil Reed will speak on the Northern Neck Land Conservancy.
The Five Wishes-A Cost Free Legal Living Will, is the first session in a Learning Series sponsored by the Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck. The session will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

15 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 5:45 p.m.
The Ray Pittman Project will play on the deck at Smokin' Joe's Barbecue in Kilmarnock from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

16 Saturday

A Bluegrass Show to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. The Dragon Run Bluegrass Band hosts the show. Donations are accepted. 725-3495.
The Fourth Annual Music Festival will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. at Locusville Plantation at 583 Slabtown Road in Ottoman. For directions, call 462-0002
Steve Keith will be featured at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale Marina in Kinsale. The show starts at 8 p.m.

16 Saturday

Uncle Jimmy's Birthday Bash will be featured at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.
Oldies Rock and Roll Night will be observed at Ingleside Plantation Vineyards at Oak Grove. Rock to the music of the '60s and '70s while enjoying award-winning wines from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner available. Reservations required. Dinner and music, $25; music only, $15.
A Coffee House will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Kekoka. Musicians will include Archers Meadow, Dave Bresett, Susan Johnson, Ben Estes, Gregg Shivers and Mark Favazza. $25. The Coffee House will benefit the Northern Neck Family YMCA Guardian Scholarship Program.
A Beef/Barbecue Festival will be held at the Urbanna firehouse. A silent auction will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m., food will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sweet Justice will play from 7 to 10 p.m. $14 adults, $6 ages 10 and under, $5 cover for band only after 8 p.m.
The Heathsville Farmers' Market begins at 9 a.m. at Hughlett's Tavern/Rice's Hotel in Heathsville.
A Skipjack Cruise aboard the Claud W. Somers departs the Reedville Fishermen's Museum dock at 10 a.m. $20 for museum members; $25 for others. 435-6529.
Star Wars III will be shown on an outdoor screen at Northern Neck Solutions Inc. at 72 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.
The Stepping Stones will host a square dance from 7:30 to 9:30p.m. at Freeshade Community Center in Syringa.
Come Home To Westmoreland, a cultural heritage festival will be held at Westmoreland State Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music, food, American Indian dancers, wine tastings, displays, crab races, art, children's activities will be featured.
The Ninth Annual Dance Extravaganza, sponsored by the Kilmarnock Museum, will be held at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $7.50 in advance, or $10 at the door. For tickets, call 435-2473, or 435-0874.
Kinsale Heritage Day will celebrate Kinsale's 300th birthday from 10 a.m. to after dark with fireworks, cultural displays, demonstrations, food, parade, concert, artists, artisans and traditional Chesapeake Bay crafts.
A Kid's Day America event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. The event promotes health, safety and environmental awareness. Children's activities, testing, prizes and information will be available.
The Genealogical Society of the Northern Neck of Virginia will meet at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church at 5940 White Chapel Road in Lancaster County. Social hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. Carolyn H. Jett will speak on Robert Carter of Nomini Hall.
Northern Neck Together mentor training will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 684 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. 435-8902.

17 Sunday

A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. by The Mid-County Rescue Squad Auxiliary at the squad building at 7590 Northumberland Highway east of Heathsville. $10 adults, $5 children ages 4 to 12, children under age 4 eat free. Menu includes beef, vegetables, desert and beverage.
The Constitution Of The United States will be showcased in a variety of patriotic activities at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County. At 2 p.m., Dr. Tim Conlan, professor of government and politics at George Mason University in Fairfax, will present "American Federalism: From the founding to the 21st Century."
Robert Keyes will be featured on guitar at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock, beginning at 11 a.m.

At the helm

Chuck Penrod, the newly elected 77th president of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary, conducts his first K-I-W-S Rotary meeting.

17 Sunday

The Annual Three Rivers Republican Rally will be held at 1:30 p.m. at The Beacon in Topping. Sen. George Allen, Rep. Jo Ann Davis, Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, Attorney Gen. Bob McDonnell, Del. Harvey Morgan and Del. Rob Wittman are scheduled to attend.
The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at T&T's in Burgess immediately following church services.

18 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.
The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:30 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
Flotilla 3-10 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao firehouse. 472-4387.
Open Mike night will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gables Coffee and Ice Cream Shop on Main Street in Reedville
The Kilmarnock Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the town office on North Main Street.
The Historical Society for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the G.C. Dawson administrative office in Kilmarnock. 435-6232.
The Northumberland Homemakers will meet at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville. 580-8613.
An Aging Lifestyles Program on nutrition and exercise for adults ages 50 and older will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lancaster senior center in Kilmarnock.
Wildlife Biologist Sandy Spencer will lead a Northern Neck Audubon Society bird walk at the Laurel Grove tract of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge on Farnham Creek. Participants will meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock to carpool to the site.

18 Monday

The Rappahannock Music Study Club will meet at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock at 11 a.m. Harpist Cynthy Johnson will be the guest.

19 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
The Lancaster Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.
The Corrotoman Senior Citizens group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Ruritan Center near Lively.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at 1 p.m. 462-0742.
Brunch with Bob, will be sponsored by The Kilmarnock Garden Club, at 1l a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Bob Henkel will present a floral design program at noon. $25. Purchase tickets in advance. Reservations required. 435-6897.
Adams Post 86 of the American Legion and the legion auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. at the post home on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock. 435-1588.
Come Dig With Us, a public archaeological exercise will begin at Christ Church and continue through September 21. $200 including field trip, $150 for two days of digging and lectures. Register in advance at 438-6855.
The Economic Development Commission for Northumberland County will meet at the courthouse in Heathsville at 7 p.m.

20 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meet at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529..
A Grief Support Group will meet at White Stone United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.

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CRANK (R) 7:35
CROSSOVER (PG13) 7:25
THE COVENANT (PG13) 7:30

Area Events

■ Newcomers group

The Newcomers Group will hold it's semi-annual meeting September 25 at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

This group provides an opportunity to meet and develop friendships with others who have moved into the area. For additional information, call 462-5901.

■ Fall Bazaar

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington will hold its 22nd annual Fall Bazaar September 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Farmhouse concert

Guitarist Stephen Bennett will perform "up close and personal" in the comfort of a small venue to a select audience September 23 at a Farmhouse Concert in Miskimon. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Beane.

Dessert and coffee will be served at intermission. There is a $15 donation per person. All proceeds go to the musician. To reserve a space, e-mail Farmhouseconcerts@hotmail.com, or call 804-761-0103 and leave a message. Advance reservations are required.

■ Free concert

Arts Alive Inc. will present a free concert with Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, a country folk blues acoustic duo, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the W.T. Robinson/Sture G. Olsson Civic Auditorium and Fine Arts Center in West Point. This concert is made possible by and is sponsored by Bowen and Johnson, PLLC.

A married couple from Ashland City, Tenn., Earle and Stuart produce warm, homespun music. Their songs are the diaries of their life. They tour year round standing on stages of all sizes from festivals, main stage, workshops, theaters, clubs, coffee shops, churches, barns, house concerts, live radio, in stores and more.

■ Car wash

The youth of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church will hold a car wash Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church parking lot on Church Street in Kilmarnock.

The car wash is part of a national pro-life event called "Wash For Life." All St. Francis de Sales CYO members and those considering joining may help at the car wash. To participate, call Ben or Lisa Stallings at 453-6910.

■ Coffee House

The Northern Neck Family YMCA will host a Coffee House at Camp Kekoka Saturday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. Featured musicians will include folk artists Archer's Meadow and local performers Dave Bresett, Susan Johnson, Ben Estes, Gregg Shivers and Mark Favazza. The fee is $25 and will benefit the YMCA's Guardian Scholarship Program. For information and tickets, call 435-0578.

■ Double booking

On Saturday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m., a music show consisting of bluegrass, country and gospel music will be held at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum. The show will feature Dragon Run Band and Honey Wind.

Admission is by donation. Food and drinks will be sold by the Civic League. For directions, call Richard or Diane Callis at 804-725-3495.

■ Arts Alive

Jane Franklin Dance, a dance company from Arlington, will open the 2006-07 Arts Alive Inc. Season Series September 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the W.T. Robinson/Sture G. Olsson Civic Auditorium in West Point.

Season ticket prices for the five-performance series are $90 adult, $75 senior (age 65 and older) and $25 for students. Call 804-843-3475. Single ticket performance prices for Jane Franklin Dance are $23 adult, $18 senior (age 65 and older) and $10 students.

■ Gregory to speak

Tom Gregory, president of Friends of Dragon Run (FODR), will be the speaker at the group's fall meeting Friday, September 22. Gregory will speak on the group's land preserves within the Dragon Run watershed. Elected as president in 2004, he is a resident of the Northern Neck.

The meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Gloucester. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call Leslie Bowie at 642-6507.

Upcoming

(continued from page A2)

20 Wednesday

Sandwich Bridge will be played at noon at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. $5. Call 462-0742 for reservations or to get on the waiting list.

A Fashion Show And Luncheon, sponsored by the Women of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, will be held at 11:30 a.m. at indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock. Call 580-4476.

The Chesapeake Bay Writers will hold their fall dinner meeting at Nick's Seafood and Steak House in Gloucester Point, beginning with a soical hour at 5 p.m. Virginia poet laureate Crolyn Kreiter-Foronda will speak.

An Art Jam And Open Mike will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sunrise Studio Gallery at 197 Whittaker Lane near Hughlett Point. 435-2880.

21 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.

Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.

The RFM Photographers meet at 2 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

The Planning Commission for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.

The Planning Commission for Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.

Guitarist Robert Keyes will play at 7 p.m. at Cafe Mojo in Urbanna. 758-4141.

No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.

21 Thursday

Free Square Dance Lessons will be given by The Stepping Stones from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Freeshade Community Center in Syringa,

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

As a youngster, my favorite American author was Nathaniel Hawthorne. He and Washington Irving were so quintessentially American, and for their times understood the American mind and its heritage and history. Last summer I wrote an item about our family visit to Concord, Mass., where we paid our respects at Hawthorne's grave at Authors' Ridge in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

There his remains lie in close proximity to those of Henry David Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Hawthorne was the lifelong friend of fellow New Englander, Franklin Pierce, about whom he wrote a biography to help with the election of 1852, which resulted in Pierce's election as president. Once in office, the new president appointed his friend U.S. Consul General in Liverpool, England. The Hawthorne family packed up and moved across the pond where they lived for four years.

When the Pierce presidency ended after one term, Hawthorne remained in England for awhile, then took his wife, Sophia, and children on a tour of the Continent. They particularly enjoyed Rome and other spots in Italy, then they returned to America. As the author's physical health seemed to be failing, his depression increased, which led former President Pierce to suggest that the two of them leave on a trip through northern New England.

Hawthorne bade good-by to his wife and daughters, his son being away at school, and he and Pierce set off. Shortly into the journey, one night Pierce woke up in his bedroom, which adjoined Hawthorne's, and went to check on him, only to find that the great writer had died in his sleep.

His body was brought back to Concord, the town in which he had settled after leaving Salem forever some years earlier, and a large funeral was held at the First Parish Unitarian Church, after which his funeral procession wound its way to the cemetery. Sophia grieved terribly, and decided to take her daughters and move back to England, where she died six years later, followed by her daughter, Una. They were buried in the noted London cemetery, Kensel Green.

The surviving daughter, Rose, a divorced young mother with a small son, returned to the United States and converted to Catholicism, after which she founded a convent of Dominican nuns whose mission was to care for terminally ill cancer patients. The order came to be known as the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, and had its headquarters in Hawthorne, N.Y. When Rose died, she was buried there in the convent's cemetery. At present, Rose is a candidate for canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church. For over a century, her order has maintained the graves of Sophia and Una Hawthorne at Kensel Green, but this year the cemetery notified the nuns that significant repairs should be undertaken to the graves.

The nuns decided to have the remains exhumed and brought to America to be buried with Nathanial Hawthorne and Rose's son who had died in early childhood. This past June, the modern casket containing both remains arrived in Concord, and a funeral took place at the First Parish Church, as it had for Nathaniel 142 years earlier. A procession, led by a 19-century hearse following the same route as the earlier one, took the remains to Sleepy Hollow, where they were interred next to him.

Our visit came six weeks later, the evidence of the fresh grave still apparent. The two small stones noting that Sophia and Una were buried in Kensel Green had not yet been modified to affirm the new reality, but the fresh flowers proclaimed that the Hawthornes were back together in death as they had been so closely in life.

The love between Sophia and Nathaniel, as well as that of both of them for their children, was profound, and now it speaks forth anew on the ridge of the cemetery where so much of the intellectual fiber of the American spirit speaks forth from the tombstones of our literary elite.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

On September 1, Tropical Storm Ernesto caused much unanticipated devastation in the Northern Neck. Throughout the following week localities across District 99 have been working with the governor's office, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to try to put things back in order.

Electric companies worked to restore power and local governments quickly informed the governor's office and provided as much information and assistance to affected citizens as they could. I am grateful to them for their hard work.

Now that electricity is restored and initial damage assessments have been filed, there is much work left to be done to clean up the destruction. On September 7, FEMA crews were traveling throughout the District assessing the damage. The next step was for the Commonwealth of Virginia to consider declaring the affected counties disaster areas to qualify them for federal assistance.

On September 8, Gov. Tim Kaine requested that President Bush declare a federal disaster in 25 Virginia localities. This would release assistance to the localities to cleanup public facilities. In District 99 these include Caroline, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Northumberland and Richmond counties.

The governor also requested individual assistance be provided to those suffering from damage in nine counties, including Lancaster, Northumberland and Richmond.

Gov. Kaine also announced that he has requested hazard mitigation assistance for all Virginia localities. The program helps local and state governments take action to reduce the effect of future disasters.

The federal government has yet to decide whether or not to grant the governor's request and provide assistance through FEMA. I have been informed by the governor's office that if this request is approved we should see relief as early as September 13.

I can be reached at 493-0508, or e-mail, robwittman@verizon.net.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the September 14, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen).

Lancaster courthouse

C. H. Dunaway and wife leave Friday for Richmond, where Mr. Dunaway will again be principal of the Richmond High School.

Ralph Chilton leaves shortly to enter Richmond College, where he will be a student this session.

Misses Genevieve and Grace Pinckard were visiting friends here on Sunday.

Miss Bessie Combs is quite sick at this writing.

Heathsville

The Messrs. Richardson, two prominent merchants of Cape Charles, Va., have rented from the I. E. Mumford Banking Co. three rooms for the purpose of opening an up-to-date gents' and youths' furnishing store. They will have employed a tailor for making and pressing clothes.

The High School building is fast being erected by Messrs. Headley, Foltz and Winstead, and will be finished in time for school to begin October 1st.

Wicomico Church

The post office here has been moved from Tignor's store to Snow's store.

James Harcum has built a new oyster house on the Great Wicomico River.

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

Letters to the Editor

Blessings on firemen

To The Editor:

God does send angels to us in time of need.

We thank the men of the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department for removing a tree from our yard after the recent storm. They are Todd Booth, Dan Sanders, Gary Hodges and our neighbor, George Cadmus. May God bless each of them.

William and Frances Saunders
White Stone

Community unity appreciated

To The Editor:

We thank the men and women that worked through Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Northumberland County was hit by this storm on Friday, September 1, with wind gusts reported at hurricane force strength and tides four to six feet above normal.

We are grateful and very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who worked long hours and so hard to keep the citizens of Northumberland safe. The Callao Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department, Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad, Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Northumberland Rescue Squad, Northumberland Sheriff's Department, Northumberland Chapter of American Red Cross, Extension Office, Northumberland County Employees, Virginia Department of Transportation, Northumberland School Cafeteria Staff, all played an important role to assist people during and after this event.

We can honestly say that these volunteers worked hard and deserve a sincere thank you. We also want to thank those who cooperated during and after this event and hope that another disaster does not happen again, but it is a comfort to know that the volunteers and employees are there for us in our time of need. We are fortunate to have a unified community that is willing to help others in disaster situations.

Ronald L. Jett,
emergency services director
Kenneth D. Eades,
emergency services coordinator
Northumberland County
Board of Supervisors

Doctors brave the elements

To The Editor:

Saturday, September 2, was a day to be long remembered in the Northern Neck. It was the aftermath of Ernesto's ravages when high winds and heavy rainfall had left their mark on our landscape. It was also the time that sick people living along roads blocked by fallen trees needed special attention.

I want to cite two physicians who responded to disaster needs far beyond the usual call to duty. Their names will remain anonymous. There may be others, of course, who have not come to my attention.

A doctor who serves our dialysis center was concerned over the large number of patients who needed renal dialysis on September 2 and who had been trapped by the storm. She took it upon herself to find those people one by one and bring them to the dialysis center for life-saving treatment. One patient needed hospitalization.

Another doctor in family practice was called to see a person at home who was ill. This physician drove to where the roads were impassable, parked his car, fastened his backpack, and walked a good half-mile over and under some 8 or 9 fallen trees to his patient's home. He diagnosed the man's problem as pneumonia. An antibiotic was needed so the doctor trudged back to his car and drove to a pharmacy. He returned to the patient's house and delivered the medication. On his way back, he decided to check other houses in the immediate area and even cut his way through one driveway with his small chain saw.

I think that those of us who live here are fortunate to have such compassionate doctors. We are blessed with the best that serve us so well.

George Moore MD
White Stone

Flag survives Ernesto, with help

To The Editor:

Some curse it, some spit on it, others burn it. Yet there are still those who love what it stands for. Millions over the years have fought and died to protect it, our loved ones and our nation. Then came hurricane Ernesto.

During the recent storm, our flag pole was blown over and the flag lay in the mud and debris on Route 3 at Rivers Landing Road. When the storm cleared, it caught my eye lying near the road but I did not pick it up immediately because I wanted to take pictures of the aftermath to show to my insurance agent. When I went back to pick it up it was gone, and my first thought was someone had stolen it.

To my surprise, two days later in the mail box I found the flag cleaned, pressed and folded. I would like to thank God for the individual he used to retrieve it and say God bless you and God bless America. It will be flying again soon.

James Thorsen
White Stone

Health care coverage does not meet needs

To The Editor:

I have been an employee of Lancaster County since 1985 and have been affected, as have most of the county's public safety and constitutional officers, by the board of supervisors' July 11 decision to award the county's health-care coverage to the Single Employer Trust.

How sad it is to realize that what has been, for years, a mutually respectful and cooperative relationship between the county administration and its employees is suddenly at risk. I have to wonder what has changed within the mindset of the county's administration to result in such a drastic deterioration of trust. I am deeply disappointed by the county's lack of response to the concerns voiced at the July 31 board of supervisors meeting. We have not had so much as even the courtesy of an acknowledgment of our distress. We are shocked by Pete Geilich's response to the press in the article published in last week's paper.

Mr. Geilich was quoted as saying that the multi-million-dollar salary of the CEO of the county's former health care provider was "obscene." No one argues that many salaries in today's economy are way out of line. I believe that what is truly obscene is the county administration's apparent disregard and lack of concern for persons who have, for years, been on the front lines keeping the peace, maintaining order and public safety, assuring the welfare of children, disabled and the elderly, and prosecuting criminals who prey upon the law-abiding citizens. Many of the employees affected by this change are on call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies and risk their safety and lives to protect Lancaster County citizens. The board of supervisors has made it perfectly clear how much they value, or don't value, those who provide essential services to county residents.

The truth is that the action of the board of supervisors has not controlled the cost of medical care or county taxes as Geilich would have us believe. The action of the board of supervisors has not reduced the income of the CEO of Coventry Health Care by a dime. The actions of the board of supervisors has resulted in county employees being unable to afford to use the inadequate county insurance plan due to the up-front, out-of-pocket expenses and high deductibles.

Simply put, as a direct result of the actions of the board of supervisors, county employees have been financially forced out of accessing needed medical care.

Do county citizens realize that as a result of the action of the board of supervisors a deputy is unable to afford medicine prescribed by his physician because the insurance does not cover it? Do they realize that the spouse of another county employee will not be able to afford to undergo the physical therapy ordered by his physician, that another employee is unable to afford the MRI she needs, and that yet another employee needs to see a retina specialist due to hemorrhages in her eyes, with blindness a real possibility if she does not receive regular ocular exams, yet insurance does not cover any of these needs?

It is obscene that the burden of the cost of health care for county public servants has been shifted to those who can least afford it.

Dawn Mahaffey
Lancaster

Job well done

To The Editor:

Ernesto battered the Merry Point area severely.

It was an unexpected pleasure to call the local office of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and find a human being answering the telephone, not only answering but being very pleasant and saying that help would be on the way soon. Indeed it was.

During the height of the storm, three VDOT trucks arrived and removed four large trees which had blocked Route 611 South (West Point Road). Soon a local resident arrived at my house to say that more trees were laying across the road.

Once more I called VDOT and they said that they would have them removed within the hour. And so it was.

Ammon G. Dunton Jr.
Lancaster

Missing man's family thanks community, Coast Guard

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Keener family, I would like to thank everyone who supported us during the events of September 1. During the height of Tropical Storm Ernesto, my father, Ronald Keene of Weems, was swept away by the currents of the Rappahannock River.

Ernesto packed more of a punch than anyone, including my father, expected. The storm swells caused the water to rise so high and so rapidly that his 21-foot boat easily broke free of its moorings only to be followed by our two jet skis shortly thereafter.

Impulsively, my father jumped into the water to retrieve the last functioning jet ski. He knew that this was his only link to retrieving his boat later. Unfortunately, the jet ski would not start and before he knew it, he was being swept away by the strong currents. He was not to be seen again for 17 hours.

Upon hearing news of my father's ordeal, the Lancaster County community rallied around our family in such a warm and loving manner that it has touched us deeply. Not only did the rescue workers, police department, Marine Police and the Coast Guard lend their help, but many neighbors, family and friends were at our sides with love, prayers and support throughout the night.

Through God's grace, early the next morning the Coast Guard returned my father to his pier. He was weather worn, cold and hungry but a smiling, grateful man. A special thank you to Cmdr. Rich Condit and Petty Officer Hamilton who were in constant contact with my family throughout the night with search updates and support. These two gentlemen were like beacons of hope to our family during this metaphorical and literal storm.

Words cannot express how much our family appreciates every encouraging word and heartfelt prayer during our time of need. It is in these trying times that we are reminded of God's love and power, particularly through the blessings of friends and family.

On behalf of the Keener family,

Tish Kenner-Gatewood
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Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling visits Northern Neck

by Joan McBride

KILMARNOCK—Education was a primary theme when Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling gave an "appreciation lunch" for Republican leaders and activists in the Northern Neck on September 7 in Kilmarnock.

He was in the Northern Neck keeping a promise he had made as a candidate to "stay in touch with rural Virginia," he said.

One way he does that is by recognizing locals who serve the party with distinction.

Carol Dawson of Lancaster was honored. Bolling presented her the Patrick Henry Service Award for being a party leader who has done much for the "cause of justice and good government."

Another way he keeps in touch with Virginians is by traveling to a different rural part of Virginia each month on what he calls "Seeing, Listening, and Learning Tours" so that he can improve the quality of life for the state's residents.

One of the ways Bolling wants to improve life is by "refining public education."

"If we want our kids and grandkids to compete in the global" economy of the 21st century, he said, "We've got to have a vision of how we can improve our schools."

That vision includes spending education dollars effectively, he said.

"Get it out of the central office and into the classes," he insisted.

According to Bolling, 60 percent of educational spending is for the central office, with 40 percent going to the classroom.

Instead, he wants two-thirds of the $450 million spent now to be in the classes.

"I want the Republicans to raise teacher pay to the national average," he explained. "Pay them like the professionals they are."

Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling talks to Republican leaders and activists during a luncheon meeting at Roses's Crab House and Raw Bar on September 7.

However, he also included the necessity for competency testing of educators as well as doing away with teacher tenure.

Restoring discipline to the classroom is another critical issue for the state's second-in-command.

"Kids can't learn in an environment where you feel intimidated or threatened," he said.

Vocational or technical education was a related issue he targeted saying there need to be more choices for those not going to college.

"Give them skills to do the jobs in the community which need to be done," he added.

The education systems of two foreign countries—South Korea and Germany—were cited as examples worthy of emulation, while he deplored the fact that America ranks "24th or 29th in the world" in math, science, and reading scores.

Democrats to sponsor constitution program

To celebrate "Citizenship Day," September 17, which marks the beginning of the congressionally approved and presidentially proclaimed "Constitution Week," the Lancaster County Democratic Committee (LCDC) has undertaken a "We the People" program to help local schools utilize this special week to help students become better informed about the Constitutional form of government.

According to LCDC chairman Donna Thompson, the "We the People" program will offer portable, pocket-sized booklets of the Constitution's text along with a video, "A more Perfect Union—America becomes a Nation," which the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution has officially recognized as being of "excellent merit" for educational use.

"Constitutional Week" extends from September 17 to 23.

Norm Mosher, chairman of the "We the People" program, said that George Washington was especially concerned about educating the young. He noted that Washington said, "A primary object... should be the education of our youth in the science of government....and what duty is more pressing....than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardian of the liberties of this country."

For more information on "Constitution Week" and the "We the People" program, government and history teachers, administrators and others are urged to contact Mosher at 438-5066, or Thompson at 436-0605.

Will your post office be next?

This is a great and diverse nation, both demographically and geographically. Such historical luminaries as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Benjamin Franklin had the wisdom to create an institution to "bind the Nation together."

During the infancy of our Republic, the Founding Fathers established that one of the first fundamental governmental functions was to provide a Universal Postal Service. Our Constitution tasked the Congress with establishing post offices and post roads. Ironically, it is the postal service—the very institution that our Constitution views as invaluable—that is now crusading to suspend, consolidate, and close the very institutions that the framers of our government saw as priceless—to bring the citizens of the U.S. together.

Why is this happening? Why is the heir of the first Postmaster General of the United States, Postmaster General Jack Potter, embarking on this campaign?

He would argue that the postal service is not closing post offices. Not True. From 1950 through 2006, more than 16,000 post offices were temporarily suspended/consolidated or officially closed. Most of these facilities never reopened.

Unfortunately, the postal service has purposefully misapplied the current regulations, which in fact, preclude the agency from pulling the plug on a post office. The postal service is reneging on its mission to provide universal accessible mail services. It is failing to take remedial steps to correct such inadequacies as lack of handicap accessibility and restrooms, and possible deficiencies in workplace standards. In addition, the postal service is not exercising due diligence in filling postmaster vacancies. Many have had officers-in-charge for over 11 years.

At small and rural post offices, possibly in your town, postal bureaucrats see it as far easier to shutter the windows, seal the post office boxes and lower the flag. It is important to understand that because the postal service is charged with providing non-discriminatory mail services, it cannot close a post office solely because it does not make a profit. If this were so, only post offices in the wealthiest communities, or areas that have large mailers, would be served with a full service post office.

How can you be sure that your post office won't be next? So what can you do to protect the most visible and important federal service in your town or community?

NAPUS, the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, a 42,000 member organization that represents postmasters, officers-in-charge, postal manager relief, and retired postmasters funds a dedicated group of retired postmasters with assisting communities safeguard one of your most cherished governmental assets—your post office. Retired postmasters have volunteered to help you keep your post office open and to stop them from reducing hours.

If you fear that the executioner is seeking to close your post office, contact Nancy Putnam at 304-628-3356, or email at grandmaputtputt1@aol.com for information and assistance. In addition, you may view and download a NAPUS "Action Guide for Preventing the Closing and Consolidation of your Post Office (Red Book)" at http://www.napus.org/reference.htm.

Ernesto came to the Northern Neck

by Carol Seymour of Heathsville

Ernesto came to the Northern Neck
We thought "Tropical Depression?" What the heck.
Now Isabel, she was a hurricane.
Who's afraid of a little rain?

At 10 a.m. the wind blew in,
The rains drenched us to the skin.
The mighty Potomac started to roar,
And waves started pounding us down on the shore.

The weather reports said we had no need to worry.
Ernesto was headed up north in a hurry.
By afternoon Ernesto decided to stay
An obnoxious visitor who came for the whole day.

He lifted the boats right on to the shore
And pounded, and pounded, and pounded some more.
The docks disappeared, the houses lost siding.
The roofs started leaking, the pets were all hiding.

The waves hit our shores at eight to ten feet.
If you wanted to leave, downed trees blocked your street.
And then came the high tide, sometime around six.
Ernesto continued to play dirty tricks.

In the wee hours of Saturday, Ernesto was gone.
We slept as we could and waited for dawn.
The next day we started to pull things together.
Neighbors helped neighbors and talked about weather.

We all can agree, without any doubt.
Ernesto's a "come here" we could all do without!

Letters to the Editor

Keep the press free

To The Editor:

I write as one whose family has owned land in Lancaster County since the 1940s and keeps an interest in the Northern Neck. I write to express my disagreement with the viewpoint "Stop Printing Letters to the Editor" in the August 24 issue. I ask your paper to keep printing letters to the editor because our society should be a free society, a key component of which is the free expression of opinions on topics of public concern.

In context, the suggestion appears directed at critics of the Bush Administration, particularly its war on Iraq. Newspapers, however, are the stewards and repositories of all the citizens' ideas, especially regarding the conduct of their government. For newspapers to adopt the position that letters should be suppressed because they "divide the community" is to create a system of self censorship, contrary to First Amendment values.

I remind readers that Hitler rose to power in Germany largely by castigating critics of Germany's conduct in attacking France in World War I. Many Germans recognized the war was wrong, and harmful to their interests. "Not so," argued the little corporal. The problem was not the war, but the Jews, pacifists and other citizens who were lukewarm about it, or opposed. Those people, he argued, "stabbed Germany in the back!" If they hadn't stabbed Germany in the back, he contended, Germany could have won the war.

Bush and his allies have adopted a similar tactic with regard to the Iraq war. For them, the problem is not that America engaged in unprovoked, naked aggression of a country one tenth its size; that the war was financed by credit cards, leaving us buried under a staggering $300 billion in debt; that we have killed more innocent people and destroyed more property than all terrorist acts in the world combined; or that the administration is gradually whittling away at all of our civil liberties—the problem is the Howard Deans and the people like Marine James Webb who have dared to speak the obvious, that this war is wrong.

Keep printing these letters. Division in the community is better than uniting behind the Fuhrer.

Norman Lamson
Charlottesville

Saddened by bigots

To The Editor:

Are you required by law to publish every letter which is sent to you?

If not, why did you print that long letter from a blatant anti-Semite in last week's edition?

I am saddened to realize that we still have such bigots living among us.

Dick Rounds
White Stone

Time to choose

To The Editor:

Last week's letter titled "The Dim and Delusional" required more than an entire column to make the following points. First, that Israel is not our ally in the Middle East. Second, that terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas are not our enemy. Third, that our real enemies are Christians, Jews and President Bush.

Here's the truth. We are at war against radical Islamic terrorists who wish to destroy us. We must destroy them first. This is not the time to rise above the fray. It is time to fight. This is not the time to debate both sides. It is a time to choose sides. Despite his attempt to appear objective, it is evident that last week's writer has made his choice. As for me, I choose to be an American.

David Humphreys
White Stone

Speaking for Osama

To The Editor:

As I write this on the morning of 9/11/06, I recall the bizarre experience of that day. I didn't have the TV on, but my wife was watching upstairs and yelled down to me to turn it on. I did that just in time to see the second plane hit the towers. From where my TV was located, I could also see a beautiful sailboat peacefully anchored in our creek. The contrast was surreal. Had the world gone mad?

We've all had a long time to think about that day and what it meant. It's pretty obvious that in his mind, Allah truly smiled on Osama Ben Laden that day. His planning worked perfectly and the impact of those planes not only killed many Americans, but the eventual collapse of the towers when their supporting structure collapsed, killed many others. We also got the news about more deaths in the Pentagon crash and finally the one in Pennsylvania, with all aboard killed. We knew a "life-changing" event had happened that day.

So here we are five years later, still not fully understanding the best course to prevent such things from happening again. Our struggle against terrorism began well, attacking a country that had provided a haven for terrorist training. Then we turned from that war to a war against a nation that has been found to be totally innocent of any involvement in 9/11 or to pose any real danger to the U.S.—but it's leader was a brutal dictator so it did satisfy some of our hunger for revenge.

In this struggle, we have since sacrificed almost as many Americans (2,667) as we lost in the towers (2,752). In addition, our treasury is being drained of nearly $2 billion a week in a war with no foreseeable end in sight. Moreover, by all estimates we now have more potential suicide bombers in the world than ever.

I have to believe Osama, who is still running free and represents the real "central front of terrorism" is smiling again. For in his mind, Allah has truly blessed him a second time.

Frank Mann
Lancaster

What's motivating a change in coverage?

To The Editor:

I have been an employee of Lancaster County for 28 years and wish to comment on the county administration's recent, last minute change in health insurance coverage for county employees.

While I am alarmed at the sudden rise in my out-of-pocket health care expenses that this change has created, I am also concerned with the administration's attempt to portray this as a "cost-saving" decision.

Supervisor Pete Geilich is quoted as saying "What we're always trying to do is keep the tax rate under control." He implies that switching from Southern Health to a Single Employer Trust is an attempt to protect the residents of Lancaster County from future increases in their real estate taxes. Shame on him for attempting to play the "tax card." As he himself stated, the county pays $400 per month toward each county employee's health insurance premium. To my knowledge, no employees requested an increase in the county's contribution.

The truth is that Southern Health offered the county a similar plan to the one provided by the SET, with better benefits at a lower cost than the SET premium. In light of this, and the fact that the majority of county employees voted to stay with Southern Health, I have to question the motive behind the county administration's decision to make a change that would cause such a negative impact on its employees.

Cindy Harvey
White Stone

Who pays for the leak?

To The Editor:

I am another resident of Kilmarnock who is absolutely floored by the new cost of water. 2,000 gallons a month is very little for any household, 66.66 gallons per day. A load of wash in a top loading washer takes about 45 gallons and a skimpy shower about 10 gallons. I don't know how any family is supposed to stay clean on a limited income.

Being fairly new to the town, I am not even sure how one contacts the "water authority." I did report a water leak to the town office at least six weeks ago, but nothing seems to have been done about it. The leak is at the intersection of Clifton Avenue and Route 200. I wonder if anyone's meter is recording that leakage?

Another problem with the water authority is the speed with which their employees read the meters. Last month I saw two men hanging around in my yard for quite some time and I wondered what they were up to. Eventually, one took the lid off the meter and then the other recorded the reading in a book. It took about 15 minutes for them to read four meters. Surely two men are not needed for this job; the electric company only sends one.

I also agree with previous letter writers and all those in Kilmarnock who are concerned about their water bills. Why triple the cost of the previous base amount of water and make the new base amount 2,000 gallons less? This strikes me as a sneaky way of increasing the rate even more for those who can least afford it. This council seems to have so much power.

I am on a very limited income; my state pension took a leap of 75 cents last month, but I don't think that will help with my water bill.

Sheila Todd
Kilmarnock

Oak should be memorialized

To The Editor:

So, the grand, ancient oak on the Festival Grounds at Waverly Avenue is no more, felled by the last storm.

More than a year ago, I proposed to the now mayor of Kilmarnock to declare that tree a local landmark and extend to it a minimum of care and interest. The idea was not accepted.

Once again, I move that a stump of this tree be preserved, neatly cut about three to four-feet above the ground and given a suitable tablet stating the age and circumference of this venerable witness to our town's history.

J.P.H. Milewicz-Reim
Kilmarnock

Republicans to hold rally

The Republican Party for Lancaster County will convene September 26 at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock at 6 p.m. in a rally of support for Del. Robert J. Wittman.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. John Sterling Mitchell

Mitchell-Parker vows exchanged

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Parker Jr. of Mechanicsville, to John Sterling Mitchell of Mechanicsville, son of James S. Mitchell of Kilmarnock and Ms. Janyce Goff of West Point, took place on June 10, 2006, in Mechanicsville, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett.

The bride is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morris and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Parker Sr., all of Mechanicsville. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mervin Mitchell of Kilmarnock and Ms. Beverly Madonna of West Point.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She was also escorted by Spanky, her pet Jack Russell.

Miss Christina Parker of Mechanicsville, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Reyne Mitchell of Charleston, S.C., sister of the groom, and Miss Ashley Baugh of Mechanicsville, best friend of the bride. Miss Clare Morris of New Kent, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. Miss Tina Handley of Mechanicsville was the flower girl.

James Mitchell, father of the groom, served as the best man. The groomsmen were Jason Leber of Mechanicsville, best friend of the groom, and Cody Goff of West Point, brother of the groom. Andrew Morris of New Kent, cousin of the bride, was the junior groomsman. Master Ashton Hardon of Mechanicsville was the ring bearer.

The reception followed the ceremony in her grandparents' garden. The couple resides in Mechanicsville.

Nathan and James Bellows of Richmond spent several days recently with their grandmother, Mrs. Shirley Bellows in Kilmarnock.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Simmons and children, Victoria and Drew, of Mooresville, N.C., arrived on Friday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Simmons, on Simmons Lane, Kilmarnock.

Katie Harrison and Rebecca Daniel of Ophelia, and Lydia Weaver of Kilmarnock and Mechanicsville, visited with their grandmother on Sunday afternoon in honor of Grandparents Day. Also visiting was John Daniel of Ophelia.

Mrs. Margaret Pitman of Browns Store and her son and daughter-in-law, Freddie and Shirley Pitman of Farnham, and other family members have returned from a delightful 10-day trip to Hawaii. While there, they toured all the islands aboard a cruise ship.

Mrs. R.D. Baskerville has returned to RW-C after being hospitalized at Rappahannock General Hospital.

Mrs. Carol Sweeney has returned home from a four-week visit with family members in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Long Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Dean Loudy is recovering at home following knee replacement surgery in Richmond two weeks ago.

Friends are happy to know that Earl Davis is recuperating at home following surgery at Rappahannock General Hospital on Friday.

Mrs. Peter Braatz has returned from a delightful trip to Colleyville, Texas, where she visited a longtime friend, Mrs. Holly Kuenn and Mr. Kuenn. While there, she visited the Kuenns' daughter and family in Houston and their son in Dallas.

Mrs. Ashby Blackwell of Remo joined her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Bangit, David Bangit and Adam Miller-Lusk, all of Williamsburg, for several days in Emory, Va., where the Bangits' daughter, Virginia, is a freshman and a member of the volleyball team at Emory and Henry College. While there, they enjoyed a show at the Barter Theatre.

Mrs. Christopher Chainey was in Manteo, N.C., several days this week visiting her daughter, Ms. Casey Rowe.

Mrs. Julia Olson is reported doing well following hip surgery last week at Rappahannock General Hospital. She is receiving therapy at the health center at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Ms. Amber Saunders of Venice Beach, Calif., and Ms. Tiffany Saunders of Sperryville, were with their parents, Sandy and Patty Saunders, last weekend.

Harry and Jennifer Carroll of Walters, Okla., visited Harry's brother, Roy, and his wife, Joanne, of the Tarbutton section of Monaskon Farm for four days. The visit was spent playing golf at the King Carter course, visiting Christ Church, boating on Davis Creek and Corrotoman River, as well as touring parts of Lancaster and Middlesex counties.

Tyler and Cory Peay of Mechanicsville spent a few days last week with their grandparents, Innis and Dixie Wood, and enjoyed some good fishing.

Ryan, Shannon and McKynzi Dawson returned to East Hampton, New York, after a four-day visit with friends and co-workers. The Dawsons were stationed at the USCG Station Montauk for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Clarke, and son, William, and Christina Porter spent a week recently in Myrtle Beach, S.C. While there, they toured the aquarium on the Boardwalk.

Seniors to hear Farazza

YMCA director Mark Farazza will speak at the Corrotoman Senior Citizens meeting Tuesday, September 19, at the Ruritan Center near Lively at 10 a.m.

A lunch of barbecue sandwiches, cole slaw, potato chips, dessert and beverage will be served. The cost is $2. Bingo will be played; attendees are asked to bring a prize. Hostesses will be Elva Beauchamp, Jenny Dillard, Joyce Headley and Virginia Maddox.

Upcoming trips include a day trip to Riverside Theater to see "Nunsense" on December 6; Wildwood, N.J., September 24 to 28; Atlantic City, November 8 to 12; Christmas in New York, November 28-30; and New Year's Eve in Myrtle Beach, December 30 to January 2.

Call Hazel Ford at 462-7805, or Fannie Clingan at 435-1713.

NAPS names citizen of the year

The Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) will hold its annual fall social Saturday, September 23, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bay Quarter Shores clubhouse.

The Distinguished Northumberland Citizen Award will be presented to S. Lake Cowart Jr. for his efforts to improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, encourage the county's economic growth, provide community leadership and foster the rural nature of Northumberland County.

The social, "Potomac Dreaming," is open to the public. The picnic will feature fried chicken and side dishes. Tickets are $15 per person. Call Judy Burgess at 453-3933 by September 15 to make your reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Harding II

Harding-Richards nuptials are held

The marriage of Erika Richards, daughter of Sonia Richards of River Forest, Ill., and John Richards of Tacoma, Wash., to James R. Harding II, son of James and Vicki Harding of Wicomico Church, was held August 12, 2006, in Orlando, Fla., with the Rev. Scott Dillard of Wicomico Parish Church officiating.

The bridal couple were attended by their nieces, Paige Richards, 12, Sarah Richards, 10, Zoe Harding, 6, and Hanna Harding, 4; and their nephews, Andrew Richards, 4, and Erik Harding, 3.

The matron of honor was the bride's mother. The best man was the groom's father. Their brothers, Jay Richards of Belmont, Calif., and Chip Harding of Indianapolis, Ind., were the groomsmen.

The bride and groom attended Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., as did their fathers.

The bride is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College in Washington and is in the marketing department of the Natural History Museum of Tallahassee.

The groom received a bachelor's from Wright State University, a master's from Florida West Coast University in Pensacola, and a doctorate in education from Florida State University. He is an official in the Florida State Department of Education. He recently completed a four-year presidential appointment to the Federal Access Policy Review Board and was recently appointed chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission by Gov. Jeb Bush.

The couple live in Tallahassee.

Studio plans acoustic jams

Kilmarnock artist Alvaro Ibañez and writer Denise DeVries invite the public to musical jam sessions every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 197 Whittaker Lane, off Hardings Wharf near Hughlett Point Park. This week's open-mike event at the studio will be hosted by musicians Mark and Celeste Gates.

"Musicians and listeners will enjoy great acoustic sound in artistic surroundings," said DeVries.

There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted to defray costs.

Directions are available at www.a-ibanez.org/Map.htm, and additional information can be obtained by contacting Ibañez or DeVries at 435-2880, or ibanez@rivnet.net.

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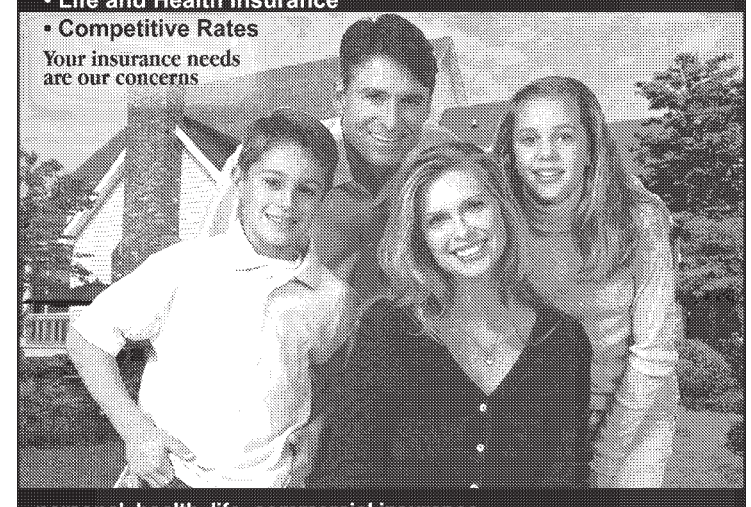

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Donnie and Lisa

Code Blue

Code blue is coming to town

On Saturday, September 23, the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department Pavilion in Lively will be rocking with the sounds of Code Blue and Donnie and Lisa.

Hosted by the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men (BEUMM), Chili by the Rivah III Music Festival will feature Code Blue in the afternoon, and Donnie and Lisa will play in the morning.

Opening the gates to the public at 10 a.m., BEUMM has a full day of activities planned, with the family in mind. Starting at 7 a.m. the chili cookers will begin to brew their secret recipes. Admission is $5 per person, 12 years and older. Activities for younger folks begin at 11 a.m. and their admission is free. Chili tasting will take place from 12:30 to 2:30 p .m. and the event will conclude at 4 p.m.

The duo of Donnie and Lisa will kick off the music at 11 a.m. providing a rich selection of folk, bluegrass and country music. Lisa's rich and powerful voice and the mellow tones of Donnie's guitar will touch the soul.

Code Blue is a high-energy bluegrass band playing everything from the standard traditional bluegrass and four-part gospel, to their own music and doing it their unique way. They are blessed with five musicians who have blended their hard work with long experience and dedication. The group is touted as one of the rising groups in the field and they have performed with groups like Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys, Earl Scruggs and Marty Stewart, Joe Diffie, Charlie Waller and the Country Gentlemen.

An open 5K Run/Walk will begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at the pavilion. Won by Ben Watson and Denise Shindler last year, BEUMM organizers are looking for a large turnout this year. This event is sponsored by A Change In View Paper Hanging and Interior Painting, American Electric, Bunny's Service Center, Burton's Electrical, Cap'n Tom's Seafood, Chem Dry of the Northern Neck, Conley Properties, Creative Designs of Virginia, Currie Funeral Home, Curry and Curry, Farm and Home Supply (Kilmarnock), Great Fortune Chinese Restaurant, Hudson-Blunt Insurance Agency, Lancaster Animal Shelter, Lee's Restaurant, Lively Drug Company, Ransone's Nursery, Rappahannock Hang-ups, Rappahannock Record, Rappahannock Tractor, Reynold's Garage, River Run Home and Farm Improvements, Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund for Animals and Winnies Wonders/Lancaster Tavern. The names of the sponsors will be displayed on the commemorative T-shirt awarded to every runner/walker who enters.

"That's quite a list of our local businesses who are supporting our festival this way," said event coordinator Hack Dean. "We thank them. We are looking forward to a great event so we hope for a large turnout. We are pleased that the proceeds will go to the Animal Welfare League this year."

For more information, visit www.beumm.org, or call 462-5790.

Locusville Plantation to host fourth harvest Music Festival

Get ready for some foot-stomping, get-down music on Saturday, September 16, at Locusville Plantation's fourth annual Music Festival. Festival hours are are 1 to 8 p.m.

Bring chairs and blankets for a day filled with all types of music—country, bluegrass, rock and roll, celtic and folk. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase all day.

Miles and Sharon Courson are the hosts for the event, bringing all kinds of talent together for a day of great music and a whole lot of fun. The festival is held to celebrate another successful year's harvest of naturally grown farm-fresh food and to thank friends and patrons.

The audience will hear original as well as familiar tunes, with several performers from past festivals returning this year including Miles Courson (Harmonica Man) and Plantation Blue, John Smith-American from Baltimore, Alan Sobel, Albert Pembroke, Robby Jones on washtub bass and Will Rogers on the drums.

New to the celebration will be Mead Usry, Morgan Sobel, and Louise Jesse and the Jesse Boys. Bill Duvall along with Alice and Dave Hershiser have teamed together to form Evening Song.

Mary Gustafson-Small, poet, will add a new dimension to this year's festival. She will read from her book, "The Jewel." Her work is often described as poetry for children of all ages.

Lots of local sponsors have joined the celebration this year. They include The Village Center, Chesapeake Bank, Ken Michaels, Realtor, Epping Forest Antiques, Cap'n Tom's Seafood, Greenvale Creek Marina, Rivernet, Olin Fox Farms, Spa 2 U, R & K Country Store, Little River Market & Deli, Corrottoman Plaza, Grateful House Farm, and Garner's Produce.

Donations to cover costs will be gratefully accepted and this year a portion will be donated to The Northern Neck Farm Museum and Luther Welch Agricultural Center.

The store at the plantation will open at 10 a.m. and close at 1 p.m.

To get to Locusville Plantation from Lively, take White Chapel Road three miles and turn left onto River Road. Go four miles to Ottoman and take a left on Slabtown Road and follow signs to the festival a half-mile on left.

Dance Extravaganza is Saturday

The Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock will be the scene of Dance Extravaganza IX Saturday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The performers include the Peanut City Cloggers of Suffolk who will present four dances. Formed in 1983, the cloggers have performed from Maine to North Carolina, in Tennessee and Kentucky, at the Virginia and North Carolina state fairs and at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Peanut City Cloggers

The team has 13 All-American Dancers, 13 Grand Champion Cloggers, two International Cloggers, an All-Star Clogger and two Cloggers of the Millennium. The team has won many awards.

Also appearing will be Ms. Virginia Senior America, who will compete for Ms. Senior America in November in Las Vegas, dancer Joyy Hess, the Northern Neck Big Band, the Middlesex County YMCA Dancers ages three to five, and the Dancing divas of Linda's School of Dance.

All winners of "Star Search Hanover" in March will perform their first-place dance, vocal and instrumental presentations. Eight-year-old Nathan Pal of Mechanicsville, who can sing in Hindi, Urdu and English will perform. Rick Barney and Charlotte Thompson, western dance champions Jeff and Gayle Stoneman, the Soul Girls of Locust Grove and Fredericksburg, and Maggie, an eight-year-old Labrador retriever, will perform.

Tickets are available at the Rappahannock Record, the Bank of Lancaster main office and the White Stone branch, Heads Up Hairworks, Foxy's, Twice Told Tales, Bay 101.7, EVB Bank and the Lively branch of Chesapeake Bank, and at the Kilmarnock Museum, or call 435-2473.

The show is the only fundraiser for the Kilmarnock Museum.

Wayne T. Holt Band to give gospel concert

The award-winning Wayne T. Holt Band will be featured at a Barbecue Chicken and Bluegrass Gospel Luncheon Saturday, September 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive off Route 3 near White Stone.

The event is sponsored by the Big Dawgs Men's Ministry to support the church's mission outreach worldwide.

Tickets are $10 per plate. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Advance purchase is urged.

Tickets will be available from Big Dawgs members, the Rappahannock Record, Farm & Home in Kilmarnock, Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock, EVB Bank in Kilmarnock, Lamberth's Building Supply in White Stone, Bayside Animal Hospital in White Stone, the Family Life Center, and by calling 435-9886, or 435-1165.

The Wayne T. Holt Band of Deltaville includes Wayne T. Holt on dobro, guitar and lead vocals; Christy N. Holt on stand-up bass and harmony vocals; and Joe Edwards on fiddle, guitar and harmony vocals.

From left are Wayne T. Holt, Christy N. Holt and Joe Edwards.

In recent competition, Edwards took first place in bluegrass fiddle in the 40th annual Bluegrass Festival at Fries. Holt placed third in dobro and the band took fifth-place honors.

The band also recently was confirmed as a showcase band for Cabin Fever March 2 and 3 in Hampton.

Big Dawgs members will slow-grill the chicken using a traditional Shenandoah Valley of Virginia recipe. Plate lunches will include a half a chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and a beverage. Meals will be available to go.

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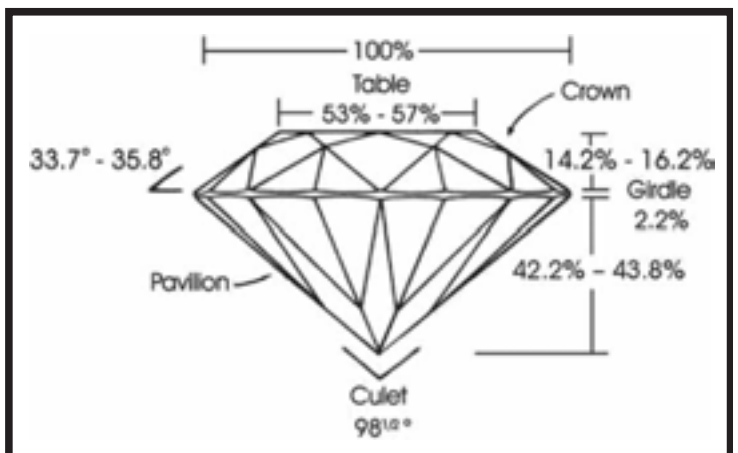

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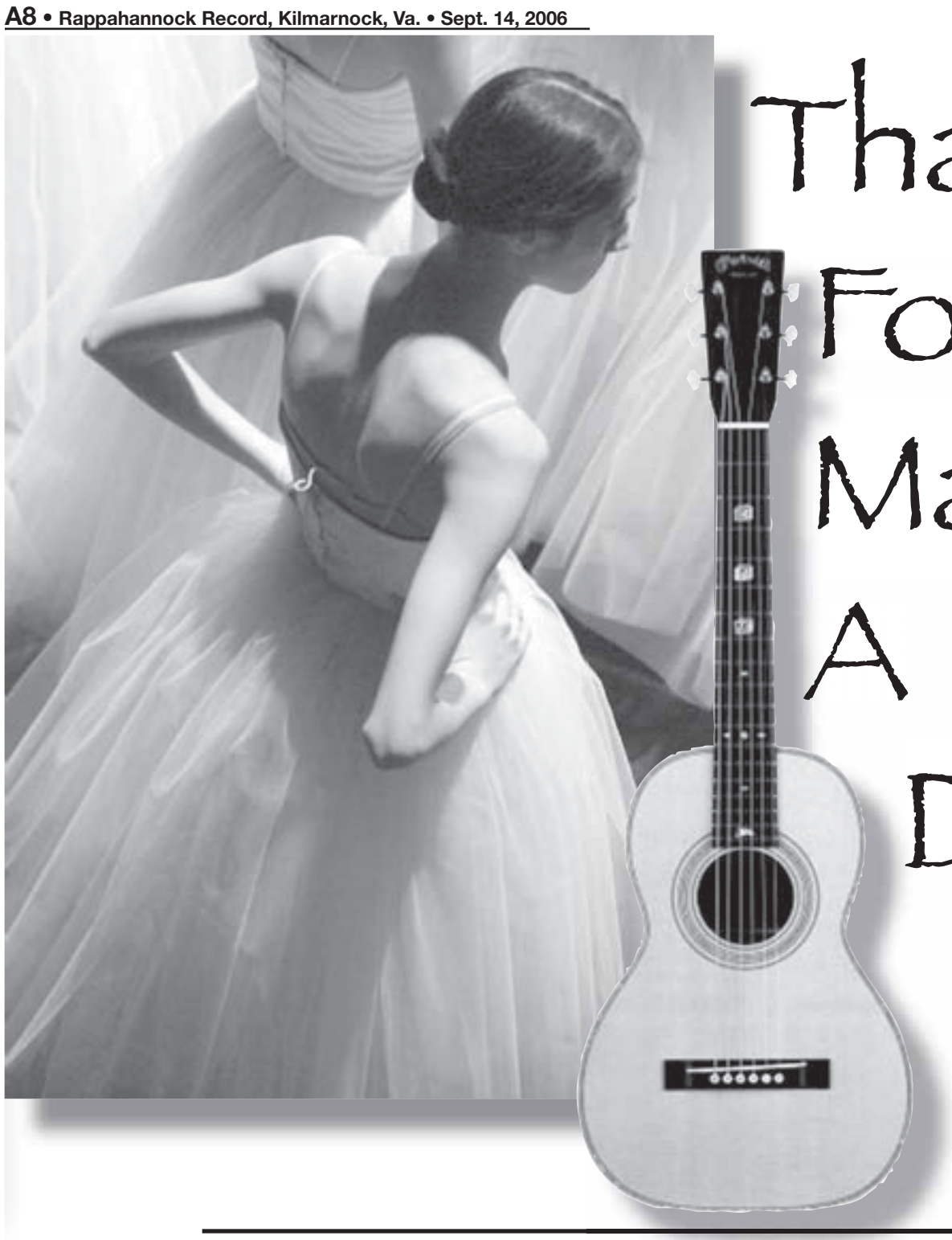

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Garden club finalizes fund-raising program

Kilmarnock Garden Club's "Brunch with Bob," featuring Bob Henkel is in the final stages of readiness as members continue to make items to be sold the day of the program and to collect items for a "White Elephant Table."

The September 19 schedule of events will start with brunch at 11 a.m. immediately followed by Henkel's floral program at Grace Episcopal Church on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

Tickets are $25 each. Call 435-6877, 438-5560 or 435-0946.

The program and the raffle ticket sales will be the Kilmarnock Garden Club's only means to fund the many community projects, such as landscaping a Habitat for Humanity home.

Kilmarnock Garden Club president Jane Denton and fund-raising event chairman Genny Chase sold raffle tickets during the Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament. First prize is a combination golf package of 18 holes of golf for two at Keswick Hall in Charlottesville, The Golden Eagle near Irvington, Quinton Oaks in Callao and King Carter near Kilmarnock.

Second prize is an overnight stay for two, including breakfast, at the Virginia Crossings Resort in Glenn Allen. Third prize is an original painting by June Higgins. Fourth prize is an original painting by Sarah Soderlund. Fifth prize is an original painting by Miriam MacCarthy.

Genny Chase (left) and Jane Denton display a poster showing raffle prizes to be given away during the September 19 "Brunch with Bob" floral design program.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Kilmarnock Garden Club member or by calling 438-5560 or 435-6877. The tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. The drawing will be held September 19 during Henkel's program.

Birthplace to celebrate constitution

On Sunday, September 17, George Washington Birthplace National Monument will celebrate the 219th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States with patriotic activities suitable for all ages.

Visitors will be given an opportunity to sign a replica of the document that delegates of the Constitution Convention, presided over by George Washington, signed in 1787.

Featured that day at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center will be an important talk called "American Federalism: From the Founding to the 21st Century" by Dr. Tim Conlan, professor of government and politics at George Mason University in Fairfax.

Dr. Conlan is the author of the award-winning book, *From New Federalism to Devolution: Twenty-five Years of Intergovernmental Reform*. He teaches courses on public policy making, federalism and intergovernmental relations, and Congress and legislative politics. His current research deals with U.S. and comparative federalism, the politics of intergovernmental relations, and the politics of federal policy making.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is on Route 204, two miles off Route 3 and 11 miles west of Montross. Admission to the talk is free. Admission to the Memorial Area is $4 per visitor 16 and older.

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Cynthy Johnson

Harpist to address music club

The opening meeting of the Rappahannock Music Study Club will be Monday, September 18, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

Cynthy Johnson, harpist and Certified Harp Practitioner, will draw upon her past experiences to educate, inform and entertain club members and guests.

Johnson's musical career spans over 30 years that encompass study of the harp, liturgical organ, piano, flute, acoustic guitar, voice and Native American flute. She plays pedal harp as well as lever harp.

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Johnson has performed throughout the central Virginia area where she is highly regarded for providing educational seminars to the medical community about the benefits of harp therapy.

She is married to Stephen Johnson, son of Bill and Vivian Johnson, residents of Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington.

The Rappahannock Music Study Club is a member of both the State and National Federated Music Clubs.

Owings to speak at SAR luncheon

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its first fall luncheon September 18 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker, Irvin Owings III of Laurel Point, will discuss the last three years of Lord Dunmore's administration as Virginia's last English Governor.

Included will be Dunmore's part in the removal of the gunpowder from the magazine in Williamsburg, his Emancipation Proclamation, the battle of Great Bridge, the bombardment of Norfolk, the defeat of English forces at Gwynn's Island and his subsequent forced departure from Virginia waters.

Owings, a history buff and Revolutionary War re-enactor has a bachelor's in history from Hampden-Sidney College and is the chapter's first vice president and program chairman.

Park to host heritage festival September 16

The fourth annual "Come Home to Westmoreland" Heritage Festival, celebrating Virginia and honoring its people, will be held at Westmoreland State Park Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Westmoreland County Tourism Council, the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the festival features bluegrass and gospel music, food, wine tasting, children's activities, and arts and crafts. Combined parking/admission fees range from $7 per car to $30 for buses.

The performers include the Rappahannock American Indian Dancers, the Chantey Singers of the Menhaden boats, the Kat Face Band, and the Colonial Beach Soggy Bottoms.

Activities include crab races, search and rescue dog demonstrations, Bill the Magic Man, and colonial era childrens' games. Former Newport News Daily Press cartoonist Phil McKenny will draw free caricatures from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Paddle boats may be rented for use on the Potomac River.

The park is on Route 3, six miles west of Montross.

WalkAmerica is October 1

The annual Lower Northern Neck WalkAmerica will be held October 1 at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center on School Street in Kilmarnock.

To be a part of this event to raise money for the March of Dimes, call Susan Pittman at the Bank of Lancaster at 435-4146, Darlene Nonnamacker at 435-1950, Jean Light at 435-3476, or visit www.walkamerica.com.

WalkAmerica is the March of Dimes' largest fund-raising event. Last year more than half a million people walked in some 1,400 communities, raising more than a million dollars. WalkAmerica supports March of Dimes' programs to help babies be born healthy.

More babies in this country die due to birth defects, low birth weight, and prematurity than any other cause. Through its nationwide Campaign for Healthier Babies, the March of Dimes raises funds to support research, education and health services to overcome these problems.

The 2005 Lower Northern Neck team walk included some 200 walkers making the three-mile loop through downtown Kilmarnock. The walkers raised close to $27,000 to support the Campaign for Healthier Babies. The target for WalkAmerica 2006 in lower Northern Neck is $29,000.

Fairfields to celebrate fall with festival

Fairfields United Methodist Church will host the 11th annual Fairfields Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show in Burgess October 7.

A full day of entertainment is planned for all ages. A "Free Kids Korner" will be back with hay rides, face painting, dinosaur dig, fishing well, clowns/magician, cotton candy, popcorn, and pumpkin painting. The Virginia State Police will be fingerprinting the children.

For the men, there will be a collection of antique cars and tractors. Those interested in displaying their car or tractor can call Fred at 580-8216.

There will be a variety of crafters such as Christmas decorations, woodworking, glass beaded items, silk scarves, jewelry, crocheted afghans, watercolors and prints. Exhibit spaces are still available for a $25 fee. Call Margaret at 580-8613.

To compliment the many crafters, the church will have a crafts table and "White Elephant" table

In the "Eats department," there will be hot dogs, North Carolina-style barbecue and drinks. Baked goods will include homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, breads, jellies, jams, pickles, soups and chili.

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Hard-working artists contribute to success of Deltaville festival

Coming to the Holly Point Art and Seafood Festival in Deltaville next month will be a kick-back day for hundreds of visitors. But for more than 50 artists and crafts people whose work will be on display, it's no stroll in Holly Point Park.

If the paintings, sculpture and crafts seem effortless – almost like play – don't tell the artists. You may get a polite smile in response, but most artists agree that creating works of beauty is hard work.

Just ask Matt Cross, a self-made folk artist who sculpts metal in his studio/barn in Old Church. "Nobody realizes the amount of work that goes into my pieces ... the amount of risk" says Cross. He creates unusual birdhouses and animals for display inside or out. All of his creations are made from found or recycled objects and material which, together with their hand-painted finish, adds to their whimsy and makes each truly one of a kind.

Cross, 57, has been a full-time artist for four years. This will be his second appearance at the Holly Point Festival. His art is sold in galleries and shops in Virginia, North Carolina, Vermont, and Georgia..

"The painting itself is not work – that's a joy," says watercolorist Kathleen Noffsinger. "But all the other things that I do constitute a full-time job."

"Jazzband," by Matt Cross

Noffsinger paints wildlife and nature scenes available both as originals and as limited-edition prints. "All the other things" include traveling, setting up and attending shows, conducting painting classes, and now leading week-long "Travel and Paint" workshops to scenic locations.

Look for new seascape and landscape paintings that came out of her recent Bermuda workshop trip.

Other artists whose work will be for sale are painters G. Watts Brown, June Buckland, Nancy Burch, Carolyn Davis, Penny Duke, Trudy Goodman, Ed Gorham, Jane Hall, Laura Heyward, Mary Jager, Joan Mannell, Tina McCloud, Rachel Nuttall, Jane Partin, Nathan Pope, Virginia Price, Bet Mathews Randolph, Carol Mathews Ray, Cecky Ropelewski, Amy Schacht, Gene and Anne Smith, Jerry Spangler, Chris Steubbe, Pam Waldron and Anne Goodman Wilcox.

"Shadowed Wings, Great Egret," by Kathleen Noffsinger

Crafts persons are Carolyn August, Tracy Ball, Bobby Bridges, Susanne Bromfield, Julie Colby, Mary Coombes, Melisa Dent, Laura Doyle, Penny Duke, Paula Haggerty, Barbara and Gary Hansen, Bev Hardin, Martha and Bill Hayes, Margaret Hill, Sylvia Hunt, Cheryl Levinson, Doug McMinn, Paul Mosher, Betsy and Holly Newsome, Blanche Scharf, Merrill Strange, Constance Svindland, Kathleen Teach, Lynn Trott and Gayle Wilson.

Photographers are Duane Berger and H. Tainor Roden. Sculptors are Mark Cunningham, Sandra Davis and Ben Richardson.

When you're hungry, you'll have fine seafood selections to enjoy. The cost is moderate, and the cooking is Southern.

But what makes the festival special are opportunities to experience fascinating history at the Deltaville Maritime Museum at Holly Point Park and at nearby Fishing Bay Harbor Marina.

At the marina, tours will be given of the replica Godspeed, a re-creation of one of the three ships that brought English colonists to Virginia in 1607. You will be able to walk the deck, try steering with a tiller, and "go below" to see typical gear in an 18th-century sailor's chest. The replica is just back from its tour of major East Coast cities and will be part of America's 400th Anniversary Celebration in 2007.

The museum will feature its own 30-foot replica of a John Smith barge Explorer. It will be in the water at the Holly Point docks. The original craft was used to explore Chesapeake Bay and discover Stingray Point in 1608.

The festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 14. Door prizes will be awarded. Admission and parking are free.

Kids to have their day

A Kid's Day America event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, September 16, at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. The event promotes health, safety and environmental awareness.

There will be free food, prizes, children's chiropractic spinal health information, dental IDs, child health promotion handouts, safety and environmental awareness handouts, a bike safety rodeo sponsored by the Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Riding Club and Fletcher's Fix-It/Noah's Ark, child ID cards and photos sponsored by Pure n' Simple Family Chiropractic, fingerprinting, sponsored by the Kilmarnock Police Department, and dental landmarks, sponsored by the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

The first 25 kids running their bikes in the rodeo will receive a free bike helmet.

Other sponsors include Northern Neck Family YMCA, The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, Currie Funeral Home, the Rappahannock Record, The Brain Injury Association, House of Music, Kilmarnock Drug Co., Lee's Restaurant and Virginia Women's Center.

Kid's Day America benefits the Northern Neck Family YMCA Preschool Program.

"Donations for the YMCA Preschool Program, which is over 60 percent scholarship-based, will gladly be accepted," said coordinator Dr. Matthew B. Shifflett.

To donate to the event, make checks payable to Pure n' Simple Kids Day Fund YMCA Preschool, and mail to Kids Day America, P.O. Box 1335, Kilmarnock, VA, 22482.

Fashion show to benefit RH/HT

A fall fashion show and luncheon will be held at the Transportation Museum behind Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern (RH/HT) in Heathsville October 2 at noon. Staged by the RH/HT Foundation, the event is a joint venture with Peebles of Kilmarnock.

Peeble's manager Louann Smith and assistant manager Timeki Smith will select the clothing and the foundation will provide the models. Eight to 10 models will show two outfits each. Lunch will be oriental chicken with salad and dessert. Wine will be available at a cash bar.

The show and lunch will last about three hours, starting at noon. The cost is $20. Reservations should be made by September 22 by calling 580-3377 and asking for "Fall Into Fashion Luncheon" tickets.

The museum and tavern are behind the courthouse in Heathsville off Route 360.

Historic school to host visitors September 30

On September 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., old Shiloh School (circa 1906) will have the welcome mat ready for the public, according to Emily Lawson, president of Northumberland Preservation Inc. (NPI).

The deed to the building and one acre of surrounding land was conveyed to NPI by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hudnall. The Hudnalls had an interest in history, and wished to see the old school preserved. NPI stabilized the building through volunteer effort in the early 1990s, and now NPI seeks to restore the school for educational use, guided by the mission of the nonprofit organization.

June Turnage and Bud Hudnall of Clifton, niece and nephew of the donors, continue to support Shiloh School, from mowing grass to planning for the restoration effort. They do so in remembrance of their mother, Dale Stewart Hudnall, who attended the school.

Other neighbors of Shiloh School keep their eyes on it. After a hurricane, Paul Trible arranged to have the roof repaired; another time, he replaced glass in the windows.

Many people stop and read the sign about the school's placement on the "National Register of Historic Places." Several have asked to know more about the historic building.

Some questions may be answered during the open house when the public is invited to examine the interesting structure, look at the few bits of furnishings gathered for the occasion, and listen to the stories of those who attended the school, or whose ancestors attended. Former pupils known to be in the area are Reynolds Ingram, Margaret Ingram Pitman, Melvin Pitman, Ruth Hudnall Gresham and Doris Ficklin Yancey.

Several pupil enrollment lists have been found, with grade reports included. NPI requests that anyone with information, documents, artifacts, or simply memories of school days at Shiloh call June Turnage at 435-3245.

The best known of the teachers was Jessie Ball. Better known by her married name, Jessie Ball duPont, was herself a pupil prior to the 1906 building and became a teacher there in 1906. The Ball family lived just across Balls Neck Road from the school.

Another "best" teacher, "Miss Kent," remains in the memory of Doris Ficklin Yancey, who grew up on a farm known as Natty Point. Yancey reported getting to and from school by a skiff rowed by her father. When Dividing Creek was frozen, she either slid across on the ice, or walked four miles in the snow.

She told other stories about the lunch she carried to school. Often it was a roasted sweet potato, the only thing available, but healthy. She just celebrated her 101st birthday in 2006.

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Take a few more days

Four teens extend their summer vacation a few more days thanks to Ernesto's power. After a delayed opening day, students had last Thursday and Friday off as Lancaster Schools complied with the wishes of the State Health Department to test water supplies due to power outages associated with the storm. From left are Matt Mitchell, 15; Stephen Blunt, 15; Aaron Holzbach, 17; and Austin Brown, 16. (Photo by Joan McBride)

Back-to-school safety tips

With the start of the new school year, students will rush to be on time, parents will get them on their way, and drivers will be going about their business–all could heed some advice on safety.

"This is a critical time of the year," said Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to get back into their good traffic safety habits."

He offers several tips from their "Back to School" safety brochure.

Tips for walking or biking to school:

• Walk with a friend.

• Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards. Never cross the street against a stop light.

• Cross only at crosswalks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.

• Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each direction.

• Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.

• If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.

Tips for school bus riders:

• Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.

• Line up facing the bus, not along side it.

• After getting off the bus, move out of traffic.

• Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.

Tips for parents and drivers:

• Everyone should wear a seat belt, and children should be in age- and size-appropriate car seats.

• Stay focused on driving and don't be distracted by kids in the car or with other activities.

• Slow down in school zones. Driving just 5 mph over the speed limit increases both the risk of hitting a child and the severity of any injuries.

• You never know if children crossing the street are paying attention, so remain stopped until the child has crossed not only your lane or traffic, but the adjacent lane as well.

• Never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk, as they may be waiting for someone to cross.

• Do not pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street.

• Use extra care in areas where chldren may enter the road from between parked vehicles or other things that block drivers' view of the road. Watch out for bicycles.

Chesapeake Academy opens

Chesapeake Academy opened for its 42nd year on Tuesday, September 5, with Convocation, an orientation program for students, parents and faculty designed to celebrate the beginning of school and promote involvement in all aspects of school life.

Head of school Seth W. Ahlborn, led the program by welcoming 167 students in preschool through grade eight for the 2006-07 academic year, urging each to plan for personal and academic successes while keeping this year's social moral theme of "Acceptance" in the forefront of their actions. Students and their families spent the remainder of the morning meeting their teachers and fellow classmates, exploring their new classrooms and examining the bulletin board presentations promoting good character and school spirit.

Prior to the official opening of the academy, the 26-member faculty attended a two-day workshop led by John Brown, Ph.D., of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, on Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design. Elaborating on the framework for designing curriculum units, performance assessments and instruction implemented by the academy several years ago, Brown reviewed with the faculty teaching techniques that lead to "enduring understandings" of curriculum content, integrated with instructional approaches that address student learning style differences.

Continuing the tradition of a family atmosphere, Chesapeake Academy's Parent and Patron Association provided luncheon for the faculty during planning days prior to the start of school and the head of school's family hosted a dinner for the staff, faculty, and board of trustees and foundation board members as well as spouses at the residence for educational and social exchange.

Pre-kindergartner Lily Reihs welcomes preschooler Olivia Smith with a big hug on her very first day of school.

PTK president

For 2006-07, Kristen Haynes of King and Queen County will be president of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's Alpha Lambda Omicron chapter, at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Phi Theta Kappa is the official honor society for two-year colleges worldwide.

College hosts bloodmobile

On Monday, August 28, an American Red Cross blood drive at Rappahannock Community College's Warsaw Campus collected 19 units of blood. The event was organized by Elsie Mangano, R.N., coordinator of RCC's registered nursing program, with help from a number of her students, including Tiffany Smith of Westmoreland County.

From left are Pamela Pittman, SSS counselor Melanie Payne, Pam Winder, RCC president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, Ashleigh Ramos (with her two-month-old son Jacob), Lanell Jarvis, Benjamin Buchanan, Cardinel Butler, Stacey Hall, Glenns Campus SSS coordinator Roz Stein and Michelle Williams.

Student Support Services sponsors 'A' Club luncheon

"You're moving in a positive direction," said Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, president of Rappahannock Community College, at the "A" Club luncheon on August 30. "You're setting a foundation for everything that comes next —and I love to see you coming back," she added, referring to the eight students who are repeat members of the club.

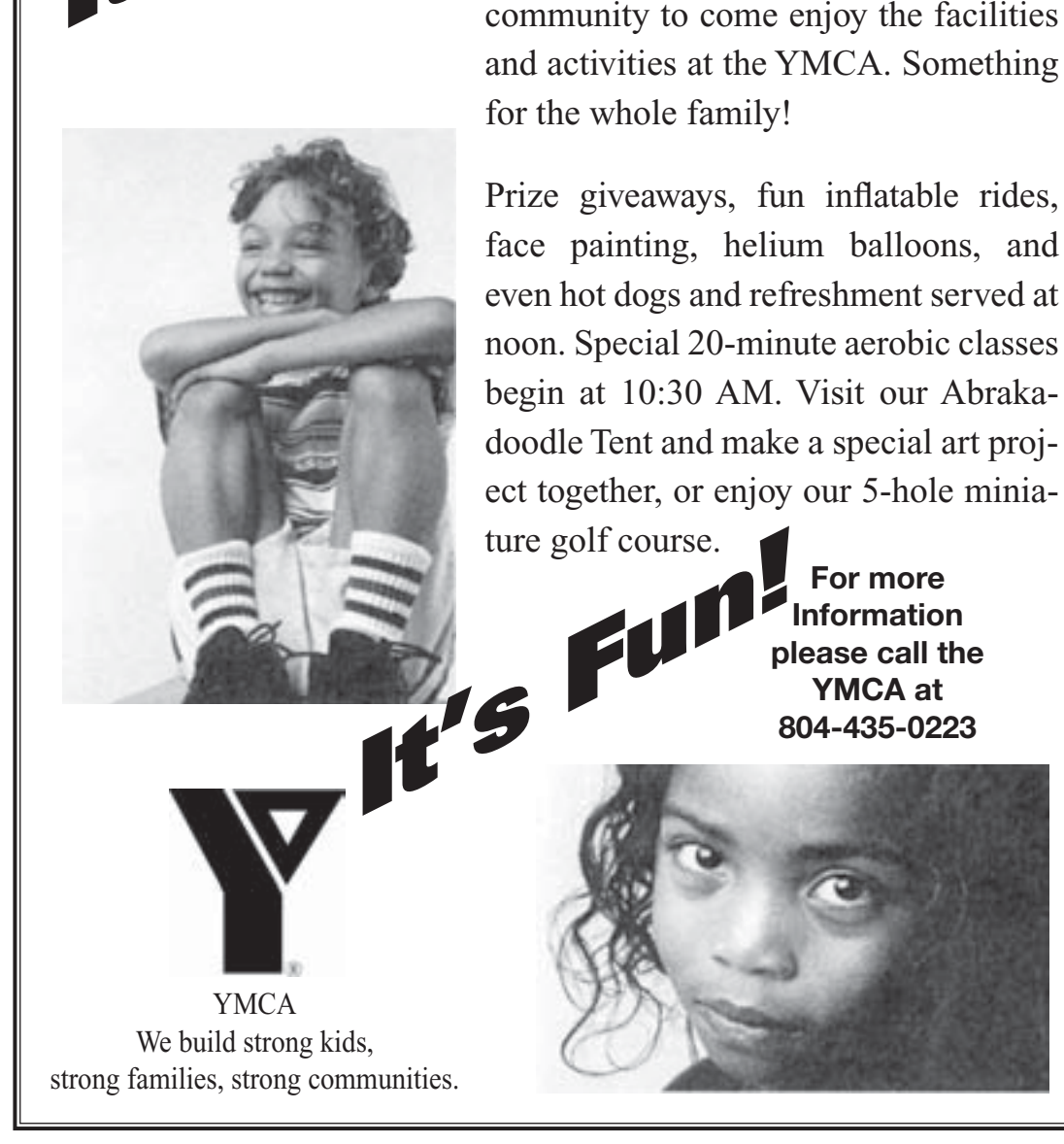
The luncheon, sponsored by the RCC Student Support Services Office, pays tribute to SSS participants who were enrolled in at least two classes during the preceding semester, and earned an A or an S (satisfactory) in each class.

On this occasion, 16 students who registered for RCC's Spring 2006 semester were honored: Benjamin Buchanan, David Hill, Sarah Littell, Pamela Pittman, Ashleigh Ramos, Joshua Smith, and Pam Winder, all of Gloucester County; Andrea Finn, King William County; Stacey Hall, Lanell Jarvis and Michelle Williams, Mathews County; Meredith Powell and Cassandra Todd, Middlesex County; Holli Perez, New Kent County; Jane Harper, Northumberland County; and Cardinel Butler, Richmond County.

Perez, Powell, and Williams are charter members of the "A" Lunch Club, having earned top grades uninterruptedly since Fall 2004; Ramos and Winder have been members since Spring 2005; and Pittman, Finn, and Jarvis first qualified in Fall 2005. Each student who qualified for the club received a certificate of recognition.

"Achieving at this level is an enormous accomplishment," said Glenns Campus Dean Nuala Glennon—especially, she emphasized, when trying to manage the interlocking responsibilities of schoolwork, family, and jobs. "It speaks highly of your prospects for success in the future."

Paula Fisher, administrative officer of the federal TRIO programs, founded the "A" Club in 2004. She stresses that the club is not an exclusive group. "It's open to everyone who is willing to put in the extra time and effort necessary to excel," she says—and the students who attended excel in many different ways. An informal survey revealed that they cherish such diverse educational and career goals as psychology, sociology, Hispanic studies, culinary science, physical or occupational therapy, teaching, and the Christian ministry.



Interfaith helps stock school supplies

Lancaster-Northumberland Interfaith Service Council provides school supplies for those in need in the local schools. From left, Geraldine Avery, Craig Kauffman and Kim Seaver receive school supplies to help all students get off to a good start. To help, contact Interfaith at P.O. Box 868, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Cub Scouts visit Norfolk

Cub Scout Pack 242 of Kilmarnock recently completed its summer activities with a trip to the Norfolk Zoo and Norfolk Waterside. From left are (front row) young sisters of scouts, Rachel Valdrighi and Zoë Nonnemacker; (next row) scouts Avery and Graham Shivers, Matthew Joyner, Nick Nonnemacker, Shawn Valdrighi and Justin Lewis. Boys in grades one through five are eligible to join Cub Scouts. Recruiting meetings have been set for Thursday, September 14, and Tuesday, September 19, at Lancaster Primary School at 7 p.m.

School Menus

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menus in Lancaster County. Choose one entree for breakfast, one entree and two sides for lunch. Milk is served with all meals.

Middle/High School
Every day choices:
Cereals, Pop Tarts, Bagels,
Toast and Yogurt
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Classic PB&J, Chef Salad, Chicken Patty, Cheeseburer, Hamburger

Monday, September 18:
Ham & cheese griller
w/garden salad
Tuesday , September 19:
Scrambled eggs and sausage
Sausage pizza
Super Italian Wrap
Pasta Bar w/assorted pasta, sauces and garlic breadstick
Wednesday, September 20:
Ham biscuit
Hawaiian pizza
Ham croissant
Mesquite BBQ chicken w/oven baked beans and cornbread
Thursday, September 21:
Eggwich English Muffin
Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza
Turkey & Swiss Hoagie
Salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned peas, and dinner roll
Friday, September 21:
Sausage and cheese biscuit
Pepperoni and sausage pizza
Bologna & cheese
Chicken buffa-roll w/celery sticks

Primary School
Everyday choices:
Cereal w/toast or Yogurt w/toast
Shaker Salad, PB&J Wrap,
Deli Sub

Monday, September 18:
Sausage biscuit
Mini corn dogs or
Choice of pizza
Oven baked beans
Tuesday, September 19:
Breakfast pizza
Chicken fillet on a bun or
Chicken nuggets
Oven baked smiley fries
Wednesday, September 20:
Ham & cheese biscuit
Turkey slice or
Choice of pizza
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Dinner roll
Thursday, September 21:
Hot cakes and sausage
Beefy nachos or
Chicken nuggets
Mexican fiesta rice, cornbread
Friday, September 22:
Breakfast burrito
Beef-a-roni or
Choice of pizza
Tossed salad

Head back to school with the environment in mind

Time for school means time to shop. Students starting the new year need everything from clothes to computers. The National Retail Federation estimates that families will spend an average of $527 per child readying them for school.

Here are some tips from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that can save you money and help the environment by reducing waste.

• Choose products made from recycled materials: buy pencils made from old blue jeans, binders made from old shipping boxes, and of course recycled paper products. Items like refillable pens, rechargeable batteries, and scrap paper for notes can be reused.

• Sort through the current materials in the home first. Many supplies can be reused or recycled. Backpacks, notebooks, folders and binders can all be reused.

• Buy school supplies wrapped with minimal packaging, or buy products that come in bulk sizes. Packaging accounts for more than 30 percent of all the waste generated each year.

• Donate clothes to a local charity or shelter so someone else can put them to use, and earn a possible tax deduction at the same time.

• Buying a new computer, cell phone, or other electronic device? E-cycle the old one. Many retailers participate in an electronics recycling program. They also can be donated to a local school, library or charity. Check with the local health and sanitation agencies for the proper way to dispose of electronics safely. Proper disposal keeps dangerous materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and chromium out of the environment.

• Share used books with friends, relatives or younger school children. Many schools reuse text books to save money and reduce waste. Covering textbooks with cut-up shopping bags helps reduce waste and keeps books in good condition.

• Package lunches in reusable containers instead of disposable ones. Bring drinks in a thermos instead of disposable bottles or cartons. This saves money and reduces waste.

• Try carpooling, public transportation, walking or biking to school.

Waste less by reducing, reusing and recycling. Work with teachers and friends to find ways to encourage everyone in the community to make reducing waste a part of every day.

For more information, go to http://www.epa.gov/ebtpages/pollutionprevention.html.

Tamra Lyn Gilbert

Gilbert earns Dean's List

Tamra Lyn Gilbert was named to the Dean's List at North Carolina Wesleyan College (NCWC) for the 2005-06 school year. Gilbert completed her junior year through NCWC. She plans to major in psychology and minor in criminal justice.

Gilbert will attend her senior year at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla.

Her parents are Gary and Penny Gilbert of Lancaster. She has one sister, Brandy Gilbert, a senior at Lancaster High School. Her grandparents are Bernard and Doris Sanford, also of Lancaster, and Jeanne and the late Clyde Gilbert of Redwood City, Calif.

Bethany Poole

Poole receives master's

Bethany Poole graduated in June from the Stanford School of Business with a master's in business administration. She is employed by Google in Mountainview, Calif., in the new Book Search department as product marketing manager.

She is a graduate of Christchurch School and the University of Virginia.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Poole of White Stone.

Kelley Dize Anderson

Anderson receives master's

Kelley Dize Anderson of Norfolk received a master's in business administration from the College of William and Mary Mason School of Business while working full time with the Virginia Port Authority.

She is a graduate of Sweet Briar College.

She is the wife of Adam Anderson and the mother of two young daughters, Costen Grace and Holland Shea. She is the daughter of Jesse and Sheila Dize of Kilmarnock.

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RGH is first in Virginia to 'Get With the Guidelines'

Rappahannock General Hospital was recognized September 6 as the first hospital in the Commonwealth of Virginia to participate in the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association program Get With The Guidelines, according to president and chief executive officer James M. Holmes Jr.

The program helps ensure that the care hospitals provide for coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines, he said.

Rappahannock General Hospital has been recognized for participating in the Get With The Guidelines program in coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure, explained Holmes. This level of achievement shows RGH's commitment to implement a higher standard of care for heart disease and stroke patients. RGH is the first hospital in Virginia actively using all three programs to achieve this recognition.

The program helps ensure that patients treated and discharged receive quality care in accordance with guidelines that will reduce the risk of secondary events, he said. It takes advantage of the "teachable moment," the time soon after an acute event, when patients are most likely to listen to their healthcare professionals' treatment recommendations. Studies demonstrate that patients who are taught how to manage their risk factors while still in the hospital reduce their risk of a second heart attack or stroke.

This commitment signifies that RGH will use the program to comply with core standard levels of care outlined by the American Heart Association/ American College of Cardiology secondary prevention guidelines and recommendations, said Holmes.

Under the protocols, patients are started on aggressive risk reduction therapies such as cholesterol-lowering drugs, beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, aspirin, diuretics and anticoagulants in the hospital, or in the case of stroke, they may receive tPA, antithrombotics and DVT prophylaxis. They also receive alcohol/drug use and thyroid management counseling and referrals for cardiac rehabilitation before being discharged.

"The full implementation of acute and secondary prevention guidelines is a critical step in saving the lives of patients," said Gray Ellrodt, M.D., chairman of the GWTG steering committee. "The aim of the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines program is to help hospitals like Rappahannock General implement appropriate evidence-based guidelines for care and protocols that will reduce the number of deaths in these patients and in their communities."

"Rappahannock General Hospital is dedicated to making our care for heart disease and stroke patients among the best in the country. We will continue in our efforts to fully implement this valuable program," said Holmes. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our professionals to improve the long-term outcomes of our cardiac and stroke patients, and we are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements."

RGH's staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes. The program includes quality improvement measures such as standing orders, discharge protocols, and measurement tools. This quick and efficient use of guideline tools will enable RGH to improve the quality of care it provides heart disease stroke patients, save lives and ultimately, reduce healthcare costs by lowering recurrence of events.

The coronary artery disease module of Get With The Guidelines is developed with support from an unrestricted educational grant from the Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Partnership. Glaxo Smith Kline, Inc. has provided support for Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure.

From left are (front row) Jane Mitchell, RN, performance improvement staff development director; Jo Crockett, social worker; Angela Kelly, RN, case management; Trinia Timberlake, RN, case management; B. H. Hubbard, board of directors chairman; Gloria Burnett, RN, case management nurse manager; Kathy Canowski, director of quality improvement for the American Heart Association; (next row) Gregg Shivers, medical staff president; and James M. Holmes Jr., president and chief executive officer.

Bankers complete coursework

Chesapeake Financial Shares Inc. president Jeffrey M. Szyperski recently announced that eight employees have taken the two years of coursework necessary to sit for the Certified Financial Planning (CFP) designation.

The coursework has been done in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University. VCU sent professors twice monthly to instruct the participants in the six major areas covered by the exam. These areas are the financial planning process, investments, tax planning, retirement, employee benefits, and estate planning. The coursework for this was completed in March and each of the participants sat for the exam in July.

Those who completed the coursework and sat for the exam are Szyperski, Chesapeake Bank executive vice president John K. O'Shaughnessy, Chesapeake Bank executive vice president and chief financial officer John H. Hunt II, Chesapeake Investment Group vice president and trust officer Jean H. Light, Chesapeake Investment Group managing director Trudy M. Quinto, Chesapeake Investment Group certified financial analyst and portfolio manager David W. Homard, Chesapeake Investment Group senior portfolio manager and director of investor analytics W. J. "Bill" McLachlan, and Chesapeake Investment Group financial consultant Christopher M. Sikes.

"A huge amount of time and effort was expended in completing this course curriculum," said Szyperski. "Most of it was done after hours and required a level of commitment from each of those completing this track. The intent here is for Chesapeake Investment Group to be able to carve out a niche in the wealth management business as having the highest level of expertise in each of its markets. This already coupled with the legal knowledge in our group greatly assists us in serving in the wealth management needs of our clients."

Community banking corporation announces 3-for-2 stock split

The board of directors of Union Bankshares Corporation authorized a three-for-two stock split to shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 2.

Shares resulting from the split are expected to be distributed by the company's transfer agent October 13. Fractional shares will be settled in cash based on the closing price of the company's shares reported by the NASDAQ National Market System as of October 13.

"We anticipate this split will make our shares more accessible to retail investors and improve the liquidity of our stock," said president and chief executive officer G. William Beale.

Following the stock split, the number of outstanding shares will increase to approximately 13.3 million shares. The company's last stock split, a two-for-one split, was in May 1998.

Union Bankshares offers full service banking to the Central, Rappahannock, Williamsburg, and Northern Neck regions of Virginia through its bank subsidiaries, Union Bank and Trust Company, Northern Neck State Bank, Rappahannock National Bank, Bay Community Bank and Prosperity Bank & Trust Company.

Union Bank and Trust company also operates a loan production office in Manassas. In addition to banking services, Union Investment Services Inc. provides full brokerage services and Union Mortgage Group Inc. provides a full line of mortgage products. Bay Communty Bank also owns a non-controlling interest in Johnson Mortgage Company LLC.

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Community Services Board recognizes employee service

The Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board recognized employees for years of service at a luncheon August 25. The luncheon, held at the Steamboat Restaurant at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield, recognized 35 employees with years of service ranging from five to 25.

The Community Services Board provides early intervention, prevention, mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to the 10 counties comprising the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck, according to Charles R. Walsh Jr., executive director.

"These individuals have made significant contributions to our consumers and their communities and their commitment to service deserves our recognition," said Walsh.

The recognized employees included individuals working in direct consumer service programs as well as administrative support division.

The agency recognized the following employees for five years of service: Timothy Banks, Amanda Campagnola, Minnie Evans, Denise Ferguson, Angela Griffin, Louise Keeve, Brenda LeBlanc, Elizabeth Lee-Brown, Laura Mark, Beatrice Miller, Lourdes Nieves, Melvin Rutkowski, Judith Notarianni, Maggie Shelton, Dawn Smith, Lesley Smith, Sylvia Smith, and Michael Taylor.

The agency recognized the following employees for ten years of service: Michelle Brown, Robin Fletcher, Vivian Johnson, Lauri Moore, Barry Seaver, Erlene Shelton, Carolyn South, Judith Swann, Mitzi Torres, and Alverta Wake. The agency recognized the following employees for 15 years of service: Susan Bruno, Cathy Perkins, and Carol Trammell. Three employees received recognition for 20 years of service: Rita Harlow, Thelma Hayden, and Deborah Whiteway.

One employee, Shelia Cooke, received recognition for 25 years of service.

Board members attending the luncheon were Sherry Ashe of Mathews County and Alice Coates of Lancaster County.

From left are 20-year employee Thelma Hayden and executive director Charles R. Walsh Jr.

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"The Five Wishes"—a cost free, legal living will, the first session in a learning series sponsored by the Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck, will be held September 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

Participants will learn how to prepare a legal living will. Refreshments will be provided.

Five Wishes discusses the following topics: the person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't; the kind of medical treatment I want or don't want; how comfortable I want to be; how I want people to treat me; what I want my loved ones to know.

Each person attending will receive their own copy of "Five Wishes."

Horse industry will likely expand its reach

Virginia's expanding horse industry will likely expand its reach to the public and begin developing more research, thanks to the approval of a new checkoff fund.

More than two-thirds of eligible horse owners who completed a certification process earlier this year have voted to approve an assessment on the manufactured equine feed sold or imported for sale in Virginia.

The certification process was open to all horse owners in the Commonwealth. The checkoff will assess $3 per ton, or 7.5 cents per 50-pound bag.

Funds collected will be used by the Virginia Horse Industry Board to conduct programs in market development, education, publicity, research and promotion of Virginia's equine industry. The assessment could add an estimated $200,000 per fiscal year to the board's budget.

"This is going to give the industry the money for special projects we, as horse professionals, want to see done," said Julie Williamson, a Culpeper County horse owner and member of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation equine advisory committee. "This is not, however, going to fund the animal identification program."

Voters in the assessment referendum were limited to equine owners who submitted an affidavit verifying Virginia residency, legal voting age, and confirmation of equine ownership. The checkoff is slated to go into effect by January 2007.

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Landscape architect co-authors seminal environmental design and planning text

Barry W. Starke

Landscape architect Barry W. Starke is the co-author of the recently published fourth edition of *Landscape Architecture, A Manual of Environmental Planning and Design* with the late John Simonds, landscape architect.

Starke, president of the environmental design firm Earth Design Associates of Casanova, began work with Simonds on the text over a year and a half ago. Sadly, four months into the project, Simonds, 92, died unexpectedly, and Starke, with a renewed sense of commitment to Simonds' legacy, finished the work in the ensuing 13 months.

The fourth edition of *Landscape Architecture* was published in June by McGraw-Hill and contains 396 pages with over 400 color photographs illustrating the principles of environmental planning and design and works of landscape architecture. According to Starke, the book covers a wider variety of land and environmental design issues and contains more illustrations explaining the principals of land planning and design than any book in print.

"We sought examples of projects from the leading landscape architectural/planning firms throughout the world. Their willingness to share photographs of their work to illustrate the book was overwhelming," said Starke. "Hundreds of offices responded from England to China, Canada to South America with thousands of photographs . . . . picking the final images for inclusion in the book was a daunting task indeed."

Starke has lived and practiced in the Warrenton area for over 30 years. He is Certified Landscape Architect Number 1 in Virginia, a past member and president of the Virginia State Board for Architects and Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers & Landscape Architects, a Fellow of and Past-President of the American Society of Landscape Architects, a certified planner, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation. He is developing a private collection of native flora at his property at Windmill Point.

Landscape Architecture is available at most major bookstores and can be ordered online at http://books.mcgraw-hill.com/

For additional information, contact Barry Starke at 540-347-9330.

Ernesto hit Eastern Shore, Northern Neck crops hard

Tropical Storm Ernesto last week dropped heavy amounts of wind-driven rain on Virginia's Eastern Shore and Northern Neck, causing significant damage to the regions crops.

On the Eastern Shore, as much as 10 inches of rain and sustained wind speeds of more than 70 mph stripped soy beans of their leaves, flattened cornfields and shredded tomato plant foliage.

"Extensive damage was done to the Shore's vegetable crop," said Bill Shockley, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Northampton County. "Corn is hurt significantly, but it is too early to tell how much. There will be a lot of delayed damage."

Lynn Gayle, tomato producer and Accomack County Farm Bureau president, and his crew spent the weekend straightening 90 acres of staked tomato plants and assessing the damage.

"I came out here to look at the tomatoes, and they all had a distinct lean to the west," Gayle said. "My goal is to straighten them up and spray them. The foliage is shredded and starting to die, which could allow for disease."

Virginia is the third-largest fresh market tomato-producing state in the nation, and Accomack is the No. 1 corn-, soybean-, wheat- and tomato-producing county in the state.

Standing water, downed trees and shoreline erosion caused problems for farmers in Northumberland County, which already has reported $860,000 in agricultural damages.

Keith Harris, a Northumberland County farmer, said he will lose some of his corn crop, but his soybeans are now looking good after a dry, hot summer.

"Ernesto actually helped the soybeans a lot," Harris said. "They were in dire need of rain.

Service Note

Spc. Jason Curry

Virginia National Guard soldier Spc. Jason Curry is patrolling the Mexican border in Arizona under Operation Jump Start.

Curry is the son of Jimmy and Rose Curry of Kilmarnock.

He is the grandson of Joe and Rose Curry, and Catherine Taylor, all of Kilmarnock.

State warns public of Mission for the Interior

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) cautions consumers that Mission for the Interior International of Suffolk has solicited contributions from Virginia citizens for allegedly charitable purposes. However, as of September 5, this organization has not registered with or been granted the appropriate exempt status by the commissioner as required by law. Therefore, contributors are cautioned that their contributions to such organizations may be used for non-charitable purposes.

The department recommends that before responding to any charitable appeal by making a donation or by making a purchase in the name of a charity, consumers verify that the organization is registered with the Office of Consumer Affairs. Current registration status for charitable organizations can be found at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/index.html.

Consumers should also determine how much of their donation will be actually used to support the organization's charitable purpose, and how much will be used for other expenses such as administrative overhead and fund raising.

For additional information, call the OCA at 1-800-552-9963, or 786-2042.

Groves appointed to board

The National Guild of Professional Paperhangers (NGPP) has announced the appointment of Elizabeth "Buffy" Groves of Heathsville to their board of directors.

Groves will be the regional director for the Mid-Atlantic region of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The region has 106 members. Groves hopes to increase membership by making regional paperhangers aware of guild benefits.

The guild was established in 1974 to support professional paperhangers. The guild has assisted members with continued education, resources and networking opportunities, management of small- to medium-sized businesses, and the exposure of the craft to the public. The guild has a network of local and regional chapters and through meetings, workshops, conventions, publications and surveys, offers benefits to members.

Groves joined the guild in 2002 when she started her business, "The Paperhanger." She is experienced with unpasted and prepasted papers, commercial vinyl, digital graphic murals, English pulps, and is a certified installer for Maya Romanoff and Stoney Brook Hand Painted Torn Wallcoverings.

Groves will be inducted at the annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., September 21 to 23.

For information about joining the guild, contact Groves at 580-6117, visit www.ngpp.org, or call 800-245-NGPP.

Business Briefs

■ Wild horses

The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management will conduct a wild horse and burro adoption session October 13 through 15 at the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area at 10406 Gunston Road in Lorton.

A preview will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. October 13. Adoptions will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 14 and 8 a.m. to noon October 15. Oral bid adoption will begin at 10:30 a.m. October 14. For directions, call 1-866-4MUSTANGS, or visit www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

■ Screenings set

Life Line Screening will be at Bethel United Methodist Church at 142 Old Bethel Road off White Chapel Road near Lively on Wednesday, September 20. Appointments will begin at 10 a.m.

A complete vascular screening package, including the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is $109. A complete vascular package including osteoporosis screening is $129. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

■ VDOT chief

Gov. Tim Kaine last week announced the appointment of David S. Ekern to serve as the next Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Ekern, currently of Eagle, Idaho, is a transportation professional with senior level experience and a national reputation for innovation and planning. Ekern has served as the assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and as the director of the Idaho Transportation department.

Acting Commissioner Gregory A. Whirley Sr. will serve as chief deputy commissioner, noted Kaine.

Correction

In a business story last week regarding a change in ownership at Conrad's Upper Deck Seafood Restaurant, it was noted that new owner Ron Edwards uses custom-built stainless steel kettles in his off-site catering. He uses custom-built stainless steel kitchens mounted on trucks.

Brenda Bevans

Brenda Bevans joins EVB

Brenda Bevans recently joined EVB as assistant vice president and assistant branch manager of the Heathsville branch.

Bevans has 24 years of banking experience, serving as teller, customer service representative, banking officer, assistant branch manager, retail service officer, and financial center manager.

She earned her AIB diploma January 1998.

Bevans is a member of Coles Point United Methodist Church where she serves as Treasurer. She also serves on the board of the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce.

She is married to Eddie Bevans. They live in Hague and have two daughters, Lori B. Newsome of Warsaw and Kristy L. Bevans of Charlottesville. They also have two grandchildren, Cheyenne Neale Newsome and Harley McCrea Newsome.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, working in her flower garden, water sports and riding the Harley motorcycle with her husband.

President and chief executive officer Joe Shearin stated, "We are fortunate to have Brenda join EVB and bring her wealth of experience," said president and chief executive officer Joe Shearin.

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Kilmarnock town administrator Lee Hood Capps apparently ran out of space in his former office (above). He recently moved into a newly renovated office at the town hall (right).

▼ *Kilmarnock to discuss town center . . . .*

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discussed, including a review of architects interested in bidding on the project. The new development will be built on town property at First and North Main Streets and will house a new town hall with the possibility of adding more offices in the future to accommodate other government services.

As part of the planning process, Smith said he would like to visit other communities that have developed similar town centers. He has suggested relocating the town hall to that site within the next two years.

Recent renovations to the current town hall resulted in a new office for town manager Lee Capps. The new construction cost taxpayers approximately $2,800, according to Capps' estimation, and did not come with the full support of council. Councilmen Fletcher Brown IV and Paul Jones balked at spending money on a building that in all likelihood will be bulldozed when the town hall is moved to the new location.

According to newly appointed council member Les Spivey, the renovation was long overdue and necessary for providing privacy and a professional appearance.

Smith said improvements were kept to a minimum because they are temporary and any newly purchased furniture will transfer to the new town center. He said he had the assurance of Capps that the old office space will be cleaned up.

▼ *White Stone council . . . .*

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three years ago and purportedly did $1 million in damages to the bridge.

"It boils down to funding," he said, claiming it would cost $90 million to replace it with a four-lane bridge while maintaining the current bridge costs approximately $20 million. Trapani said VDOT is considering overlaying the asphalt with latex as a protective barrier.

In other business, Mitch Johnson of the consulting firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. in Richmond (VHB) presented an update on renovation options for the White Stone business district. Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard said he wanted to see how much things would cost before committing to specifics of the project. Start dates were discussed with Johnson, who said the work could begin as early as October.

An ordinance on regulating signage, monuments and sculptures within town limits passed unanimously following a public hearing.The ordinance covers signs or structures intended to advertise or promote a product, service or entertainment which are placed for exterior view. The intent of the regulation is to protect property values and the character and safety of the community. A copy of the entire ordinance is available through the town manager.

With the swearing in of new council members Mac Davis and Lee Anne Washington, as well as Mayor Hubbard and councilman Randy Reeves, Hubbard appointed town committees.

Budget and finance committee members are Hubbard, deputy-mayor David Jones, Reeves and Davis. Comprising public safety and patrol will be Jones, Davis and Stewart Revere. Building and external environment will be chaired by Washington and include Jones, Reeves and Jack Johnson. A new committee called special assignment will act as council's steering committee and consist of Jones, Washington and Hubbard. A town ordinance committee will include Jones, Johnson, Washington and town attorney Matt Terry.

Following a closed session, council announced intentions to change the town's part-time police position to a full-time job because additional coverage is needed for evenings and weekends.

New RCCF charitable funds are established

The River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) recently announced the creation of four new charitable funds. Each of the recently established funds has distinct characteristics which will perpetuate the donors' lifetime values after their deaths.

An example of these gifting opportunities open to donors is the Janet and Richard Steelman Endowment Fund. The Steelmans saw RCCF as a builder and caretaker of community resources.

"RCCF enabled us to achieve our personal vision of charitable giving," they explained. "We wanted to assist RCCF's community outreach by providing operating support for the foundation for five years." After that, they have designated five Northern Neck charities to be grant recipients from the fund.

From left are (front row) Gloria Wallace, Richard Steelman and Janet Steelman; (next row) Margaret Nost.

Anonymous donors recently established two funds. During their lifetimes they will recommend charities to receive support from the one fund and the second fund is a charitable remainder trust.

The Weaver Family Fund was established by a family member with deep roots in Lancaster and Northumberland counties. Motivated by knowledge that her legacy would be realized by RCCF offering scholarships to deserving students pursuing undergraduate and medical degrees, the fund was entrusted to the foundation.

The welfare of animals and the education of local youth are provided for through another anonymous fund. The donors cited the ease with which they were able to achieve their charitable goals in working with RCCF. In addition, the foundation was able to provide the means to include a variety of interests in their estate plans.

Funds held by River Counties Community Foundation fill many needs within the community. In an area populated by residents with diverse interests, more and more of these community needs are being addressed.

Advisory board chair Gloria Wallace, said "It is gratifying to me that these donors recognize RCCF as a valuable community resource."

Members of the community are invited to invest through RCCF in local causes about which they are most concerned. To discuss the possibilities, call director Margaret Nost at 438-9414.

Tides Inn aids Ernesto workers

Regarding the working crews responding to Ernesto, The Tides Inn took in about 100 Dominion Power workers and contractors on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. The Inn provided a buffet dinner each evening and a breakfast buffet each morning for these workers. "Even though we were not up and running as a resort, we did make sure that every one of these workers felt comfortable and at home during their stay," said Anthony Bottaro.

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Medical alliance marks 60 years

The Northern Neck Medical Association Alliance recently celebrated its 60th anniversary with a luncheon including cake and candles.

The organization was founded in 1947, shortly after the Northern Neck Medical Association was established by the wives of several early Northern Neck physicians: Bert Lamberth, Dimple Gravatt, Selma Tingle and Scotty Booker.

The alliance is still composed of physicians' spouses and is affiliated with the Medical Society of Virginia Alliance and the American Medical Association Alliance. In its early years it was primarily a social organization, but it has become a service organization as well. Its mission is to promote community health education and patient-oriented medical legislation, and to support the medical family.

The alliance founded a scholarship foundation in 1981 which underwrites all expenses for the final year of students with strong ties to the Northern Neck who are obtaining their RN associate degree from Rappahannock Community College. To date, 92 students have received scholarships. Fund raising for the foundation has included casino nights, galas, wine-tasting dinners, fashion shows and etiquette teas for mothers, grandmothers and little girls.

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Northern Neck Medical Association Alliance are, from left, Barbara Price, Jean Poole, Betty Baylor, Shirley McAdoo, Gail Tiesenga, Letha Harris and Ann Carpenter.

The alliance sponsors the AMA Alliance's SAVE (Stop America's Violence Everywhere) programs in the community and local schools. It has partnered with the sheriff's department's DARE program in the middle school, taught hand-washing techniques in the primary school, and produced health fairs at high schools educating students on various health risks.

The alliance has produced displays at the Lancaster Community Library on the topics of anti-violence and bullying in the schools, the history of medicine practiced in the Northern Neck, and the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. Alliance members have also provided dinners for volunteers who staff the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic after office hours.

The alliance also annually observes National Doctors' Day on March 30 by sponsoring a "Doctors are Special because..." poster contest for third-graders. The posters are displayed at Rappahannock General Hospital where they are judged by a panel of health professionals before being displayed in the children's room at the library.

Retail food prices dropped in second quarter

A recent survey conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation shows decreases in retail food prices during the second quarter of 2006.

The survey shows the cost of 16 basic grocery items totaled $39.91. That's down 1.5 percent, or 60 cents, after an increase of $1.90 during the first quarter of this year. Experts say the price change reflects lower payment among farmers.

Tony Banks of the commodity/marketing staff of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation pointed out that the percentages on retail prices and farmers' income never match up. He said changes in the prices of milk and other dairy items are typical during the summer.

One reason for the changes, he said, is the fact that most schools are not in session, and "mom and dad don't usually buy as much milk as schools do."

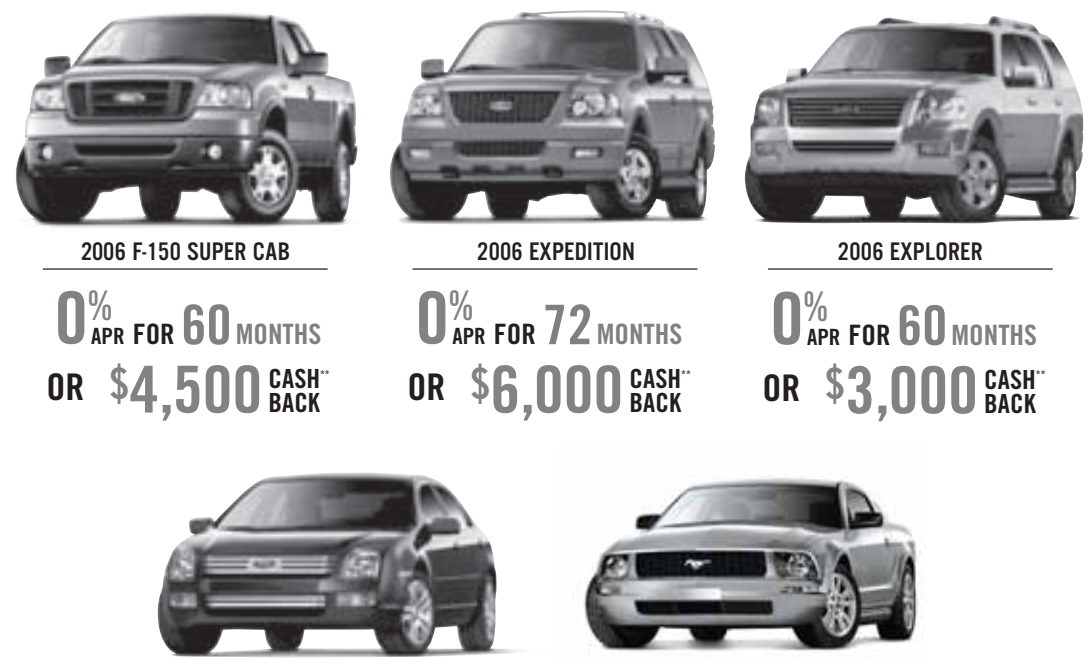
Of the 16 items that were surveyed, 11 decreased in price, four increased and one stayed the same compared to the first quarter of the year. Cheddar cheese showed the largest decrease in price, down 38 cents.

In addition, ground chuck, mayonnaise, whole milk, corn oil, sirloin tip roast, flour, vegetable oil, large eggs, pork chops and bacon all dropped in price. Russet potatoes, white bread, apples and whole fryers increased.

Banks said there are many different reasons for those price changes, all of them related to seasonal cycles.

"We will see an increase in prices on apples as we are closer to the last fresh harvest in America,"Banks said. He said prices on chicken have been increasing because of a demand drop for exports to other countries.

Toasted oat cereal remained the same—$2.89 per 10-ounce box. It seems demand for favorite breakfast cereals will always be strong.



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The Rivah Country Mad Red Hatters have high tea.

Red Hatters celebrate

Bobbie Dugan, the Queen Mother of the Rivah Country Mad Red Hatters, hosted a high tea for chapter members September 7.

The elaborate function was held on a picture perfect day under a great tent at the Dugan home at the end of Wilton Road on the Potomac River. Forty five of the Northern Neck's finest women, dressed in bright purple dresses adorned with their favorite red hats, gathered for fun and camaraderie.

Dugan was assisted by Jackie Grosso of Amissville and Shar Mayne of Rileyville in preparing the site, cooking and serving a variety of scones. jellies and jams, with Devonshire cream, finger sandwiches, deserts, individual tea pots and many varieties of tea.

The occasion celebrated the chapter's fourth anniversary and the "red-uation" of a younger member, Maryellen Hayden, formerly a "pink hatter." Younger women join as pink hatters and when they reach a certain age of excitement and kicking-up of heels, they red-uate to red hat status and are presented with an official hat of the appropriate color.

Members also discussed the chapter's participation in the celebration of Kinsale's 300th anniversary September 16. For information about the chapter, call Dugan at 472-3796, or Vice Queen Ann Jenkins at 493-4396.

Bobbie Dugan, left, makes a presentation to Maryellen Hayden.

Behind-the-scenes activities featured

Upcoming activities at the Virginia Historical Society include a Gallery Walk October 4 and another installment in The Banner Lecture Series October 11.

The Gallery Walk will feature "Behind -the-scenes tour." Senior staff members will lead tours of areas generally closed to the public, offering participants a peek at what goes on behind-the-scenes at a museum. Tours begin at noon.

The lecture will feature "Treasures and Curiosities from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle," presented by Oliver Everett.

The Royal Library at Windsor Castle, home to many objects associated with the history of Great Britain and the royal family, is open only to selected researchers and invited guests of the queen. The lecture takes a behind-the-scenes approach to view some of the treasures, including drawings by da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Holbein, and curiosities.

Everett is librarian emeritus of the Royal Library of Windsor Castle, where he was librarian and assistant keeper of the Royal Archives from 1985 to 2002.

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