

Rappahannock Record

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KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

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Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department 2007-08 announces annual service awards

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department recently held its annual Ladies Night Banquet and Awards Reception at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Several members were recognized for outstanding achievements.



Chief Benny Balderson (left) recognizes Junior Fireman of the Year Kevin Wilkins.



Richard Pittman celebrated 20 years of active membership.



Bryan Keyser responded to the most calls.

Lawson P. Schools was recognized for 50 years of membership. He has served in a variety of leadership positions during his tenure and is still an active firefighter.



Randy Kellum was named Fireman of the Year.

Kilmarnock to consider request from payday lender

KILMARNOCK—A public hearing on whether to allow Advance America to do business in Kilmarnock will lead off the town council meeting Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in the town hall, 514 North Main Street.

Blue Sky Development submitted the application, requesting a change in the commercial (C-1) zoning to allow cash advance businesses.

The company has proposed opening a branch in the Shops of Kilmarnock.

The General Assembly last

week passed a compromise plan that limits borrowers to a single outstanding loan at any one time and allows them to repay the loan in at least four equal installments over a period of not less than 60 days. The plan also includes lockout provisions and cooling-off periods to deter constant borrowing and a database that would track borrowing activity.

However, borrowers would pay more to get a loan. The current fee of \$15 per \$100 borrowed would climb to 20 percent of the loan amount,

plus there would be a \$5 verification fee. Payday lenders would be permitted to charge interest at an annual rate of 36 percent.

The bill passed the Senate 37-2 with one abstention and the House of Delegates approved a companion bill 91-9.

Also on Monday night's agenda, planning commission chairman Raymond Booth is expected to present a report on recommended capital improvements for Kilmarnock's 2009 fiscal year budget.

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Session to address judicial center funding

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors will hold a work session with county attorney Jim Cornwell Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. to discuss financing strategies for

building a proposed Judicial Administration Building.

The new courthouse facility is planned for 27 acres of land adjacent to the existing courthouse complex.

While the meeting will not include a public hearing, citizens are invited to attend and observe the work session, according to county administrator Bill Pennell.

Robbery trial ends in hung jury

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—Jurors wrestled with a decision in the trial of Kevin Hall Neal for only an hour before giving up about 9 p.m. Friday. Judge Harry Taliaferro III declared a mistrial, but did not poll the jury to determine how the vote had gone. A hearing will be held to set a new trial date.

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Auto crash claims life

LIVELY—Audrey Patricia Boyd, 56, of Nuttsville died March 6 as a result of a single-vehicle crash in Lancaster County.

The crash occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. last Thursday on River Road approximately one-tenth of a mile south of Teague Road.

Virginia State Police Senior Trooper W. E. Joyner II investigated the crash.

The trooper's investigation revealed that a 2002 Buick Century was traveling southbound on River Road when the vehicle ran off the road to the right and struck three trees.

Boyd, who was wearing a safety belt, died at the scene of the crash, according to Joyner. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Wal-Mart and DEQ reach agreement in retention pond failure

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Wal-Mart has reached a settlement agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) over the October 26 failure of a retention pond at the site of the Kilmarnock store.

The failure occurred after a storm dumped 13.5 inches of rain on the area causing the retaining wall to burst. Over 11,000 cubic yards of sand, rock and sediment washed down a ravine and into Norris Mill Pond. A 25-foot-wide section of the bulkhead broke away, taking out large sections of concrete drain lines.

According to DEQ enforcement manager Allison Dunaway, the settlement includes a \$6,370 fine, completion of all repairs, and monitoring for stability and erosion control.

In addition, Wal-Mart was responsible for removing all the sediment from the affected wetlands and streams.

A site inspection on February 14 by Dunaway revealed the work has been completed. She said DEQ will continue to monitor the retention pond.

Dunaway said the settlement agreement must be approved by the State Water Control Board at its June meeting in Richmond. Settlement fines are applied to the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund.

Retention ponds are used as replacement systems for the natural absorption of rain runoff lost to large buildings and parking lots. The ponds are designed to prevent flooding into surrounding areas and polluting tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

Police Reports

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

Christopher Marchand, 20, of The Pony Pasture in Irvington was charged March 6 with conspiracy to commit a felony, use/display of a firearm in commission of a felony, robbery, burglary, and wearing a mask in public (all felonies).

Misdemeanors

A Jarvis Point Road woman, 37, was charged March 4 with issuing a bad check.

A Sullivans Road man, 40, was charged March 5 with contempt of court.

A White Marsh Lane man, 44, was charged March 6 with public drunkenness.

March 3-10 activity

March 3: Staff responded to a domestic trespass complaint on Lancaster Creek Drive and to a suspicious vehicle complaint in the 8600 block of Mary Ball Road, responded with KPD to the area of Rappahannock General Hospital to locate a walk-off patient and responded to an abandoned vehicle complaint on Beach Road.

March 4: At the request of the owner, staff searched a motor vehicle for narcotics possibly left by another person and received a motorist's report of a deer strike near the Upper Lancaster Rutitan Center.

March 5: Staff responded with Virginia State Police to a two-vehicle accident between Lancaster and Lively, investigated an ABC violation by a juvenile, responded with the Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a disorderly conduct call at Rappahannock General Hospital and responded to a larceny complaint on Buttercup Lane (unfounded, property not stolen).

March 6: Staff received a

motorist's report of a deer strike in the 6700 block of Mary Ball Road, investigated a suspicious vehicle complaint at Windmill Point, responded with KPD to Rappahannock General Hospital to locate a patient who had left against medical advice, responded with Virginia State Police to a single-vehicle accident near River and Old Airport roads, responded to Irvington and Weems roads to assist Virginia State Police involved with a traffic stop and responded to an assault and battery on White Marsh Lane.

March 7: Staff received an annoying telephone calls complaint from an Ottoman area resident and a motorist's report of a deer strike on Windmill Point Road, responded to a single-vehicle accident on Merry Point Road, responded to a DUI complaint in the 8600 block of Mary Ball Road, responded with KPD to the area of Rappahannock General Hospital to locate a walk-off patient and responded to an abandoned vehicle complaint on Beach Road.

March 8: Staff responded with KPD and Virginia State Police to a traffic accident near Mary Ball and Boys Camp roads, to a shots fired call in the area of the new Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department building, to an animal control complaint near the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge, to an E911 disconnect call in the 2100 block of Windmill Point Road (no emergency services needed), and to a power line fire on Waterview Point Lane. With the White Stone Police

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A Closer Look

by Jane Tims

Sorry, Mr. Robin, but at this moment in the Northern Neck of Virginia, it is the brilliant daffodil that trumpets spring.

I have breakfast at the Car Wash Café and on the next table is a vase full of daffodils. I return a book to a profusion of yellow daffodils on the circulation desk at the library. I run errands on random roads where the bobbing heads of daffodils proclaim their joy.

And here comes the Garden Club of Virginia's 74th Annual Daffodil Show, hosted for the first time by the Garden Club of the Northern Neck and free to the public at the Church of the Nazarene in White Stone. Dates are April 2 from 2 to 8 p.m. and April 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Why don't you enter? Maybe you don't belong to a garden club, or you've never been to a flower show, or you don't know one variety from another. None of that matters. All you need is a single magnificent daffodil from your yard, picked, not cut, straight and tall of stem with

lovely color and symmetrical, non-nicked petals.

Timing is everything. No magic will keep today's gorgeous blossom fresh until April, but be ready. If a winner unfolds at the right time for the show, bring it to the church on April 1 between 3 and 9 p.m., or on April 2 between 7 and 10 a.m. There are classes for single stems, classes for three of a kind, classes for one each of five varieties. There's even a youth division. There are no entry fees.

"It would be so nice if people would show up with their daffodils and say help me, and we will help," said Suzanne LaPrade, show co-chairman with Candy Carden. "Bring your flower to the front desk, get a registration number, and go to the horticultural workroom. There'll be people in there to help. Someone will show you how to stage it in the tube, and the tubes and greens will be

provided."

For help, the earlier you come, the better. By Wednesday morning the bustle is in full swing and the floor is cleared at 10 a.m. so judges can begin. Everyone else must

"The Garden Club of Virginia has three huge shows a year: rose in fall, daffodil in spring and lily in June. The 47 member clubs throughout Virginia take turns hosting them, two years at a time, and because there are thousands of varieties of daffodils, it is the largest show of the three."

exit, and, in a real plus for the area, shops and restaurants will overflow with show-goers until the doors reopen. There's even a tour planned at Christ Church.

The Garden Club of Virginia

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The Garden Club of the Northern Neck has known for years that the prestigious show would be coming

here in 2008 and 2009 and, because it is expensive to stage, the 40 active members and their sustainers and associates have raised funds and socked away portions of many annual budgets in preparation.

Daffodil gurus Bill Pannill and Brent

and Becky Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester will be here. The 20 judges for the stems in the horticultural division are from the American Daffodil Society, and the 20 judges of the arrangements in the artistic division are from the Garden Club of Virginia. Arrangements must address stated themes and be pre-registered online at gcvirginia.org before March 22.

So say you've decided to try. In the worst scenario, your best great hope bows to the ground the morning before the show. You cannot enter. Go anyway and see the world in yellow and white. Take a notepad and write down the varieties you'd like to order. There is always next year.

"You can learn a lot from daffodil shows," said Suzanne. "I like to make the rounds and see what the must-haves are. The nice things about daffodils are that nobody eats them, no rodents or deer, and when you plant them, they come back each year and multiply on their own, hopefully." They do, she adds, poison other flowers.

At the show, thank the members of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck for all the planning, labor and funding they've put into this colorful event. And don't think they'll be relaxing when it's over. The 75th Historic Garden Week in Virginia is in Lancaster County this year on April 23, and they're in charge of that, too. Wheew! On the 24th they can stop and smell the flowers.

Reflections

by
John Howard Farmer
pastor, Irvington Baptist Church

Reporting for work

When I first reported to the Irvington Baptist Church, my office was a folding card table in the corner of a small bedroom of our cottage overlooking the Corrotoman River.

I folded my table and grew into a nice area with considerable bookshelf space in the parsonage on Irvington Road. It almost made me wish that I had not purged my library before leaving Tennessee where I previously served.

The pastor's office was adjacent to what had been known as the church parlor. The home had two front doors off the porch, one into the hall, and the other in the church parlor. The parlor and study had been connected by another door, which opened into the front hall of that old Victorian manse. Both office and parlor could be accessed by church and community without having to enter the family's living quarters.

By my occupancy the connecting door and area addressed had been turned into a closet, one of the few in the house.

I enjoyed my time there considerably until my late mother-in-law suffered a stroke and came to live at 4504 Irvington Road. Steps were out of

the question. There was nothing to do but move my office to the second floor, into a rarely used guest bedroom.

My desk was a build-in-place unit and while it went together in a remarkably short time originally, it took some convincing

that it could go up stairs, be reassembled and find itself in a new home as noble as from whence it came. Not thinking that it would ever be moved, I had long ago chucked the assembly directions.

My mother-in-law recovered a bit and wanted more freedom than allowed living with family and chose to move to the Farnham Manor.

After her exit from the former pastor's study and the removal of her things, I set about to move back to "my" office.

The move went well enough until the desk absolutely refused to be relocated again. Grumbling as if it were being murdered, it eased the up staircase and back to where it began service to the preacher. Not a single joint or part of any geometric plane would agree to reassembly.

I called upon a carpenter friend who, totally disregarding the cute little plastic expansion connectors, took glue, saw, hammer

and nails to the pile of teak and fashioned a suitable repair of the component parts.

During a sad epoch in the parsonage, a chap wishing to shoulder some of my burden bounced into my office, foisted a bear hug upon me, turned, and horrors, I saw it coming but was unable to yell it out, sat upon the corner of my desk. The desk crumbled into the carpet as if it had been bombed.

I bought and hauled home a replacement unit. With gargantuan strength I unloaded the crate onto the back porch and wrestled it through the door, grunted it up the one step into the front hall and into the study. The room groaned, "oh no, here he goes again." Carefully following the instructions written in four languages, piece upon piece merged with others until the desk base took form. On the floor across the room the credenza likewise took shape.

With the base in place I grabbed a corner of the top. It weighed a ton or more than when in the slideable crate. No manner of aging preacher muscle could move the monument.

I called deacon Forrester and begged help. Joe arrived and together we assembled the units into a whole every bit as handsome as the pictures portrayed.

When Hazel and I married we remained in the parsonage for a while and then moved up the road to Ghost Hole Pond. The desk shivered as we removed the top and urged the base into the truck. When pastor Lee Farmer and I finally got it to the new pastor's study at the pond, we were exhausted and infuriated at the corners, shelves and so forth, which just would not cooperate. As in times past, hammer, saw, nails and glue came to our rescue. We joked about not ever having to move my desk again.

Families change and we are bringing a loved one into our home. As mentioned previously, an office must give way to a bedroom.

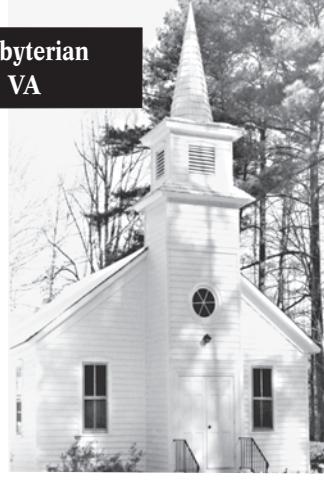
I took a look at our barn and decided that if Jesus could be born in a barn, a preacher could take up occupancy there as well.

I got most of my stuff into the renovated building and the converted stall.

I called upon pastor Craig Smith to assist me in moving the desk. Pastor Lee had already mentioned he wanted no part of such an endeavor.

Craig promptly arrived and we urged the top unit off its base and worried it from the room, out of the house, and almost into the trailer when it shouted, "No," and proceeded to fall apart in various unreparable ways. Somewhat defeated and disgusted, Craig and I returned to the office. As we grabbed the base, a much sounder structure, and started for the door, it disassembled itself.

Today's chore is to shop for another computer desk. This one will be built of timber and nails and be screwed and hammered together. It will be a desk that can handle the movements of an aging preacher.



Wesley Presbyterian
Weems, VA

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively;
462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor

Sunday, March 16:

10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Worship

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer

Calvary Baptist

490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
Sunday, March 16:

8:45 a.m., Church School

10 a.m., Devotions

10:15 a.m., Worship with

Communication

7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Claybrook Baptist

2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor

Saturday, March 15:

8 a.m., Clean up of cemetery. If you wish to keep any flowers, please remove them prior to this.

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Morning Worship

5 p.m., Study Group

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

Coan Baptist

Heathsfield; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister

Sunday, March 16:

10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Worship

Tuesday, March 18:

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.

7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Corrotoman Baptist

48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834

Rev. Daniel J. G. Mochamps,

Pastor

Thursday, March 13:

7:30 p.m., Bible Study

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages

11 a.m., Morning Worship

11 a.m., Children's Church

Tuesday, March 18:

6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

Fairfields Baptist

15213 Northumberland Hwy.,
Burgess

Dr. G. C. Harbuck Jr., Interim

Pastor

453-3530

www.fairfieldsbaptist.org

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Youth Choir

10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Worship & Children's

Church

Tuesday, March 18:

10:30 a.m., Chancel Choir

Rehearsals

Wednesday, March 19:

10 a.m., Bible Study

Friendship Baptist

Hartfield

Pastor McKibbons

693-5503

Sunday, March 16:

9:30-10 a.m. Coffee, cookies and

donuts in Fellowship Hall

10 a.m., Sunday School

10-10:55 a.m., Contemporary

Service

11 a.m., Celebration Service

Nursery is provided

Wednesday, March 19:

6 p.m., Prayer Meeting

7 p.m., Choir Practice

Harmony Grove Baptist

Routes 3 and 33, Topping;

758-5154

Sunday, March 16:

9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and

doughnuts

9:45 a.m., Sunday School

9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19:

7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Hartswell Baptist
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845

Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
Sunday, March 16:

10:15 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Prayer & Praise

11:30 a.m., Worship

Irvington Baptist
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer,
Pastor

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly

10 a.m., Bible Classes

11 a.m., Worship

Wednesday, March 19:

12 noon, Women's AA

7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

Kilmarnock Baptist
65 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1703

Rev. Charles Gibson, Interim
Pastor

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Opening Assembly

10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Worship, with The Rev.

Charles W. Gibson featuring a

special Palm Sunday Cantata

12 noon, Coffee Hour

Monday, March 17:

7 p.m., Scouts

Tuesday, March 18:

10 a.m., Garden Club

5 p.m., Exercise

Wednesday, March 19:

10 a.m., Gurley Girls

12:05 p.m., Community Lenten

Service at Kilmarnock UMC

7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 20:

5 p.m., Exercise

Obituaries

Audrey P.T. Boyd

NUTTSVILLE—Audrey Patricia Tomlin Boyd, 56, of Nuttsville died March 6, 2008.

Mrs. Boyd was born June 26, 1951, to Aaron and Elizabeth Tomlin. She attended Lancaster County public schools.



Mrs. Boyd

She was a member of the Church of Deliverance in Lively. She married Percell Boyd August 24, 1973. They had five daughters. She had a great love for music, which she shared all over her community. She worked with the elderly as a certified nursing assistant.

She was predeceased by her parents, a sister, Delores Boyd, and a grandson, Cardan L. Boyd.

She is survived by her husband, Percell Boyd; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Angela and Charles Ashton, Taunda and William Crockett, Renay and Melvin Boyd, Genester and Alvin Robinson and Cherylene Johnson; three brothers-in-law, Kenneth Boyd Sr., West Boyd Sr. and Madison Boyd Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Victoria Hardy and Nettie P. Criss; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a special cousin, Shelia Owens; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held March 10 at the Church of Deliverance with pastor Donald Conaway officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery.

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

Albert B. Correll Jr.

WHITE STONE—Albert B. “Breck” Correll Jr., 69, of White Stone died March 4, 2008, in peace at his river home.

Mr. Correll was a retired Dominion Virginia Power supervisor.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Bridget and Michael Murrell of Glen Allen; a granddaughter, Madison Loran Murrell; and a sister, Carolyn Sandford of Roanoke.

Services will be private.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Memorials, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606.

Donald F. Davis

WEEMS—Donald Franklin Davis, 75, of Weems died March 10, 2008.

Mr. Davis was a retired firefighter for Arlington County and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was predeceased by a son, Rick Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo Davis; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Tammy Davis of Weems; a stepson, Chester Lee Turner III of Ocracoke; five grandchildren, Heather and Samantha Fitzgerald, both of Woodbridge, Shawna Allen of Las Vegas, Denver Cole Davis of Burke, Amanda C. Davis of Springfield; and a great-grandson, Tanner Lee Fitzgerald of Woodbridge.

Services will be private.

John Frye

LEBANON, N.H.—John Frye, 97, writer and photographer whose work is part of the permanent collection of the Mariners’ Museum in Newport News, died February 24, 2008, at Lebanon Center Genesis in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Harriet, his wife of 73 years, was at his side.

Mr. Frye was born in Chicago in 1910 and spent his childhood on Captiva Island, off the coast of Florida, and in New York City. After his 1934 graduation from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, he worked for Associated Press and Scripps Howard newspapers in Cincinnati and Columbus. He and his wife raised three children in Delaware County, Ohio. Later they moved to coastal Virginia where he wrote about the fishing industry for National Fisherman and other publications. He is the author of *The Men All Singing*, a history of the menhaden industry and the lives of menhaden fisher-

men. He authored several other books including an account of an expedition to raise the Santa Maria off the coast of Haiti, a book on 15th-century Spanish navigation, and a history of Hampton Roads, Virginia.

He was a lifelong boating enthusiast. In 1937, he and his wife floated a houseboat from Cincinnati to New Orleans; during his Ohio years, he taught his family to sail small craft. His love of the water eventually took him and his wife to the Chesapeake Bay area where they sailed a 33-foot ketch. They lived in Heathsville, Kilmarnock and Hampton Roads. They moved to Vermont in 1999 where Frye continued to write, producing a series of pieces on his childhood and early newspaper days as well as Gilbert and Sullivan parodies that satirized modern politics and academia.

He was predeceased by a son, Keith, in 1998 and a grandson in 1986.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Ann Frye of Chillicothe, Ill., and Ellen Frye of White River Junction, Vt.; a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held in Hampton in the future.

Maude V. Gaines

REEDVILLE—Maude Veneys Gaines, 87, of Reedville died February 26, 2008.

Mrs. Gaines was born October 20, 1920, in Warsaw to Randolph Fletcher Sr. and Addie Fletcher. She joined Lyells Chapel Baptist Church in Haynesville and also attended Second Baptist Church. She attended Richmond County public schools.

She was predeceased by a brother, James Lucas

She is survived by her husband, Moses Gaines Jr.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and James Keeve and Donna Veney-Jackson and Joseph Jackson; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence Veney, Daniel and Patricia Veney and Elwood and Mary Veney; four stepchildren, Albert, Victor, Quantis and Rose; five sisters and a brother-in-law, Violet Holloman, Shirley Jackson, Evelyn and Frankie Matthews, Bertha Veney and Georgia Fletcher; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Daniel Lucas, Richard Veney, Randolph and Brenda Fletcher and Reginald Fletcher; 14 grandchildren, Nequi, Yvette, Shawnta, Tasha, Anthony, Tabitha, Shaquana, Joseph, Lawrence Jr., Daniela, Edward, Breonna, Adrian, Venessa; 12 great-grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Fannie Gaines; four sisters-in-law, Irene Lucas, Estelle, Ida and Marlene; two brothers-in-law, Claude and Herman; two goddaughters, Amanda Kelly and Jackie Banks; four devoted friends, Virginia Jenkins, Delores Johnson, Ernestine Lucas and Hilda Robinson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends.

Funeral services were held March 1 at Lyells Chapel Baptist Church with pastor James Johnson officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Al Fletcher, Antonio Gaines, Aaron Jackson, Jimmy Carey, Trey Matthews, Terry Carey, Eric Ball and Terrance Ryan.

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

Henrietta A. Gatti

NORTH BETHESDA, MD.—Henrietta A. Gatti of North Bethesda, Md., died March 8, 2008.

Mrs. Gatti was born in Kilmarnock. She was the daughter of the late Frank M. Armstrong

Mrs. Hudnall was born October 15, 1916, in Ophelia

and Henrietta Lee Palmer.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard S. Gatti Sr.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Peter Bruha; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard S. Gatti Jr. and Eileen Gatti; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 12 at St. Elizabeth’s Church in Rockville, Md. Interment was in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Memorials may be made to the Father Bloom Endowment Fund c/o St. Elizabeth’s Church, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

De Vol Funeral Home in Washington, D.C., handled the arrangements.

Dennis R. Hall

SANDSTON—Dennis R. Hall, 44, of Sandston died March 4, 2008.

Mr. Hall was born July 18, 1963.

As a youth he was raised in Glen Allen, attended Hermitage High School and Hunton Baptist Church.

He was predeceased by his father, Clarence H. Hall of Glen Allen; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomas Sr., all of Henrico County.

He is survived by a daughter, Allison C. Hall of Sandston; his mother, Ann Hall Shelton of Weems; a brother, Richard A. Hall of Glen Allen; two uncles, Delbert Thomas Jr. of Glen Allen and Warren Hall of San Jose, Calif.; his fiancee, Lynn Taylor of Varina; and a close friend, Sandy James of Caroline County.

Funeral services were held March 7 at Bliley Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Johnson of Hunton Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery on Penick Road next to his grandparents.

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

Patricia W. Harrison

REEDVILLE—Patricia Woolls Harrison, 81, of Reedville died March 7, 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Chapman Harrison Sr.; a son, Thomas Chapman Harrison Jr., both of Reedville; a daughter, Sharon H. Hudson; two grandchildren, all of Alexandria; and nieces and nephews.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held March 11 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock with Father James Bruse officiating. Interment was March 12 at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Alexandria.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

Robert Hilliard Sr.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS—Robert “Icey” “Slim” Hilliard Sr., 86, of Highland Springs died March 5, 2008.

Mr. Hilliard was predeceased by his wife, Mary Hilliard; and a brother, William Lee Hilliard.

He is survived by a son, Robert Hilliard Jr.; five stepchildren; two brothers, Wilmer E. Hilliard and Carroll P. Hilliard of Kilmarnock; and other family and friends.

A funeral service was held March 8 at Nelsen Funeral Home in Richmond. A graveside service was held at Oakwood Cemetery.

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

Earnestine L. Hudnall

REEDVILLE—Earnestine Lucille Hudnall, 91, of Reedville died March 2, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Hudnall was born October 15, 1916, in Ophelia

to Simon and Olivia Lee. She attended Virginia public schools and joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville. She was a member of the Shiloh Joanna Guild and the Ophelia Guild Clubs. In 1941, she met and later married George Leon Hudnall. They had six children. After her sister, Carrie, died, Earnestine

also raised her children. She shared meals with many guests and was a person who brought joy to the lives of others.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, a sister, a son, John, and a son-in-law, Morris Jones.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, George Jerome and the Rev. Bernice Hudnall of Mt. Rainier, Md., Arnold Leon and Ronnie Hudnall of Glen Burnie, Md., and Herman Lee of Heathsville; two daughters, Lucille Lee of Heathsville and Margaret Jones of Laurel, Md.; a niece and nephew, William “Ting” Harris of Lively and Olivia “Lady” Lee of Linden, N.J.; a daughter-in-law, Kathy of Heathsville; 18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and many cousins, other family and friends.

Funeral services were March 8 at Shiloh Baptist Church with pastor T. W. Morris officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery.

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

Catherine M. Johnson

KINSALE—Catherine Mabel Johnson, 87, formerly of Kinsale, died March 5, 2008.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard Edgar Johnson.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and

If we could have a lifetime wish, A dream that would come true, We’d pray to God with all our hearts for yesterday and you. A thousand words can’t bring you back we know because we’ve tried . . . Neither will a thousand sand tears, we know because we’ve cried . . . You left behind our broken hearts and happy memories too . . . But we never wanted memories We only wanted You.

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Sonny Ryan of King George; a brother and sister-in-law, Winston and Sarah Rice of Weems; a sister-in-law, Mary Harris of Warsaw; two granddaughters, Kelly France Bass and Lenna Pitts Foster, both of Gretna; five great-grandchildren, Ashley Bass, Shiane Bass, Liam Foster, Julian Foster and Aden Foster, all of Gretna; and many nieces and nephews.

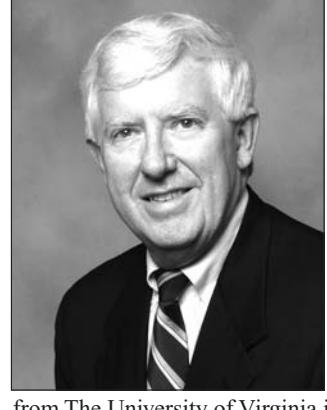
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his son, Chris, officiating. Burial was at Cobham Park Baptist Church Cemetery in Warsaw. Pallbearers were Jimmy Townsend, Lewis T. Dameron, William McClanahan, Jackie Woolard, Henry Woolard and Philip Harris.

Funeral services were held March 8 at Jones-Ash Funeral Home chapel in Rainswood with the Rev. Mike Stien and

Paid Obituary

Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA Architect Colonel, Air National Guard



Jerold (Jerry) Kreidler, 63, died February 26 of metastatic melanoma at his home in the Lake Barcroft community of Falls Church, VA, where he had lived with his wife Bonnie since 1988.

Mr. Kreidler was born in Long Beach, CA. The son of an Air Force general, he resided in ten states and several foreign countries before graduating in 1962 from J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, VA. He received his Bachelor of Architecture

from The University of Virginia in 1967 where he graduated first in his class and received the “Best Thesis at UVA” awarded by “The 7 Society.” Jerry was a principal with HDR, Inc., an employee-owned architectural, engineering and consulting firm in Alexandria, VA. Prior to HDR he was a Vice President with URS Group, Washington, DC for 14 years, Cannon Design, Washington, DC for 4 years, and Nobles & Associates Architects, Reston, VA for 3 years. Before moving to Virginia, Jerry owned his own design firm, Kreidler Architects, in Wilmington, DE for 17 years.

Mr. Kreidler had a passion and wisdom for architecture with exceptional design creativity and diversity. He was licensed in ten states, a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB), and the Virginia Society of Architects. He had extensive experience nationally and internationally and was recognized as an accomplished and empowering leader and mentor. With 12 buildings published and 6 national design awards, Mr. Kreidler included more than 100 residences, 20 restaurants, 16 hospitals, 10 schools, 6 public buildings, 12 volunteer fire companies, and 36 projects for the United States Military among his contributions to the built environment. One of his design projects was the combined services medical clinic portion of the Pentagon renovations.

His military career paralleled his civilian career. Mr. Kreidler retired as a Colonel in 1999 after 32 years of service with the Air National Guard. He was Commander of the 235th Civil Engineering Flight, Baltimore, MD, at the time of his retirement. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (4), as well as several design awards. His military experience included the design and construction management of the mortuary at Dover AFB, DE during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Air National Guard Civil Engineers Association, the Military Officers Association of America, the Air Force Association, and the Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC.

Mr. Kreidler loved golf and spending peaceful, relaxing time with his family at the home he designed and built in the Northern Neck of Virginia. He cherished his role as husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Bonnie, children Noel Kreidler of Cleveland, OH, Mary Walker and Jesse Kreidler both of Arvada, CO, three grandsons, mother Sug of Hilton Head, SC, and sister Linda of Washington, DC.

Services will take place at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium on April 22, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Please arrive at the Administration Bldg. by 12:30 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions are greatly appreciated for the Dr. William Sharman Melanoma Fund, Johns Hopkins, 1 Charles Center, 100 North Charles Street, Suite 234, Baltimore, MD 21201; Washington Hospital Center Foundation, Washington Cancer Institute, 110 Irving Street NW, East Bldg. 1001, Washington DC, 20010, Memo: Melanoma Center Memory of Jerold E. Kreidler

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MARCH 20, 2008 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P

Obituaries

Herman G. Nickens

MCKENNEY—Herman Grafton Nickens, 67, of McKenney, formerly of Lancaster County, died March 3, 2008.



Mr. Nickens

Mr. Nickens was born in Lancaster February 9, 1941, to Burton and Gertrude S. Nickens. He attended Mt. Jeane School in Weems. He worked for many years in Lancaster County as a yard maintenance supervisor and at the Tides Inn. He joined Willie Chapel Baptist Church. After moving to McKenney, he joined Big Beth Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Rev. Arlester Newsome Jr.

He is survived by two sisters, Sophie Moody and Edith Wonson, both of Kilmarnock; a brother, Joseph Nickens of Temple Hill, Md.; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 8 at the Berry O. Waddy Funeral Home with the Rev. Arlester Newsome Jr. as eulogist and interim pastor the Rev. Alexander William of Big Beth Baptist Church officiating. Interment was at the Willie Chapel Baptist Church cemetery where his pallbearers were Thurman Savoy, Glenn Savoy, Sherman Sutton Sr., Sherman Sutton Jr. and Bridell Carter.

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

George C. Redmond

BALTIMORE—George Cornelius Redmond, 50, of Baltimore died February 25, 2008.



Mr. Redmond

Mr. Redmond was born in Mollusk September 11, 1957, the second son of Vernon and Ann Redmond. He attended Baltimore City public schools. He was baptized at Sweet Hope Free-will Baptist Church where he was a member of The Flower Circle. He earned a G.E.D from the Baltimore Urban Information Processing Training Center. He was the class valedictorian. He graduated from the Community College of Baltimore with a certificate in food service management and sanitation. He was employed at U-Haul as a heavy-equipment mechanic.

As a child, he attended Macedonia Baptist Church or First Baptist Church in Heathsville every summer. After a brief illness, he rededicated his life and joined New Psalmist Baptist Church where he was a member until his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Holly Redmond; a daughter, Cierra Lanee Redmond; his mother and father, Vernon and Ann Redmond, all of Baltimore; his grandmother, Elsie Redmond; a brother, the Rev. Vernon Wendell Redmond of Heathsville; a sister, minister Elsie Redmond; a god-sister, Myra Chinita Dillard; four nieces, Brittany, Tylea, Tyrise and Arleta; a nephew, Tavon of Baltimore; his mother and father-in-law, James and Carolyn Graham; two sisters-in-law, Pamela and Wanda; three aunts, Elsie Campbell of Weems, Dorothy Thomas and Lucy Waters of Philadelphia; a great-aunt, three great-uncles, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held February 29 at the Bible Christian Fellowship in Baltimore with pastor Wayne Parker officiating. A service also was held March 1 at Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg with apostle John Bibbens officiating. Interment was at the Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Melvin M. Smith

HEATHSVILLE—Melvin McClinton Smith, 75, of Heathsville died February 17, 2008.

Mr. Smith was born June 20, 1932, in Avalon. He was one of three siblings born to Olie

and Henry Smith. He attended Northumberland County public schools and joined First Baptist Church in Heathsville. He married Annette Rice. They had three sons. He was employed for over 30 years as a sheet metal technician.

Mr. Smith, known as Fogg, had a wide grin and loved riding motorcycles, even in his last days. In his early years he was a practical joker, especially with his collection of snakes. His favorite saying was "that is the devilish truth."

He was predeceased by a son, Melvin Smith Jr., and a sister, Angnette Milbourne.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Darlene Smith, Anthony Smith, and Derrick Smith; two daughters, Ruby Lee Newton and Angie Newton, a brother and sister, William Thornton and Curne Coleman; a brother-in-law, Lewis Milbourne; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, and special friends Penny Cole and Mary Newton.

Funeral services were held February 22 at First Baptist Church with minister Darlene Hayes of the Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg officiating.

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

James H. Taylor

IRVINGTON—James H. Taylor, 92, of Irvington, widower of Allie Lee Taylor, died March 9, 2008.

Mr. Taylor, an alumnus of Northwestern University, was retired after a career in federal service. He was a logistician with the Department of the Army; he also was retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in the rank of Lt. Colonel. Prior to moving to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, he was a communicant of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg, where he was a lay reader and former junior and senior warden. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

There are no immediate survivors.

Graveside services were held March 12 at Christ Church Burying Ground in Irvington with the Rev. David H. May officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvin-ton, VA 22480.

Mary S. Toulson

REEDVILLE—Mary Sue Toulson, 93, of Reedville died February 27, 2008.

Mrs. Toulson was born January 19, 1915. She joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville. She married Eunice H. Toulson. They had seven children.

Mrs. Toulson

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, a son, a daughter, four sisters and a brother.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Otis Anderson of Dillwyn; four sons, Willie, John, Robert and Sherman Toulson; five daughters-in-law; two nephews; a niece; three sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; 14 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two special friends, Oassie Lomax and Leah Hudnall; and many other friends.

Funeral services were held March 6 at Shiloh Baptist Church with minister Michael Bryant officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery. The pallbearers were her grandsons. The honoraries were George Stewart, William Taylor, James Carter and Edward Taylor.

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

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Julia M. Veney

WEEMS—Julia Mae Veney, 77, of Weems died March 3, 2008.

Mrs. Veney was born August 2, 1930, to Joe and Nellie Towles of Kilmarnock. She attended Lancaster County public schools and joined New St. John's Baptist Church in Kilmarnock. She married Charles William Veney Sr. They had four children.



Mrs. Veney

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and Ron McCants of California, Carolyn and Joseph Purdie of Newport News and Julie and Vennie McCormick of Baltimore; 13 grandchildren, Kevin, Darell, Tyrell, LaTrell, Antionique, Antionette, John Michals and Tamara Veney, Ryan and Nikki McCants, Julianna McCormick, Charles Veney III and Vincent Jenkins; a sister, Essie E. Towles; an aunt, Christabell Waddy; 17 great-grandchildren; four nieces; a nephew; three sisters-in-law, Helen Towles, Marjorie Towles and Victoria Harrison and many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held March 8 at New St. John's Baptist Church with pastor Dwight Johnson officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery.

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

his home.

Mr. Wade was born May 3, 1936, in Fort Gaines, Ga., to Sidney and Elizabeth Griffin Edwards-Wade. He attended a one-room school called Mount Calvary. At an early age, his family moved to Vineland, N.J., where they performed migrant labor. He later left and went to work for General Motors in Delaware. At age 19, he became a laborer working for Italian masonry contractors from whom he learned much. He later became a masonry entrepreneur. He had a gift for drawing blueprints. He had no children of his own, but helped raise three families.



Mr. Wade

In 1987, he met Essie Smokes. They visited her family in Edwardsville the next year, and two months later he purchased a house and made Virginia their home. He joined Galilee United Methodist Church in Edwardsville. He continued to work in Philadelphia until 2005 when his health began to fail.

He is survived by his wife, Essie Wade of Edwardsville; six stepchildren, Jolene Spaugh of Baltimore, Cindy Smokes, Randolph and John Smokes, all of Philadelphia; Tyffani Barnes of Savannah, Ga., and Daniel Smokes of Dillwyn; a special stepdaughter, Tonya Turpin of Philadelphia; two special grandchildren, Xavier Barnes and Lakyna Veney, who lived with their grandparents; a sister, Altha Edwards of Philadelphia; two brothers-in-law, Jim Edwards of Belgrade, Fla., and Henry

Smokes of Gloucester, N.J.; two sisters-in-law, Henrietta Sluffey of Philadelphia and Dorethea Peacock of Cambridge, Mass.; two nieces, Denise Edwards of Philadelphia and Diane Jackson of Cibolo, Texas; five nephews, Steven and Bernard Edwards and Willie, Alonso and Troy Slaffey, all of Philadelphia; 26 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held March 8 at Galilee United Methodist Church with pastor Charles Bates officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Alonzo Slaffey, John Smokes, Samuel Adams, Randolph Smokes, Kevin Spaugh Jr., and Frank Sutton Jr.

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

Evelyn H. Warwick

IRVINGTON—Evelyn Hale Warwick, 81, of Irvington died March 5, 2008.

Mrs. Warwick was predeceased by a son, Charles G. Warwick.

She is survived by four daughters, Wanda Gail Warwick of Irvington, Christine Self of Lincolnton, N.C., Barbara Warwick of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Ann Conners of Warsaw; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Dunaway of Heathsville and Josephine Sisson of Warsaw; and a brother, George E. Hale of Village.

Memorial services were held March 8 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock with the Rev. Richard Newlon officiating.

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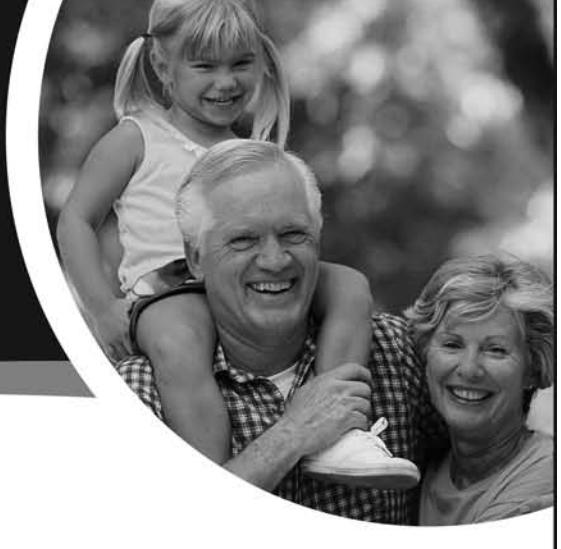
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Church Notes

■ Special service

Galilee United Methodist Church in Edwardsville will hold a "Men in Black/Women in Red" program March 22 beginning at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Kenneth E. Rioland Jr., pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Heathsville as guest speaker.

The Macedonia Men's Chorus will render the music.

■ Theology and the Arts

Living Water Lutheran Church will host a monthly Theology and the Arts discussion group, starting March 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group will read and review selected secular books and movies within a Christian forum. The first book scheduled for review is "Pontoon," by Garrison Keillor.

Theology and the Arts will continue to meet the fourth Thursday in the church library, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants are urged to bring a bag lunch; coffee will be available.

■ Lenten lunch

Trinity's Lenten Luncheon Series will continue at noon today, March 13. Lunch will be served and the series will highlight programs from "The Most Highly Effective Preachers in the English Speaking World." The Rev. Jim Forbes will speak about bringing Pentecostal roots and African American preaching to Riverside Church, the Protestant Cathedral, in New York City where he is senior pastor.

■ Maundy Thursday

Irvington United Methodist Church will host a Maundy Thursday Communion service March 20 at 7 p.m.

Answers on Aging

How do I get started with writing down my life story? I'd like to start building a collection of memories to pass on to my children and grandchildren.

Before you start putting memories on paper, think about what type of life story you want to write. An "autobiography" covers your whole life and how historical events affected you. A "memoir" focuses on a few key themes and important years of your life. There are also more informal ways to keep a record of stories and memories.

If you're not up to tackling a book-length autobiography or memoir, you could start writing your life story as a collection of short-story-length essays—each one focusing on one life event or experience. You could then collect a string of these essays to make up a collection that has a common connecting theme—or each may represent an individual experience.

There are books available at your local library or bookstore that focus on writing your family history or writing about your life. They feature questions or topics that help spur on your memory and give you ideas to write about. They might ask about how you celebrated your birthday when you were young... or how you met a significant other... or how you felt when your children were born. Use these books to find topics to write on or follow instructions and fill out the book itself—some have enough room to insert your stories.

You could also buy a journal or notebook to record essays and stories by year or theme. If you have kept a diary, you can include these stories too. The important thing is that you have a desire to capture memories—how it looks in the end is up to you. Your children and grandchildren will cherish your collection of memories for a long time to come.

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Pete Southmayd (left) a board member of the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, receives a check from Frank Martin, administrative council chairman of the Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. The KUMC also supports Interfaith, The Haven, Habitat for Humanity, Henry Fork Center and Red Bird Mission.

■ Gospelfest

The Pastor's Aide Society of Lively Hope Baptist Church in Callao will sponsor a Gospelfest March 29 at 4 p.m. at the church. MOM (Sherry Tarleton and Sons) will be the special guests. Neighboring church choirs and choruses have been asked to attend and share selections of their choice.

■ Airport sunrise

Fairport Baptist Church will hold an Easter sunrise service March 23 at 6:45 a.m. at Gene and Debbie Pittman's home at 2998 Fairport Road.

Breakfast will follow at Fairport Baptist Church at 2399 Fairport Road in Reedyde.

In case of rain, the service and breakfast will be at the church.

■ Clothes bank

The "For I was Naked and You Clothed Me" Clothes Bank is open Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church on Church Street in Kilmarnock. The bank will carry most sizes, from infant to women and men, at no charge.

This mission is designed to outreach to the community in need of clothing with low to no income or have been in life's uncertainties. To donate gently used clothing, please drop off items during hours of operation or during weekly church office hours. For more information, call Mary Ketner at 435-1797.

■ First anniversary

The Mount Vernon Men's Chorus will celebrate their first anniversary March 22 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on James Wharf Road in White Stone at 5 p.m.

■ Health Fair

On March 29, the S.P.I.C.E.S. for Life Ministry will have a Health and Wellness Fair at Queen Esther Baptist Church. A \$2 registration fee is required. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Health issues concerning high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney disease and physical therapy will be covered by local doctors. A heart healthy breakfast and lunch will be provided.

■ Leadership conference

The New St. John Deacon and Deaconess Ministry will have a Leadership Conference March 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Florence Canada of Living Waters Christian Church in Richmond.

■ Gender revolution

On Sunday, March 16, Dr. David Davies will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR). The title of his talk is "Thinking About Women."

The UUFR meets at 1030 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

■ Lenten service

Kilmarnock United Methodist Church will host the community Lenten services and fellowship luncheons on Wednesdays at 12:05 p.m. A light lunch will follow the 30-minute services.

The Rev. Judith Thomson of St. Andrews Presbyterian will be the guest preacher March 19. The Rev. Dennis Martin of White Stone Baptist will be the worship leader.

■ Cultural program

The Northern Neck Baptist Women's Missionary and Educational Commission will hold its annual cultural program March 15 at 6 p.m. at the New St. John Baptist Church at 560 Mary Ball Road in Kilmarnock.

The program is entitled "God's Trombones" which is a collection of seven folk sermons in verse. This will be performed by ministers and soloists from the Northern Neck.

■ Anniversary 16

New St. John's Mens Chorus of The New St. John's Baptist Church in Kilmarnock will celebrate its 16th anniversary April 12 at 5 p.m. The guest will be The Christianaires of Hopewell and special guests, The Conaway Brothers of Lancaster.

Thomas (TW) Wood of Ottoman will be master of ceremonies for the evening. Everyone is invited.

■ Cemetery sweep

The Claybrook Baptist Cemetery will be cleaned of out-of-date flowers on March 15. Folks are reminded to remove any flowers they want to keep.

■ Building fund day

Building fund day will be held at Sharon Baptist Church March 30 at 3:30 p.m.

The guest minister will be the Rev. Gregory Howard, pastor of Union Branch Baptist Church in Chesterfield. He will be accompanied by his young adult choir and congregation.

■ Grace

The Rev. Ken Overby, pastor of Northern Neck Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the March 13 soup supper and Lenten program at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Heathsville. The program will begin at 6 p.m. The topic will be "Hope."

■ Lenten soup supper

Thursday, March 13, is the last of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's Lenten soup suppers and programs at 6 p.m. at the Parish House. The Rev. Hal White will give a comparison of Augustinian and Celtic spirituality based on Philip Newell's book, "Listening to the Heart of God." Discussion will follow.

■ Egg hunt

The White Stone Church of the Nazarene will host a community Easter egg hunt March 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive near White Stone.

■ Lenten dinner

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church will host a Lenten Dinner Series and Storytelling Program Wednesdays through March 13.

Evening prayer begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. with a program to follow at 6:45 p.m. Storytellers Bill Arnold and the Rev. Rhonda Baker will go back "The Way It Was," telling stories of the characters of Holy Week.

■ Community prayer

Prayers at Noon will be observed Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. at Bay Center for Spiritual Development, at 31 Noblett Lane in Kilmarnock. Centering prayer/meditation will be followed by prayers for the community and for peace. Bring a lunch.

■ Men's day

Beulah Baptist Church in Lively will have its annual men's day program Sunday, March 16, during the morning service.

The guest speaker for the service will be pastor Rodney Waller of Sharon Baptist Church in Weems. Music will be rendered by Marvelous Melody Makers Singing Word Ministry, Evangelist Melton and Gerri Paterson from Fredericksburg.

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Jim Conley stands in the middle of African Christians sending greetings to Heathsville.

Missionary returns from Africa

Local missionary Jim Conley recently returned from a month-long journey to Uganda and Sudan.

Conley, a former science teacher at Lancaster High School, retired to follow his new calling. This was his third trip to Sudan, where he has been working with a Ugandan missionary to bring hope to the beleaguered people in the

south, many of whom have not heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Conley tells of miracles, signs and wonders as part of his daily experience there, as he took the good news about Jesus to those who don't know him. Hundreds came to see "The Jesus Film" which has been translated into over 1,000 languages, Conley said.

Although Conley's return to Sudan is uncertain, his Ugandan colleague is now a trained missionary, equipped to show the film in other African countries where he has received invitations to preach.

To learn more about the mission trip, the film, missionary work, or training disciples, call St. Stephen's Anglican Church at 580-4555.

▼ Churches . . . (continued from page B2)

Tuesday, March 18: 10:30 a.m., Trustees meeting
8 p.m., Al-anon meeting
Wednesday, March 19: 12:05 p.m., Lenten Service/Lunch
6 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Maundy Thursday, March 20: 7 p.m., Holy Communion

Melrose United Methodist
1317 Lewisetta Rd., Lottsville
Pastor: Edna Moore, 529-6344
Parsonage: 529-7721

Sunday, March 16: 8:30 a.m., Worship Service
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Rehoboth United Methodist Parish
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval,
Sunday, March 16:

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, March 19:

3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

White Stone United Methodist

118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
www.whitestonemc.org

Rev. James W. Tinney, Pastor

Brenda Burtnier, Music Director

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

Classes are also conducted for all

12 noon, Potato Luncheon

7:30 p.m., AA meeting

*Estimator available for worship

Wednesday, March 19:

6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts

7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 20:

7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service

at White Stone Baptist Church

Thrift Shop:

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9:30 a.m., Confirmation Class

11 a.m., Worship Service

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Milden Presbyterian

Sharpsburg, MD

Sunday, March 16:

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. Cope, Pastor

Thursday, March 13:

4:45 p.m., Choir Practice

Sunday, March 16:

9 a.m., Bells of the Bay

9:45 a.m., Sunday School (all ages)

11 a.m., Worship, "And So It Begins,

Again" John 12: 12-19

12:30 p.m., Youth Education Comm.

Monday, March 17:

5:30 p.m., Disciple II

Wednesday, March 19:

5:30 p.m., Seder

Wesley Presbyterian

1272 Taylor Creek Rd. Weems,

438-5853 Rev. M. P. White, Pastor

Sunday, March 16:

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

7:30 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM

Sunday, March 16:

9:45 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Worship

7 p.m., Praise and Worship

Wednesday, March 19:

7:30 p.m., Worship

Northern Neck Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Ward, Associate Minister, Matt Smith

Youth Minister

Sunday, March 16:

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10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., 2nd Worship Service

6:30 p.m., Bible Study

Seventh-Day Adventist

401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock

Clinton M. Adams, Pastor

804-443-3070/804-443-1821

Christian Science Society

Lancaster Women's Building,

March is Red Cross Month

In a tradition dating back to Franklin D. Roosevelt, President George W. Bush has declared March as American Red Cross Month, calling it a time to "honor this charitable organization" and "reflect on its remarkable achievements and contributions to our country."

Ninety-six percent of Americans agree it is important to prepare for a disaster, but only seven percent have taken the necessary steps to be prepared according to a recent American Red Cross poll. Being prepared for a disaster does

not take a lot of time, does not call for expensive equipment and does not require a lot of training.

This March, during Red Cross Month, the Northumberland County Chapter urges members of the community to take three simple actions to get "Red Cross Ready" for disasters and other emergencies: get a kit, make a plan and be informed.

Taking these basic preparedness actions can better prepare folks for a variety of disasters from a power outage to a hurricane. A free, online

education module is available at www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady to guide users through the three action steps. It includes a downloadable disaster supplies kit shopping list, emergency contact card and instructions for creating a family disaster plan.

The chapter has informative preparedness brochures available at the Northumberland County Library as well as the chapter office (580-4933) at 59 Monument Place in Heathsville, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Rev. Howard to preach at Sharon Baptist

Rev. Gregory M. Howard of Richmond will preach at Sharon Baptist Church on "Building Day," Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m.

A native of Lancaster, Howard lives in Richmond. He is married to the former Margaret Edmond and is the father of two girls, Destiny and Hollie.

Rev. Howard is the pastor of

Union Branch Baptist Church in Chesterfield.

Rev. Howard has a bachelor's in organizational management and development from Bluefield College, a master's in divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He is pursuing a doctorate of ministry in homiletics from the Aquinas Institute of Theology at

St. Louis University. Rev. Howard also is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and active supporter of local, state and national conventions.

He will be accompanied by the Young Adult Choir and members of his congregation. The selected theme for the occasion is "Biblical Gems and Flowers."

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Business

Waller receives funeral director's license

Marlow Orlando Waller recently completed all national and state requirements to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer.

Waller served his resident internship at Campbell Funeral Home in Kilmarnock under the supervision of owner and manager Brenda E. Campbell. He passed the International Conference of Funeral Service board exam in 2007 and recently passed the Virginia state board exam.

Waller is married to Chamyka Samuel Waller of Edwardsville. They have three children, Shakwon, Markasia and Markeem. He is the son of Reynaldo and Lavetta Veney of Kilmarnock and the grandson of Madelyn Veney of Kilmarnock and Marion Veney of Warsaw, Laura Waller of Kilmarnock and the late Joseph Waller, and Patsy Ball of Lancaster. He is the great-grandson of Gulle Taylor of Kilmarnock and the late Louise Taylor.



Marlow Orlando Waller

He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock where he serves as coordinator of the audio sound outreach ministry. He is a 1997 graduate of Lancaster High School and a 2004 graduate of John Tyler Community College mortuary science program.



Training session

Three employees of Redlaw Mechanical in Lancaster recently completed a two-day training session on the installation and trouble shooting of the Mitsubishi Mr. Slim Mini-Split air conditioning and heat pump systems. "We have been installing these systems for some time and have had very good success. Mini-Splits are very effective where ducting is an issue. The units are whisper quiet and very efficient," said owner Jim Walder. From left are service manager Michael Kane, Walder and lead technician Jason Hirning.

Individual household well loan program now available

The Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Inc. recently announced it has \$988,100 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for a loan program for homeowners needing to repair or construct water wells for their residences.

The loan program is specifically designed to assist low-to-moderate-income individuals needing loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems. Loans from the program cannot be used for other purposes.

The purpose of the program is to target loans to the significant numbers of homeowners in Virginia and six states whose geographically isolated households lack water service, and for whom it is not feasible to be connected to new or existing community water systems.

Loan applicants must own and occupy the home for which they are applying for a water well loan. The water well system being funded may not be associated with the construction of a new dwelling. Also the water well system being funded by the loan may not be used to substitute for water service available from collective water systems.

The home using the water well system being funded by

the loan must be located in a rural area. The combined household income for an individual applying for a loan under this program should not be more than 100 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the state. Priority will be given to applicants who are disabled, elderly, or who have minor children.

The loans have a one percent interest rate on a 20-year repayment term. A maximum of \$8,000 per household may be borrowed under this program.

In the seven states of the Southeast RCAP service region, between one-eighth and one-third of all homeowners rely on wells. More than 105,000 occupied households in the seven-state region lack complete indoor plumbing. It is expected that many of these households would be eligible for loans to create water well systems for their homes.

Loan applications will be available soon at www.southeastrcap.org. Interested parties may also contact Beth T. Pusha, director of Loan Fund Programs, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Inc. Loan Fund, P.O. Box 2868, Roanoke, VA 24001-2868, call 540-345-1184, or fax 540-342-2932, or bpusha@southeastrcap.org.

Build a better credit report

Folks get bombarded all the time with "offers" from companies promising to erase negative information on credit reports for a fee. Unfortunately, this quick fix doesn't exist.

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Animals For Adoption

The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good loving homes. The dogs, cats, puppies 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 as to what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

Crab festival to return

The Kilmarnock Crab Festival Committee recently announced the Kilmarnock Crab Festival is moving a block south on Main Street.

The specific site is between the Marks and Sullivan Building and the ABC Store.

"This site is much more friendly for our vendors and festival goers," said festival chairman Brooks Vickery. "We are freeing up the municipal parking lot so there will be more parking for people coming to the festival."

The Kilmarnock Crab Festival will be held May 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. and May 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be crafts and a crab soup contest, music, food, shopping and kid friendly activities.

Interested vendors may visit www.thekilmarnockcrabfest.com, or call Vickery at 804-761-4359.

Vineyard to host wine festival

White Fences Vineyard in Irvington will host the Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival on June 7. The event will feature 10 award-winning wineries from throughout the state, music and entertainment, barbecue and, of course, Chesapeake Bay seafood.

"There are 50 or so wine festivals each year around the Commonwealth," said owner Bill Westbrook, "but nothing major in the Northern Neck until now. If you've never been to a wine festival, it's a lot of free wine, a lot of food and a lot of fun."

Tickets to the festival are \$20 per person at the gate. Each guest will receive a free commemorative wine glass and free wine tastings from all the wineries.

"All the wineries are producing award-winning wines that win in international competitions," said Westbrook. "Our guests will taste many of the best Virginia wines on the market, meet the winemakers and have the opportunity to purchase wine at festival prices.

Egg nets \$67 million annually

Easter eggs are fun to decorate, and the eggs themselves are no "yolk" to Virginia agriculture industry.

"Virginia's egg industry generates approximately \$67 million per year in farm receipts, or roughly 2.5 percent of Virginia's total farm receipts," said Tony Banks, a commodity and marketing specialist for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Virginia is ranked 27th nationally for egg production, and in 2006 Virginia hens produced 806 million eggs.

"Over the past five or six years, the egg industry's production has fluctuated in response to improved consumer demand, high wholesale prices and supply corrections," Banks said. "It remains to be seen, the extent of any negative impacts resulting from current higher energy and feed prices."

According to the American Egg Board, eggs have a high proportion of nutrients to calories, and one large egg has only 75 calories and provides 13 essential nutrients in varying amounts.

Many of the egg's nutrients are found in the yolk, including choline, folate, lutein, zeaxanthin and viatmin D. The yolk also includes healthy monosaturated and polyunsaturated fats and almost half of the high-quality protein found in eggs.

May is National Egg Month, and the week following Easter Sunday is National Egg Salad Week, according to the Virginia Egg Council. Hard-cooked eggs also are a staple of the traditional Passover Seder.

For seasonal egg recipes and tips for buying and storing eggs, visit the American Egg Board website at www.incredibleegg.org.

Trust company recognizes its 2007 advisory board

Bay Trust Company recently recognized its Community Reinvestment Advisory Board members for 2007. Members serve three-year terms.

Members from previous terms include chairman John H. Morris IV, Morgan W. Alley, Eska A. Beckstoffer, A. Cameron Blandford, Wendell G. Haynie and Barbara J. LeFon.

Members who joined the board in 2007 are L. Harlan Davis, William B. Graham Jr., Kerley LeBoeuf and J. Lawrence Thorn Sr.

Davis returned home to the Northern Neck several years ago and is semi-retired but continues to consult in Latin America on education and economic development projects. He retired from the U.S. Foreign Service as a counselor for 27 years on economic analysis issues. He is retired from the University of Georgia in Athens as professor emeritus of Latin American studies.

Graham recently retired after a 38-year career in banking and the financial services industry. He retired as senior vice president of lending from a large financial institution in Richmond.

LeBoeuf retired after 24 years with the National Association of Convenience Stores in Alexandria. He served as presi-



From left are advisory board members (front row) L. Harlan Davis and J. Lawrence Thorn Sr.; (next row) Robert C. Berry Jr., Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Austin L. Roberts III, advisory board members Kerley LeBoeuf and William B. Graham Jr. and advisory board chairman John H. Morris IV.

dent and chief executive officer of the international trade association which has a board of directors of 43 chief executives and owners.

Thorn and his wife, Dianne, founded a family-owned business in 1975, Nunnally's Floors and Decorating in Warsaw. He is semi-retired, but still supports the firm's principals, his wife and sister-in-law, Cheryl Nunnally.

"We are very appreciative of the time and input that all our advisory board members give us. We are a better financial institution because of their dedication to service and community," said Bay Trust Company president and chief executive officer Robert C. Berry Jr.

Berry also expressed gratitude to Anne C. Dickerson, Thomas W. Gale, John B. Maguire and Edith L. Withers who recently completed their terms on the advisory board.

The retiring members were presented plaques recognizing their service.

Col. Hill awarded healthcare credentials

Army Col. Duane N. Hill, Medical Service Corps, recently passed The American College of Healthcare executive board of Governors Certification Examination in Healthcare Management.

By passing his board certification, Col. Hill has achieved the credentialed status of Fellow American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). The FACHE Credentials are a testimony to Col. Hill's achievement of the highest standards of professional development within the Healthcare Management Field.

Col. Hill is stationed in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he serves as a senior healthcare executive on the Army Office of the Surgeon General and United States Army Medical Command Staff.

Col. Hill attended grade school in White Stone, where he was one of the first black students that integrated the school in 1965. He is a Dis-



Col. Hill and his family

tinguished Military Graduate from Alcorn State University with a bachelor's in biology. He received his master's from Boston University.

Col. Hill is the son of Lloyd and Eleanor Hill of Weems and the grandson of the late Joseph and Dorothy Ritchie of Weems, and the late Clinton and Inelle Hill of White Stone. He is married to Alissa Cash Hill of Columbia, S.C., and they are the proud parents of daughters Alexa, 6, and Alana, 3.

Free tax preparation is available for those who qualify for EITC

Many low- to moderate-income working families and individuals in the Northern Neck qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

An EITC credit can amount to an income tax refund of up to \$4,716. Those who qualify for EITC are eligible to have their taxes prepared at no cost.

According to the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Commissioner Anthony Conyers Jr., the tax credit benefits the area in many ways.

Farm-related deaths increase across Virginia

Twenty-two lives were lost due to farm work-related accidents in Virginia in 2007, twice as many as in 2006.

Three fatalities resulted from tractor overturns, four from tractor and equipment runovers, three while people were operating farm equipment on public roads, five as a result of other tractor or equipment incidents, and seven resulted from exposure to deadly gases from a manure pit, electrocution and a tree-cutting accident.

"2007 was a very unusual year," said Bruce Stone, Virginia Farm Bureau's safety manager. "Tractor overturn still is a major concern for agricultural communities. We all must be aware of our surroundings and take steps to protect our workers, as farming involves so many different types of work-related risks."

"The EITC has a positive impact on local families and the local economy," Commissioner Conyers said. "It's for working people. It doesn't cost the Commonwealth or the locality anything. It often boosts the economy through dollars reinvested in the community. The EITC is positive for everyone."

The Commonwealth and the Northern Neck could see a significant amount of money from the EITC.

"In total, Virginians could receive more than \$1 billion per year in federal EITC money if everyone who qualified took advantage of the credit," said Peggy Friedenberg, VDSS EITC program manager.

"For those who can't afford to pay a commercial tax preparer, being able to go to a free tax prep site is extremely beneficial," said Friedenberg. "All tax preparers at the free

sites have been trained to look for the most credits and refunds possible for low- and moderate-income people. If you choose to go to a commercial preparer, make sure to ask if you qualify for the EITC. And remember, you must file a tax return in order to get the credit, even if you think your earnings are too low to have to file."

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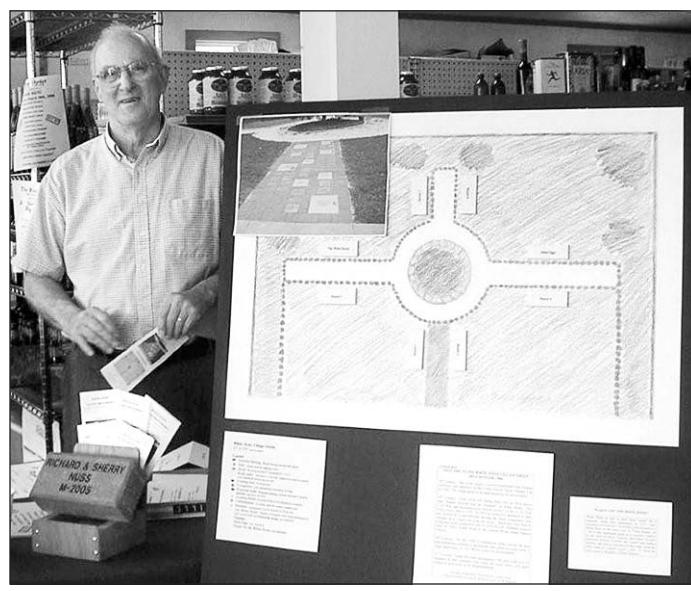
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Building with engraved bricks

White Stone Business Association Village Green Project chairman Barry Mandell completes a display at The River Market in White Stone. The display includes a sketch of the plans and how individuals, families, businesses and organizations can support the project with engraved bricks, which start at \$75. Call Mandell at 435-1135.

Witthaus joins hospital

Occupational therapist Pamela Witthaus has joined Rappahannock General Hospital Rehabilitation Services and Sports Medicine Center.

Occupational therapists specialize in restoring upper extremity function after injury, surgery or illness. Treatment addresses deficits in range of motion, coordination, strength and function. This may include splinting, adaptive equipment, exercise, energy conservation and joint protection principles.

Occupational therapists are committed to restoring a client's maximal level of independence in all activities of daily life including grooming, bathing, dressing, household management, hobbies, community life and work.

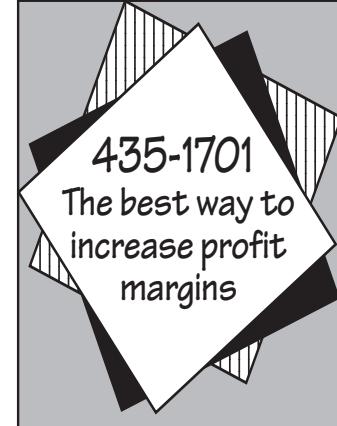
Witthaus attended the College of William and Mary and received a degree in occupational therapy from the Medical College of Virginia. She has worked in acute care, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, alternative integrative therapy and hand therapy.

In the last six years, Witthaus



Pamela Witthaus

has specialized in hand therapy with emphases in orthopedics, traumatic injury, work hardening and functional capacity evaluations. Massage is also an area of expertise. She was in private practice 1988-96 and continues to see clients upon request. Call RGH Rehabilitation Services and Sports Medicine Center at 435-8501.



Rhonda Wells

Wells joins realty firm

Vice president and managing broker Jack Torza of Long and Foster Real Estate recently announced that Rhonda Wells has joined the Bay/River office as an associate broker.

xcWells moved to Deltaville in 2005. She has been coming to the area since she was a child and has owned a second residence in Middlesex County since 1992. Her background includes 25 years as a realtor. She loves the area and enjoys sharing it with her clients, she says. She enjoys waterfront living with her husband, Richard, and Brittany spaniel, Maggie.

She said her decision to join Long and Foster was easy: "Long and Foster has more to offer buyers and sellers than anyone else in the area."

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Business Briefs

Awards

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) recently received the Outstanding Supporting Organization Award from the National Resource Conservation and Development Council at its annual Leadership Forum. Butch Nottingham accepted the award on the agency's behalf.

Nottingham, a lifelong resident of Virginia's Eastern Shore, is a marketing specialist for VDACS. He was cited numerous times in the award for coordinating projects and programs with the Eastern Shore RC&D Council.

NARFE meeting

The Northern Neck Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association will meet April 1 at 2 p.m. at Northern Neck Electric Cooperative at Belle Ville Lane and Pine Street. Ray Petrie, owner of the Belle Mount Vineyard and Winery, will talk about the history of wine and about grapes grown and wines produced in the Northern Neck.

Current, former and retired Federal employees, spouses and survivor annuitants are invited. The NARFE Chapter 1823 executive board meets at 1 p.m.

Spine problems?

April 19 at 9 a.m. Dr. Matt Shifflett, D.C., will present an introduction to chiropractic followed by a computerized spinal stress screening for ages 5 and up.

Digital Paraspinal Thermal Imaging is a test used to screen for symptomatic and asymptomatic problems in the back and neck that may be affecting one's health. A donation to the YMCA Camp Kekoka will be accepted for the class. New patient exam fee of \$125 will be waived for donations over \$50. Call 435-2273 to register.

Farmers' market

The Kilmarnock Farmers' Market will be held on the fourth Saturday May through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the vacant field on North Main Street across from Chesapeake Bank in Kilmarnock. The market is sponsored by the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce.

Tasting party

White Fences Vineyard in Irvington will offer free samplings of gourmet foods from the famed "Made in Napa Valley" line. The tasting party is March 14, 15, 16 at White Fences Vineyard on Irvington Road.

"We're so excited to offer Made in Napa Valley," said White Fences owner Susan Westbrook. "Each product is made from high quality ingredients and is enhanced by Napa Valley wine. We'll be offering samples of tapenades, marinades, dipping oils, mustards and more."

Grant proposals due

The Virginia Commission for the Arts announces a 5 p.m., April 1, application deadline for the commission's 2008-09 Local Government Challenge Grants and 2009-2010 Performing Artist Tour Directory. This is not a postmark deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the commission.

For a free copy of the 2008-2010 Guidelines for Funding, additional eligibility information and other commission requirements, contact the Virginia Commission for the Arts, 223 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219-2010; call 804/225-3132; email arts@arts.virginia.gov; or visit arts.virginia.gov

Drafting a plan

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer a two-part Business Plan Workshop, March 18 and 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Glens.

Preregistration is required. Payment of a \$40 non-refundable fee is required before March 14. To register, call 333-0286, 800-524-8915, or email jcoprew@umw.edu.

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Martha McLaughlin of The Tidewater Foundation presents a donation made possible by the 2007 Holly Ball to Carroll Lee Ashburn of the Kilmarnock Museum.



Representatives of the Tidewater Foundation recently presented checks from proceeds of the 2007 Holly Ball to Habitat for Humanity and the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. From left are Lynn McCrobie of Habitat receiving a check from Anne Cheek and Holly Ball Queen Jocelyn Stephens handing a check to Jeannie Nelson of the clinic.

Gov. Kaine proclaims Virginia Agriculture Week March 16-22

By official proclamation, Gov. Tim Kaine has designated March 16 to 22 Virginia Agriculture Week, and he invites all Virginians to mark the occasion.

According to the proclamation, agriculture in Virginia offers a lot of reasons to celebrate. It is Virginia's largest industry, generating approximately \$36 billion per year or 12.3 percent of all sales in Virginia, and creating nearly 10 percent of the total jobs statewide.

Virginia's 46,800 farms

encompass 8.5 million acres, or approximately one-third of the state's total land area, and produce a diverse mix including field and orchard crops, dairy products, livestock, poultry, seafood and farm-raised fish, horticultural products, tobacco, wine, cotton, horses, lumber and processed food.

When ranked with other states, Virginia agriculture boasts 10 crops in the top 10 based on production, including fresh market tomatoes ranked #3, leaf tobacco #5,

apples and summer potatoes both #6, fresh market snap beans #7, grapes and peanuts both #8, sweet potatoes #9, barley and fresh market cucumbers both #10.

Virginia also excels in livestock production. Virginia turkeys represent more than eight percent of the total U.S. output and rank #4 when compared to other states. Virginia broilers represent almost three percent of the total U.S. production and rank #10, when compared to other states.

Many Virginia farmers market their products directly to the public at roadside stands, farmers' markets and pick-your-own farms.

Virginia agriculture has achieved an international reputation, exporting a variety of products including grain, fruit, livestock, poultry, tobacco and feed to markets in Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Canada, Africa and the Caribbean, to meet the demand for high-quality commodities.

Most individual tax returns submitted electronically

More Virginians are filing their state income tax returns electronically this year than ever before.

Approaching the midway point of the 2008 filing season, 85 percent of individual income tax returns are being submitted over the internet using a computer and tax-preparation software.

A record 1.8 million individual tax returns were filed

electronically in Virginia last year as taxpayers continued to discover the many benefits of filing their tax returns online instead of on paper.

This year is on track to setting another milestone in electronic filing in Virginia.

Electronic filing, or e-filing, is the easiest way to file because it is available anytime as long as the taxpayer has a computer and an internet connection.

Other e-file benefits include the fastest turnaround for refunds—especially for taxpayers who have their refunds deposited directly in their bank account, and fewer errors because tax-preparation programs handle the math calculations.

Security is another important reason to submit tax returns electronically. The Department of Taxation uses the latest encryption technology to ensure that tax return information submitted electronically remains safe and secure.

The department has information on its web site at tax.virginia.gov about all the available electronic filing options, including its free iFile program, which most individuals can use to file their Virginia taxes.

Tips for buying a new car

In the market for a new car but don't know where to start? Don't worry, friends from the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Citizen Information Center can help. They've put together a handy package of publications with all the ins and outs of getting a good deal on a new ride.

First, calculate how much car is affordable and if it is to be financed or leased. Use the "Monthly Spending Plan" to figure out an affordable payment. Next, determine what type of vehicle is desirable. Also consider any options that are desired.

Shop around for new car prices and features using auto buying guides, the internet and other sources. Negotiate with the dealer about lowering their profit margin, which is usually 10 to 20 percent of the MSRP. It is important to stay within a pre-calculated budget and to fully understand the value and cost of optional products such as an extended service contract.

If planning to finance the new car, check your credit report first. Errors or inaccurate information may affect the finance rate. Next, compare annual percentage rates and financing terms from multiple finance sources such as a bank, finance company, credit union, or car dealer. The lender keeps the vehicle's title until you've paid the contract in full. Remember to read the contract carefully.

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Virginia companies invited to exhibit at Virginia Food and Beverage Expo

It's a potential \$1 million sales opportunity for Virginia food and beverage companies and it only happens every other year.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) invites companies which grow, produce or process food and beverage products in Virginia to showcase them to hundreds of food industry buyers at the Virginia Food and Beverage Expo May 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in downtown Richmond.

The Expo will give exhibitors an opportunity to present and sell their products in one convenient location to hundreds of buyers from grocery and specialty stores, institutions, restaurants, hotels, inns, distributors and brokers from the Mid-Atlantic area and beyond. The show is open exclusively to culinary trade buyers. The public is not admitted.

To participate in the Food

and Beverage Expo, exhibitors must be Virginia-based companies which produce, process or manufacture a food or beverage product in the Commonwealth. Product labels must have a Virginia address.

Exhibiting companies which manufactured and sold a new product between April 26, 2007, and April 25, 2008, are eligible to enter the Best New Product Competition. Products must be totally new; a change in product packaging or container size does not qualify as a new product.

Booths are reserved on a first-come, first-served, paid-in-full basis. To ensure that exhibitor information is included in the show program, VDACS must receive completed registrations by April 25.

Exhibitor registration forms are available at www.vaexpo.com. For questions, contact Lisa Lloyd at 804-786-4278, or via e-mail at lisa.lloyd@vdacs.virginia.gov.

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Schools

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LMS students sing in district chorus

Nine fifth-grade chorus students at Lancaster Middle School recently participated in the District IV All-District Elementary Chorus at Richmond County Elementary School in Warsaw.

The participants, chosen by audition by their director, Saragrace Hendren, practiced during extra rehearsals after school.

The guest director, Sondra Harnes, is also director of the World Children's Choir. She and her husband, the accompanist, both studied music at Juilliard School in New York City.

The concert featured songs of Ghana, Brazil, Iran, Venezuela, Russia and the U.S. The chorus sang in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Zulu, Russian and American sign-language.



From left are Frantasia Howard, Dominique Waller, Paola Mattei, Daisia Nay Ball, Carter Robbins, Emilee Whay, Sadacia Ball, Allashia Muschette and Corinna Ireland.

Museum holds outreach meeting at Rappahannock Community College

As part of an 18-month study for the improvement of resources available in Virginia, the board of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) sent a task force to hold a February 28 community meeting at Rappahannock Community College.

Representatives of area libraries, museums, art schools, and other groups shared their views about VMFA's statewide outreach program, and made suggestions for its improvement. The task force will incorporate the ideas in a report to be presented to the VMFA full board in May.

VMFA's statewide arts program began in 1938 and was the first of its kind in the nation. It is second in scope only to that of the Smithsonian Institution. Its Artmobile made fine art accessible to those who could not make the trip to Richmond by bring-

ing works from the museum's collection to hundreds of Virginia communities for more than 40 years.

Since the 1980s, VMFA has been lending works to art facilities around the state. Through its 250 statewide partners, the museum makes available many exhibitions and other educational resources annually. These include traveling exhibitions, speakers on the arts, workshops for artists and art educators, access to VMFA's audiovisual loan collection, the largest of any art museum in the country, and technical assistance from the museum's expert staff.

Representing the museum at RCC were director Alex Nyerges, deputy director for education and statewide partnerships Sandy Rusak, director of the Office of Statewide Partnerships Susan Ferrell and deputy director for exhibitions Robin Nicholson.

Representing RCC at the meeting were college president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, dean of college advancement Vic Clough, vice president of instruction and student development Dr. Tresia Samani and history instructor Cherryl Tassone.

Representing the museum in Tappahannock, has been selected in the People to People Leadership Summit at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore June 24 to July 3.

She was nominated and accepted based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

Austria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Austria of Tappahannock and the granddaughter of Mrs. Etta Jo McCarty of Ottoman and the late Robert McCarty Sr.

The summits bring together student leaders from around the world to study leadership, team building, community service, college admissions and professional aspirations.

In 2008, People to People summits will also convene at American, Columbia, George Washington, Harvard, New York and Stanford universities, at the universities of California and Chicago, and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The People to People programs fulfill the vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower who founded them in 1956 to foster world citizenship.

NES announces first semester 'A/B' Honor Roll

Northumberland Elementary School recently named the "A/B" Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2007-08 academic session.

Students in grade 3 named to the "A/B" Honor Roll are Thomas Bingham, Mikayla Balderson, Bobbie Blackwell, Samantha Brown, Mya Bundy, Ryan Bunn, Nykeja Carter, Christopher Cralle, Taylor Dawson, Sydney Dodson, Sammie Fisher, Tanaya Gray and Elijah Green.

Also, Taveyawn Harcum, Ryan Harp, Brian Harris, Austin Hinton, Kayla Jackson, Diamond James, Cierra Jordon-Cockrell, Kelsey Keyser, Timmy Kimmitt, Kayelyn Kramer, Alisha Lampkin, Angel Lanuza, Deion Maith, DeVonte Mitchell, Kiriana Newton, Shane Pittman, Aaron Porter, Adrienne Rogers and Julia Tess Rollins.

Also, Drew Saville, Jackie Self, Bibian Silva, Talem Smith, Pleajah Thompson, Markasia Waller, Ralph Waller, Ashley Warwick, Hannah West, Troy Williams, Connor Woolard.

Students in grade 4 named to the "A/B" Honor Roll are Logan Andrade, Trevor Cantrell, Miranda Clark, Halyne Cox, Daniel Deitz, Hunter Elam, Keith Fisher, Trey Gibson, Jaycei

Gordon, Ashlyn Gough, Brianna Hamblin, Zy Harcum, Haley Haydon, Brittnie Hendrickson, Teshee Johnson, Marley Kimmitt, Tara Kogan, Olivia Lawson and Chrysta Lee.

Also, Ahmad Muhummad, Jacob Newsome, Jamel Newton, Viola Nicastro, Jordon Plante, Slater Rice, Kyle Roberts, Emya Seldon, Heaven Taylor, Integra Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Brianna Turner, Niaya Veney, Olivia Vogel and Chandler Zelaya.

Students in grade 5 named to the "A/B" Honor Roll are Yahaia Acosta, Miracle Basey, Megan Baughan, Miranda Blackburn, Hunter Brady, Jada Brown, Jonathan Brown, Kristina Brown, Vince Charnick, Cassie Collins, Martia Cox, Michael Croswell, Mackenzie Dameron, Myesha Davis, Kurt Donahue, Danelya Hancock, Phillip Harrison and Susan Haynie.

Also, Haley Headley, Shuquesha Hickman, Don Jackson, Jack Jett, Josh Lanuza, Tyler Lewis, Jasmine Noel, Taylor Norris, Sarai Orozco, Kyndia Riley, Shelby Rock, Jazmin Shipp, Alonza Sutton, Nychelle Thompson, Cody Weicht, Antoine White and Audrey Williams.

Students in grade 6 named to the "A/B" Honor Roll are Logan Andrade, Trevor Cantrell, Miranda Clark, Halyne Cox, Daniel Deitz, Hunter Elam, Keith Fisher, Trey Gibson, Jaycei

Christchurch School holds awards ceremony

Christchurch School recently held its winter Athletic Awards Ceremony in St. Peter's Chapel.

For drama, the Limelight Award went to Ford Kirkmyer (crew) and Travis Meyers (stage); the Spotlight Award went to Sam Aldridge (crew) and Landon Clark (stage); Most Improved Performer went to Tyler Reeves; and Most Valuable Performer went to Elie Smith.

For Seahorse basketball, the Offensive Most Valuable Player went to Bradford Knight; Defensive Most Valuable Player went to Jake Cho; Hustle Award went to Delonte Stewart; Most Improved Player went to Eric Siegel; and Coach's Award went to Jonathan Bennett.

For junior varsity basketball, Most Valuable Player went to Phillip Jordan; Most Improved Player went to Trent Joyner; Hustle Award went to Sam Stark-Rankins; and Coach's Award went to Bert Pitman.

For girls basketball, Most Valuable Player went to Madeleine Przybyl; Defensive Player of the Year went to Catherine Harris; Most Improved Player went to Erika Robinson; Hustle Award went to Ragan Hart; and Coach's Award went to Sarah Jones.

For varsity basketball, Most Outstanding Offense went to Martiz Washington; Most Outstanding Defense went to Deion Walker; Most Improved Player went to Chris Mizelle; Hustle/Spirit Award went to Micah Keller; and Coach's Award went to Josh Johnson.

St. Margaret's School posts Honor Rolls

Head of School Margaret R. Broad recently announced the names of students who have earned a place on the St. Margaret's School Honor and Merit Rolls for the second trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Students named to the Honor Roll have earned an average of 90 or above with no grade below a B.

Northern Neck students named to the Honor Roll include junior Anna Beth Lawler of Sandy Point; and sophomores Sarah Gibson of Montross, Maggie Keilhauer of White Stone, and Hannah Newman of Lancaster.

Students who earned Merit Roll recognition have an average of 87 or above with no grade below a C. Eighth-grader Ellie Shields of Kinsale was named to the Merit Roll.



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Kenna to present literature course

Gail Kenna will present "Reading for Greater Depth and Understanding" March 27, April 3 and 10 at the Lancaster Community Library from 1 to 3 p.m. In a course described as "exploratory, not academic," Kenna will address the problems of memory and meaning.

Saturday, a novel by the popular British writer, Ian McEwan, will be discussed and thematically linked to a poem, essay, and short story. With the exception of the novel, all reading materials will be provided.

The course is sponsored by the Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning.

To enroll, call Sharon Drotteff at 333-6706, or 877-722-3679.

Star Achievers



From left are Beau Nickerson, Shakwan Ball, Samantha Woodcock and Ashby Lewis.

Lancaster Middle School PTA president Donna McGrath recently announced the Star Achievers for the week of February 4.

Representing the fourth grade was Samantha Woodcock, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Woodcock.

"Samantha is an inquisitive student who always participates in classroom activities. This year she has consistently made the "A" honor roll.

She is always ready to go an extra mile to help teachers and her fellow students. Samantha's teacher says she sets an excellent example for her classmates by being respectful, friendly and hard working," McGrath said.

"Ashby is attentive and works hard to complete tasks. He respects the rights and property of others and works well with his teachers and peers. In his spare time, he participates in the Gloucester Youth football program," McGrath reported.

The eighth-grade representative for the week was Nicole Crowther, the daughter of Michelle and Chris Crowther.

"Nicole is a member of the BETA club, plays flute for the symphonic band and plays on the volleyball and softball teams. In the summer she travels with the Rage softball team. Nicole's plans include going to Arizona State University and playing softball and continuing her education to become a doctor," McGrath reported.

Colleges help train U.S. Navy personnel

A new program to help the nation's foreign allies make the best use of American equipment involves training U.S. Navy personnel to show the recipient troops how to operate and repair it most efficiently.

In December 2007, Tidewater Community College asked Rappahannock Community College's Workforce Development Center to help provide courses for the Navy's Expeditionary Training Command.

After their training is complete, the Expeditionary Forces, in teams of five to ten trainers, travel to their host countries to assess the foreign troops' skills, develop training programs, and, after weeks of mentoring, return for periodic refreshers and progress reports.

They function as trainers and as ambassadors. Representing the United States to other countries, they deliver cultural as well as technical lessons.

Seven students began the RCC classes held at the Northern Neck Technical Center in Warsaw February 4. After five weeks of intensive study, all have completed



them. They are now qualified to instruct foreign troops on the principles and practices covered in "Small Outboard Engine Service," "Inboard Engine Service," "Internal Combustion Engines and Auxiliary Equipment," "Stern Drive Transmission Service" and "Hull and Hardware Maintenance and Repair."

Instructors included Frank Mann, owner of Frank's Repair Service, Randy Stephens, owner of Pulley's Marine, and Scott Clawson, with Rappahannock Yachting Center.

"This has been an exciting project and RCC is proud to be part of an international effort. This is our first partnership with the military, and we hope that other partnerships will evolve," said RCC vice president of workforce development Nancy Lloyd.

"It's an honor to have the Navy come here and work with us. We look forward to the possibility of offering these classes to the community in the fall through our partnership with RCC's Workforce Development Center," said technical center principal Randy Long.

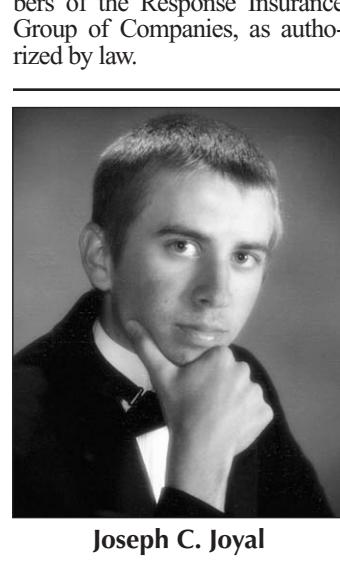
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Joyal named to Dean's List

Joseph C. Joyal of South Daytona, Fla., was named to the Dean's List for the 2007 fall semester and had perfect attendance at Keiser University in Daytona Beach. He is studying video game design. He is a 2006 graduate of Lancaster High School. He is the son of Phil and Ginger Ruit of South Daytona Beach and grandson of Charles G. and Ada Harper of White Stone.



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Families reminded to prepare for mental health pressures of college

This year, more than two million young men and women across the United States will begin college careers. The climates, courses and campuses will be different, but the countless pressures faced by these college students will be the same.

Mental health issues including depression, eating disorders, substance abuse and anxiety, often brought on by the heightened stress of a college environment, have grown increasingly common among college students. It is important to take a proactive approach to recognizing and addressing them, according to Sheldon Miller, M.D., chief medical officer of Timberline Knolls, a national residential treatment center for eating disorders, substance abuse, self-injury behavior and other emotional disorders.

"Raising awareness of the mental health struggles met by many college students is a crucial step in fighting the associated stigma that often keeps those suffering from seeking help," Miller said. "If students feel comfortable reaching out, issues can be professionally addressed before they become severe, or even dangerous."

According to Miller, the following facts should be taken into account as students enter college this fall:

- New freedom, new anxiety. Studies show that change, lack of sleep and stress (all commonplace among college freshmen) can be the greatest triggers of mental health issues. Leaving your parents for an unstructured environment is exciting, but it can also cause high levels of stress and anxiety.

Late nights, whether spent studying or socializing, also come at a price. Both academic and social stress can lead to depression, which when left untreated can lead to suicide - the second leading cause of death among college students.

- New peers, new pressure. College freshmen are surrounded by new personalities and unfamiliar social settings. The desire to fit in can potentially create a spiral of unhealthy behaviors that can lead to problems like alcohol dependence or eating disorders. Students are urged to seek professional help if they drink everyday, binge drink to get drunk, or if alcohol is interfering with schoolwork or relationships.

- Being aware of and prepared for the mental health issues that often come with the territory for college freshmen can help foster an accepting environment among students, parents and university faculty and staff.

By normalizing mental health issues, students can feel comfortable seeking the help they need, leading to increased success and satisfaction in life, rather than suffering in silence and isolation, said Miller.

NHS announces first semester Principal's Honors

Northumberland High School recently announced the Principal's Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2007-08 academic session.

Seniors named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Appolonia Brooks, Marcus Lazzarotto, Chelsey Krupski and Jessica Vanecek.

Juniors named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Lara Belfield, Anna Brennan, Mary Kelly and Josh Nicholson.

Sophomores named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Alexis Jewell, Patrick Keyser and Christine Williams.

Freshmen named to the Principal's Honor Roll are Frank Gaskins and Morgan Lewis.

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Tech summit focuses on new media

On Friday, February 22, an all-day Technology Summit at Rappahannock Community College's Workforce Development Center, organized jointly by RCC and Lord Fairfax Community College, introduced attendees to a variety of new electronic and online teaching media.

A Professional Development Grant from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) helped to fund the event, along with additional donations from Apple and the VCCS.

Speaker Dr. Krista Terry is the director of Radford University's Technology in Learning Center. Her topics were Web 2.0 technology (a trend in online technology and web design which aims to facilitate creativity, collaboration, and sharing among users) and new media available online which teachers can use to develop their methods of instruction.

School Notebook

Certification

Northern Neck Adult Education regional manager Tonya L. Creasy recently earned certifications in Curriculum Design, Program Development and English as a Second Oral Language (ESOL) Program Development through the Workforce Development Campus at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.



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School budget hearing due in Northumberland

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—Taxpayers have already been warned that this is going to be a tough budget year for Northumberland schools. The state is drastically cutting its funding in response to rising local real estate values and federal revenue is expected to decrease as well, leaving the county short some \$936,000 from last year.

Additional increases in regional program costs (\$54,000), energy costs (estimated \$225,000) and retirement system costs (\$145,000) will put the school district another \$424,000 in the hole, forcing the county to put up an additional \$1.36 million in local funds just to maintain what was provided in last year's budget.

To allow teachers to receive their promised 2.25 percent step increase, the

county needs to put up an additional \$288,328. A one percent base salary increase costs the county \$128,145.

On March 17, the school board will consider adopting a budget proposal that requires an increase of \$1,776,641 in county funding for a total county contribution of \$11,099,248 and an overall budget of \$16,471,982.

Complete copies of the school budget are available by contacting the school board office at 529-6134.

The public is invited to comment on the proposal either by attending the meeting in person (6 p.m. March 17 in the school board office building), by writing the Northumberland County School Board at 2172 Northumberland Highway, Lottsbury, VA 22511, by emailing lbrann@nucps.net, or by faxing 529-6449.

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described how she and her husband were followed home about 9 p.m. at night after eating out and that two African-Americans approached them on the driveway. One man pointed a gun at her and demanded her wallet.

"I told him I didn't have a wallet," she said. "I thought I was going to die in my driveway because I didn't have a wallet." She told her husband to give them his wallet. With the wallet in hand, the men ran up the driveway to their car, she said.

The defendant told jurors he was working at Swanks Restaurant that night and was driven to and from work by Tina Hall. At the time of the robbery, Neal and Hall both claimed they were at his home off Ocran Road tending to his sick daughter. Both also denied that they are in an intimate relationship but are just good friends.

Jones testified that Neal was with their group all evening, supplying them with drugs and drag racing down Fleets Bay Road. He said they made the five-minute trip to Swanks several times and stayed 15 minutes so that employees would see Neal, who was a dishwasher in the restaurant. After Neal clocked out at his job, he suggested the four men make some quick cash, Jones said, and Neal drove the car that followed the couple home that evening. Jones said Neal supplied him with a toy gun and tied a scarf over his face before sending him down the driveway with Scruggs, who was armed with a BB gun.

Eight supporters spoke on Neal's credibility, including White Stone town council member and former candidate for state delegate Lee Anne Washington. They described Neal as reliable and truthful.

In his summation, Schmidt told jurors a guilty decision rested on whether they believed the alibi or not. He asked that they use their common sense and judge the credibility of witnesses based on their relationship with the defendant. He said that Jones had nothing to gain from implicating Neal in the robbery.

Neal's attorney, Michael Morschower, argued that Schmidt offered no evidence to back up the accusations other than Jones's word.

"You can't have confidence in Mr. Jones with his case pending," he said. He asked the

jury to look at his client's "rock solid" alibi.

Jurors began deliberating just before 8 p.m. on the charges of robbery, conspiracy, and use of a firearm in commission of a felony. Judge Taliaferro released them after the jury foreman said they were unable to reach a unanimous decision.

▼ Lancaster and Northumberland police reports (continued from page B1)

Department, staff assisted Virginia State Police with a traffic stop at Greys Point involving 11 persons (wanted person arrested by VSP). Staff also checked on the well-being of a KeepSafe program participant after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (no emergency services needed).

March 9: Staff responded to a domestic disturbance on Shady Lane and investigated a suspicious person complaint on Chesapeake Drive.

March 10: Staff responded to an E911 disconnect call on Close Quarters Drive (no emergency services needed).

Among other calls, the sheriff's office conducted 27 traffic stops, issued 13 summonses, assisted six motorists, performed traffic control five times, investigated 10 building alarms, delivered two mental health orders, made five inmate transports and responded to three calls for animal control.

Fire calls

The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to an assistance call in Lively, a traffic accident between Lancaster and Lively, and a traffic accident at River and Old Airport roads.

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded

Council outlines phases of downtown improvements

by Audrey Thomasson

WHITE STONE—Council members last week voted to appropriate \$50,000 to replace sidewalks in the business district during Phase I of the downtown enhancement project.

"Everyone knows I don't like to spend money, but this is something that needs to be done for the community," said vice-mayor David Jones as he introduced the motion.

Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard supported the unanimous vote

of the six council members.

"It's a good way to give back to the community," he said.

Jones reported that the federal grant money obtained for Phase I also would cover part of Phase II. Currently, the contractor is installing traffic calming bump-outs and brick-paved crosswalks along Route 3 and on Chesapeake Drive.

They also will line parking spots on the streets.

In Phase II, Jones noted the plans include off-street parking and street lamps. With the

project already under way, Jones said it may be easier to obtain more grant money. He said Phase III plans for a roundabout in the town's center intersection have been scrapped.

It also was noted that power and cable lines will not be buried underground due to the extreme expense.

"If it is ever done, it would be when central sewer lines are put in," Mayor Hubbard said. However, he did not anticipate sewer service in

the foreseeable future.

Due to traffic congestion caused by construction work at the intersection, the mayor asked chief of police William A. Webb to help direct traffic through the area when crews are installing brick cross-walks.

In other business, members voted unanimously to amend the dog barking ordinance, giving police authority to contact offenders without first seeking council approval.

Rabies cases increase throughout Virginia

RICHMOND—In 2007, 730 cases of rabies in animals were reported to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). This is the highest number of cases reported since 1982 when VDH received 745 reports.

During Rabies Awareness Week March 10-15, VDH, in partnership with the Virginia Veterinary Medicine Association, Virginia Animal Control Association and Virginia Federation of Humane Societies are stressing the importance of vaccinating companion animals, such as dogs and cats, against rabies.

In 2007, 36 cats and 5 dogs tested positive for rabies in Virginia. Among those cases, most of the animals were strays and/or not properly vaccinated.

"You may be inclined to help a stray domestic animal or a sick, injured, or orphaned wild animal, but the animal could be infected with rabies. Feeding,

picking up, or taking in such an animal could put you, your family, and your pets at risk of rabies," said State Health Commissioner Karen Remley, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.A.P.

Keeping a pet's immunizations up-to-date is the best way to protect families from the deadly rabies virus. State law requires all dogs and cats over the age of four months to be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccines can be given as early as three months and one product is approved for kittens as young as eight weeks. Dog licenses are required throughout the state and some communities require licenses for cats.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It kills almost any mammal or human that gets sick from it.

"Animals sick with rabies shed the virus in their saliva, so any animal bite should be

taken seriously," said State Public Health Veterinarian Julia Murphy. "If an animal bites you, wash the wound immediately. Call your physician, local health department or animal control agency immediately."

Raccoons continue to be the most commonly reported species with rabies in Virginia, with a total of 359 rabid raccoon cases in 2007.

"In addition to keeping pets vaccinated, it's important to avoid contact with wild animals," said Dr. Murphy. Rabies cases in Virginia are based on the number of animals that tested positive for the disease. "As people become more aware of rabies and are in closer contact with animals such as raccoons and skunks that carry the virus, more animals are tested," explained Murphy. "There are certainly more animals infected with rabies than the ones that are tested."

Arnell Croxton, 45, of Lottsbury was charged with two Circuit Court probation violations.

Shenia Montia Veney, 19, of Farnham was charged March 9 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Mary Doretha Lewis, 48, of Callao was charged March 9 with petit larceny after being convicted two or more times previously of larceny offenses.

Misdemeanors

A Heathsville man, 32, was charged March 3 on a Richmond County warrant with telephone harassment.

A Heathsville man, 34, was charged March 3 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

Christine Ann Cirino, 41, of Farnham was charged March 7 with writing a bad check for \$265.44 to a Heathsville-area business.

Antione Lamont Mills, 28, of Callao was charged March 7 with possession of a controlled substance.

Ronnie Leo Hedgepath, 55, of Lottsbury was charged March 8 with a hit and run accident with personal injury as well as misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and vehicle registration violations.

A Mechanicsville man, 18, was charged March 7 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Burgess woman, 36, was charged March 8 with destruction of property.

A Bishop man, 36, was charged March 8 with failure to obey a court order.

A Heathsville man, 19, was charged March 9 on an Essex County warrant with failure to obey a General District Court order.

A Lottsbury man, 49, was charged March 9 with a third or greater offense of driving while his license was suspended and reckless driving. He was also charged with speeding, eluding an officer and failure to obey a highway sign.

Crime Solvers

On February 18, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office took a report of a break and enter to Bayside Animal Hospital on Whisk Drive in White Stone.

The suspects broke the facing to the back door and entered the business. After entering, they took checks and cash. The damage and the stolen property totaled over \$750.

Also on February 18, the sheriff's office took a report of stolen property from Old Dominion Virginia Power on Mary Ball Road in Lively. Copper was taken from eight of their trucks after being parked for the weekend. The copper had a total weight of 335 pounds and a total loss valued at \$1,240.

Crime Solvers is asking anyone with information on persons involved or a suspicious vehicle at either of these locations to call 462-7463. If your information is useful to law enforcement, it could lead to a reward up to \$1,000. This is not a recorded line.

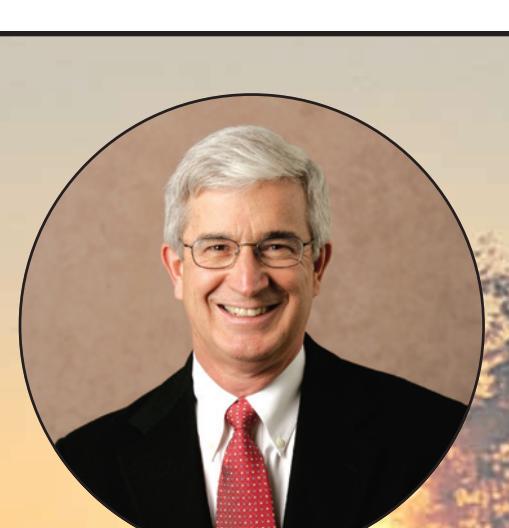
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