Rappahannock Record

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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Governmental accounting system to be reviewed by Lancaster school board

KILMARNOCK—The Lancaster school board will meet Monday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lancaster Middle School media center in Kilmarnock.

A presentation on the Bright System, an accounting system used by Lancaster County government and many school districts around the state, will be offered.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Randolph Latimore will also report on additional revenue from fiscal year 2006.

Other agenda items include proposed budget amendments and a report on the opening of schools.

County employees question health insurance plan

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—"We feel our financial and physical health is in jeopardy," Commonwealth's attorney C. Jeffers Schmidt told the Lancaster board of supervisors during the public comment portion of the August 31 meeting.

Schmidt said he and his wife, a health-care professional for a number of years, "are frantic."

Speaking with about 25 to 30 of their co-workers in attendance, three other representatives of county employees and constitutional officers also expressed concerns regarding a recent change of health care providers.

Southern Health Services had been handling the 75 county employees' health insurance needs for about seven years. The employees voted last spring to continue with that provider.

However, according to supervisor Pete Geilich, the board of supervisors decided for cost-saving reasons to switch to a self-insured (or self-funded) plan which is funded by the employer— in this case, Lancaster County—to pay the health claims of its employees.

The plan is also called a Single Employer Trust (SET).

According to the Virginia Health Insurance Guide for Consumers prepared by the Commonwealth's Bureau of Insurance, "The employer actually pays the bills for its employees' health care and assumes all associated risks" in a SET plan.

Sometimes an insurance company is hired to handle administrative duties, following the directives of the employer.

According to the bureau's guide, "Self-insured plans are subject to the Federal Employee Retirement Act of 1974 (ERISA). The U.S. Department of Labor is the federal government agency that is responsible for handling matters involving self-insured plans."

At the August 31 meeting, Capt. Martin Shirilla tells Lancaster supervisors about the substantial increase in cost for his family with the new healthcare plan for county employees.

However, Debbie Harvey, a county employee for 30 years and the office manager for the county Social Services Department, received different information.

She told the supervisors she had made "numerous phone calls to state and federal agencies" in Virginia, Florida, Illinois and Washington, D.C., trying to find information about SET health plans.

She said she had been told by three people in the Labor Department "that government entities are not under their jurisdiction," and that the county's SET is not an ERISA plan, so no federal rights or protection is afforded the county employees.

Harvey was also told by the Virginia State Corporation Commission that "we are not under their jurisdiction and do not have any state rights or protection."

The paperwork is also a big concern for Harvey who said she had asked county administrator Bill Pennell twice for a copy of the signed contract, and was "alarmed when told by the county administrator that he did not have a signed contract yet, nor could he produce an unsigned contract."

"The county sent over $43,000 to Preferred Administrators in Tampa, Florida, on July 31 and [on August 31], without a signed contract. Over the next 12 months more than $500,000 in premium payments will be sent to a bank account out of state," she said.

Dawn Mahaffey, a social work supervisor in the same department, spoke as an individual and "also a member of a group representing county employees" affected by the supervisors' decision.

She cited the group's first concerns: "The immediate reduction in coverage under the SET, the immediate financial impact of increased out-of-pocket expenses, and whether local providers accept the plan. . ."

Capt. Martin Shirilla of the sheriff's office said his monthly out-of-pocket costs had risen $200 in just the first month of being on the new plan. Under the new plan, he says a visit to his specialist now costs him $135 instead of the $25 he previously paid.

In her written statement to the supervisors, Mahaffey referred to an article from a 2004 issue of the Insurance Journal in which Florida's Chief Financial Officer, Tom Gallagher, warned employers who were considering a SET of the potential for fraud and abuse in this type of insurance.

Mahaffey also offered a five-stage process for establishing self-insurance plans, which was recommended by an English firm concerned with insurance issues, and she asked the supervisors how the county had gone about its decision.

She said the group representing the employees also learned that "the industry standard for self-insured SET is anywhere from a recommended minimum of 250 to an optimum number of 500 participants."

Mahaffey said the employee group had been advised by a representative from the Insurance Center of the Medical Society of Virginia, that "a 75-member group [as the county has] wouldn't approach being self-funded."

The final concern of the employees which Mahaffey brought to the supervisors is whether the county has a guarantee that the stop-loss insurance provided by a third party administrator "is actually in place."

Stop-loss insurance is re-insurance purchased by the employer (the county) to cover costs in excess of the balance in the custodial bank account into which monthly premiums are deposited by the employer and from which medical claims are paid.

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Legal issues complicate Nuttsville property request

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—Tynesha Davenport's request for a special exception in order to place a manufactured home on property off Nuttsville Road became mired in controversy before county supervisors last week after legal questions arose.

Apparently Davenport has a land installment contract and there were questions regarding one or more easements on the property.

County administrator Bill Pennell told Davenport and neighbor Joanne Veney Mynatt, whose property is also involved in the easement issue, that he needed to see them next week and, "I'm going to refer both of you to lawyers."

"There appears to be a granting of the easement by one or two owners," supervisor F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. said.

"The property you were purchasing appears to have a new easement," he explained to Davenport.

Jenkins suggested that Rappahannock Legal Services, which contracts with the county, should be called in.

The board moved to table Davenport's request for reconsideration at the September meeting.

The supervisors ratified a transfer of $864,000 from the capital improvement fund to the general fund for the end of August/beginning of September expenses.

The board authorized Pennell to secure a bridge loan since the $338,000 in the county's reserve was not determined sufficient to get the county through the fall. The loan will help the county meet obligations until tax payments start coming in.

Discussions are under way concerning the building of a bike path between Kilmarnock and Irvington. Costs have been projected at up to $500,000 per mile.

Jack Russell volunteered to be part of the discussion with Pennell and Northern Neck Planning District Commission head Jerry Davis.

VDOT local representative Clifton Balderson said that the department is still waiting for information about the traffic signal request at the corner of Irvington Road and its intersection with Harris Road and the James B. Jones Memorial Highway.

Balderson said the Northern Neck region is now under the jurisdiction of the Richmond district, and no longer part of the Fredericksburg district. He said the state now has five regions to "consolidate and get more cost savings."

The supervisors also accepted Oak Hill Drive in the Oak Hill Subdivision into the secondary system.

Supervisor B. Wally Beauchamp voiced concerns on behalf of the town of Weems about the entrance speed, noting that a vehicle had recently ended up on the church grounds. He referred to a petition signed by 64 citizens and said, "We ask that you give serious consultation on this matter."

Other troubled traffic spots identified by supervisors are where Old Orchard Road comes in at an angle by the Lively Get & Zip and where Courthouse Road angles in to Mary Ball Road north of the courthouse in Lancaster.

It appears the little white building between the Lancaster Community Library and the middle school at 201 School Street in Kilmarnock may soon be part of the area's library services again if all goes well at a future public hearing on the matter.

The library wants to use it as a home base and work center for the Storymobile staff who need the space "to better serve their public, those under five, in the Storymobile's primary role of preparing those children for success in school," according to library director Susanna Collins.

Collins told the supervisors that an average of 100 children between ages two and five use the program each week, while the summer reading program serves "several hundred primary and middle school students" and parents and daycare providers use materials created by the staff as an aid to developing early literacy skills with very young children.

The varied programs and materials require staff work space as well as storage space, she said.

The supervisors must hold a public hearing before leasing the building to the library, which would then regain use of the building which had been the original library.

However, the largesse of the supervisors only went as far as providing the building itself. They told Collins the library would need to have the building's significant plumbing problem fixed.

White Stone Council members to be installed

by Audrey Thomasson

WHITE STONE—The town council will meet tonight (September 7) at 7 p.m. in the town hall at 433 Rappahannock Drive in White Stone. The session will begin with the installation of new council members Mac Davis and Lee Anne Washington.

Lloyd B. Hubbard will be sworn in to a third term as mayor and Randy Reeves, who was first elected to council in 1982, will be installed to begin his seventh term.

Davis is owner of Mac's Auto World in White Stone and has been an active participant in town affairs for many years. He has served as chairman of the board of zoning appeals committee and most recently spearheaded the design and implementation of the town's internet website, www.whitestoneva.org, which began operations August 30. Davis also worked with council and the Christ Church historical researchers to bring resolution to the establishment of a settlement date for the town.

Washington grew up in White Stone and is a graduate of Lancaster High School, the College of William and Mary and University of Virginia Law School. After practicing law in New York, Washington, D.C., and Richmond, she recently returned to establish a law practice next to the White Stone Wine and Cheese shop. Her practice covers commercial and family law as well as wills and trusts. She is currently a citizen member of the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority.

Hubbard will appoint council members to committees at tonight's meeting and will open a second public hearing on the establishment of an ordinance regulating the use of signage, monuments and sculptures.

Northumberland board to take public comment on nine separate issues

HEATHSVILLE—The board of supervisors for Northumberland County will convene its regular monthly session Thursday, September 14.

The board will meet at the courthouse at 72 Monument Place in Heathsville at 3:30 p.m. to conduct monthly business.

At 7 p.m., the board will meet at the courts bulding at 39 Judicial Place to conduct public hearings.

The hearing docket includes five land use applications.

George K. K. Hayden and Elizabeth A. Hayden seek a special exception to establish a 75 foot wide by 700 foot long private air strip for ultra-light aircraft off Sunnybank Road and Sweet Hall Drive.

Forrest and Virginia Henry, owners, and Carol Lapasky, applicant, seek a special exception to operate a boarding kennel with six runs at 80 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway.

Gordon E. and Judy A. Burgess seek a special exception to erect a 70 foot tall wind turbine to generate electricity at 128 Chesapeake Beach Road.

Craig Geiese, chairman of the Northern Neck Farm Museum, The Luther Welch Agriculture Center, seeks an extension of a special exception issued November 10, 2004, and due to expire November 10, 2006.

Greenleaf Land Management Inc. seeks an exception to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance to construct a road through a portion of a delineated wetland off Dodlyt Road near Reynolds Corner.

Citizens may comment on land use applications in person at the designated hearing, or in writing to the Office of Building and Zoning prior to the hearing. For specific instructions call 580-7921.

Among other hearings, The Northern Neck Farm Museum seeks a property tax exemption for its property on Northumberland Highway between Burgess and Horsehead.

The board has been requested to abandon a 190-foot portion of the end of Route 627 (Honest Point Road).

The board will conduct a hearing on a proposal to add Greenfield Harbour subdivision near Burgess to the list of areas within the county where it is prohibited for dogs to run at large.

The board also will conduct a hearing on a proposal to allow the use of golf carts and utility vehicles on Potomac Drive, Presley Drive and 705 feet on Newman's Neck Road within the Potomac Bay Estates subdivision.

Citizens may comment on these issues in person at the designated hearing, or in writing to the county administrator's office prior to the hearing. For specific instructions, call 580-7666.

Police Reports

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

Phillip C. Lee, 45, of James Wharf Road, was charged on a Northumberland warrant August 31 with embezzlement.

A Hopewell woman, 36, was charged August 28 with contempt of court.

A Tappahannock woman, 35, was charged August 31 with violation of probation.

A Georgetown Road man, 24, was charged September 1 with issuing a bad check.

A First Avenue woman, 22, was charged September 2 with issuing three bad checks.

An Alexandria woman, 47, was charged September 3 with public drunkenness.

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

Donnell Devon Carter, 22, of Heathsville was charged August 24 with a probation violation.

Leonard Johnson Jr., 45, of Tallahassee, Fla., was charged August 28 with a probation violation.

Donnell Devon Carter, 22, of Heathsville was charged August 29 with rape and burglary.

James Michael Akers Jr., 21, of Tappahannock was charged August 30 with a probation violation.

Michael Troy Headley, 36, of Lively was charged August 30 with damaging a public building with damages being valued at $1,000 or more.

Kinsey Lawrence Smith, 24, of Hague was charged August 30 with failure to appear in the Circuit Court.

Antoine O. Robinson, 24, of Heathsville was charged August 31 on a Lancaster County warrant and Northumberland County warrants with writing bad checks.

A Heathsville man, 38, was charged August 25 with failure to appear in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

A Heathsville man, 26, was charged with two counts of assault and battery.

Republicans to rally

TOPPING—Sen. George Allen and Rep. Jo Ann Davis are scheduled to attend the annual Three Rivers Rally at 1:30 p.m. September 17 at The Beacon in Topping.

Among Virginia Republican office holders also set to appear at the Three Rivers Rally are Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, Attorney General Bob McDonnell, Del. Harvey Morgan and Del. Rob Wittman.

Sen. Allen is seeking his second six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Rep. Davis is campaigning for her fourth consecutive two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Three Rivers Rally is a "support our candidates" event sponsored annually by the Republican committees of Essex, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties. Its name is derived from the Potomac, Rappahannock and James rivers.

There is no charge to attend. Teri Syslo of Mathews chairs the Three Rivers Rally Committee.

Bolling to tour area

RICHMOND—Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling recently announced a four-day, 17-stop tour through the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia September 5-8.

The tour will include meetings with local officials, business leaders and Republican activists, as well as visits to schools, hospitals and businesses in the area.

Among the public events on the tour, Lt. Gov. Bolling will deliver remarks Thursday, September 7, at a Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Lee's Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., he will tour the Omega Protein facility in Reedville. At 11:30 a.m., he will host a lunch for Republican activists in Northumberland and Lancaster counties at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock.

Columnist on vacation

Columnist Jane Tims rode out the recent storm on a beach somewhere. Her column, A Closer Look, will return next week.

Reflections

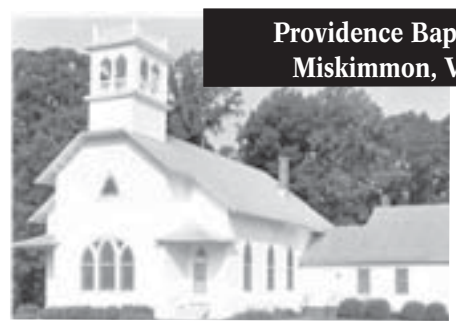
by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

John the Apostle

We learn in the New Testament that John was the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James (sons of Thunder). Some think his mother's name was Salome. Originally they were fishermen who, with their father, fished the Lake of Genesareth (also Lake of Tiberias in Luke 5:1). Originally a disciple of John the Baptist, John later became one of the 12 disciples of Jesus.

I am particularly fond of John, his brashness, and his self-focused honest insecurity that caused him to proclaim himself the "disciple whom Jesus loved." He held prominent position in the apostolic body. Peter, James and he were the only witnesses of the raising of Jairus's daughter (Mark 5:37), of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1), and of the Agony in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37). Only he and Peter were sent into the city to make the preparation for the final Passover meal (the Last Supper, Luke 22:8). At the meal itself, his place was next to Jesus on whose chest he leaned (John 13:23, 25). According to the general interpretation, John was also that "other disciple" who with Peter followed Jesus after the arrest into the palace of the high-priest (John 18:15). John alone remained near Jesus at the foot of the cross on Calvary with Jesus's mother, Mary, and the others. John took Mary into his care as the last legacy of Jesus (John 19:25-27).

After the Resurrection, John with Peter was the first of the disciples to run towards the grave and he was the first to believe that Jesus had truly risen (John 20:2-10). When later Jesus appeared at the Lake of Genesareth, John was also the first of the seven disciples present who recognized his master standing on the shore (John 21:7). After Jesus's Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit, John, together with Peter, took a prominent part in launching the Christian movement apart from Judaism. He is with Peter at the healing of the lame man in the Temple (Acts 3:1 seq.). With Peter he is also thrown into prison (Acts 4:3). In Acts 8:14 John is also with Peter visiting the newly converted in Samaria.


Providence Baptist
Miskimmon, VA

The persecution of Herod Agrippa I led to the scattering of the Apostles through the various provinces of the Roman Empire (Acts 12:1-17). John, like the rest of the band of followers of Jesus, continued on in or near Jerusalem for a decade or more after the death and resurrection, eventually settling in Asia Minor.

There was a messianic community already in existence at Ephesus before Paul's first trip there (Acts 18:27). Paul refers to John as a "pillar of the Church," and refers to the preaching of a gospel free from the law. He tips his hat to John, Peter and James as the most prominent of the apostles at Jerusalem (Galatians 2:9).

The three Letters (books) of John and the book of Revelation provide a glimpse into whom John was becoming. From them we learn that John was among the personal eyewitnesses of the life and times of Jesus (1 John 1:1-5; 4:14). He lived for a long time in Asia Minor, was thoroughly acquainted with the conditions existing in the various messianic communities there, and he had a position of authority recognized by all messianic communities as leader of this part of the church. The Book Revelation (John's vision while under house-arrest) tells us that he was on the island of Patmos "for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus" when he was honored with the heavenly vision contained in Revelation (Revelation 1:9).

John is traditionally held to be the author of five books of the New Testament, including the Gospel of John. However, almost all higher critical scholars place the writing of the final edition/s of John at some time in the late first or early second century; perhaps by converts and followers of John.

Catholic and Orthodox traditions teach that John and Mary ("behold your son, behold your mother") moved to Ephesus where they died. Other scholars question this, especially due to the advanced age that Mary would have reached by this time. There is support for the idea that John did go to Ephesus. There he wrote the three epistles (letters) which tradition attributed him. It is generally believed that John was banished by the Roman authorities to the Greek island of Patmos. There he wrote the Book of Revelation. It is generally believed that his tomb is in the vicinity of Ephesus.

In John's old age he trained a Christian convert who became the Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna. Following in John's footsteps, he was able to carry John's message forward. Tradition holds that he was martyred at age 87.

I generally recommend that Bible students grasp some of the nomenclature of these last few articles in Reflections (disciples, apostles, epistles) and then begin reading the Gospel of John in earnest. Slowly read the Gospel in the first person, then after a less devotional second read-through, tackle the whole New Testament. When that all has settled upon you then reach back to the Old Testament and work your way toward Heaven.

BAPTIST

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

Bethany Baptist Church
Rt. 360, Callao, 804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, September 10:
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist
2242 Weems Road, Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Business Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Coan Baptist
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, September 12:
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 13 :
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Corrottoman Baptist
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Dr. Ray P. Goude, Sr., Interim Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
11 a.m., Children's Church

Fairfield Baptist
15213 Northumberland Hwy., Burgess
Pastor Brian Hamrick
453-3530, www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Wednesday, September 13:
9:30 a.m., Bible Study
7 p.m., Bible Study

Friendship Baptist
Hartfield, Pastor McKibbon, 693-5503
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
Wednesday, September 13:
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1703
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
Thursday, September 7:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Friday, September 8:
6 p.m., Vision Workshop and Dinner. All interested are invited.
Saturday, September 9:
1 p.m., Youth Retreat-Adventure 2006
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School and Promotion
11 a.m., Worship/School student and teacher recognition
12 noon, Church Picnic
3 p.m., Worship at Mayfair House
4 p.m., Unity Worship Service, Lancaster Middle School
Monday, September 11:
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
Tuesday, September 12:
10:30 a.m., WMU Meeting
Wednesday, September 13:
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper

Lebanon Baptist Field
Carlton Milstead, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
Lebanon
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Providence
10 a.m., Sunday School
5:30 p.m., Supper/Business Meeting
Norwood
9:45 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School

Lighthouse Baptist
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church, 435-2435
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services

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

Morattico Baptist
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Mount Vernon Baptist
269 James Wharf Road White Stone;
435-1272, Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr.
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

New Friendship Baptist
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
Sunday, September 10:
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

New Hope Baptist
2596 Walmsley Road, Lottsburg, VA,
529-9223, Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Northern Neck Baptist
280 Hampton Hall Hwy. Callao, VA 529-6310, Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

New St. John's Baptist
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Queen Esther Baptist
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

Second Baptist
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Thursday, September 14:
7 p.m., Bible Study

Sharon Baptist
1413 Lumberlost Road, Weems; 438-6659, Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
1 p.m., Mid Day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

Smithland Baptist
1047 Walnut Point Road, Heathsville; 580-2843
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

White Stone Baptist
517 Chesapeake Drive
Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor
White Stone: 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
Sunday, September 10:
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Sunday School Commissioning Service
Monday, September 11:
7 p.m., Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday, September 12:
7:30 p.m., Choir Practice
Wednesday, September 13:
6 p.m., Covered Dish Dinner
7 p.m., Business Meeting

Willie Chapel Baptist
510 Merry Point Road,
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
Wednesday, September 13:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

CHURCH OF GOD

Tibitha Church of God
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972; Rev. Steven P. Hency
Home Phone 453-3231
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

Warsaw Church of God
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Worship

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal
303 South Main Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
The Rev. David H. May, Rector
Sunday, September 10:
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:05 a.m., Welcome Breakfast by CE, Ministry Fair
9:30 a.m., Sunday School for Children and Youth
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, September 13:
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

St. Mary's Episcopal
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712
The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
Sunday, September 10:
11 a.m., Worship
Thrift Shop:
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville, 453-4830

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal
5940 White Chapel Road, Lancaster
462-5908; Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Guided tours by appointment
Sunday, September 10:
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

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

Trinity Episcopal
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

Wicomico Parish
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
Sunday, September 10:
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
Wednesday, September 13:
10 a.m., Healing Service, Communion
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Fri., Sat.

St. James Anglican/Episcopal
Rt. 14 at 626, Mathews County
Rev. William T. Kump, 757-244-7955
e-mail: wtkump@juno.com
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
www.stjamesapa.org
Saturday, September 9:
8 a.m. Yard Sale at the Glebe on Rt. 17 south of Gloucester Court Hourse
Sunday, September 10:
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
9:15 a.m., Church Service
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon
Child Care Provided

LUTHERAN

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; C-529-5948, H-529-9930
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
pastormikeramming@yahoo.com
goodshepherdlcmscallaova@verizon.net
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Worship with Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, September 13:
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

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

Trinity Lutheran
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Worship

METHODIST

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

Asbury United Methodist
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Worship

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

Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
Saturday, September 9:
7 a.m., BEUMM Yard Sale
Sunday, September 10:
Bethel:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Emmanuel:
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
2 p.m., Emmanuel's Church Picnic at the Museum pavillion
Monday, September 11:
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel Council meets
Wednesday, September 13:
6:30 p.m., BEUMM meets at Emmanuel

Fairfields United Methodist
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631, Rev. Brant Hays
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

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

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

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

Irvington United Methodist
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich, Pastor
Saturday, September 9:
8 p.m., AA
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7:30 p.m., Choir

Kilmarnock United Methodist
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
Sunday, September 13:
9 a.m., Service of Word and Table,
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
Bluff Point
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
Mila
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
Rehoboth
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
Wicomico
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. James W. Tinney, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Worship Service
12:05 p.m., Grandparents Day Coffee
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
*Elevator available for worship services
Tuesday, September 12:
7 p.m., Church Council meeting
Wednesday, September 13:
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 14:
7:30 p.m., Homecoming meeting
Thrift Shop:
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

PRESBYTERIAN

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian
Rt. 222 (Weems Road), In the Village of Weems, 438-6875; The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Church School "All Aboard Sunday"
11 a.m., Worship Service
Church School Teacher Dedication
Hunger Offering Received
Nursery provided during Worship
12 noon, Annual Church Picnic
1:30 p.m. - Officer Training
Monday September 11:
9:30 a.m.,Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m., Fellowship & Family Life Ministry Group
Tuesday, September 12:
4:30 p.m., Witness & Service Ministry
7 p.m., Christian Ed Ministry Group
Wednesday, September 13:
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 14:
Newsletter Deadline
10 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Circle
3:30 p.m., Worship Ministry Group

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

St. Andrews Presbyterian
435 East Church Street, Kilmarnock;
435-3948,Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
Thursday, September 7:
4:30 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Sunday School Beakfast
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship: "On Being Useful" (2 Timothy 2:20-22)

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

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Calvary Pentecostal
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
Sunday, September 10:
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7:30 p.m., Worship

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

Church of Deliverance
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553,
Rev. Donald O. Conaway
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

Cornerstone Fellowship
2243 Buckley Hall Rd.
(corner of Rt. 3 & Rt. 198
Cobbs Creek, VA, Rev. Chris Morgan,
Pastor, 725-9145, www.gocfc.com
Saturday, September 9:
7 p.m., Worship
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Morning Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Midweek Service
Nursery, Children and Youth Ministry provided

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

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

Hope Alive Christian Center
149 Queen Street, Tappahannock; 443-5165, Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
Thursday, September 7:
6 p.m., Prayer
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

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Outreach Ministries

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Obituaries

Mary T. Bailey

BURGESS—Mary Estelle Thompson Bailey of Burgess died August 20, 2006, while visiting her children in Arlington.

Mrs. Bailey

She was born on January 19, 1934, in Warsaw to David and Beulah Thompson. She was the fourth of five children. She attended public schools in Northumberland County and was a housewife and later attained her GED. She and her late husband, Samuel Solomon Bailey, owned a sand and gravel hauling company.

Known by many as "Babes," Mrs. Bailey grew up as a Baptist and attended Macedonia Baptist Church in Horsehead. She was a relative of the A.A. Thompson family, the owners of a black tomato factory in Warsaw.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, David, and a sister, Pearle.

She is survived by two sons, Samuel and Carlos, and two daughters, Nina and Tina; a sister, Edith, and a brother, Ernest; four grandchildren, Amin, Paul (Shaneak), Lighia and Aaron; a great-grandson, Hezekiah; and nieces and nephews Renee, Barbara Ann, Fredell, Aruthur, Arthurlene, Karin, Wilson, LaFrancis, Rufus, Micheal, Estelle, Shirley, Walter, Sandy, Helen and Clifton.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 2, 2006, at Fort Lincoln Funeral Home in Maryland. Interment was adjacent to her husband at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md.

Warren H. Brooks

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ—Warren Holland Brooks, 74, a native of Mathews County and former Lancaster County teacher, died August 25, 2006, at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Pamona, N.J.

He was born in Hallieford to the late William Holland Brooks and Ida Ferguson Brooks and attended Ebenezer Baptist Church in Mathews County. He later joined Union Baptist Temple in Atlantic City, N.J.

Mr. Brooks attended Blakes Elementary School and Thomas Hunter High School. He received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture at Virginia State College in Petersburg. He began his teaching career in White Stone, where he met his wife of 47 years, Victorine. He later taught science in the Egg Harbor Township public schools in New Jersey for 38 years.

He was an accomplished gardener and was active in many charitable and civic organizations including the McKee City Kiwanis Club, Atlantic County Retired Teachers and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was a member of the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association.

Mr. Brooks was predeceased by an infant son, Victor LaWarren.

He is survived by his wife, Victorine Fisher Brooks; a daughter, Jauan Marissa Brooks, and special friend, Preston T. Ball, of Harrisonburg; two sisters, Hyacinth Brooks Wade of Monroeville, N.J., and Ceres Brooks Gillis of Newport News; his mother-in-law, Edna Cralle Fisher of Weems, and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held August 30 at Union Baptist Temple in Atlantic City, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ezekiel Graham Bey. Pallbearers were Preston T. Ball, Benjamin R. Caster, Leon Ferguson, Alvin L. Fisher, Harrell Gillis Jr. and Augustus Harmon. Interment was in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, N.J.

Robert E. duPrey

IRVINGTON—Robert Edward duPrey, M.D., 85, of Irvington, a retired eye surgeon, died Sunday, September 3, 2006.

Dr. duPrey was born and spent his early years in Hartford, Conn. He received his B. S. degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College and his ophthalmologic training at Will Eye Hospital, both in Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1948, Dr. duPrey opened his practice in Washington, D.C., where during his career he served as a consultant at the National Institutes of Health, held an academic appointment at Georgetown University Medical School in the neurology department, was vice-chairman of the ophthalmology staff of Episcopal Eye Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, and was on the staff at Children's Hospital. He held a clinical professorship at George Washington Medical School and the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. duPrey was elected president of the ophthalmology section of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.

In 1969, he moved his office to Virginia and joined the staff at Fairfax Hospital. Lured by the serenity and beauty of the Northern Neck, he moved here in 1975 and continued to practice for another 10 years.

Dr. duPrey was a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons and a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and was a member of many national and local medical societies. He was a charter member of Rappahannock General Hospital and a volunteer docent at Historic Christ Church, Irvington.

Surviving are his wife, Anne-Marie duPrey of Irvington; a son, Robert E. duPrey Jr. of Baltimore, Md.; and two grandchildren, Fiona and Liam duPrey of Baltimore.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held 10 a.m. Friday, September 8, at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Kilmarnock, with Father James Bruse officiating. Interment will be in Historic Christ Church Cemetery, Irvington.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, September 7, at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock.

David R. Long

LOTTSBURG—David R. Long of Lottsburg, 67, died Thursday, August 31, 2006.

Mr. Long was the owner of Long's Hardware in Heathsville and a retired systems engineer for IBM. He was a member of the Northumberland Lions Club and a popular pianist.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia A. Long; his daughter, Sharon Rogers, and her husband, Glenn, of Oregon; his son, Steven David Long of Maine, and two grandsons, Thorin and Leon Rogers.

A memorial service was held Sunday, September 3, at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess.

Memorial donations may be made to the Callao Rescue Squad, Callao, VA; the Northern Neck Farm Museum, P.O. Box 1707, Warsaw, VA; or Rice's Hotel/Huglett's Tavern Foundation Inc., Heathsville, VA.

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

Thelma W. McKenney

FARNHAM—Thelma Wilkins McKenney, 83, of Farnham died August 28.

Mrs. McKenney was a member of Oakland United Methodist Church in Farnham. She retired as manager with Northern Neck Oil Company in Warsaw. She also retired from Levi Company in Warsaw.

Mrs. McKenney is predeceased by her sister, Mary Douglas and three brothers, A.C. Wilkins, John D. Wilkins and Samuel Wilkins.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Walter W. McKenney; a daughter, Martha W. Whittaker and her husband, Douglas, of Richmond; two sons, W. Carrington McKenney and his wife, Laura, of Farnham, and Robert W. McKenney and his wife, Sandra, of Farnham; two sisters, Alde Clarke of Farnham, and Lorraine King of Haynesville; five grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at Jones-Ash Funeral Home August 30. Funeral services were held August 31 at Oakland United Methodist Church in Farnham. Rev. Elizabeth von Trapp Walker conducted the service.

Pallbearers were Bill McKenney, Brian McKenney, Eric McKenney, Bobby Figg, John Clarke, Rodney McKenney, Kenneth Wilkins and Johnny Wilkins. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Figg, Josh McKenney, Billy Douglas, Kenny Prescott, Lloyd McKenney, Larry Vanlandingham, Raymond McKenney, Rodney L, McKenney and John M. Dodson. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Callao Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 82, Callao, VA 22435, or Richmond County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 55, Warsaw, VA 22572.

Theodore T. Van Hyning

IRVINGTON—Theodore Thierolf Van Hyning, 84, of Irvington died Wednesday, August 30, 2006.

Mr. Van Hyning was born and raised in Irvington, New York, and graduated from Staunton Military Academy and Cornell University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He served as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was owner and president of the Van Hyning Construction Company in New York City for over 40 years and was a leader in many community and church activities.

Prior to moving to the Northern Neck in 1987, Mr. Van Hyning was a longtime resident of Port Washington and Greenport, N.Y. Locally, he was a member of the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club where he served as treasurer and commodore.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice, and sister, Rhoda Meisel.

Survivors include his daughter, Gretchen Van Hyning of Rohersville, Md.; a son and daughter- in-law, Jeffrey and Mary of Vonore, Tenn; and three grandchildren, Ted of Cleveland, Ohio; Laura of Chicago, Ill., and Peter of New York, N.Y.

A memorial service will be held in Clifton Park, New York. Memorials may be made to the RW-C Foundation, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington, VA 22480, or the Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Road, Suite 130, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

William E. Wickert Jr.

WHITE STONE—William E. Wickert Jr., 74, died on August 31, 2006, at his home in White Stone from cancer. He was a retired vice president of federal government affairs for Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He represented the company in Washington, D.C., for 30 years.

Mr. Wickert graduated from the University of Maryland's College of Journalism and completed studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He was born in Boston, Mass., and was reared in Dundalk, Md., and South Pasadena, Cal. After Dundalk High School, he attended Fork Union Military Academy on an athletic scholarship, where he played on the 1950 Virginia championship football team and on its baseball team. During the Korean Conflict, he served four years in the U. S. Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller.

Following college, he was chosen by Bethlehem Steel Corporation for its 1960 Loop Course management-training program. He was assigned to the community relations division of the industrial and public relations department at corporate headquarters in Bethlehem, Pa. He was principally responsible for legislative affairs in Pennsylvania and worked on government matters in other states where the corporation had operations. During that time and among other accomplishments, he is credited with promoting provisions favorable to the coal industry and championed the "Buy America" steel legislation in Harrisburg, Pa., and Annapolis, Md.

In 1967, Mr. Wickert was transferred to Bethlehem Steel's federal government affairs office in Washington. He was appointed manager of the office in 1970 and elected a corporate vice president in 1993. Upon retirement, he was retained as a consultant to the corporation and was the subject of a Baltimore Sun feature article titled, "A Lobbyist's Farewell."

Mr. Wickert is recognized for originating and spearheading the formation of the Congressional Steel Caucus. He developed arguments and strategies that over three decades persuaded Congress and presidents from Carter to Bush to adopt programs geared to protect the domestic steel industry from illegally traded imports. In last minute Senate maneuvers and with the agreement of the Reagan Administration, he helped successfully navigate language that allowed certain steel companies to redeem their unused investment tax credits worth approximately $143 million to Bethlehem Steel.

During his employment, Mr. Wickert was a member of the American Iron & Steel Institute and twice chairman of its government relations committee. He was a member of the Business-Government Relations Council, the executive committee of the Economic Strategy Institute, Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists and the Joint Automotive Suppliers Governmental Action Council. He also served on the board of governors of the former 1925 F. Street Club and was a member of the Harvard Business School Club of Washington, D.C., Burning Tree Club, the Carlton Club and Congressional Country Club.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Cheryl; a daughter, Julie, and her husband, Dr. Robert L. Quarles of Richmond; a son, William, and his wife, Margaret, of Takoma Park, Md.; a daughter, Lorie Anne of N. Bethesda, Md.; two granddaughters, Jacey and Robyn Quarles of Richmond; and the mother of his children, Katherine D. Wickert, and her mother, Angeline Desmone, of Potomac, Md.

A funeral service will be held 2:15 p.m. Friday, September 8, at Grace Episcopal Church, Kilmarnock, with interment in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Animal Welfare League Inc., P. O. Box 975, White Stone, VA 22578.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock is handling the arrangements.

Barbara B. Zimmer

REEDVILLE—Barbara Blackwell Zimmer, 65, of Reedville died at her home in Rockledge, Florida, on September 2, 2006.

Mrs. Zimmer was a life member of Fairfields Baptist Church in Burgess and was formerly employed as a dental assistant by Dr. John H. Harding of Burgess. She also worked for 21 years as a commercial loan officer for United Bank & Trust in Oxon Hill, Md., and as a case examiner for 13 years at Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Fla., until she retired.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Downing Blackwell, and her brother, William Samuel Blackwell.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Frederic L. Zimmer; her mother, Cecilia W. Blackwell; and her sister, Mary Elizabeth B. Barrett. She is also survived by three nephews, two nieces and a little friend, Toby.

A funeral service was held at Faulkner Family Funeral Home in Burgess on Wednesday, September 6. The Rev. Steve Taylor officiated. Pall bearers were William H. Blackwell, Lloyd G. Walker, James M. Kinner, Orrie L. Smith Jr., Dr. Curtis H. Smith and Billy Crabb.

Interment followed in the Blackwell Family Cemetery in Sunnybank, Reedville.

Animals for adoption

The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good, loving homes. The dogs, puppies, cats and kittens change rapidly; in lieu of listing them, interested persons may call the league at 435-0822 or Joyce at 462-0091 to be advised of what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

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Memories we have will always be treasured
The love we share could never be measured

We miss you more with each passing day
Thoughts of you are never far away
You have gone to be with our heavenly father
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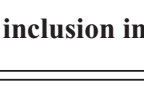

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Informal study group forming

Dr. David Bailey

Unity of the Chesapeake, a church organizing in Deltaville as part of the New Thought and Unity movement of Practical Christianity, will start a weekly informal study group on Sunday, September 17, at 12:45 p.m., based on *Sermon on the Mount: Key to Success in Life*, by Dr. Emmet Fox.

This will follow a streamed service from Detroit Unity at 11 a.m. and a lunch at noon.

Dr. Fox is considered one of the most influential New Thought authors and speakers of the 20th century. He was born in Ireland in 1886, ordained a divine Science Minister and began a ministry in New York City in 1931. He attracted huge crowds to his Sunday morning lectures at the Hippodrome Theater, Manhattan Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Extremely popular with early Alcoholics Anonymous members, they attended his lectures and read *Sermon on the Mount.* They benefited from the wisdom found in the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer, as well as from the clarity and dynamism of Dr. Fox's interpretation.

David Bailey, who will be a certified licensed Unity Teacher and Spiritual Leader in November, will lead the discussions. He is a graduate of University of Richmond, College of William and Mary, and received his doctorate from the University of Virginia. After 34 years of teaching in public schools and in the graduate school of Old Dominion, he retired.

Dr. Bailey has traveled widely, and is a scholar of world cultures, with an emphasis on the Soviet Union. He is a lifelong resident of the Chesapeake Bay area with ancestors who were watermen, going back to 1630. He serves as a webmaster for www.centerforspiritualawarenses.com.

The gathering will be held at David and Minta Bailey's home at 473 Timberneck Road in Deltaville. For directions, call 776-9172.

Church of Deliverance revival to begin with homecoming service

On Sunday, September 10, pastor Donald O. Conaway and the Church of Deliverance family will celebrate its 38th annual Homecomng Revival. The morning message will be delivered by pastor Conaway. A fellowship dinner will immediately follow the morning service.

The afternoon homecoming worship service will begin at 4 p.m. with pastor Frederick S. Jones of Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Triangle. Music will be rendered by the Church of Deliverance choir and Star Bethlehem adult choir.

Revival services will begin Tuesday, September 12, and continue throughout the week, starting with praise and worship at 7:30 p.m. and services at 8 p.m. The theme will be "To revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

Revivalist for the week will be evangelist Harold Cooper of St. John Church of God in Christ of Atlanta.

Music will be rendered Tuesday by First Baptist Church Mass Choir of Heathsville; Wednesday by Morning Star Baptist Church Choir of Browns Store; Thursday by Harmonies of Heaven from New St. Johns Baptist Church of Kilmarnock; and Friday by Willie Chapel Baptist Church Choir of Lancaster.

▼ Churches . . . (continued from page 2)

1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Burgess; 453-3939
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd, Pastor
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
Tuesday, September 12:
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
Thursday, September 14:
6 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment for Youth and Youth Adults
Third Friday of every month
7 p.m., Women of Virtue Fellowship

New Life Ministries
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
462-3234 or 436-6498
Pastor C. Richard Lynn
Sunday, September 10:
9 a.m., Prayer
9:30 a.m., Fellowship
10 a.m., Worship Service
Monday, September 11:
7 p.m., Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, September 12:
7 p.m., Mid-week Bible Study
Wednesday, September 13:
6 p.m., Youth Music
7 p.m. Worship Team Practice

Rappahannock Church of Christ
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
Sunday, September 10:
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
Wednesday, September 13:
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

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

Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck
Pastor Dean Carter
Sunday, September 10:
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
Thursday, September 14:
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

St. Francis de Sales Catholic
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
Mass Schedule
Saturday, September 9:
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
Sunday, September 10:
11 a.m., Mass
Monday-Friday
9 a.m., Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
11650 Mary Ball Road
Sunday, September 10:
9:30 a.m., Meeting
Wednesday, September 13:
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
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Sunday, September 10:
10:30 a.m., Worship

Unity of the Chesapeake
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11 a.m., service from Detroit Unity.
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12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group "Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox, Non-denominational, for all ages

Victory Temple Church
1252 Morattico Road
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Sunday, September 10:
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
Friday, September 15:
7 p.m., Bible Study

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435-9886 OR 435-1165
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Church Notes

■ McKnight to perform

Andrew McKnight, performing songwriter, humorist, and advocate for the preservation of rural America, will perform for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock on Sunday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m. at 560 chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

■ Day of Prayer

The Bay Center for Spiritual Development at 31 Noblett Lane in Kilmarnock will participate in the International Day of Prayer for Peace Vigil, September 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. Prayers will be led by local clergy and lay leaders every half hour from 5 to 7 p.m. and a labyrinth will be available for walking meditation/prayer.

Established by a United Nations resolution in 1981, the International Day of Peace was first celebrated September 1982; it provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. This global 24-hour spiritual observation for peace is meant to demonstrate the power of prayer and other spiritual practices in promoting peace and preventing violent conflict.

■ Changes

Please note the changes of times and days for the New Life Ministries. The Sunday service and time remains the same, beginning at 10 a.m. However, the congregational Bible study meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. The youth music session moves to Thursday at 6 p.m. Praise and Worship Team Preparation moves to Thursday at 7 p.m.

■ Guest minister

The Rev. Roger Suttler of Consuming Fire Ministries will be the guest minister Sunday, September 10, at 10 a.m. at New life Ministries at 10177 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway at Good Luck Road. Suttler has ministered in the Philippine Islands as well as North and South Vietnam bringing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to the people of these countries.

Accompanying Suttler from Richmond will be several pastors and ministers who are part of the Vietnamese Church as well as other church ministries. A covered dish lunch will follow the service.

■ 200 years

Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedville will celebrate its 200-year anniversary Sunday, September 10. Gov. Tim Kaine will be the featured guest speaker. Former pastors also will speak.

A church history will be on display and lunch will be served after the service.

■ 'Grace and Mercy!'

The Diaconate Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock will celebrate their annual day September 17 at 4 p.m. at the church.

Speakers will be the Rev. Michael Reed, pastor of Willie Chapel Baptist Church in Lancaster, and minister Rosemary Curry, an associate at Willie Chapel. They will be doing their combined sermons entitled "Grace and Mercy!" Music will be rendered by a choir from Willie Chapel Baptist Church.

St. Andrews Presbyterian to break ground for church expansion

A groundbreaking ceremony for a $440,000 expansion of facilities at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will be held shortly after noon on September 17, at the church at 435 East Church Street in Kilmarnock.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, St. Andrews' minister, will preside over the ceremony following Sunday worship.

The event follows the 210-member congregation's successful fund-raising campaign earlier this year. It will be the second major expansion of the church's building since the original structure was erected 12 years ago.

Planned is an extension of the church's sanctuary for a choir area with musical instruments, re-arrangement of the chancel stage and the addition of several classrooms, a choir rehearsal room and other amenities. The expansion will involve repositioning of the stained glass windows and reredos cross in the church sanctuary.

James Harris of Kilmarnock, a member of the St. Andrews congregation, is the design professional for the project, as he was for the earlier church renovation in 1999. The project's general contractor is the Norman Company of Richmond.

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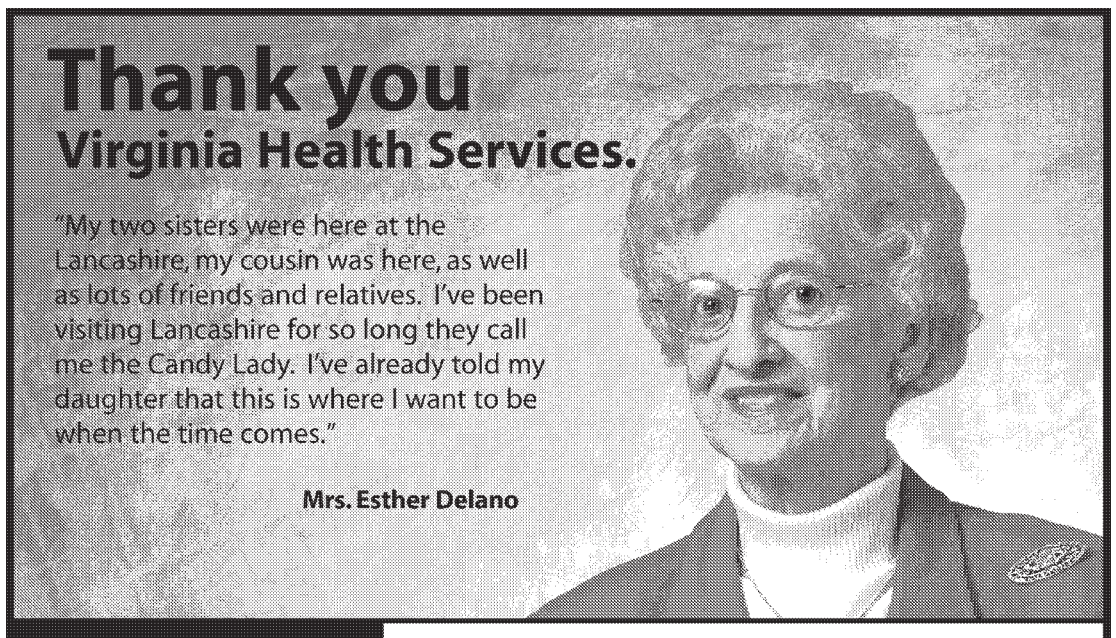

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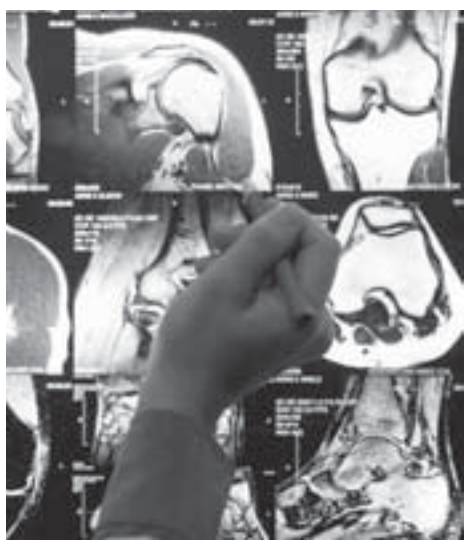

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Number of farmers leaving, entering field remains stable

Between 1992 and 1997, about 717,100 farms in the United States went out of business. Those numbers look pretty dire at first glance, but findings of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service suggest there is a silver lining.

According to ERS researchers Robert Hoppe and Penni Korb, the total number of farms declined by just 13,400 during that time period because the number of new farms—703,700—nearly equaled that of closing farms. In fact, report the pair, the American farm count has remained relatively stable since the 1974 Census of Agriculture, reflecting a general balance in exits and entries.

But the relatively small net change in farm numbers masks substantial turnover in farms.

Farm exit rates are 9 to 10 percent per year, within 1 percentage point of exit rates for all small nonfarm businesses with no employees. Farms and other small businesses have not disappeared completely, however, because entry rates are high as well.

"We are certainly aware that farm exits are a concern here in Virginia," said Brock Herzberg, assistant director of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Through programs like Virginia FarmLink and the Office of Farmland Preservation, we are doing all we can to sustain agriculture as the state's No. 1 industry."

While the ERS researchers did not break exit rates down by state, National Agricultural Statistics Service data reveals that the number of Virginia farms steadily declined from 1975 through 1991, from 62,000 to 45,000. In 1993, the number of farms jumped back up to 49,000 and remained there through 1999. Farm numbers have again decreased, bottoming out at 47,500 in 2003. However, average acreage of existing farms is at 181, larger than at any time since 1975 except from 1990 to 1992.

Hoppe and Korb studied two fundamental drivers of farm exits: farm size and operator age. According to them, the life cycle of farm operators is important in understanding farm exits because most farms are fairly small family businesses and the life of the farm is correlated with the life of the farmer. The correlation is not 100 percent, because a farm may continue as a business after an elderly operator leaves. Results of the study found that:

• exit rates decline as farm size (measured by sales) increases;

• exit rates are still 6 to 7 percent for large farms (sales of $250,000 or more);

• the exit rate initially declines with age until it reaches 8 to 9 percent for farmers between 45 and 54 years of age;

• The rate then increases and peaks at 12 to 13 percent for farmers who are at least 65 years old.

The study used data from the 1997 Census of Agriculture Longitudinal File to analyze forces that drive farm exits. NASS created the file from the five agricultural censuses to follow individual farms between 1878 and 1997.

From left are (front row) outpatient coder Becker Booker and radiology secretary Barri Manning; (next row) billing office supervisor Wanda Jones, CMG Family Practice medical office coordinator Rose Pittman and CMG vice president of operations Bonnie Abbott.

Five become certified coders

Rappahannock Health System recently announced that five employees obtained their CPC (Certified Professional Coder) certification. The course began in January and ended with a five-hour exam in June.

Rose Moore, CPC, CCP and Tammy DeLuca, CPC, CCP, from the Medical Society of Virginia came to Rappahannock General Hospital and taught the course in the Training Center.

"We are fortunate to have these employees obtain this certification and have the knowledge to support the facility with correct coding practices," said RGH president and chief executive officer James M. Holmes Jr.

Chesapeake Financial announces 7 percent increase in earnings

The board of directors of Chesapeake Financial Shares recently announced second quarter earnings of $900,085, representing a 7 percent increase over the second quarter of 2005.

The year-to-date earnings for 2006 are $1,686,517 as compared to $1,723,263 in the first half of 2005.

The board declared a regular dividend of $.095 per share to be paid on or before September 15 to shareholders of record September 1, 2006.

Chairman and chief executive officer Douglas D. Monroe Jr. reported that earnings have a positive solid trend through the first part of 2006.

"The investments made in three new banking offices plus the new Chesapeake Investment Group office in 2005 are beginning to take hold, and the return is starting to show in the bottom line," Monroe said.

Total assets increased to $418,561,784 at June 30, 2006 as compared to $382,663,146 at June 30, 2005. This 9.4 percent growth is broad-based in all of the markets in which Chesapeake serves.

"The continued rapid expansion of credit unions in our market area is of long-term concern to us as management," said Chesapeake Financial Shares president Jeffrey M. Szyperski. "Their tax-exempt status continues to provide them an unfair competitive advantage as compared to their banking counterparts."

Chesapeake Investment Group continues to experience strong growth. Assets under management for Chesapeake Investment Group have grown 20 percent from June 30, 2005.

"The heightened emphasis upon training in areas of wealth management will clearly delineate the personnel of our Investment Group going forward," Szyperski said. "Our long-term goal is to provide an extremely high competence level in our areas of expertise with an extremely high level of service. This is our differentiation strategy."

"Though there are signs the economy in our market has started to slow, we continue to be very optimistic regarding our earnings growth through the balance of 2006," added Monroe.

C. Wayne Penick

Bank promotes Penick to senior vice-president

Northern Neck State Bank president N. Byrd Newton recently announced the promotion of C. Wayne Penick to senior vice-president.

Penick has worked in the banking industry for over 35 years. He has been with Northern Neck State Bank for eight. His primary responsibilities include that of commercial and real estate lending, as well as marine finance.

Marine finance, the financing of larger yachts throughout the Chesapeake Bay region, was founded by Penick in May 2002. In four short years, this business has grown to over $45 million in outstanding loans for the bank.

Penick is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University and the Executive Program of the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia.

He is vice chairman of the board of Rappahannock General Hospital, president of Rappahannock General Hospital Foundation and a member of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club.

Penick and his wife, Brooke, live near Reedville.

Workshop to assist farmers with agriculture direct marketers

"Marketing with More Creativity than Cash," a workshop sponsored by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the USDA Risk Management Agency will be offered Monday, September 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Center in Franklin.

Jane Eckert, of Eckert AgriMarketing in St. Louis will be the featured speaker. She will present the marketing plan she developed especially for farmers who operate farm market stands, sell at a farmers' market or directly to stores, offer CSAs, are considering agritourism, or just need to get their marketing priorities in order. The Eckert Farm Marketing Plan helped increase the revenues at her family farm by more than 300 percent.

Eckert's innovative "Farm Marketing Pie" divides strategies into slices that use more creativity than dollars to produce increased revenue. Farmers who attend the workshop will learn how her creative approach to promotions, customer communications, media relations, and customer focus can result in improved sales. Attendees should leave the workshop knowing how to set the right marketing priorities and determine the immediate steps to take for positive results.

Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Center is at 100 North College Drive at Armory Drive in Franklin. There is no charge to attend, but to ensure seating and handouts, call 757-569-1100, or email gail.moodymilteer@vdacs.virginia.gov.

Eastern Virginia Bankshares announces reward checking

Beginning September 4, EVB offers Reward Checking, a new free checking program that enables customers to earn 5.01 percent APY on their checking account and will also automatically refund any out-of-network ATM fees, with no receipts required.

"If you frequently visit the ATM, use your check card and access online banking, then Reward Checking is a particularly attractive program," said Joe Shearin, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This is an exciting new product, because it allows us to pay interest on checking accounts."

To participate in Reward Checking, customers must meet the following requirements each month:

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"Reward Checking puts money in your pocket simply for using a combination of EVB services," said Shearin. "As more people use the internet for banking services, it's a logical outgrowth of current trends in banking."

To learn about Reward Checking, visit any EVB location or www.bankevb.com.

Relay center contract extended

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) recently announced that an agreement has been signed with AT&T to continue the operations of the Virginia Relay Center in Norton through January 2008. The contract extension reflects a continuation of quality AT&T Relay services to the citizens of Virginia.

Virginia Relay provides the most up-to-date technologies and assistive devices that enable persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and speech-impaired to communicate by standard telephone network. Virginia Relay can be accessed by dialing 7-1-1.

According to Ronald Lanier, director of VDDHH, the contract extension will bring the latest in automated relay technology to Virginia Relay users.

"Some of the new relay features are revolutionary," said Lanier. "We are very excited to continue to provide Virginians equal opportunity to use the telephone freely and without barriers."

Among the new relay features are the availability of VA Relay Text Messaging daily, increased in-call feedback by the relay operator to text relay users and availability of a captioning-like feature for text relay users participating in conference calls.

For more information on Virginia Relay and its services, visit www.varelay.org, or call 662-9502 v/t.

Potomac River Fisheries Commission to meet Sept. 14

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) will meet Thursday, September 14, at 2 p.m. in the John T. Parran Hearing room of the PRFC Building at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach.

Items on the agenda include reports from the finfish, crab and oyster/clam advisory committees; a crab harvest report; the adoption of the 2006-07 oyster season dates, times and limits, an update on the non-native oyster EIS study, reviewing items to consider for a public hearing and a presentation on a tagging study of diseased striped bass.

The commission also will determine if there will be a fall gill net season and review a summary of the August ASMFC meeting.

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Business Briefs

■ Shop closed

Effective immediately, the Thrift Shop at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville is closed. No sales or donations can be accepted until the roof is repaired and things dry out.

Half the metal seam roof ripped off in Ernesto and major damage has occurred. When repairs have been completed a notice will be issued to that effect.

■ Holiday market

The Gloucester Main Street Association and the Art League of Gloucester will hold its first Main Street Holiday Artisan and Craft Market on Saturday, November 18, at Main Street Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Jenny Crittenden at 695-0700, or Shirley Lathrop of the Art League of Gloucester at 642-4435. All items must be original works of art and hand-crafted.

■ Recently appointed

Gov. Tim Kaine recently appointed Robert H. Wayland III of White Stone to serve on the State Water Control Board.

Wayland is retired after over 30 years of government service, including 28 years for the Environmental Protection Agency. He is a member of the board of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy.

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Local restaurant has a change in ownership

Conrad's Upper Deck Seafood Restaurant on Greenvale Creek has a new owner.

Milton Conrad, whose family has run the restaurant for some 24 years, is leaving the business.

The new owner, Ron Edwards, brings a wealth of catering experience to the restaurant.

Under new management, a few changes are taking place. Hours have been expanded to include lunch on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

However, the Friday and Saturday evening seafood buffett remains the same and the staff has not changed.

Edwards' past catering clients have included President George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Oliver North, Gen. Pete Pace, Rep. William Howell and Sen. John Chichester.

From left are Milton Conrad and Ron Edwards.

Edwards uses custom-built stainless steel kettles that allow him to travel off site to his client's choice of sites. For example, he cooked a thousand pounds of shrimp for a thousand peopole at the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce annual shrimp fest.

How much for the Keen in the window?

The paintings of Peter Keen are displayed in one of the Studio Gallery windows in downtown Kilmarnock.

Keen is British born and educated and was awarded the National Diploma in Design. He had a successful career as a shoe designer in England, Ireland, and the United States—coming here in 1971. While working in Cincinnati and then in Boston, he painted with local art groups as he did throughout most of his working life.

He retired in 1999 and began spending most winters in the Bahamas on a sailboat. Here he became fascinated by "the wonderful colors of those waters" and decided to use watercolors to express his "enjoyment of their beauty." Many of Keen's Bahama paintings are exhibited at the gallery.

"Reedville Boathouse" by Peter Keen.

Keen has worked in many different styles—"from hard-edged abstraction to various levels of depicting visual reality," and in many media—from oils to acrylics to textural collage to watercolor.

Recently, he has come to the realization "that I should not let myself become a slave to any one medium, technique, or style. Making art is not about showing how cleverly you can manipulate paint, it is about expressing your aesthetic sense."

Keen continues, "I don't believe I have a 'message' to convey to my viewers. The gift I am trying to give is that something in my work—whether it is color, shape, or design—allows them to see the world a little more clearly, awakens their senses to something wonderful."

When not traveling on their sailboat, Keen and his wife live in Hartfield. His work is regularly exhibited at the gallery.

Virginia's 'death' tax dies

In a major victory for family farms and businesses throughout the Commonwealth, the General Assembly on August 28 approved Gov. Tim Kaine's revisions to legislation repealing the estate, or "death," tax.

The state tax, paid posthumously on estates by surviving members of the deceased property owner, has long been a thorn in the side of farmers and business owners who possess large tracts of land or valuable assets. Opponents of the tax, including the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation (VFBF), have asserted for years that the estate tax forces families to sell property they have owned for generations.

The tax on inherited estates posed a huge burden to farmers and family businesses. Having already paid taxes on salaries, profits and dividends for years, the businesses often were forced to ante up again, raising the risk of taking on a crippling load of debt or selling the land or enterprise outright.

The repeal goes into effect July 1, 2007.

"The repeal will help relieve the financial burden placed on Virginia's farming community," said Brock Herzberg, VFBF assistant director of governmental relations. "Ninety-eight percent of Virginia's farms are family owned, totaling 48,000 farms whose assets are tied to the land they harvest. Expensive tax and business planning efforts further deplete agricultural assets. This bill relieves pressure on an already burdened industry."

The House of Delegates voted 91-0 to repeal the tax, while the Senate voted 31-2.

"The nonpartisan Tax Foundation ranked Virginia 41 among the 50 states in state and local individual tax burden," Kaine said. "Virginia's business tax burden was cited as the nation's lowest by the Council on State Taxation. And the U.S. Chamber of Commerce designated Virginia as one of the five top states for overall legal fairness.

"We have worked together to repeal the estate tax and reform the land preservation tax credit program," he continued. "I applaud lawmakers for repealing Virginia's estate tax. This action protects family-owned small businesses and farms, and helps keep the Commonwealth competitive with more than two dozen other states that have already taken this action."

"Repealing unfair taxes and improving our regulatory framework are precisely the kind of positive state tax and regulatory actions enacted over the past decade and more that enabled our Commonwealth to garner this latest accolade," said House Speaker William Howell.

Within the same legislation, the General Assembly agreed to cap tax credits the state allows for conservation easements at $100 million; they also placed limits on credits for land outside the Chesapeake Bay watershed in Southwest and Southside Virginia. Generally, the governor's amendments established a higher cap, increased accountability within the tax credit program and removed a regional disparity in how those credits are applied.

"The conservation tax credit program helps us preserve natural resources and improve air and water quality," Kaine said. "I am pleased that the General Assembly accepted our amendments so that incentives are only granted for the preservation of environmentally meaningful land. In addition, for budgeting purposes, it is important that the program's fiscal impact be predictable. The legislation adopted by lawmakers today balances these goals."

Herzberg said the credit is a plus for farmers, noting that it "is quickly becoming an effective way for farmers to protect their land and stay in business.

"While we feel this program is working in its current form, the governor's amendments will help the program continue and move this important piece of legislation forward," he said.

The legislative action complements recent federal legislation, as new land conservation tax benefits for family farmers and ranchers were included in pension reform legislation that passed in August. The new law extends the carry-forward period for tax deductions for voluntary conservation agreements from five to 15 years and raises the cap on those deductions from 30 percent of a donor's adjusted gross income to 50 percent, and to 100 percent for qualifying farmers and ranchers.

Two managers graduate from banker school

Northern Neck State Bank president N. Byrd Newton recently announced the graduation of two bank managers from the Virginia Bankers School of Management.

Cynthia Evans Daiger, branch manager of Northern Neck State Bank in Montross, and Sandra O'Bier, branch manager of the Northern Neck State Bank in Kilmarnock, were among the 57 Virginia bankers who graduated August 4 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

The three-year school is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association in cooperation with the McIntire School of Commerce. The school includes three, one-week resident sessions with extension problems between the first and second years and a comprehensive senior problem. Graduates broaden their knowledge in all respects of banking, economics, and related subjects.

"We are excited for both Cynthia and Sandra regarding their graduation. Their commitment to continued education of the financial industry is an asset to our company, and a benefit to our customers," said Newton.

Brown participates in banking school

Northern Neck State Bank senior vice president Russell G. Brown was among 641 bankers participating in the 57th annual two-week session of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University (LSU). Russell is completing his second year of the three-year program.

The school, sponsored by 15 southern state bankers associations in cooperation with the Division of continuing Education at LSU, requires attendance on campus for three years, with extensive bank study assignments between sessions. The faculty consists of bankers, business and professional leaders and educators from all parts of the U.S.

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Students find their niche in clinic intern program

Career paths crystallized for two interns following their experiences working at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

Laura Hughes, who's been at the clinic after school and during summers and other vacations for the past four years, and Jennifer Combs, who wrapped up her first summer at the clinic, returned this month to their respective colleges.

Hughes, who grew up thinking she may want to be a doctor, was just getting to driving age when she decided she wanted to get familiar with the health care industry and do some volunteer work. So in 2002, while a sophomore at Lancaster High School, she began some after-school work at the clinic, using computer software to generate applications for free medicines potentially available through patient assistance programs operated by various drug companies. At the same time, off the clock, she volunteered in pharmacy operations.

She's still doing both. Through high school, when she came in on afternoons, evenings and during summers, and her first two years of college, when she's been returning on weekends and school vacations, she's been working part-time and volunteering. Hughes attended Lynchburg College for a semester before transferring to the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, where she is a junior majoring in biology.

Hughes continues with the application work at the clinic, along with helping fill out applications, calling patients for needed documentation and pharmaceutical companies to check on the status of applications, working with patient charts, and helping with the pharmacy's administrative needs. For the Tuesday and Thursday evening clinics, she clocks out to volunteer in the pharmacy. Last year she was one of the graduates of the clinic's pharmacy technician training class, and later passed the state exam to become a pharmacy tech.

From left, Laura Hughes and Jennifer Combs participate in the intern program at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

The clinic experience has changed her career goal, from doctor to pharmacist. With enough credits at Mary Washington, she's hoping to skip her senior year there and instead, begin the four-year pharmacy school program at Virginia Commonwealth University next year.

"How important this clinic is to thousands of people was apparent my first day here," Hughes said. "And how the clinic develops and maintains programs to help low-income patients is truly inspiring. I'm honored to be a part of it, and to feel that I've helped in some way."

"Laura's been a terrific team player and a dedicated mainstay for our pharmacy," said executive director Jean Nelson. "We always miss her when she heads back to school, but she's always kept the clinic close to her heart and made room for us in her schedule."

A resident of Morratico, Combs is a 2005 graduate of Lancaster High School and a sophomore at James Madison University. She worked an average of 25 hours per week last summer at the clinic. She began in the pharmacy, then was recruited for the Dental Clinic, where she's been working with the staff dentist and studying in order to assist in procedures, and filling in at the front desk and for other work needing done.

A chemistry major, she said the clinic experience has helped "prepare me for what I want to do in the future. It already helped me decide what direction to take" in her career.

That direction won't be pharmacy-related, but she said she enjoyed her work in the Dental Clinic and learning from the staff dentist, Dr. Stuart Martin. "I'm gearing toward dental school," Combs said. "I really like oral surgery."

During the summer, she participated in a Missions of Mercy project in Wise County, with Dr. Darryl Pirok, a member of the clinic board of directors who was instrumental in getting the Dental Clinic up and running.

A VCU dental student also on the project told her about working on a woman who hadn't smiled in 20 years – until she got her dentures. It's an enormous change, Combs noted, since the smile is one of the first things people notice when meeting others.

Being at the clinic "makes me feel blessed and grateful for what I have," Combs said. "And it's a great feeling to see people walk out smiling."

Students welcome

The Northern Neck Free Health Clinic has been developing a program offering opportunities to youth to experience the health-care professions.

Students may use after-school, evening or vacation time in productive, worthwhile, educational, and enjoyable work that benefits the entire community. To join the program, call the clinic at 435-0575.

From left are Melanie Thompson, Sara Headley and Cyndi Porter.

Grant renews adjunct faculty for registered nursing program

A $26,400 grant from the Mary Washington Hospital Community Service Fund at Mary Washington Hospital Foundation has been awarded specifically to fund the salary of an adjunct instructor for Rappahannock Community College's registered nursing program.

The grant will span three semesters, from spring 2006 through spring 2007, and provides for instruction at RCC's clinical site at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg.

RCC's RN program coordinator Elsie Mangano, reports that the grant, a renewal of a previous one dating from January 2004, allowed the college to employ Mary Washington staff member Audrey Sullivan, R.N., to teach RCC students at the hospital through May 2006. The college has signed Melanie Thompson, R.N., to take her place starting with the fall 2006 semester. Thompson, a graduate of the RCC nursing program, lives in Hague.

Two other clinical instructors who recently joined RCC are Sara Headley, R.N., B.S., and Cyndi Porter, R.N. Headley, of Warsaw, is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, and teaches RCC's clinical program at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital. The same program is taught at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester by Porter, of Lancaster County, who took her RN training at Thomas Nelson Community College.

Some 44 students have enrolled in RCC's registered nursing program. The program provides students with the first year of the required two-year curriculum for RN certification; they then move on to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond for the second year.

From left are Philip Shahan, Michael Harris, Tiffany Pittman, Sarah Davis, Sarah Jones, Catherine Harris, Samantha Siddall, Kristin Shahan, Davida Williams and Junior Volunteer chairman Vivian Callaway.

Ball to attend leadership conference

Samoya Lynnae Ball, 11, a seventh-grader at Lancaster Middle School, has recently been selected as a result of her outstanding academic achievements and demonstrated leadership potential, to participate in the 2006 Junior National Young Leaders conference in Washington, D.C., (JRNYLC) in October.

She was nominated by her teacher, Angela Vaughan, who recognized her as an outstanding individual who has achieved academic excellence and possesses strong leadership potential.

Ball will join a select group of middle school students from around the country. She will travel to Washington, D.C., and attend a special reception on Capitol Hill for JRNYLC Scholars; explore historic Harper's Ferry; and attend a sleepover in the interactive Maryland Science Center. She will have the opportunity to meet and learn from today's leaders, meet students from all over the world, and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Samoya Ball

Upon completion of the six-day conference, she will be awarded an official Certificate of Merit.

Ball is an "A" Honor Roll student and past SCA historian. She is an SCA representative, Junior Beta Club representative, a Symphonic Band member and a Star Achiever for academic excellence since attending LMS. She assisted with tutoring first-graders while attending Lancaster Primary School.

Ball is the daughter of Sandy and Sam Ball of Lancaster Shores, and the sister of Samoné Ball, also an honor roll student and ninth-grader at Lancaster High School.

She is the granddaughter of Lillie Boyd of Lancaster and Connie Ball of Clinton, Md., and Brooks Chewning of Houston, Texas.

Ball thanked her family and teachers including Mrs. Vaughan for their love and support. She will represent Lancaster Middle School and her country with pride. She also will attend John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth in Baltimore in September.

RGH thanks junior volunteers

Another successful summer came to a close for Rappahannock General Hospital's Junior Volunteers program. In appreciation of their time and hard work, RGH held a luncheon in their honor at the hospital August 25.

The hospital was fortunate to have 12 volunteers participate this year. Of those participating, there were four first-year volunteers, five second-year volunteers, and three fourth-year volunteers. The volunteers were under the direction of Vivian Callaway, junior volunteer coordinator; Ginny Schuster, director of medical records; and Lou Brann, patient representative.

The volunteers were from Lancaster, Middlesex, and Northumberland counties. They were Samone Ball, Sarah Davis, Catherine Harris, Michael Harris, Sarah Jones, Lauren McNamee, Tiffany Pittman, McClain Powell, Kristin Shahan, Philip Shahan, Samantha Siddall, and Davida Williams.

At the luncheon, Randy Hester Sr., RGH vice president and chief operating officer, thanked the volunteers for being a part of the program and for contributing a total of 465 hours. He presented each volunteer with a certificate and gifts in appreciation of their dedication and service to the hospital.

Shown above are Middlesex dance students: Caroline Fuccella, Hannah Duke, Chloe Hodges, Haley Revere, Riley Price, Marisa Jones, Cate Burroughs and Meghan Krom

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Fall art workshops announced

Anne Cotter, workshop chairman of the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock, recently announced fall workshops. Rappahannock Art League members have a discounted fee for the classes.

Most classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Jane Stouffer's class will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Stouffer will teach Beginning Acrylic September 22 and October 6. The class is for students with little or no experience. It will explore the mixing of paint, color theory and basic design. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Painting the Colors of Autumn is the title of Kathleen Noffsinger's workshop October 10 and 11. The workshop is about the warm colors of autumn and how to mix these colors in watercolor. Students will work on landscape and seascape paintings from their own reference photos. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Stouffer will lead an Open Studio in any medium October 13, 20 and 27. The class is for all levels of experience in any style of painting and collage. There will be only a few demonstrations as the instructor will be working one-on-one to help artists see with a fresh eye to further advance their personal style. The fee is $120 for members and $140 for others.

Oil Painting, Fast and Loose with instructor Charles VanDenburgh will take place October 17 through 19. The workshop will cover the essentials of oil painting, helping the participants capture a realistic image quickly and with a limited pallet. There will be plenty of painting time and individual attention. The third day will be en plein air, weather permitting. The fee is $130 for members and $140 for others.

Rose Nygaard will teach Abstract Painting Using Acrylics October 24 through 26. The workshop is for students interested in experiencing the challenges of acrylic abstract painting through self-expression and interpretation. Fundamentals and color theory will be discussed. The fee is $120 for members and $140 for others.

Tom Norris will offer Photoshop for Photographers October 30 and November 6. He will discuss the best ways to get photos into Photoshop, make edits with Quick Fix and Standard Editor, print and e-mail photos, and get photos into video compact disks. No prerequisite is required. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Lella Lee Edwards will teach Exploring Pastels October 31 and November 1. The workshop will explore the versatility of pastels—drawing, painting, printing, and mixed media. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Stouffer will teach Printmaking—Collagraph and Monotype November 3 and 10. Participants will work with the etching press. Artists with previous experience and beginners are invited. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

Experimenting with YUPO will be taught by Sarah Soderlund on November 7 through 9. YUPO, a synthetic paper, is an excellent surface for experimentation and fun because watercolor will sit on the surface. Color can be poured on and wiped off. The fee is $120 for members and $140 for others.

Graphite Drawing Way Outside the Box with Noffsinger will take place November 14 and 15. Participants will have lots of fun drawing challenges to help them see things through their "artist eyes" and transfer what they see to paper. The instructor will demonstrate with graphite pencil and pen and ink, but students may work in any drawing medium. The fee is $80 for members and $90 for others.

To sign up for any workshop, visit the Studio Gallery, or call 436-9309.

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Student Support Services counselor named at RCC

Melanie Payne

Paula Fisher, the administrative officer of TRIO programs at Rappahannock Community College, recently announced the appointment of Melanie Payne to a counseling position with the Warsaw Campus Student Support Services (SSS) Office.

Payne has a bachelor's in psychology from Queen's College of the City University of New York, a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in teaching from Minnesota State University, and a master's in counseling from Old Dominion University.

She has put in over 15 years of work in higher education administrative positions in Minnesota and Virginia, including five years (from 1999 to 2004) as site director for ODU's TELETECHNET program on both RCC campuses. In this capacity, she worked with many RCC transfer students, and was able to provide them with expert guidance in their program choices. Most recently she has served as a counselor for the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Community Services Board.

Originally from New York, Payne has been a Virginia resident for the past seven years, and now lives in Hayes.

"I am very excited about being back at RCC," said Payne. "I am looking forward to assisting students to meet their educational and career goals."

"I am so excited that we were able to find an SSS counselor for the Warsaw Campus," said Fisher. "Not only does Ms. Payne have the professional and academic experience to provide quality services to our students, but she also has established relationships at the college and a personal commitment to education that supports the goals and purpose of the SSS program. You can't give or teach someone those things. We are very happy to welcome her back to RCC as a member of the TRIO staff team."

The TRIO programs, including Student Support Services, are federally funded through the United States Department of Education. For the 2006-07 academic year, RCC was awarded $279,535 to offer support services to its students through the SSS program.

Jon Stallard

Stallard to teach Civil War class

Jon Stallard this fall will teach a Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL) course on the Civil War.

"Fighting for Richmond: The Peninsula Campaign of 1962" will be held on three consecutive Tuesdays, beginning September 12 at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

With two untested commanders and 250,000 soldiers facing each other between the James and York rivers, the fate of the Union was in question. Coming as close to the Northern Neck as any battle, this single, largest campaign of the war will be detailed in the course.

Stallard is part-owner of radio stations WRAR and WNNT and co-hosts the WRAR morning show.

To register, contact Sharon Drotleff, Educational Foundation Inc. of Rappahannock Community College, P.O. Box 923, Warsaw, VA 22572, or call 333-6707, or 877-722-3679.

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Instant Piano workshop offered at RCC in Glenns

Musical beginners and those who have had a few lessons will be able to benefit from a three-hour workshop at Rappahannock Community College in Glenns on October 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People," promises to teach "the secret of how to play piano without lots of lessons and note reading."

The workshop is open to students ages 16 and older, and an instruction book and 60-minute practice CD make it possible to progress from this one-time course to playing on one's own. The class will be taught by Dr. Deborah Belcher.

Dr. Belcher holds performance degrees from Winthrop University, Indiana University and Michigan State University and has undertaken further study with Eugene List at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and with Robert Goldsand at the Manhattan School of Music. She also has received performance grants and scholarships from the Presser Foundation, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Michigan State University.

A member of the music faculty at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Dr. Belcher teaches classical and pop piano privately, and maintains an active performance schedule. In addition to being heard frequently on public radio broadcasts, she has made solo appearances with a number of symphony and chamber orchestras, and has played chamber music as a member of the Abelard Trio, the Trio Appassionata, and—for 25 years—the Statsky-Belcher Duo.

Pre-registration, with a fee of $49 per person, is required. Call RCC's Workforce and Community Development Center at 758-6751 or 333-6828. An additional $25-per-person fee for the course materials will be collected by the instructor on the night of the class.

Prize winner

Madeleine Ahlborn, a sophomore at Christchurch School, was the spring 2006 recipient of the Visual Arts Prize, given each year in honor of Michael Tebbs Nunn '86. "Maddy is a strong draftsman," said Christchurch School artist-in-residence Steven Roebuck. "She is inventive, and an excellent student of art history." She is the daughter of Seth and Carrie Ahlborn of Irvington.

Robert M. Weekley

Foreign relations course offered in Northumberland

The Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL) will hold its first fall course at Northumberland Public Library, September 11, 18, and 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

With over 40 years of experience in international affairs, Robert M. Weekley will offer a new and timely course, "U.S. Foreign Relations: From Vietnam to Iraq."

The course will highlight causes and issues related to major events of the period: Vietnam, the Cold War, the Soviet Union breakup, the Gulf War, the Balkan intervention, and the Iraq invasion.Terrorism, nuclear weapons, the "new world order," and peacekeeping will be explored.

To register, contact Sharon Drotleff at Rappahannock Community College, 877-722-3679, or mail your registration fee of $30 to her for RILL at RCC/EFI, P.O. Box 923, Warsaw, VA 22572.

School Notebook

■ RCC board meeting

The Rappahannock Community College Board will meet on the Glenns campus at 1 p.m, Wednesday, September 13. In addition to committee reports, there will be a special report recapping highlights of RCC and the RCC Educational Foundation Inc. for 2005-06.

Among action items, the board will be requested to adopt the goals of the president for 2006-07.

■ NHS Class of '76

The Northumberland High School Class of 1976 will hold a 30-year class reunion November 4. Contact R. Mike McKenney at 580-4471.

■ NHS Class of '81

An organizational session for the Northumberland High School Class of 1981 25-year reunion will be held September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Appleby's Restaurant in Tappahannock. Any class member may attend. Contact Carol Yerby.

School Menu

Following are next week's breakfast and lunch menus in Lancaster County. Choose one entree for breakfast, one entree and two sides for lunch.

Middle/High School
Everyday choices:
Cereals, Pop Tarts, Bagels,
Toast and Yogurt
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
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Monday, September 11:
Breakfast Pizza, Veggie Pizza
Mexican Bar, All-American Sub
Made-to-order tacos and the fixings, mexicali corn
Tuesday , September 12:
Sausage Biscuit, Sausage Pizza
Super Italian Wrap
Chicken cordon bleu sandwich w/ California blend mixed veggies
Wednesday, September 13:
Pancake Wrap
Hawaiian Pizza, Ham croissant
Spicy chicken-bacon pasta meltdown w/ peas and carrots
Thursday, September 14:
Breakfast Burrito
Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza
Turkey & Swiss Hoagie
Chicken nuggets, w/mashed potatoes, gravy, and dinner roll
Friday, September 15:
French Toast
Pepperoni and sausage pizza, Bologna & cheese, Barbecue pork or sloppy joe w/ baked beans and slaw

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

Monday, September 11:
French toast stix w/syrup
Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun or Chicken nuggets, green beans
Tuesday, September 12:
Eggwich English muffin
Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Choice of pizza, garlic bread stick, tossed salad
Wednesday, September 13:
Sausage and cheese biscuit
Chicken fried steak or Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll
Thursday, September 14:
Sausage biscuit
Grilled cheese sandwich or Choice of pizza, Tomato soup w/crackers
Friday, September 15:
Scrambled eggs & toast
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Law enforcement officers recognized

RICHMOND—On August 11, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia Chuck Rosenberg, honored Lt. William England of the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office; Maj. James A. Bruce of the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office; Detective Dennis Raftery of the Baltimore Police Department; and Special Agent Bruce Hough of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the 2005 Eastern District of Virginia Public Service Awards ceremony.

These officers and agents were singled out for their outstanding service in connection with United States v. Lajuan Davis.

According to court documents, on June 30, 2000, Davis and an accomplice robbed and murdered Sean Powell, a Baltimore cab driver. On July 6, 2000, with the assistance of Vernell Lee, age 42, and James McCray, age 45, both of Baltimore, Maryland, Davis and his accomplice fled to the vacant home of one of Lee's relatives, located in Westmoreland County, Virginia. They then went to Mr. Bailey's nearby residence for the purpose of stealing Mr. Bailey's vehicle and took Mr. Bailey into a field where they shot and killed him with a single-barrel .12 gauge shotgun.

Davis and his accomplice then drove Mr. Bailey's car back to Baltimore where they destroyed the car by arson. Davis and three co-defendants were indicted federally on July 6, 2005. On February 22, 2006, United States District Judge Henry E. Hudson convicted Davis of conspiracy, conspiracy to commit flight to avoid prosecution, carjacking, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, interstate transportation of a stolen automobile, obstruction of justice, bank fraud, and wire fraud. On June 9, 2006, Davis received a sentence of life imprisonment plus 10 years to run consecutively to the life term.

In recognizing the exceptional contributions of Lt. England, Maj. Bruce, Det. Raftery, and Special Agent Bruce, Rosenberg noted the energy and attention to detail the investigators devoted to the case, assembling extensive forensic evidence and developing more than 55 witnesses in an effort to ensure that justice was served.

From left are Olga Speck, Tina Tiggle and Jane Denton.

From left are Peter Saams, Jenny Saams, Bob Denton, Jane Denton and Paula Bounty.

Virginia DUI-related deaths down for third straight year

RICHMOND—For the third consecutive year, the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities has decreased in Virginia. A total of 322 individuals died in DUI-related crashes in 2005. That's down 6 percent from the previous year and 14 percent over the past three years.

These figures are contained in the 2005 Virginia Traffic Crash Facts report released last week.

The document is the result of cooperative efforts of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Virginia Department of State Police and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Additionally, fatalities and injuries resulting from teen alcohol-related crashes both saw double digit decreases in the past year. Thirty-two individuals died as a result of a teen alcohol-related crash in 2005 compared to 42 the year before. Injuries dropped from 903 to 809.

New legislation over the past several years makes Virginia home to some of the toughest DUI laws in the country. Increased DUI checkpoints, higher fines and mandatory jail terms have helped heighten awareness of drunk-driving enforcement in the Commonwealth.

"Drunk drivers are not welcome in Virginia," said DMV Commissioner D.B. Smit. "Stricter enforcement of tough new laws has helped. We're encouraged by the declining numbers of DUI related fatalities, but one fatality is too many. We must continue to fight to keep our highways safe for our families and neighbors."

A clear sign of the work that's still ahead in the field of alcohol-related traffic enforcement: the rising average blood-alcohol-content (BAC) of drinking drivers. In the past five years, BAC figures increased more than 3 percent, from 0.1376 to 0.1411.

Other details contained in 2005 Virginia Traffic Crash Facts:

• Four out of five drivers (81.79 percent) convicted of DUI in Virginia are male.

• 28,070 drivers were convicted of DUI in 2005, down 1.4 percent from 2004.

• The most alcohol-related fatalities took place in July (41). The fewest were in March (9).

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Harvey stated that "as an employee and a taxpayer" she wanted answers to "at least the following: Exactly where is our money being held? Who has control over the money? How is it protected against potential fraud and abuse?"

Supervisors neither responded or took related action.

However, a subsequent phone conversation with supervisor Pete Geilich provided answers to some of the questions posed by the employees' group.

As a former long-time hospital administrator, Geilich also offered some insight on the American health care industry in general.

"Every developed country in the world has a health care system" but ours, he complained, and, as a result, health care costs are rising at 12 to 15 percent per year.

According to Geilich, one of the reasons for the change from Southern Health was that their premiums had gone up about 17 percent versus a 13 to 14 percent increase in a SET.

He also labeled the $13.2 million in compensation paid last year to the chairman and CEO of Coventry, the parent company of Southern Health, as "obscene."

"That's just plain wrong," he emphasized.

With a SET, the preferred network will offer "much wider coverage" and it will be "much easier to get new [preferred] doctors" in the program, he said.

He acknowledged that "the county will possibly have more administrative functions" in connection with the new plan.

Geilich said the county pays about $400 a month for each of the 75 employees who are insuring their family. The employee's monthly portion is about $600.

He expects the monthly premiums to stay about the same, but thinks that over a three- to four-year period, a self-insured group will begin to see some savings.

"What we're always trying to do is keep the tax rate under control," he explained.

The former administrator said that each SET group is different, so portions of the contract are tailored to them. And he said the county administrator does have a written policy.

In order to answer employees' routine questions about the provisions of the new program, the county arranged a meeting on August 22 with the plan providers. Two representatives from C. & L. Hoffman and Associates of Richmond and Bruce McKinney from Preferred Care in Tampa, Fla., were there to explain to the employees how the plan works.

However, according to an August 31, 2006, letter from Schmidt to the supervisors, county employees left the meeting "more distressed than before."

"The consensus of those present at the meeting was that representatives of the health insurance plans were antagonistic, argumentative, oppositional, winking with each other and laughing at our distress, and neither they nor the county's representatives [Geilich and Pennell] showed sympathy or concern for the county's employees," he wrote.

Northumberland County Crime Solvers

Between August 7 and August 9, 2006, unknown person(s) stole a generator, one nail gun, two chairs and various tools from a construction site near Wicomico Church.

Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime in Northumberland County is asked to call Crime Solvers at 580-8477.

Crime Solvers pays cash rewards up to $1,000 for anonymous tips which lead to an arrest. Callers remain anonymous and are not required to testify in court.

Garden Club landscapes Habitat for Humanity home

Members of the Kilmarnock Garden Club completed a landscaping project at Tina Tiggle's Habitat for Humanity home in time for a September 10 dedication ceremony.

Community beautification chairman Sue Woodard and club president Jane Denton cleared weeds and grass from the remaining areas of the soon-to-be flower beds in preparation for the landscaping project.

Pat Clawson, Woodard, Olga Speck, Denton and Jenny Saams began researching the best plants for the climate long before the planting day arrived. William Penn barberry, Japanese holly, crepe myrtles, euonymus, gardenia and Gerber daisies were donated by Southern States, The Earth Store (GEO) and Green Hand Gardens. Saams, Ruby Wilson, Woodard, Speck, Genny Chase, and Denton also provided nandina bushes, ferns, irises, Gumpo white azaleas, and money plant seeds to complete the landscaping.

Speck, Paula Boundy, Saams, Peter Saams, Bob Denton, Gayle Hudnall and Jane Denton began early on August 31 digging holes, placing the horticulture, filling holes and spreading mulch on all flower beds. Previously during the summer, club members planted several beds of flowering annuals and placed two large flower pots filled with hardy perennials in the yard in order for there to be some color during the dry, hot months. By adding the crepe myrtles, Japanese holly, ferns, nandinas, azaleas, euonymus, gardenia, barberry, irises, money plant and Gerber daisies, Tiggle's yard will only require a moderate amount of maintenance.

The Kilmarnock Garden Club is grateful for all the donated plants; however, some items had to be purchased to complete the landscaping project. In order for the club to continue in their community endeavors, such as the landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes, as well as giving a $500 yearly college scholarship; sponsoring a young person to a two-week educational camp at Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Nature Camp; and decorating the exterior of the Rappahannock General Hospital during Christmas, the club sponsors a fund-raising event every other year.

On September 19, the club will sponsor a floral design event "Brunch with Bob," featuring Bob Henkel at Grace Episcopal Church on Main Street in Kilmarnock to raise monies for their community endeavors. The brunch will begin at 11 a.m. and will include mini quiches, assorted sweet breads and muffins, fresh fruit and mini cheesecakes.

The floral design program will begin at noon. The fee is $25 and tickets may be purchased from members of the club or by calling 435-6897 or 435-0946. Reservations are required.

Raffle tickets are also being sold to help in this fund-raising endeavor. The first prize is a combination golf package of 18 holes of golf for two at Keswick Hall in Charlottesville, Golden Eagle in Irvington, Quinton Oaks in Callao and King Carter in Kilmarnock.

Second prize is an overnight stay for two with breakfast at Virginia Crossings Resort in Glen Allen. Third prize is an original painting by June Higgins, fourth prize is an original painting by Sarah Soderlund and fifth prize is an original painting by Miriam MacCarthy.

Rappahannock Garden Club hears the 'A to Zs' on roses

Charlotte Hundley, past president of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck and founding member and past president of the Northern Neck Rose Society, presented a program on "The A to Zs of Growing Roses" at the Rappahannock Garden Club's August meeting.

She covered basic topics such as type, selection, fertilization, pruning and water recommendations based on her personal experience.

Awards for horticulture were Ginny Brown, 4; Jo Anne Crichton, 8; Susan Edmonds, 5; Ann Hecht, 6; Ann Hopkins, 5; Polly Kirksey, 3; Mary Loftus, 2; Margaret Peill, 15; Sharon Rowe, 40; and Reta Stover, 3.

Food gardens awards were Hecht, 5; Loftus, 5; Peill, 5; and Rowe, 11.

Design awards were Class I "Dog Days" Stabile Design Ann Lewis, blue; Class II "Small Critters" Small Design Anne Skerrett, blue; and Lewis, blue; and non-classified design, Jacquie Colligan, blue.

Charlotte Hundley

The September 14 meeting will be held at White Stone United Methodist Church. Phil Reed, community coordinator for the Northern Neck Land Conservancy will speak on "Preserving Our Special Place." Horticulture and Design entries must be in place by 11:45 a.m. Guests are welcome to the 12:30 p.m. meeting.

Residents enjoy visit from Elvis

Warsaw residents may have seen Randy Roe's tribute to Elvis van riding the streets recently. The Virginia Elvis, as he is known, dressed in a white suit studded with gold, red, white and blue ornaments, came to The Orchard to entertain the residents. During his performance, he sang many of the songs made famous by Elvis.

His rendition of "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" brought tears, while the songs "Teddy Bear" and "Ring Around Your Neck" had the residents tapping their toes, clapping their hands, and swinging their shoulders.

Residents smiled and waited for him to sing to them personally. Some of the other songs that he sang included "Blue Suede Shoes," "Jailhouse Rock," "Heartbreak Hotel," and medley with Elvis' number one hits.

Residents enjoyed the visit, and look forward to the Virginia Elvis to return for another visit in September.

Meanwhile, some residents recently took trips to Surry, where they had lunch at the Rocky Bottom Grill; Kinsale where they had lunch at the Driftwood Restaurant, and Colonial Downs where they had dinner at the Jockey Club.

The Kilmarnock Garden Club Presents "Brunch with Bob"

WHO: The Kilmarnock Garden Club

WHAT: "Brunch with Bob" - A Floral Design Program

WHEN: September 19, 2006

TIME: 11:00 A.M. - Brunch Begins
Noon: Floral Program Begins

WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, Main St. Kilmarnock, VA

COST: $25.00 Per Person

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED: To make reservations or obatin more information call Jane Denton 435-6877, Page Carlson 435-0946

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