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Reedville community observes traditional blessing



Aboard the Elva C., a Chesapeake Bay deadrise, special guests and clergy come ashore for the 39th Blessing of the Fleet in Reedville Sunday. To view a related slideshow, visit RRECORD.COM. (Photos by Alex Haseltine)

By Alex Haseltine

A long-standing Chesapeake Bay tradition was continued last Sunday as fishermen, pleasure boaters and area residents gathered at the old Morris-Fisher factory tall stack property for the 39th annual Blessing of the Fleet. Some 100 people gathered for the service and several dozen boats dropped anchor along Cockrell's Creek to observe the event.

Clergy and special guests arrived by water on the Elva C., and Omega Protein Inc. spotter pilots participated in a flyover. The service, sponsored by St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Fleeton and Omega Protein, included prayer, song and speakers. Built in 1922, The Elva C. is the flagship of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

"This ceremony, and ones like it along the rivers, lake shores, and sea coasts the world over, recognize that fishing is the most dangerous occupation and the most beneficial of our agricultural pursuits," said the Rev. Howard Hanchey as he welcomed those in attendance.

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Monty Deihl, a native of Fleeton, was the principal speaker at the event, speaking primarily on the

dangers facing the commercial fishing industry.

According to Deihl, fishermen are threatened by ever increasing levels of pollution in the bay and by over-legislation that fails to address the real issues.

Legislating against the fishermen, he said, was akin to treating cancer with Tylenol, and completely "missed the point."

It is all too easy to "point at commercial watermen for all the bay's woes" while ignoring the deeper issues of depleting oxygen levels and damaging runoff from agricultural operations, said Deihl. Fishermen, he said, are finding themselves in a very precarious position, stuck between increasing and ever changing regulations and "economic conditions and business costs that make it hard to make a profit."

Things took a solemn turn as a ceremonial wreath was tossed into the creek in honor of those lost at sea.

The ceremony ended with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Thomasyne Acree. As she finished amid a burst of applause, boats up and down the creek sounded their horns, in hopes for a prosperous and safe year on the water.



Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Monty Deihl speaks on the dangers facing the commercial fishing industry.

Town ordinance could take a \$250 chunk out of those owners whose dogs roam

By Alex Haseltine

WHITE STONE—Town council last Thursday tightened its grip on dogs roaming White Stone streets and neighborhoods.

By a 5-1 vote, council amended the town ordinance dealing with dogs running at large. According to the changes, the owner of any dog found roaming within the town can be charged with a class four misdemeanor, punishable by a \$250 fine. The previous ordinance only provided penalties for owners who allowed two or more dogs to run at large.

According to the amendment, dogs are restricted to their owners' property, or must be under their owners' control.

Nancy Constance, owner

of a dog she described as an "escape artist" spoke in support of the amendment, saying that while she has had to make numerous adjustments to her fence, she acknowledges that keeping her dog on her property is her responsibility.

Jim Philbrick also voiced his support for the change, describing multiple occasions when he or his wife were threatened by unsupervised dogs while walking in town.

"I don't think that at my age of 71, I should have to deal with this in White Stone. I think it's ridiculous that we even have to debate such an ordinance," said Philbrick.

Members of council were generally in support of the change.

"No one should have the fear of being attacked by any animal," said councilman Mac Davis, who went on to suggest that council adopt the amendment, and revisit the issue in 12 months.

Councilwoman Lee Anne Washington was the lone member who spoke against the amendment, stating that it would be "more appropriate" for the violations of the ordinance to be addressed through civil penalties rather than criminal misdemeanor charges.

"I am not arguing against the statute, I am arguing against making a criminal penalty for a dog getting out," said Washington.

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Planners to learn about wind power

LANCASTER—Wind power will be the subject of a presentation at the May 21 meeting of the Lancaster planning commission. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the General District courtroom at Lancaster courthouse.

Entrepreneur and local resident Terrance Melcher is expected to discuss the benefits of smaller 30- to 40-foot wind turbines, their affect on the environment and merits to individual homeowners.

Planners will review permit-

ted uses of residential zoning in R-1, general and R-3, medium general zoning district, as required by the Comprehensive Plan.

There also will be elections for planning chairman, vice chairman and secretary.



Thomas Saunders

Saunders appointed Kilmarnock manager

by Alex Haseltine

KILMARNOCK—Effective June 1, Thomas Saunders will be the town manager of Kilmarnock.

A native of Lancaster County, Saunders took classes at the University of Virginia before becoming the general manager of the Tides Inn in the late 1980s.

Since 1996 he has worked for a development firm in Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Following a closed session last Thursday night, the town council voted unanimously to offer the position to Saunders, according to Mayor Curtis Smith, who said he had "full faith in this man's abilities."

Saunders said he is eager to assume the position as "problem solver" in the town, and plans to be visible and available to residents. "I want people to feel that my door is always open," said Saunders.

Boating and recreation are on board agenda

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—With summer just around the corner, the Northumberland board of supervisors will take up boating and other recreational issues at 5 p.m. tonight (May 14) at the courts building at 39 Judicial Place.

Carroll Barrack of Flotilla 3-10 will seek a declaration of Safe Boating Month.

Residency administrator Sean Trapani will discuss the Virginia Department of Transportation's current construction projects and maintenance work.

The board will consider making Warehouse Creek an official 'No Wake' zone on the recommendation of Rich Gonszka of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Residents of the creek have been complaining about increased speeds since the removal earlier this year of unofficial no wake signs posted by citizens.

The board also will discuss communication between county administrator Kenneth D. Eades and Robert Lee of the Virginia Outdoor Foundation regarding the closure of the Kohl's Island property north of the Little Wicomico River Jetties.

"The beach is a very popular site for boaters all over the area and this closure will really impact recreational opportunities," Eades wrote.

The 40-acre island has been closed to the public to protect the endangered tiger beetles that reside there. Eades' letter, which was copied to state and federal legislators, suggests a partial closure instead.

At 7 p.m., the board will consider issuing an aquaculture permit to Cowart Seafood.

It also will consider a request from Randy Neal to abandon a right-of-way in Fleeton. The 13-foot alley is at Fleeton and Fleeton Wharf roads.

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Northumberland school board finds new food budget hard to swallow

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board withheld its approval of the school cafeteria budget for the second time this month over concerns about the amounts of food being served.

Several parents and school board members have complained recently that the portions seem to be on the decline.

Cafeteria workers attending the meeting have said that they serve the standard two ounces of meat per meal required by the federal government.

The two ounces of meat or meat alternative is equivalent to .125 pounds — less than half of a quarter pound burger.

"I can't believe that we give the same amount of meat to first-graders as we give to high school boys playing football," said board member Tamara Hall.

Superintendent Clint Stables noted the schools are trying to combat obesity.

The board still has questions and requested that cafeteria manager Saunee Hamlett send them more information and

attend the next meeting.

The proposed \$538,898 cafeteria budget stands alone from the school budget and is self-supporting.

"I don't understand how food costs are increasing but the budget is staying the same. It just doesn't compute," said board member Dean Summer.

The board approved supplementing two personal days for employees after Hall noted it would only cost \$1,400, whereas the board had only moments prior approved a \$17,000 expenditure on mats to cover the gym floors and \$28,000 on video and sound equipment for the auditorium at the new school.

A survey shows that Northumberland cafeteria employees are the best paid of the four school districts in the Northern Neck, making almost \$2 more per hour than any other district.

Its student meals rate the second most expensive behind Westmoreland County, costing \$1.95 for lunch at the elementary school and \$2.05 for lunch at the middle school.



Fun of the farm

Families found fun in a variety of ways at the Barnyard Bonanza last weekend at the Northern Neck Farm Museum in Burgess. Caroline Neale, 3, of Lottsburg sampled fresh butter churned by Aubrey Mitchell. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)



Antique cars, including a Pontiac with its white-wall tires reflecting the image of a classic Ford truck, caught the eye of others. (Photo by Scott Pierce)



May 14 Thursday

AI-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
AA meets at 8 p.m. at De Sales Hall and Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.
The Wetlands Board for Lancaster County will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Irvington Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the town office.
The Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Center in Lively.

A Cancer Support Group will meet at Rappahannock General Hospital at 3 p.m. 435-8593.
The Rappahannock Garden Club will meet at noon at White Stone United Methodist Church.
The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.

Acoustic Night at Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246.
The Northumberland Board of Supervisors will meet at 5 p.m. in the courts building in Heathsville.

A Grief Support Group meets at 2 p.m. at Henderson United Methodist Church near Callao.
A Store Alert organizational meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board Prevention Services Office in Saluda. The project assists communities with action plans for reducing the influence of tobacco marketing. To volunteer, call 1-888-7278-550, or email news@rvuc.com.

The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building at 7900 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville. Program elements will cover Telsa coils and D-Star.

15 Friday

Bingo will be played at the new firehouse in Lively at 7 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-98886.
AA meets at noon at Trinity Church in Lancaster and at 8 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock.

Mr. Entertainment-Glen Abbott is featured from 5 to 9 p.m. at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Route 17 in Gloucester near the old Wal-Mart shopping center.
Jubeus is featured at Ferebee's Restaurant in Tappahannock. \$5 443-5715.
The Nighthawks rock Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. 435-6000.
Bad Ace visits Damon & Company in Gloucester. 693-7218.

Just Gardens visits five Lancaster County country gardens. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$15 on tour day. Annual garden tour benefits The Haven Shelter and Services Inc. 333-1099, ext. 12.
An Italian Dinner/Concert will be held at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$12 adults, \$7 children. Shenandoah Valley-style barbecue chicken and a variety of musical entertainment. Custom autos and cycles welcome.

Preservation Month Talks/Tours at Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee in Westmoreland County. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 per person, \$9 with a boxed lunch. A series of tours and talks explaining the preservation of the historic plantation, and how to conserve family heirlooms. Order lunches in advance at 493-8083, ext. 1920.



Gurleys to open concert series

From left, Macon and Bill Gurley will open the 2009 Music By The River family concert series at Belle Isle State Park Saturday, May 16. The free concert will begin at 6 p.m. The Gurleys play a variety of folk, rock, swing, country, bluegrass, old time, gospel and original music. Bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. There will be activities for the children. A daily parking fee of \$3 per vehicle applies.

16 Saturday

The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.

Bill and Macon Gurley open the 2009 Music By The River concert series at Belle Isle State Park. 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 parking fee. 462-5030.
Talent Search Night with a cast tribute to The Eagles at Donks Theater in Mathews. 8 p.m. \$12 adults; \$2 kids. 725-2766. donkstheater.com.

Faron Hamblin is featured at 2 p.m. Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
Jimbo Manion Band is featured at 9 p.m. Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

AA meets at 8 p.m. at Irvington United Methodist Church.
The Northern Neck Computer Users' Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington. Albert "Chris" Christensen will present "An Introduction to Skype." 580-8666.

The Come Stitch With Me Group will meet at the Transportation building at the Tavern in Heathsville at 10 a.m. All stitchers, lacers, knitters are welcome. 580-2539.
The fifth Annual Preakness Party and auction to benefit the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation at the Wirtland Estate, the home of Fletch Flemer, on the grounds of Ingleside Vineyards near Oak Grove. 3 to 7 p.m. \$50 per person Food, drink and entertainment. Reservations required, 333-6707.

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A Chicken & Pickin' will be held at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$12 adults, \$7 children. Shenandoah Valley-style barbecue chicken and a variety of musical entertainment. Custom autos and cycles welcome.

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The Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Farmers' Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids Day activities will begin at 10 a.m.

An Italian Dinner/Concert will be presented by the Lancaster High school band program. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$15 adults, \$6 children. 462-0697. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$5 each.
The Fairfield United Methodist Church men and women in Burgess will hold a yard sale, beginning at 7 a.m., offer baked goods, beginning at 8 a.m., and serve barbecue, beginning at 11 a.m. Place barbecue orders Saturday at 453-2631.

Rep. Rob Wittman will speak at the grand opening of the Hutchinson Tract of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the refuge property at 19180 Tidewater Trail, north of Tappahannock. The opening ceremony and speakers' program will begin at 1:15 p.m.

A Women's Cancer Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. The speaker will be Lisa Clegg of the Relay for Life. 580-0049.
A Container Planting and Design Workshop will be held at Greenpoint Nursery in Lively from 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-register for 10 percent off and chance for big door prizes. 462-0220.

A Car Wash will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the Kilmarnock Baptist Church parking lot by Kilmarnock Cub Scout Pack 242. Proceeds will help send the Cub Scouts to summer camp.
A Democratic Rally will be held at the Ruritan pavilion in Lively from noon to 4 p.m. \$12 adults, \$6 children. Candidates will speak. Chili challenge, barbecue, hot dogs, beverages.

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Reckless Diesels Band and Jimbo Minion Band play Coles Point Tavern at 2 p.m. 472-3856.

Neck Tales with Thea Marshal will be presented at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m.
A Dedication Ceremony celebrating the life of Ann Messick will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Hickory Hollow Nature Trail, followed at 2 p.m. by a walk to see yellow orchids.
Athena Winery will host a wine tasting from noon to 4 p.m. to benefit the Relay For Life of Lancaster and Northumberland counties. \$5. For advance tickets, call 453-3388, 453-4433, or 453-3621.

The Chesapeake Bay Dowsers will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at Greenpoint Nursery in Lively. Bill Bonnell will continue the instruction on dowsing for personal health and well-being.

18 Monday

Historyland Community Workshop meets at Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. New members who will share crafting skills welcome.
The Kilmarnock Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at 514 North Main Street in Kilmarnock.
The National Alliance for Mental Illness-Tidewater Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at Urbanna Baptist Church. 435-7509. Athena Neblist of BRIDGES will speak. 435-7509.

The Historical Society for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the G.C. Dawson administrative office in Kilmarnock. 435-6232.
The Northumberland Homemakers will meet at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville. 580-8613.
AA meets at noon at Palmer Hall.

Cub Scout Pack 242 will meet at 7 p.m. at Kilmarnock Baptist Church. Cub Scouting is for boys in grades 1 to 5. Call Cubmaster Steve Kancianic, 413-7011.
The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington. The "Williamsburg Field Music" fife and drum group will play music and marches of the colonial period.
The Art Forum at the Studio Gallery from 1 to 4 p.m. will show "Matisse and Picasso: Rivalry and Friendship." This PBS video explores the artistic dialog that took place between these two great masters of the 20th century.

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Upcoming

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18 Monday

First Place, a faith-based healthy-living program, will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Dr. New members are urged to attend. Call Kathy Conrad at 462-5600, or 436-6991.

Bluff Point Community League will hold a potluck dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Various members will share their special interest collections.

The Lancaster County Chapter of the NAACP will meet at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock. Terry Beatley, District 1 coordinator for Parentalrights.org, will speak.

19 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.

AI-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. 462-0742.

The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.

The Corrottoman Seniors will meet at 10 a.m. at the Ruritan Club near Lively.

The Kilmarnock Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Kilmarnock Baptist Church. 580-8385.

AA meets at 7 p.m. and at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall.

American Legion Adams Post 86 will hold a business meeting at 7 p.m. at the post home on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock.

20 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.

The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

The Baytones Barbershop Men's Chorus meets at 2 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 453-2633.

A Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. 435-9553.

Fine Swiss Cheese visits Damon & Company in Gloucester. 693-7218.

AI-ANON meets at noon at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.

AA meets at 8 p.m. at Trinity Church.

The Uptown Quilt Guild at 10 a.m. will present Kelly Litlington and the Warsaw 4-H Club a quilt to raffle. The guild meets at Cobham Park Baptist Church.

A Food For Thought Lecture will be held at the Heathsville Tavern Transportation Building at 5:30 p.m. The speaker will be tobacco historian Bill Doerken, an interpreter and coordinator of special programs at Stratford Hall.

A Ride of Silence observance, sponsored by the Northern Neck Cycling Group, will meet at 7 p.m. in the Kilmarnock town parking lot behind the Rappahannock Record offices on Main Street. All cyclists are welcome. Participants will follow a seven-mile route, riding at 12 miles per hour, wearing black arm bands, and observing silence during the ride.



Garage sale set

From left, Brandon Rohr, Nancy Booth and Nancy Simon prepare for the Philanthropic Educational Organization, (P.E.O.) BH Chapter garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 23 at 30 Noblett Lane in Kilmarnock. Sale items will include bicycles, small appliances, housewares, linens, tools, collectibles, jewelry, books, toys and sports equipment. The sale is the major fund-raising event for the chapter of the 140-year-old P.E.O. Sisterhood, which offers scholarships, loans, grants, and awards to women in the community to enhance their lives through education beyond high school.

21 Thursday

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

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

The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.

The Rappatamac Writers Critique Group will meet at 2 p.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

Acoustic Night at Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246.

21 Thursday

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. \$3. 435-6207.

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

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

The Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society will meet at noon at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping. Visitors welcome.

AA meets at 8 p.m. at De Sales Hall and Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.

A Grief Support Group meets at 2 p.m. at Henderson United Methodist Church near Callao.

Virginia's 99th District TEA Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department in Lively.

The Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter will meet at noon at the Pilot House in Topping. (Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor.)

Farmers' market to host Kids Day

The Heathsville Tavern Farmers' Market, Saturday, May 16, will feature activities for kids starting at 10 a.m.

Organized and supervised by the Northumberland YMCA, the activities will include a 22-foot inflatable slide, an inflatable Moon Walk bouncing apparatus, face painting, and a surprise.

YMCA personnel also will hand out Day Camp information and answer questions about other YMCA activities.

"This day is our chance to put our fun-loving programs in front of everybody to let them know what the YMCA does for the community," said director Cristian Shirilla.

Recalling that last year a number of adults joined the kids' fun, he added, "Anybody can play."

The farmers' market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. About 45 to 50 vendors will occupy the new pavilion and the adjacent field.

Although the Tavern restaurant has been closed during the on-going repairs caused by the fire, food and beverages will be available at the Transportation Museum Building.

The farmers' market behind the Courthouse in Heathsville is open the third Saturday of the month from April to October.

For vendor information, call Ellen Hollows at 580-3377.

Dedication to precede orchid walk

On Sunday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m., prior to the 2 p.m. scheduled walk to see the yellow orchids, a dedication ceremony celebrating the Life of Ann Messick will be held in the parking lot of Hickory Hollow.

"Denny, Ann's husband, has made and installed a bench according to Ann's specifica-

tions that is in place along the trail and Audubon has added a plaque to it in Ann's memory," said Audrey Brainard. "Audubon will officially rename the 'Cabin Swamp Trail' the 'Ann Messick Trail.'"

Those who desire can walk the Ann Messick Trail and see the bench, said Audrey Brainard.

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Fiction or
Fact

from Bob's Almanac

by Robert Mason Jr.

I hear music.

It could be Music By The River at Belle Isle State Park, or Grace-ful Summer Sounds at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock, Band Night 2009 at Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock, or Bluegrass at Freeshade Community Center in Syringa.

Music By The River opens Saturday, May 16, with a concert by Bill and Macon Gurley.

Performances continue Saturdays, May 23 with Steve Keith, June 13 with the Honeywind Bluegrass Boys, June 20 with Legacy, July 11 with Mercy Creek, July 18 with Ottoman, August 1 with the Mullins Sisters and August 29 with Southern Grace.

The free concerts begin at 6 p.m. and are over around 8 p.m. There are activities for the kids and families are urged to bring picnics. Dogs must be on a leash. There is a \$3 parking fee per vehicle.

The Grace-ful Summer Sounds concert series opens Tuesday, June 2, with the Billy Williams Jazz Quartet.

Performances continue Wednesdays, June 10 with the Doctors of Jazz, June 17 with Jackass Flats and June 24 with the Steptoe Brass Quintet.

The hour-long free concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the field next to Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Folks should bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner at 6 p.m.

The Band Night 2009 concert series at Savannah Joe's opened May 1 and continues Fridays and some Saturdays through October 2. Most shows begin at 6:30 p.m. and end by 10:30 p.m. The cover charge varies depending upon the band.

Performances continue May 15 with the Nighthawks, May 22 with the Janitors, May 29 with Eric Lindell, May 29 with the Ray Pittman Project, May 30 with Bob Margolin, June 3 with Sweet Justice, June 12 with Fidelity Brown, June 19 with the Ray Pittman Project, June 26 with Soul Expressions, June 27 with Sweet Justice, July 3 with the Ray Pittman Project, July 10 with the Original Rhondells, July 17 with the Nighthawks, July 24 with the Janitors, July 31 with the Ray Pittman Project, August 7 with Sweet Justice, August 8 with the Original Rhondells, August 14 with Danny Morgan and the Janitors, August 21 with the Ray Pittman Project, September 4 with Ron Moody and the Centaurs, September 11 with Sweet Justice, September 18 with the Ray Pittman Project, September 25 with Fidelity Brown, and October 2 with Danny Morgan and the Janitors.

The Honeywind Bluegrass Boys host a bluegrass jam from 7 to 10 p.m. the last Saturday of each month at the Freeshade Community Center. Various bands and musicians participate. Donations are appreciated.

Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

In 1971 I packed up and headed south to assume a teaching position in Huntsville, Ala. Initially, I thought I would be there two or three years, after which I could think about moving back home to Virginia. Well, two or three became 15, and then one evening in a telephone chat with Auntie, also known in Kilmarnock as Mrs. Ellen Lee, I decided, (or should I say, she decided?) that the time had come for me to come home. The following day I inquired about early retirement.

The process worked smoothly and by June my papers were filed, my house was on the market, and I began planning my 125th, and final trip back to the Northern Neck. By September the house was sold, and thanks to the help of some former students, my books were in boxes and I was ready to move. I had inquired about moving companies, but found that they would be horribly expensive, thus I planned to hire a truck and someone to help me drive down to Alabama, load up, and come home.

I asked a number of individuals, but all of them were committed to their own

jobs; time was running out and I had no one. A friend told me to call Wes Jones and ask if he could be available as he was semi-retired. I cold called him and during that first conversation we seemed to get along quite well.

We agreed to meet on the Tri-Star parking lot two mornings later, and then head out in my car, the rental truck having been reserved in Huntsville. Wes' wife drove him to meet me; we said good-bye to her, and off we went. Before we had reached the Norris Bridge I realized that Wes was a man of innumerable talents and abilities. We talked all the way to Alabama, 743 miles worth.

I learned that Wes had been the designer, builder and proprietor of the Eagle's Nest Restaurant, one of the businesses that had begun the commercial development of Kilmarnock up North Main Street. I had dined there many times, but oddly had not met him on any of those occasions. His vision had been that all of North Kilmarnock might develop in the style of his building, now Crowther Heating and Cooling.

From our conversation I came to understand that I was traveling with a genuine, pure, unadulterated gourmet of the first order. In part, the trip down was a food seminar with me as the student. In another phase of the discussion he told me about learning to fly as a youngster and his years working in the fishing industry out of Reedville. I appreciated that Wes had led many lives, all of them interesting and productive.

When we reached Huntsville, it was late, and I showed him to the guest room, then we both retired to be ready for the next day's efforts. We were up early, got the truck, and began loading. The task required most of the day.

Wanting to bid farewell to some of my colleagues, I invited them to supper at Gibson's Barbecue, Huntsville's greatest restaurant, and during the meal Wes held his own with that bunch of professors, regaling them with tales of the Northern Neck and making pithy observations about the academic world. He enjoyed them as much as they enjoyed him.

After dinner we left for home, with Wes driving the truck and me driving my old station wagon; both vehicles were loaded without an inch to spare. We stopped for meals at a couple of good eateries I had known from all of my jaunts and crossed the Tennessee line into Virginia about 3 a.m. We kept coming and hit Roanoke at dawn. We missed rush hour in Lynchburg and Richmond and reached home late in the afternoon.

Wes backed the truck up to the side entrance of my old farmhouse; we settled up, and each of us remarked how much we had enjoyed the time together. That was in 1986, and since then I have had many other chats with Wes. He is a real patriot of the old school, proud of America's history, and always willing to do his part to keep our country great. Wes is truly a Renaissance Man, with broad interests and original ideas, a fitting subject for an oral history project. Sunday is his 80th birthday, and fortunately, he has spent many of those eight decades in the Northern Neck.

Happy Birthday, Wes!

Letters to the Editor

Heads up
for turtlesFrom Timothy G. Emrick,
Heathsville

On the way to church on Mother's Day, I spotted my first turtle of the season. It was a box turtle, in the middle of the road.

Me and my mom immediately stopped, picked it up and I put it safely in the woods. We felt good about saving the turtle and we hope we get to save many more this summer.

Can you please inform people that turtles will now sometimes be on the road, and to please watch carefully for them while driving? And tell people don't just think those turtles are going to get out of the road when they see a car coming.

They are slow creatures and will not be able to move fast. They are in the road to warm up for the day. Thank you for informing your readers.

Why bay quality
has not improvedFrom Rob Ransone,
Wicomico Church

The article, "State rejects citizen proposal for implementing creek cleanup" in the April 23 Rappahannock Record, provided the clearest explanation of why Chesapeake Bay quality has not improved in more than a decade. I quote: "The [citizens'] draft implementation plan was not recognized because it did not follow the public participation plan," said Margaret Smigo of DEQ." In fact, the plan was not even read.

As long as petty officials value protection of their fiefdoms more than bay quality improvement, I fear the bay and its tributaries will never improve.

Rep. Wittman
voted against
dredging fundsFrom Donna Thompson,
White Stone

Oh the hypocrisy! I read with a mixture of amusement and anger the front page article in the May 7 Rappahannock Record, "Stimulus funds allocated to dredge Greenvale Creek," wherein Rep. Rob Wittman tries to take credit for the funding of this project.

In the article, Wittman is quoted as saying, "I have worked with the Army Corps of Engineers ever since I was elected to Congress, urging them to dredge Greenvale Creek," Rep. Wittman said. "I am pleased that they have finally funded this project."

Here is the reality. Greenvale was one of five projects (Greenvale, Broad Creek, Queens Creek, Winter Harbor, and Hoskins Creek) in the First District that Wittman may have been working with or urging the Corps to fund.

However, he knew full well that the Corps was never going to fund any of them without an earmark or Congressional appropriation. Wittman failed to get any of them a funding earmark and that is why they have not been done. He also is misleading the public when he says the Corps funded these projects.

Greenvale and the others are great examples of what President Obama meant when he said, "there is so much work to be done while millions are looking for work." Only through the infrastructure investments funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (a.k.a. the stimulus bill) were these projects chosen by the Corps to do.

However, Wittman, and every Republican in the House and all but three in the Senate voted against the ARRA. The bottom line is that for him to take on even the appearance of credit is misleading at best. A more accurate quote would have been, "In spite of voting against the funds that will dredge Greenvale Creek and other vital projects in my district, I am pleased to thank President Obama and the votes of Senators Jim Webb and Mark Warner for accomplishing what I could not since going to Congress."

How to cure
budget deficits

From Sam Sawkins, Urbanna

That annual rite of spring, the filing deadline for federal and state income taxes, has come and gone. Nobody enjoys paying taxes, but let's remind ourselves that taxes are the levy we pay to live in a civilized society.

Barack Obama's plans for revamping the tax code represent an attempt to counteract the widening spread in incomes that has occurred during the last several decades. Not surprisingly, they elicited a marked negative reaction from conservatives.

The Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., reports that in 2006 America's most affluent one percent (average income \$1.3 million.) faced a 22.8 percent federal income tax rate, but in 1986 that same group

(average income \$507,520) paid 33.1 percent in federal taxes.

Thus, the top one percent saw their share of the nation's income double between 1986 and 2006 (from 11.3 percent to 22.1 percent) and a 30 percent reduction in their tax.

However, the most egregious example of excessive earnings and low tax rates relates to the nation's 400 richest: they enjoyed capital gains that averaged \$263 million in 2006, but paid just 17 percent in federal taxes. Somehow this fails to attract the ire of teabag-toting tax protesters.

Most Americans worry about the record deficits required to extricate our nation from the recent financial meltdown. However, suggestions for tax rate increases on those who have enjoyed massive gains in their net worth get virtually no attention. Consider these suggestions from the Institute of Policy Studies that would provide significant increases to the federal budget, but have little adverse effect on average citizens.

Tax the wealthiest Americans at a higher rate, 50 percent for those who make more than \$2 million; reverse Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy; put a small tax, less than one percent, on stock sales and other financial transactions; eliminate tax preferences for capital gains and dividends; institute a progressive estate tax; end overseas tax havens; and close loopholes on huge executive compensation packages.

These initiatives would bolster federal revenue by \$450 billion a year. Those who are moved to various levels of apoplexy by the above should ask themselves how valid their concerns about budget deficits really are.

Day of prayer

From Grace Harley-Leach,
White Stone

Prayer is asking favor with an earnest heart addressed to the Supreme Being. Who has not prayed at some point within the privacy of our soul?

Public prayer is another thing altogether. For that one must leave their privacy and enter into view. It is an exposing of one's core beliefs publicly addressed toward a specific Person. It requires stepping out of the house and joining others who may, or may not, agree with your beliefs or even your right to hold to such beliefs.

Public prayer hits at the essence of who you are; it is you speaking publicly to the One who knows you intimately. All is said and seen before many. We kneel at other times and before other royalty, why not kneel publicly before the King of kings? Thankfully, each year our nation honors prayer with a special day.

I am glad I came out of my house May 7 and entered into the holy act of public worship: a liberty bought with the blood of others. There is divine energy in joining hands to voice public thanksgiving and humble petitions to our Creator. It was a privilege to walk the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court, to pray over the black leather chairs of the justices, and to echo the words of John on the marble columns, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

I am glad I came and joined

many of our elected officials alongside Dr. James Dobson of the Focus on the Family ministry in the Canon Building and delight in the liberty of public prayer. It was wonderful to have government servants boldly proclaim their personal faith in the context of our national heritage. It was my joy to thank them with words of encouragement.

I am glad I came to be granted time with Rep. Rob Wittman and to tell him that we pray for him and respect his faithful service. The gold pages of his Bible gleamed in the sun in its place of honor on his desk. His colleague assured me that "he is a man of great prayer."

I am glad I came out of my house to stand in a pulpit on the Capitol steps and to read aloud Mark chapter eight, to hear my voice project over the mall toward the Washington Monument and to know that only one name is worthy to be chanted there by throngs.

It was extraordinary to read verse eleven where the religious leaders of Israel harassed Jesus for a "sign from heaven." As I spoke those words, a bolt of lightning streaked in the sky before us and loud thunder slammed overhead. Tourists went scurrying while I read: "And he sighed deeply in his spirit... There shall be no sign given unto this generation."

I am glad I came out of my house to hear the fiery sermon of a young missionary preaching repentance from atop his plastic soap box at the steps of the Natural History Museum. Called by God to devote this particular year to travel cross-country with the Gospel, this handsome young oracle and former Marine knows that the sign has already been given to his generation.

I am glad I came out of my house to sing praise songs with fellow believers on the wet, green grass of the Capitol in the late afternoon drizzle. The worship leader exhorted us to lift our hearts and hands for our nation because "you can never be over-prepared for worship."

I am glad I came out of my house on this National Day of Prayer, for I was greatly blessed. Sadly, others who did not come out of their houses missed these wonderful opportunities of public worship. May we lift up our nation every day and let us be glad to pray.

TEA Party
meets again

From Steve Stewart, Weems

On May 7 there was a meeting of Virginia's 99th District TEA Party at the home of Jim Spiess. Officers were elected, and a mission statement and charter were proposed.

Catherine Crabill, who plans to run for delegate in District 99, listened to the group and addressed concerns.

Due to the increased attendance, the next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department in Lively Thursday, May 21. The next TEA Party will be July 15 at the courthouse in Heathsville.

We hope younger voters will attend these meetings and parties, and voice their opinions about excessive government spending and increased taxation. After all, your generation will be paying the bill.

Who embraced
war and tax cuts?

From Michael Fazzi, Weems

Regarding the request for citizens and young people to join the local TEA Party organization, it begs the question: where were they eight years ago?

It seems that this gang is intent only on criticizing the current administration for making an effort to stem the bleeding created by the previous administration. Where were they when massive tax cuts were instituted at a time when war was embraced? Where was their outrage when our children's future was mortgaged for the immediate gratification of the rich?

The current administration is attempting to repair the damages caused by eight years of ineptitude and greed.

These people have their heads in the sand. They deny the fact that wars and tax cuts don't go together. Then they refuse to own up to the fact that they, with their votes, mortgaged our children's future for years to come. Now that the payments are due, they don't like the interest rate.

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Delegate's Report

by Del. Albert Pollard

New way of thinking

I was 13 the first time I heard of race car driver Mario Andretti. I remember, I was riding around the dirt roads of my grandparents' farm in an old Datsun pickup truck.

My 15-year-old cousin from Baltimore was driving fast and having fun fishtailing around the turns and pretending to be "Mario Andretti."

One reason why I remember the episode so well is that the narrow dirt roads were not designed for driving fast. I had never gone fast on a dirt road before.

The fact a road design can influence a driver's speed is a simple concept; and, it is one that is now being incorporated into the Virginia Department of Transportation's thinking.

VDOT—much to its credit—is adopting a set of common sense standards for secondary system road design. The designs are in response to a new way of thinking that recognizes multiple cul-de-sacs feeding into one main road are the source of much of our traffic woes.

And, a large portion of the standards are focused on the fact that today's subdivision roads—some up to 36 feet wide with gentle curves—make design standards more dangerous.

An interstate highway with its 65 mph speed limit has a right-of-way 24 feet wide. Sub-

division roads often have mandated street parking as well as mandated off-street parking and, go figure, garage spaces don't count as parking spaces. This makes subdivision roads significantly wider than interstate highways.

Gentle curves in subdivisions make it is easier to accelerate. Wide streets give a false sense of security, and, before you know it, the design is tempting folks to go 55 mph through residential neighborhoods.

If you don't believe the anecdotal, VDOT has a chart showing how actual speeds go up exponentially with the width of a road. The new standards allow for more narrow secondary roads. This lowers development costs, provides space for sidewalks and reduces runoff. Parking requirements have been cut back (garages now count as a place to put your car) and that means more people will park on the street.

Most importantly, the narrower 30-foot-wide streets create built-in traffic calming. Street parking, sidewalks and 'bump outs' naturally slow down the traffic. Evidently, drivers slow down when they think the road is built for them to drive slowly.

This all makes a lot of sense—unless you are a 15-year-old boy from Baltimore driving on a dirt road.

Congressional Report

by Rep. Robert Wittman

Home foreclosures are an issue affecting a number of residents throughout the First District.

Even if you are not under the threat of foreclosure, a foreclosed home deeply affects other families and can mean lower property values in the neighborhood and often times an eyesore in your community. Without a doubt it was risky lending and irresponsible mortgage applications which have contributed heavily to our current economic crisis. We need to take steps to address these root causes to prevent a future housing crisis.

The House last week passed with bipartisan support the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act (H.R. 1728) which will begin to address this issue.

If passed by the Senate and signed by the president, this legislation would strengthen mortgage lending standards to prevent inappropriate practices, protect consumers and ensure a vibrant system of mortgage finance. The bill contains key reforms to help lead to a stronger mortgage system. The bill would codify important standards that require every lender to verify a borrower's ability to repay a mortgage loan. Also, it would ensure that every borrower receives a net tangible benefit from refinancing a loan as protection from unfair, abusive, and

deceptive lending practices.

Further, it would require mortgage lenders make loans that benefit the consumer and prohibit them from steering borrowers into higher cost loans, with the ultimate goal of ending predatory lending. In addition, the bill urges the market to move back toward making fixed-rate, fully documented loans. It also would make the secondary mortgage market responsible for complying with these standards when they buy loans and turn them into securities, one of the key reasons for our current economic crisis.

While there have been problems with the system of lending, our community banks have been a beacon of stability through these trying economic times. We have seen our community banks throughout the district work very diligently to make responsible loans and assure that money is available for lending.

The Federal Reserve is taking steps to reform the mortgage industry and cut down on abusive lending practices. New Federal Reserve rules will establish basic underwriting standards for the mortgage industry and provide significant consumer protection. Regardless of the future of H.R. 1728, the Fed's regulations will restrict predatory lending practices and hopefully prevent another housing crisis.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(Reprints from the May 14, 1909, issue of the Virginia Citizen)

Fish and Oyster Notes

Soft crabs are becoming more numerous, and prices dropping.

Monthly meeting of the Commission of Fisheries at Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, Friday, May 21.

The suit of J. Bonneville against S. Wilkins Matthews, secretary of the Board of Fisheries, for \$16,000 damages was won by the state. Mr. Bonneville, who is a prominent oyster planter, claimed that he lost valuable property because he was compelled to remove stakes marking his leased oyster beds and that certain tongs took his planted oysters before he could get them over on his ground. The suit was watched by oystermen as its decision is far reaching and may revolutionize the methods of some planters who stake off ground they pay no tax for.

Millenbeck

T.I. Ratcliffe has been suffering as of late with rheumatism.

H. B. Bougaton spent Wednesday night with his sister in Irvington. He left today for Fredericksburg.

Irvington

Clifford Kirkmyer and Lutie Rock are in Baltimore.

Aid Society tonight (Friday) at home of Mrs. O. R. Hopkins.

Capt. J. E. Bussels spent a few days at his home here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. George Steuart and sister, Miss Alice Blakemore, of Ottoman were here shopping and attending to other matters Friday.

Mrs. E. H. Nunn, formerly with the faculty of the Chesapeake Academy, but now resident of Richmond, is on a fortnight visit to Mrs. Geo. H. Oliver.

Chas. M. Stuken, broker and commission merchant of Baltimore, was here on business with the Carters Creek Guano Co. Wednesday.

Litwalton

Miss Jennie Ball, of Boar, who has been in North Carolina as milliner, has returned home.

Miss Nettie Luttrell, of Sharps, is dressmaking in the home of Mrs. Joseph Pierce for a few weeks.

With the aid of a new fertilizer used by the people in this place, their trucks are doing remarkably well.

Lancaster Again Honored

Miss Grace G. Pinckard, of Rehoboth Church, member of the Lancaster Confederate choir, has been appointed maid of honor for the Virginia Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans at the fourteenth annual reunion of that organization to be held in the city of Memphis, Tenn., on June 8, 9 and 10. Miss Pinckard is the daughter of the late Dr. F. Asbury Pinckard, and is a very beautiful and attractive young woman.

Miss Grace Pinckard will accompany her sister, Miss Genevieve Pinckard, Captain of the Lancaster Choir, and Misses Ruby Smith, Lillian Cralle and Maud Leland, the four delegates from the choir, to Memphis, leaving Norfolk June 5th.

(Transcribed by Stephen A. Redd, volunteer of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library)

Letters to the Editor

Debt comparisons

From William Fleischman, Wicomico Church

With daily attention given to the national debt, in electronic and print media, it's useful to consider some historical debt numbers, those showing what the debt has been as a percentage of our gross national product (GNP).

Debt as a percentage of GNP is more useful than the debt total in the same way that a household's debt is usefully considered in relation to its income.

GNP measures the nation's ability to cover its debt. Debt as a low percentage of GNP is less troublesome than debt as a large percentage of GNP.

Our nation's debt was 43 percent of our GNP in 1940. It rose to 118 percent of GNP in 1945.

The high percentage in 1945 is an all-time high. It reached 116 percent in 1947. The percentage declined steadily from 1945 onward, reaching a low of 34 percent in 1978.

We have not been at the 34 percent low since.

The percentage increased fairly steadily to 67 percent in 1996, then decreased slightly to 57 percent in 2001.

The percentage increased back to 67 percent in 2007, near the change to the Obama administration.

It will increase again, the calculation of which awaits some reliable numbers. However, we are not near the 1940s amount as yet.

Here are a couple of backgrounds associated with the numbers. One relates to the identity of the national administrations that were in place when the national debt as a percentage of GNP increased after 1978.

A clue: the administrations were of the political party that traditionally most complains about the level of the national debt.

A second background story concerns the World War II period. As noted previously, the debt increased as a percentage of GNP from 43 percent in 1940 to 118 in 1945.

There were massive increases in expenditures for the production of war materials in the 1940s, expenditures largely not compensated by increases in tax rates.

During the war, England, Europe, and the then Soviet Union suffered massive losses of housing, roads and road infrastructure, road and rail vehicles, manufacturing facilities, medical facilities, and agricultural infrastructure and equipment, apart from losses of civilian population during the war.

The U.S., relatively unscathed, was the one relatively developed nation able to

supply what was necessary for reconstruction in Europe.

War production in the U.S. during the war and production providing supplies for reconstruction in Europe gave rise to substantial increases in incomes and accumulated savings for the U.S. home population.

The resultant increases in incomes and saving rose to a prosperity that surprised many.

The U.S. experienced a severe recession after World War I, a recession that continued into the early to mid-1920s.

The mid-1920s gave rise to what might now be described as a period of "irrational exuberance" which led to the "Great Depression."

Many analysts expected a repeat of the post World War I economic experience at the end of World War II.

A recent book has renewed an old debate—whether Roosevelt's 1930s policies hindered rather than assisted with the recovery from the Depression.

This question has traction today because some appear to want to argue from whether Roosevelt's economic stimulus efforts worked to a conclusion that all major economic stimuli fail to work.

Apart from the fault in logic in all of this, forget about whether what Roosevelt's 1930s policies worked. This country's massive World War II production certainly did work to thrust the economy out of the 1930s experience.

Moreover, those World War II and post-war activities dwarfed whatever Roosevelt attempted.

It's disconcerting to contemplate that the production of means of destruction and the production of means of reconstruction thrust this country out of the Depression.

However, that being true one can wonder over whether economic stimuli ought to include the planting of new sod on the national mall.

Feeding the hysteria

From Erin Weik, Ottoman

In a recent edition of the Record, a letter referred to a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives - H.R. 45, and invited readers to look the bill up on Snopes.Com to determine its veracity.

I did, and found two points of interest. First—the writer of the letter to the editor got the details of this bill wrong. According to Snopes the bill does not give the U.S. Attorney General authorization to enter your home to inspect your weapons. The authorization applies only to gun stores.

Second—this bill has no co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is widely reviled. It is unlikely to even make it out of a subcommittee on crime, terrorism and homeland security, much less be put before the full House for a vote.

Did the writer actually read the analysis on Snopes, or just hit the page long enough to see that there really is a bill H.R. 45 that has something to do with guns before passing on another ill-informed chain letter and feeding the hysteria.

The Republicans' major problem

From Frank Mann, Lancaster

An old Chinese proverb says, "Man with problem get mad, now have two problems."

Such was apparently the case with those tea party ("tea" standing for "taxed enough already") demonstrations headlined "Criticism rings at Tax Day Tea Party" in a recent Record.

No question, this was an angry group. The Record reported participants' comparing the IRS to the "Mafia," saying it was "stealing" their money. Other spoke about "taking our rights back." Obama was described as possibly being a "real terrorist" or promoting "Marxism."

The anti-administration senti-

ment induced one participant to propose rejecting federal stimulus money for the state claiming, "We're doing just fine, thank you," apparently unaware that many Virginia communities are struggling with severe budget shortfalls.

These people may also be uninformed about Obama's tax reductions that will lower taxes for 95 percent of Americans and even the wealthy will pay rates significantly lower than the tax rates for the wealthy under Ronald Reagan.

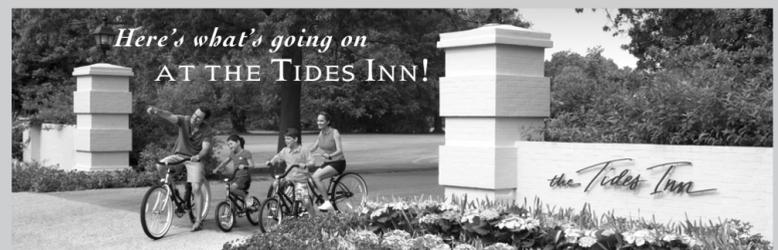
With our country struggling with a global recession and major industries such as the auto industry facing extinction, one would hope that something constructive might come from the Republicans.

One Forum letter talked about applying conservative principles to solve our problems. If the conservatives have a plan that will get us through this recession, create jobs and make the banks healthy without spending large sums of money, why haven't we heard of it?

In the meantime, if these tea parties are all the Republicans have to offer to get us through this recession, they've got a major problem. With Obama enjoying a 68 percent approval rating, and his tax reductions coming, I doubt if the tea party concept will attract many independent voters to their cause. Which is why the leaves in my teacup tell me that the G.O.P. will remain the minority party for quite some time.

Clarification

While a outline in last week's paper indicated how long crews are scheduled to be working on a restoration project at Rice's Hotel/Huglett's Tavern, an opening date has not been set according to foundation president George Hollows. "It could be shorter, it could be longer. We just don't know," Hollows said.



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Seniors club meets May 19

The Corrottoman Senior Club will meet at 10 a.m. May 19 at the Lively Ruritan Center. The guest speaker will be from Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Hostesses will be Barbara Adams, Connie Schillinger and Mary Brimer.

Bingo will be played. Bring an envelope. Dessert will be served. Anyone interested in providing musical entertainment for a meeting, call Virginia Parks at 462-7216.

Upcoming trips include Ocean City, Md., August 31 to September 3; Branson, October 18 to 25; and a cruise to the eastern Caribbean November 30 to December 12.

For trip details, call Hazel Ford at 462-7895; or Fannie Clingan at 435-1713.

Area Events

Chicken pickin'

The BIG DAWGS men's ministry at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene will hold a Chicken Pickin' Cruise-in & Chrome event May 16 at the Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive on Mary Ball Road near White Stone.

Shenandoah Valley-style barbecue chicken will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of music will be staged and anyone with a custom car or motorcycle is urged to join the show. Tickets at the barbecue are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children.

Fish fry

The spring fish fry at Heathsville United Methodist Church will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 24. The fee is \$10 per person and \$4 for children under 12. The menu includes fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans, ice tea and cake.

Nighthawks

The Nighthawks will bring 30 years of rock'n blues and classic rock roots to the Savannah Joe's stage in Kilmarnock Friday. The show starts at 7 p.m. and continues to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Strawberry Festival

The 2009 Heathsville Strawberry Festival will be held May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church. More than 100 artists and crafters will exhibit their handmade wares.

There will be lots of strawberries, strawberry shortcake, bake sales, entertainment and lunch on the premises.

Truck raffle

A 2009 Chevrolet Silverado is the grand prize for the 74th annual Kilmarnock Firemen's Festival July 30 through August 8 at the carnival grounds on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Tickets are available from any KVFDD member.

Yard sale

The Knights of Columbus 14th annual yard sale will be held June 6 at 8 a.m.

Donations of household goods, appliances, toys, tools, yard equipment and slightly used clothing, will be accepted at the rear of De Sales Hall on Church Street in Kilmarnock, June 1 through 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For large items, call 435-9130, or 435-3835 to schedule a pickup time.

Yard sale/raffle

The Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck will hold a yard sale June 6 at the clubhouse at 517 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. An off-road Segway will be raffled. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the clubhouse.

Donations for the yard sale may be delivered to the clubhouse as well. To purchase a ticket, or schedule a delivery, call 435-9696.

Wine tasting

Athena Winery will host a wine tasting from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, to benefit the Relay For Life of Lancaster and Northumberland counties. The event will be held at the winery on Route 200 between Wicomico Church and Burgess.

There will be a \$5 donation to taste the wines. Wine will be available for sale, as well as information on the Relay For Life of Lancaster and Northumberland counties. Advance tickets will be available on Saturday at the winery; or call call Karen at 453-3388, Mary Lynn at 453-4433, or Denise at 453-3621.



Returning dealer

Louis Sikkelee displays some of the fine silver and antiques he plans to bring to the Northern Neck Antiques Fair Memorial Day Weekend in Lively. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 23 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 24. Organizers request no pets. For a complete list of vendors, call 462-7960, 436-3783, or email eppingforest@rivnet.net.

Family reunion

The descendants of Alice Pitman Talley, Robert G. Pitman Jr., Peyton Pittman, William Kincaid Pitman, Hummer Jane Pitman Keyser and Henry H. Pitman will have a Pit(t)man Family Reunion July 26.

To attend, call Mary K. Pittman at 435-06891, Joan Pittman at 435-6817, Gayle Conrad at 462-7712, or Margaret Welch at 435-3261 before July 1.

Giant yard sale

Boy Scout Troop 235 of White Stone will hold a giant yard sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 at Rappahannock and Chesapeake drives in White Stone.

Proceeds will help send the Boy Scouts to Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico June 29 through July 15. To arrange donations, call Scoutmaster Ken Abrams at 462-6174.

River music

Bill and Macon Gurley will open the 2009 Music By The River Series at Belle Isle State Park. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. May 16. Steve Keith will entertain at the park in May 23.

Student musical

The combined Lancaster High School and Middle School drama clubs will present their spring musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" at the Lancaster Middle School Auditorium on May 22, 23 and 24. This is the newly revised show and has the same synopsis as the original version with new songs added, said director Robin Blake.

Show times are 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, May 22; 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24. Adult tickets are \$5 and student tickets are \$3. Tickets are available at LMS, 435-1681.

House tour

The Mathews County Historical Society recently announced its fourth Historic House Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 13. The tour will feature Fitchett's Wharf, Ivison Hall, King's Gift, The Cottage, and The Inn at Tabb Creek. Also, Tompkins Cottage and other points of interest will be open. Tickets are \$20 prior to May 31, or \$25.

Proceeds will provide funding to further the efforts to preserve, restore, and protect the heritage of Mathews County and to educate through such projects as Tompkins Cottage, New Point Light House, Fort Nonsense, and the Mathews Archives.

To order tickets, send checks payable to MCHS to Judy Burroughs, P. O. Box 7, Susan, VA 23163; or call Barbara VanOver at 725-5815.

Works by two artists on display at RW-C

Artists Nancy Belcher and Ginny Dumouchelle are featured this month at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington. Their artwork is on display in the Chesapeake Center.

Visitors may view the works between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Nancy Belcher's expression of art has been developed through watercolor painting. Developing her skills and

Fife and drum

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 18, at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

The "Williamsburg Field Musick" fife and drum group will play music and marches of the colonial period. All are former members of the "Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums."

Grace-ful concerts

The Grace-ful Summer Sounds concert series recently announced its June program. The free concerts are in the field next to Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Folks should bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner at 6 p.m.

A one-hour concert will begin at 7 p.m. In event of rain, the concert will move inside the church. The program includes the Billy Williams Jazz Quartet June 2, the Doctors of Jazz June 10, Jackass Flats June 17 and Steptoe Brass June 24.

School raffle

Northern Neck Montessori School is holding a raffle to raise funds for their scholarship fund and classroom materials. Top prize is \$1,000 and tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be announced. Call 435-3503 for tickets.

Theater

The Lions of Northumberland County will present "An Evening at the Theater" with a one-act play, "It's the Ghostly Truth," by Vernon Morris; and "Conversations with Mark Twain."

Shows will be staged May 23 at 7:30 p.m. and May 24 at 2 p.m. in the new Northumberland High School auditorium. The fee is \$10. For reservations, call 453-3156, or e-mail requests to twainmail@kabalero.com.

Banner Lecture

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS) at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond will host a Banner Lecture at noon May 28.

Washington scholar Dr. John Ferling will present "The Ascent of George Washington: The Hidden Political Genius of an American Icon." For directions and admission information, call 358-4901 or vahistorical.org.

Mental health

May is Mental Health Month. According to the National Institute of Health, more than 26 percent of Americans over age 18 will suffer from a mental disorder in a given year. Though mental illness is quite common, it is widely misunderstood.

To learn more about services or get help, contact the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board at 758-5314, or mpncsb.org.

Engagements



Michael Vincent Brent and Joan LeeAnn Crockett

Crockett-Brent

Mrs. Shirley Crockett of Mathews announces the engagement of her daughter, Joan LeeAnn Crockett, to Michael Vincent Brent of Lancaster.

Miss Crockett is the daughter of the late Elmer F. Crockett, formerly of Mathews.

The prospective groom is the son of Mrs. Pamela Brent of Lancaster and the late Morton Brent, formerly of Lancaster.

Miss Crockett is employed by Well Fargo Advisors.

Mr. Brent is employed by United Parcel Service.

A June wedding in Gloucester is planned.

Picking party set for June 6

Roanoke Farm in Heathsville will host the second annual Bluegrass and Barbecue Picking Party from 5 to 8 p.m. June 6.

Proceeds will benefit St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and outreach partners, Hospice of the Northern Neck and SAIF Water.

The Honeywind Bluegrass Boys will perform a variety of traditional bluegrass, country and gospel music.

Roanoke, owned by A. Mason Brent, is recognized as a Virginia Century Farm. It has been in the Brent family for more than 150 years. The house dates from the middle of the 18th century.

Brent will oversee a traditional whole hog barbecue. The menu will include pulled and chopped smoked pork barbecue, hot dogs, baked beans, slaw, dessert and soft drinks. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the farm. Tickets may be purchased at EVB and Bank of Lancaster in Heathsville and Bank of Essex in Callao; or by calling 804-724-4238.



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BY ROSS CHRISTIANSEN



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The grounds at Bali Hai are among the five sites on the 2009 Just Gardens Tour.

Garden tour is this weekend in Lancaster

The Just Gardens Tour will be held Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days.

The tour includes five gardens in Lancaster County, two on the Corrotoman River, another at the headwaters of Indian Creek, one overlooking King Carter Golf Course and one at the entrance to Carter's Creek.

The Bali Hai garden is at the headwaters of the Western Branch of the Corrotoman. The owners, Donna and Buddy Beason, left in place the few trees and shrubs that had been planted, opened some areas to the sun, and added substantially to the entire property.

"For visitors looking for a beautiful setting to enjoy a picnic lunch, this is the spot," said CJ Carter.

There are many cozy nooks with a bench or a table and chairs, plus curving walls to sit on and relax. In front of the house is a 160-foot-long water feature with four koi and goldfish ponds, seven waterfalls and a center island of 105 tons of rock. Rough-cut stone walls and paved paths form a backdrop. Mondo grass and ajuga are planted in the area to prevent erosion.

Astilbe, heuchera, iris, azaleas, ferns and hosta are featured in beds on the river side and pond side. A mesh-lined bed contains Asiatic, Oriental and orienpet lilies. The river side of the property has quiet walkways and paths leading to a pool, dock and boat house.

Tickets may be purchased for \$15 on tour days at any garden.

Northern Neck Decorator Showcase set for June 4-7

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington will host a Northern Neck Decorator Showcase June 4 through 7. The showcase will feature five, custom-decorated homes, a tour of the White Garden and an alfresco tearoom. Many items on display at the showcase will be available for sale.

Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

RW-C will offer refreshments for sale at its lakeside gazebo. Staff and residents will answer questions about the White Garden.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and are good for all four days of the showcase. Tickets may be purchased May 1 at the participating decorators' shops, branch offices of showcase co-sponsor Chesapeake Bank, popular shopping destinations in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula and rw-c.org. Proceeds benefit the RW-C Foundation.

"RW-C is the perfect venue for the Northern Neck's inaugural decorator showcase," said Micki Clay, who is coordinating the showcase. "The grounds and gardens are lovely, the homes are spacious and well-appointed, the food is fabulous, there's plenty of parking and even a shuttle for those who'd rather ride than walk. Where else could we showcase so much river style?"

Each of the decorators participating in the inaugural Northern Neck Decorator Showcase has a reputation for high-quality, creative interior decor in keeping with the Northern Neck's coastal-chic aesthetic, said Clay.

Participant will include Chesapeake and Crescent of Kilmarnock, The Pedestal of Kilmarnock, Interior Innovations of White Stone, Nunnally's Floors and Decorating with Northern Neck Home and Garden of Warsaw, and ReArrangements with Brocante Home of Irvington.

Dowsers to meet at Greenpoint Nursery

The Chesapeake Bay Dowsers will meet Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Greenpoint Nursery at 5339 Mary Ball Road in Lively.

Meetings will now be held on the third Sunday of every month. New members and those with inquiring minds are welcome.

This month, Bill Bonnell, founder and president of Greenpoint Nursery Inc., will continue the instruction on dowsing for personal health and well-being. Participants also will learn to dowse for lost objects.

Dowsing works in the same

way that radios pick up information from unseen radio waves; the pendulum acts as an antenna that receives information from the vibrations and electromagnetic energy waves emitted by people, places, thoughts and things.

Dowsing has been used throughout history for everything from locating water to finding lost children. A British colonel, Kenneth Merrylees, used his dowsing skills during World War II to locate bombs with delayed-action fuses that had penetrated deep into the earth.

More recently, in the 1960s,

Students to stage musical May 22-24

The combined drama clubs of Lancaster Middle School and Lancaster High School will present "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown!" May 22 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., May 23 at 7 p.m. and May 24 at 2 p.m.

"This musical will entertain students and parents alike and bring to life all their favorite Peanuts characters," said Robin Blake.

Lucy is played by Grace Perkins, Charlie Brown is played by John May, Linus is played by Carter Robbins

and Wyatt McCranie. Sally is played by Meghan Frere and Katherine Keyser. Schroeder is played by Katelyn Keyser. Snoopy is played by Kristen Connelly.

"We also have a fabulous chorus who support the main characters in some of your favorite songs, such as 'The Baseball Game' and 'Happiness,'" said Blake.

Adult tickets are \$5 and student tickets are \$3. Tickets are available at LMS; or call Blake at 435-1681.

Memorial Day service slated at Christ Church

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church will host a Memorial Day service May 25 at Christ Church in Weems.

The service, sponsored by the Northern Neck Military Officers Association of America and American Legion Post 86,

will begin at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Joseph E. De Francisco, who served in the U.S. Army for 34 years.

The Lancaster High School band will perform, and members of the LHS ROTC will present the colors.

Poppy days are coming

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 86 will distribute poppies Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22, in front of the Tri-Star Supermarket in Kilmarnock.

The poppies, made by veterans, are in commemoration of Americans who lost their lives fighting in World War I.

The donations the ladies receive for their poppies are used to support veterans and community activities of the ladies auxiliary.

"When you pick up your poppy, donate liberally and wear it proudly in memory of all servicemen who died in the service of their country," said Fred Ajoitian.

Retired teachers to learn about reverse mortgages

Mickey Yonke of EBV will be the guest speaker at the spring meeting of Retired Teachers of Lancaster and Northumberland County schools.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. May 20.

Reverse mortgage is a bank plan to help senior citizens

keep their home and yet have the same living style conditions as in the past, said Jayne C. Jackson.

Coffee and juice will be served beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Retired teachers may call Jackson at 438-5710 concerning the meeting.

LHS concert and dinner set

The bands of Lancaster High School will perform at the Viva Red Devils, Italian-themed Dinner Concert Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. The dinner and show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children.

The dinner includes manicotti, mixed vegetables, garlic

bread and cinnamon pound cake. The freshmen, concert and symphonic bands will perform Italian music.

Band director Robbie Spiers urges alumni band members to attend with their families.

Tickets are available at the school during regular hours, or call the band room at 462-0697, or Spiers at home at 435-6580.

Memorial service set at Bethel UMC

Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively will hold its 20th annual Memorial Day Ceremony May 25 at 9 a.m. It will last about 45 minutes.

A wreath will be placed in honor of the 121 servicemen buried in Bethel Cemetery. American Legion Post 86 in Kilmarnock will provide the color guard.

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt.

James Preston Hodsdon will speak.

The "Call to Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Robbie Spiers. The roll call of the deceased in the cemetery will be read by members of the Bethel UMC men and the Men's Chorus will sing a patriotic medley accompanied by Deborah Beuchelt and the Lively handbell ringers.

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Relay will include survivor brunch June 20

The Lancaster-Northern Neck Relay For Life will be held June 20, at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock. The festivities will begin at 8 a.m. Cancer survivors will lead the first lap at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Following the survivors lap, a boxed brunch, catered by Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury's chef, will be served to all survivors and one of their caregivers. A combination of breakfast and luncheon foods will be included in the box with coffee and juice provided by the local relay chapter.

To participate, register with Mary Lynn Slaughter at mkslaughter@kaballero.com, or call 453-4433 and leave name, tee-shirt size, and the number of people attending.

"We welcome all survivors in Lancaster and Northumberland counties as well as those on the Middle Peninsula," said Slaughter. "If you have family and friends visiting that day, bring them out for a fun day to support the American Cancer Society and honor family and friends for their strides in deal-

ing with all types of cancer."

Purchase a luminary to be lighted Saturday night in honor or in memory of a friend, family member or loved one. Bags will be available June 20.

"Please come out and join us in our efforts to wipe out cancer in our lifetime," said Slaughter.

Preservation program set

To celebrate Preservation Month, professional conservators will speak on and demonstrate ways to conserve family heirlooms at Stratford Hall Saturday, May 16.

Stratford director of preservation Phil Mark will speak and give a demonstration at 11 a.m. Stratford Hall curator

Gretchen Goodell will speak at 1:30 p.m. Carey Howlett will speak at 2:30 p.m.

If able, attendees should bring their heirlooms for specific advice.

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The Rappahannock Women's Chorale practices for the upcoming concert.

Heritage Concert returns May 30

The annual Heritage Concert will be presented at 8 p.m. May 30 at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock by the Rappahannock Women's Chorale and the Northern Neck Big Band. Proceeds are donated to area school music programs.

The chorale is directed by Brenda Burtner and accompanied by elementary music specialist Todd Barnes. "Selections were chosen to reflect pride in our past, hope in the present, and faith in the future," said Burtner.

Among the songs are

"Together Wherever We Go," "Simple Gifts," "You Raise Me Up," "Gonna Build a Mountain" and "American Anthem."

The 12-member Northern Neck Big Band is directed by Lancaster Middle School band director Glen Burtner. The "Big Band" era will be represented by "In the Mood," "Harlem Nocturne," "Saint Louis Blues," and "A String of Pearls."

Tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, Ross's Rings and Things and Twice Told Tales.

Public health agencies offer tips to avoid flu

The Red Cross and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer the following flu prevention tips to ensure residents stay healthy, according to Northumberland County Red Cross chapter publicity chair Joan Kroll.

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective when soap and water are not available.
- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of tissue.

• Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing. If sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Consult a healthcare provider if the following flu symptoms develop: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, extreme tiredness, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Woodard presents designs

Kilmarnock Garden Club past president Sue Woodard created examples of parallel and tubular designs for members and guests at the April meeting.

Members will have an opportunity later in the year to put into practice what they learned. They found the unusual containers that Woodard and her husband had made of great interest.

The artistic design for the month, "let's get innovative," required use of plant material from the designers' home gardens. All the exhibitors were novices. Anne Lewis and Ruby Wilson received blue awards and Becky Nunn and Jenny Saam won red awards.

Due to abundant spring rains

the horticulture entries were many and of high quality. Paula Boundy won 18 blue, 3 red and 2 yellow awards. Her "Audubon at Home Garden" in Hill's Quarter has been created as a wildlife habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and other creatures. Its focus is mostly on native plants. The club's May 19 meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at her garden.

Other horticulture award winners were Ersel Buckley-Sharp 3 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow; Becky Goode, 5 blue, 4 red; Gayle Hudnall, 1 blue, 1 red; Lewis, 3 blue; Nunn, 1 blue; Margaret Peill, 3, blue, 1 red; Saam, 8 blue, 4 red; and Midge Spreight, 1 red.

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Habitat for Humanity representatives visit Rotary

Nan Flynn and Carol Shannon recently visited with the Northern Neck Rotary to thank the club for its support of the Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity's program and to bring the club up-to-date on recent activities.

Flynn reported Habitat had completed its 11th home on the Park Pond Road tract and is preparing to begin number 12.

Applications would be taken during April for a family to become a new homeowner of the next Habitat house, she said.

Working individuals or families living in substandard housing may be eligible to purchase a home through Habitat.

The project becomes a partnership between Habitat and the purchaser because the eventual owner must invest time in the construction of the house and then



From left are Nan Flynn, Rotary president Disk Slember and Carol Shannon.

buys the house with a non-interest mortgage.

Habitat relies on volunteer labor, having only one paid employee who serves as superintendent of the build.

Materials are received either by donation or at discounted prices through the generosity of local suppliers, said Flynn.

Flynn and Shannon outlined some of the needs of the organization going for-

ward. Volunteers are needed to assist in the actual building. The last house was completed largely through the efforts of a Canadian crew

from the Kanata United Church in Ontario.

The second need is storage space. "At times we are unable to accept donated materials or unable to take advantage of discount offers as we have nowhere to store them," said Shannon.

The third is land. There is only one lot left in the current tract according to Flynn. Habitat also is looking into locating an affordable house which can be renovated to provide much needed housing.

The club meets Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Lee's Restaurant on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

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Lettice Lee Chapter meets

The Lettice Lee Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII century met May 2 at Andrew Chapel of the United Methodist Church in Montross.

Virginia state president Nan Ackerman of Burke swore in new officers for 2009-2011.

Ackerman said her state project will involve scholarships for students attending college. The Colonial Dames have national and state scholarships for deserving students with a major in history.

Members also voted to purchase and have installed a frame on which to mount the plaque they recently presented to Westmoreland County marking the birth-



President Ferne Walker-Bernhardt of the Lettice Lee Chapter presents a thank-you gift to Nan Ackerman.

place of James Monroe. Following Ackerman's presentation, lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

Hawley speaks to Women's Club

The Women's Club of Lancaster County held its monthly meeting April 8.

June Furbish presented each member in attendance with the "Little Paul" daylily from her garden. She spoke of her extensive daylily plantings and offered suggestions for planting and dividing the lilies that she had shared with the membership.

The guest speaker was Carolyn Hawley, who presented an informative program on the history and development of the "First Friday Walkabouts," said Fran Mickel. She spoke of the volunteer efforts of the Rappahannock Art League and Kilmarnock small-business owners as the idea of this community event has evolved.

The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce now hosts this pop-



Carolyn Hawley

ular family event which continues to provide opportunities for a variety of entertainment, shopping experiences and family fun, said Mickel. Following the program, members and guests enjoyed lunch.

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NOTES

from the
Mary Ball Washington Museum
and Library in Lancaster

by Charlotte Henry

Throughout the past year, we have embarked on virtual visits to remarkable historic landmark properties in Lancaster, Northumberland and Richmond counties. Adhering to prescribed criteria, careful consideration is given to each locally proposed nominee for inclusion in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Buildings of exceptional architectural interest, both grand and modest, certainly comprise a goodly number of entries, as do archaeological sites from which excavated relics reveal evidence of early residents' lifestyles and industry. With names more widely recognized, the birthplaces or later homes of our presidents and others whose achievements have made their mark on the nation's history, are inevitably elevated to landmark status.

Westmoreland, the fourth county included in the traditional quartet called "The Northern Neck," exemplifies the diversity of interesting sites we can visit within our neighboring communities. At Wakefield, formerly Pope's Creek, George Washington was born and spent the first few years of his childhood. At the age of 11, he returned to what was then the home of his half brother, Augustine, where he began his studies as a surveyor. The house burned in 1779, and in 1930, archaeologists uncovered the foundations of a U-shaped timber frame dwelling. The property is now under the care of the National Park Service.

Blenheim, an extant, restored structure is adjacent to Wakefield and was built to replace the family home where Washington was born. His nephew, William Augustine Washing-

ton, built the late Georgian house when he married Sarah Tayloe of Mt. Airy in Richmond County.

Our fifth president, James Monroe, another son of Westmoreland, is memorialized at the James Monroe Archaeological Site, where the 18-foot-by-57-foot footprint of Monroe Hall is evident. Monroe lived in the early house until 1774 when he became a student at William and Mary.

Two additional but very diverse properties offer students and historians an opportunity to research the lifestyle of a Revolutionary-era patriot and the relics of an important colonial industry. Chantilly, in the Montross area, was the home of Richard Henry Lee, delegate to the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

All that remain are the artifacts retrieved from a building that burned, possibly during the War of 1812.

At Glebe Harbor, excavations at the Morgan Jones Pottery Kiln Archaeological Site have revealed pottery shards from the enterprise which began in 1677, and which are a valuable tool in identifying and dating early colonial-era pottery.

Yeocomico Church at Tucker Hill, the earliest portion of which is alleged to have been built in 1706, has withstood the assaults which time and circumstance have rendered upon it. As with so many early houses of worship, it has been commandeered to house military personnel in three wars and at times, has stood vacant. Some time between 1730 to 1740, an addition was added, its architectural details reminiscent of post medieval construction.



Scouts and leaders presenting the bee cake are (from left) Jordan Chinn, Scoutmaster William "June Bug" Jones, committee chairman Sam Bridgeman, Devonta Butler and Trevor Carter. To join the Boy Scouts, call Bridgeman at 453-5806, or Scoutmaster Jones at 436-7975.

Beekkeepers receive bee upon graduation

Boy Scout Troop 215 of Wicomico Parish Church in Wicomico Church recently presented a bee cake made by unit commissioner Betty Bridgeman to the first graduating class of the Northern Neck Beekeepers.

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Extension agent Matt Lewis helped set up the class with assistance from Maggie Lyons, Catherine Bennett and Susan Christopher.

There is now an active association of beekeepers in the lower Northern Neck, said Christopher.

Little Farm exhibit set for Children's Museum

Old MacDonald had a farm, and soon the Children's Museum of Richmond will have one, too. Virginia Farm Bureau will sponsor a new toddler exhibit at the museum called "Little Farm," to open June 19. The 4,000-square-foot exhibit's theme was selected for its universal appeal to young children and its reflection of the importance of agriculture in the museum's service area. "Little Farm was selected

specifically to give young children and their caregivers a space to play, imagine and create that highlights the importance of farms to all of our lives," said museum president and chief executive officer Karen Coltrane. Plans for the exhibit include a pond and farm house; a model cow that children can milk; a puppet theater in a barn; and a silo slide. On the opening day of the exhibit, there will be a farmers' market at the museum and other farm-themed activities.

June art show set

Art on Fishing Bay with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. June 5 at the Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville.

Exhibitors will display their creations to both browsers and buyers, according to publicity coordinator Jere Dennison. Each will contribute an item

to the Leukemia Cup auction July 10, during the big Regatta weekend.

The reception will include refreshments and entertainment. Admission is a donation benefiting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and an hors d'oeuvre to share with fellow art aficionados.

Parish plans market day for October 10

Committees are planning the first "Wicomico Parish Market Day" at Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church October 10.

The emphasis will be on food, according to spokesperson Pauli Dillard. This event will replace the traditional Christmas Bazaar the parish has produced for several

Book on mercury poisoning and vaccine safety is released

Northern Neck publisher Fourth Lloyd Productions recently announced the release of *Sacred Spark* by the Rev. Lisa K. Sykes.

The book relates the true story of a child affected by mercury poisoning and his minister-mother's decade-long battle to restore the light in his eyes.

It is also the story of the Rev. Sykes' work to eliminate mercury from medicines and a call for putting the health of all children first. Through her efforts, the United Methodist Church with 11.5 million members passed the first global resolution in 2008 advocating the elimination of mercury from medicine.

The book is for people concerned about the rising rates of learning, behavioral and neuro-developmental disorders among children. Autism is growing at a startling rate of 10 to 17 percent a year, implying that the disorder could reach several million American children in the next decade, said publisher Nancy Stodart.

The book may be purchased from the publisher at sacredsparkbook.com, at the Book Nook in Kilmarnock, from Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, Amazon.com.uk and Ingrams book distributors.

decades.

The earlier date will allow for more fresh produce, some of which will be grown in parishioners' gardens this summer, said Dillard. There also will be a large bake sale featuring fresh baked breads and other goods, homemade soups and casseroles.

The men are going to be busy all summer collecting "good finds" for their yard sale the same day.

Proceeds from this event will go to meet the needs of the community.

Heritage Day planned July 4

Plans are under way for the annual Deltaville Heritage Day July 4, celebrating Deltaville's 100th anniversary.

Events will include pet parade, children's parade, heroes parade, crab races, music, food, crafts, artists, free swimming at the community pool, baseball and fireworks.

Vendors, or anyone interested in volunteering, should contact Kris Scherrer at 776-7117. The deadline for vendor applications is June 6.

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At left, Henry Hull of Lancaster attempts to steal the ball from two Northumberland players during a Northern Neck District JV game last Wednesday. The Indians shut out the Devils, 5-0.

Lancaster soccer squads stuck in slump

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster's varsity soccer team lost three straight Northern Neck District games last week to fall to 1-4-1 in the league.

The Devils will cap regular season play at home Saturday, May 16, in a make-up game against Essex. The JV game will begin at 11 a.m. with the varsity to follow.

Essex and Washington & Lee continue to battle for the top spot in the regular season and should finish as the top two seeds for next week's district tournament, beginning May 20 at W&L. Northumberland, Lancaster and Rappahannock

are still vying for the bottom two spots.

Rappahannock edged Lancaster Monday night, 2-1, with Ryan Rinehart scoring the only goal for LHS, which took 14 shots.

Goalkeeper Danny Hayden made eight saves for the Devils.

Washington & Lee shut out the Devils, 4-0, last Friday with Hayden making 13 stops.

The Indians beat the Devils, 2-1, last Wednesday.

Ryan Suchan and Carson Klein scored for the Indians.

Lancaster took 18 shots on goal with one of Stephen Blunt's getting

past NHS goalkeeper Nick Cockrell.

Hayden made 14 saves for Lancaster.

Junior varsity

In JV games, Lancaster lost three straight Northern Neck District outings last week. The Indians shut out the Devils, 5-0, last Wednesday and Washington & Lee blanked the Devils, 4-0, on Friday.

Rappahannock downed the Devils, 2-0, Monday.

Phillip Humphreys worked hard in the goal for Lancaster, fending off eight shots by the Raiders and making 14 saves against the Eagles.

Red Devils turn up the heat as baseball season comes to a close

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

After getting off to a slow start, the varsity Devils are picking up speed just in time for the Northern Neck District tournament.

The Devils have won three of their last four games and are 3-3 in the district with two games remaining. A win in either could put the varsity baseball team into tie-breaking situations. The Devils could be playing a playoff game early next week to decide the first and second place spots or to decide the third and fourth place seeds, depending on their performances this week against Rappahannock and Northumberland. Lancaster ends regular season play today (May 14) at home against the Indians. Game time is 7 p.m. at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock.

The district tournament begins Tuesday, May 19, at Northumberland. Unfortunately, none of the seedings have been determined.

Lancaster picked up its third district win Monday night, 6-2, over Washington & Lee.

Chris Buzzell went all seven innings on the mound. He allowed three hits, walked three and struck out 14.

Josh Pittman, who went 3-for-3 with three runs scored, put the Devils on the board in the third inning. He reached first on a base hit, then stole second and scored on an error.

He led a three-run rally in the fifth after leading off with a single and moving to third off a hit by Buzzell. Chris Weber recorded the RBI on a single to score Pittman and William Somers sent Buzzell home on a fielder's choice. With two outs, Will Barrack had an RBI single to score Weber to put the Devils up, 4-0.

Pittman came through with a one-out triple in the sixth and scored off a single by Buzzell. Buzzell's courtesy runner, Michael Alston, came home off a base hit by Weber.

Buzzell, Weber and Barrack collected two hits each. Weber scored once and had two RBIs.

The Devils also picked up a 6-2 district win over Essex last week. Buzzell had the win, fanning 13, walking two and allowing five hits.

At the plate, Shaq Harvey



Will Barrack put in three innings on the mound for Lancaster last Saturday in a non-district game against Cosby. The Devils lost to the Richmond-based team, 3-1. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

went 3-for-3 with a run and RBI and Ty Laws was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

In non-district games, Lancaster beat Colonial Beach, 12-2, with Pittman going 3-for-3 with three runs and Somers batting 2-for-2 with 5 RBIs. Daniel Rasmussen was 1-for-1 with two runs scored.

Laws had the win on the mound. He struck out nine in four innings.

Richmond-based Cosby

edged Lancaster, 3-1, last Saturday. The Devils had three pitchers take the mound against the Group AAA school. Laws went two innings to start, Barrack put in three innings of work and Ryan Hudson closed.

"It was a good solid pitching effort all around," said LHS coach Welby Saunders. "The boys played a good game."

Pittman scored Lancaster's only run in the first inning off an error.

Lady Devils battle for second

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The Lady Red Devils are fighting for a second place seed in next week's Northern Neck District varsity softball tournament.

After splitting games against Essex and Washington & Lee last week, Lancaster is 4-2 in the district and vying for the second-place spot against Rappahannock.

Essex has a lock on first place and W&L should be the #4 seed, barring any major upsets.

The tournament begins Tuesday, May 19, at Essex with the host Trojans playing the #4 seed at 3:30 p.m. and the #2 and #3 seeds playing 30 minutes after that game's completion.

Essex barely got by Lancaster, 2-1, last Thursday with Takeia Jones fanning four batters, allowing seven hits and walking one for the Devils.

At the plate, Nicole Crowther batted 2-for-3 with a single, double and RBI to lead LHS.

Crowther batted in Nicole Shelton in the second inning for Lancaster's only run. Shelton had a double and run scored and Whitney Spence was 1-for-3.

Essex had taken a 1-0 lead off a solo homer by Megan Wade in the first inning, then scored the go-ahead run in the fourth when Kelsey Baughan hit a single to score Ebony Venev.

Shelton hit a two RBI single to score Spence and Kim-

berly Crockett for a 3-2 win over Washington & Lee on Monday.

Spence and Crockett had reached on base hits in the fifth inning and Shelton brought in the tying and winning runs with a single. She went 2-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored to lead Lancaster's offense.

The Lady Devils scored their first run in the first inning when Shelton was hit by a pitch to reach base and her sister, Nicole Shelton, brought her in with an RBI single.

On the mound, Jones tossed a two-hitter, walked two and struck out three.

Lancaster will end regular season play today (May 14) at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock. Game time is 5 p.m.

In baseball, W&L beats LHS JV, 7-1

Washington & Lee scored four runs off two singles and two doubles in the first inning and went on to beat Lancaster, 7-1, in a JV baseball game last Thursday.

Alex Williams struck out nine in a full six innings on the mound for Lancaster.

Colie Haydon was 2-for-3 with a single, double and run scored to lead the Devils' offense. Williams went 1-for-2 with a walk, single and the team's only RBI.

Lancaster is scheduled to end regular season play today (May 14) at Northumberland.

In JV softball, Lady Devils top W&L, 5-2

Brooke Hudnall fanned 14 batters in a full game for Lancaster last Wednesday when the Lady Devils downed Washington & Lee, 5-2, in a Northern Neck District JV softball game.

Desiree Selph had two

hits to lead Lancaster, while Casey Clarke, Ammoni Roane, Brooke Hudnall and Brie Noel had a hit each.

The Lady Devils are scheduled to end their season today (May 14) at Northumberland.

Scoreboard

Varsity baseball
Lancaster 6, W&L 2
Cosby 3, Lancaster 1
Lancaster 6, Essex 2
Lanc. 12, Colonial Beach 2

JV baseball
Washington & Lee 7, Lanc. 1

Varsity softball
Lancaster 3, W&L 2
Essex 2, Lancaster 1

JV softball
Lanc. 5, Washington & Lee 2

Varsity soccer
Rappahannock 2, Lancaster 1
W&L 4, Lancaster 0
Northumberland 2, Lanc. 1

JV soccer
Northumberland 5, Lanc. 0
W&L 4, Lancaster 0
Rappahannock 2, Lancaster 0

Upcoming Games
Varsity baseball/softball
(LHS home games at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock)
May 14:
Northumberland at Lancaster (softball 5 p.m., baseball 7 p.m.)
May 19:
Northern Neck District tournament semifinals at Northumberland
Tournament pairings and results will be posted at RRECORD.COM as they become available to the press.

JV baseball/softball
(5 p.m.)
May 14:
Lancaster at Northumberland

Varsity/JV soccer
May 20:
Northern Neck District tournament semifinals at Washington & Lee (beginning at 3:30 p.m.)
Track
May 21:
Region A track meet at West Point (2 p.m.)

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Weekly Tides

Windmill Point/Grey's Point - Sunrise & Moon - May, 2009

Day	High	Low	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri. 5/15	3:42 1.2'	10:26 0.4'	5:55 8:08	5:55 8:08	12:53	11:06
Sat 5/16	4:29 1.1'	11:11 0.4'	5:55 8:09	5:55 8:09	12:22	12:05
Sun 5/17	5:19 1.1'	11:59 0.4'	5:54 8:10	5:54 8:10	1:48	1:05
Mon 5/18	12:25 0.5'	6:13 1.1'	5:53 8:10	5:53 8:10	2:13	2:05
Fri 5/19	1:26 0.4'	7:09 1.1'	5:52 8:11	5:52 8:11	2:38	3:07
Wed 5/20	2:24 0.3'	8:04 1.1'	5:52 8:12	5:52 8:12	3:03	4:11
Thu 5/21	3:20 0.2'	8:58 1.1'	5:51 8:13	5:51 8:13	3:31	5:20
Fri 5/22	4:13 0.1'	9:50 1.1'	5:50 8:14	5:50 8:14	4:03	6:32

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PM times are in boldface type

Kids Fishing Day set June 6

In celebration of National Kids Fishing Month, Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends and the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge will host Kids Fishing Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 6 at Wilna Pond.

Every child fishing in the derby will receive a free

goodie bag. In addition to free fishing, the event will feature food and beverages, lots of prize drawings and fun activities.

Youngsters must pre-register by calling 333-1470. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Zebco is a sponsor.

Sport Shorts

Spanish mackerel tourney

The Lancaster County Little League Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament will be held August 22. Prizes for the largest fish are \$2,000 for first, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third. Other prizes, including junior and lady angler awards, also will be awarded. Prize amounts are based on a 50-boat registration. Weigh-in will be at Chesapeake Boat Basin in Kilmarnock, a tourney cosponsor.

The early entry fee of \$150 per boat should be postmarked before July 1. The entry fee after July 1 is \$175. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entry forms and checks should be sent to YCLC, c/o Kathy Pittman, 660 Regina Road, Lancaster, VA 22503. For entry forms, call 435-0621.

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Seahorse crew team places third in state

The Christchurch School crew men's second varsity four placed third in the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta May 9 at Occoquan Reservoir in Fairfax Station.

The boat was crewed by coxswain Josh Kling, bow Sam McLaughlin, seat two Kyle Byrd, seat three Tim Johnson, and stroke Chris Ritenour.

This is coach Steve Fluhr's final season coaching at Christchurch School.

Team members, parents and fans noted the victories have been gratifying and he will be missed by all, especially his team, who wished him God-speed in his future coaching and teaching career.



From left are (front row) Josh Kling, Chris Ritenour, Sam McLaughlin, Kyle Byrd and Tim Johnson; (next row) coach Steve Fluhr.

RW-C announces tournament winners

Carole Lloyd had the longest drive and Frank Klein was closest to the pin at the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation's 25th annual Open Golf Tournament on April 21 at King Carter Golf Course.

Chef David Coontz and the dining services staff prepared the awards reception at RW-C following the day's play. Tournament proceeds benefit the foundation's Fellowship Fund, which provides financial assistance to qualified residents for entrance or monthly fees, and to qualified participants in the Adult Day Program.

"On behalf of the recipients of the RW-C Foundation's Fellowship Fund, we appreciate the support of all the golfers, sponsors, donors and volunteers for our 25th annual Open Golf Tournament. It was a pleasure being at the King Carter Golf Club again this year," said vice-president for development Whiz Harris.

The women's flight was won by Isabelle Bunch, Betty Fay

Lewis, Carole Lloyd and Alice Helen Wohlleben.

The men's first flight winners were Matt Ficklin, Jamie Webb, Steve Hall and Charles Faulkner. Second flight winners were Michael Saunders, Chip Childress, Robert Haskins and Greg Hatch, sponsored by MD Associates Inc.

Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Investment Group sponsored third flight winners John O'Shaughnessy, Greg Powell, Jimmy Carter and Susan Hill. Bay Design Group sponsored fourth flight winners Gordon Jones, Robert Allen, Jason Miles and Hal Muller.

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Other prizes and donations were given by Area Access, Inc., Bank of Lancaster, Beltone, Car Wash Café and Catering, Chesapeake Bank, Curves, H & S Printing, Hope and Glory Inn, Khakis, The Dandelion and White Stone Pharmacy.

Coastal Builders sponsored the lunch, and Mooer's Volvo sponsored the hole-in-one prize.

The tournament committee included chairman Ed French, Bob Barlowe, Ken Bransford, Isabelle Bunch, Dixon Foster, Keith Hudgins, Billy Hudson, Pat Kirby, J Moon, John O'Shaughnessy, Violet Whay, Pat Willett and Alice Helen Wohlleben. Harris and King Carter golf pro J.D. Wilson assisted the committee.

College football coaches to play in golf tournament

The 16th Annual Jacob's Ladder Golf Classic Friday, May 15, will feature a competition between the football coaching staffs of two Division I-AA NCAA teams.

The coaches of the National Champion Richmond Spiders will battle the coaches of the William & Mary Indians.

Richmond head coach Mike London, National Coach of the Year, will play for the Spiders.

Also playing for the Spiders

will be former UR standout quarterback Stacy Tutt, formerly of Essex County. Tutt played for two seasons with the NFL New York Jets.

The tournament will be at the Golden Eagle Golf Course near Irvington. There are still openings. Call 1-800-368-2870 or 804-758-0712, or email contact@jladder.org to register.

The format is four-person teams; preferred drive; play

own ball thereafter; and count two best scores. Registration is at 10:30 a.m.; contests are at 11 a.m.; and a shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

There will be lunch, a celebration supper and awards. The entry fee is \$150 per person.

Proceeds support the cost of the board and room at a five-week residential academic enrichment camp for at-risk, intellectually-gifted children served by Jacob's Ladder.



Zaimes aces hole

James Zaimes, a junior and member of the varsity golf team at Christchurch School, on May 1 shot a hole-in-one against Richmond Collegiate at the Country Club of Virginia's Tuckahoe Course. Using a 5 iron on the 178-yard par three hole, he hit the ball onto the green where it bounced lightly into the hole. Zaimes plays number one for the Seahorses. He is the son of Nick and Barb Zaimes of Reedville.

Kellum wins three gold medals

Skylar Kellum of Kilmarnock earned three gold medals at the recent 2009 USA Gymnastics Virginia State Championships at Novaks Gymnastics in Dumfries.

She won golds in Level 9 trampoline, Level 10 double mini trampoline and Level 8 tumbling. She achieved national qualifying scores in the three events and has earned a place in the 2009 USA Gymnastics Junior Olympics to be held in San Jose, Calif., in June.

Kellum is a member of the High Flyers Junior Olympic Team. She trains under coach Janice Collins at the Northern Neck Athletic Center in Callao. The team is preparing to attend the Region VI Championships in May.



Skylar Kellum

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Bridge Results

Four-and-a-half tables of bridge were in play May 6 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; and second (tie)

Mary Andrews and Carolyn Reed, and Dianne Monroe and Cynthia Birdsall

The next bridge for this group is June 3 at 1 p.m.



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Chilton tourney

Registration is open for the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library's 2009 Treemie Chilton Memorial Golf Tournament. The "4 Man Captain's Choice" tournament will be held May 30 at the Tartan Golf Club in Weems. Sign-in begins at 11 a.m. followed by a shot-gun start at noon. A \$10,000 hole-in-one prize is offered.

The entry fee is \$75 per person, or \$300 per team of four and includes greens fee, cart and box lunch. The entry deadline is May 15. Call 462-7280, or visit history@mbwm.org for a registration form. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels from \$75 to \$750.

Women on Target

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club will offer the fourth annual Women on Target Program May 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the club range at 640 Blueberry Point Road near White Stone.

The fee is \$10. All equipment will be provided by the club. To register, contact Peggy Cathey at 438-6069, or pegc@pleasantlife.com. Advance registration is required.

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A Doctor Speaks by George Moore, MD

Timely reminders

If you have a cold, try to remember that you are infectious to others one day before symptoms appear, and up to five days or so after becoming sick. Children tend to transmit the viral infections for seven days or longer.

Cold viruses, abundant in nasal secretions, are mainly spread by the hands. When you blow your nose, touch your face, or wipe your eyes, the virus transfers to your hands, and then to the objects and people you touch. Telephones and doorknobs can be easily contaminated.

To avoid spreading or catching a cold, the most important precaution is to wash your hands often and well. Hand sanitizers are also useful if you are not near a sink. Carry tissues and use them when you cough or sneeze into your hands.

If you think that you may be coming down with a cold, limit your contacts. Stay at least three feet away from those who are sick and don't share drinking glasses, utensils, phones or towels. These precautions will also apply to influenza.

You are no doubt aware that both grape juice and red wine contain flavonoids, compounds that are powerful antioxidants and anti-inflammatories. Last year, I reported that drinking red wine and purple grape juice provided immunity to help prevent colds. This finding is still in effect.

New studies now suggest that older adults with age-related cognitive decline who drink Concord grape juice can improve mental functioning. One study group who drank 15 to 20 ounces of grape juice each day for 12 weeks was compared to those who drank a placebo resembling grape juice. The individuals who received grape juice showed significant improvement in cognitive tasks such as list learning. Short-term retention and spatial memory also showed signs of a trend toward improvement.

Flavonoids in grape juice also have been shown to reduce oxidation of "bad" LDL cho-

lesterol that can lead to plaque formation on artery walls. However, research has found that alcohol breaks down the healthful antioxidants in wine more rapidly and eliminates them from the body, while antioxidants in grape juice continue to linger.

For maximum benefit, buy dark grape juice made from native Concord grapes and so labeled. The skins of Concord grapes contain the flavonoids.

Ghee is the Indian name for clarified butter. This is a liquid butterfat produced by melting butter and allowing the water to evaporate and the milk solids to separate out. In India, it's used as a main cooking fat and in Hindu rituals.

In the U.S., ghee is often sold as a "gourmet" and pricier butter. In a 1987 Lancet study, ghee was found to contain a substantial amount of oxidized cholesterol, making it potentially more harmful to arteries than butter, which has none.

Ghee is also high in saturated fat (8 grams per tablespoon), with more calories.

Some researchers think that ghee may be a factor in the high rates of heart disease in India and in Indian immigrants who continue to cook with it. So limit how much you eat. Indian restaurants typically use large amounts.

Some ghee is sold as a blend of clarified butter and partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, which contain harmful trans fats. "Vegetable ghee" may also contain trans fats.

If you like raw fish and are fearful of parasites, consider these forms of commercially preserved salmon, lox and Nova. Lox is heavily salted, but not smoked. Nova (from Nova Scotia) is cold-smoked and less heavily salted.

Salting and smoking does kill parasites, but theoretically they could survive cold smoking. Cold-smoking salmon is almost always deep-frozen before or after smoking, which also kills parasites.

As of this date, there have been no reports of parasitic infection from either commercial lox or Nova.



High scoring Smith wins

Barry Smith took top honors scoring 414 points of a possible 420 to convincingly win a Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club rimfire pistol match April 25. Doug Anderson finished second with a score of 390, and Tom Smith took third place at 382. From left are Doug Anderson, Barry Smith and Tom Smith.

Cycle group to observe Ride of Silence May 20

Area cyclists will participate in the national Ride of Silence observance Wednesday, May 20, to raise awareness of cycling safety and memorialize cyclists injured and killed in road accidents. May is National Bike

Safety Month.

Any cyclist may join the ride, sponsored by the Northern Neck Cycling Group. Participants will meet at 7 p.m. in the Kilmarnock town parking lot behind the Rappahannock Record offices on Main Street. They will follow a seven-mile route, riding at 12 miles per hour, wearing black arm bands, and observing silence during the ride.

"There are increasing numbers of cyclists who enjoy riding in the Northern Neck," said organizer Stephen Radcliffe. "We ask that motorists be aware of us, share the road, and permit us to ride in safety."

To join the Northern Neck Cycling Group, call Radcliffe at 580-3324.



Motor donated for auction

Linda Morris of the Northern Neck Rotary Club holds a 2009 Honda Short Shaft two HP four-stroke motor donated by Jett's Marine for the 19th annual CAPINNE dinner and auction July 18 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Tickets are \$60. Call 435-4169, or any club member.

Rep. Wittman to speak at refuge grand opening

Rep. Rob Wittman will speak at the grand opening of the Hutchinson Tract of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the refuge property at 19180 Tidewater Trail, north of Tappahannock. The opening ceremony and speakers' program will begin at 1:15 p.m.

The project, which began in 2007, includes 1.5 miles of wildlife viewing trails, a fishing pier and canoe launch on Mt. Land-

ing Creek, restrooms, and parking areas.

The celebration will include music by the Mulberries from Richmond County, and the New Old-Time String Band from Northern Virginia. Other attractions include live birds of prey, a kids' bird-calling contest, and other wildlife-oriented displays and activities.

To sign up for an 8 a.m. guided canoe/kayak trip or bird walk (reservations required), call 333-1470.

Bowling Results

Ladies League

In the week of April 27, D&L Doc n' Divas won three games against Yeatman's Forklift when JoAnne Paulette bowled a 371 set with games of 137 and 144. Linda Lake rolled a 355 set with games of 129, 125 and 101. Beverly Benson had a 334 set with games of 100, 108 and 126. Teresa Gill bowled a 137 game and Terry Stillman rolled games of 107 and 105. For Yeatman's, Betty Steffey had a 369 set with games of 136, 119 and 114. Pat Harris bowled a 345 set with games of 136, 100 and 109 and Mary York had a 125 game.

The Wal-Mart Rollers won two games against the Lancaster Tavern Girls (LTG) when Marie Piccard had a 304 set with games of 100 and 115. Sandra Evans bowled a 289 set and Vicki White rolled a 267 set. For LTG, Jean Reynolds had a 273 set and Pat Lewis bowled a 254 set.

Callis Seafood won two games against R.P. Waller when Mary Savalina rolled a 358 set with games of 122, 107 and 129. Betty Evans had a 340 set with games of 111, 109 and 120. Donna Thomas rolled a 336 set with games of 114 and 129. For R. P. Waller, Mary Lee Kent had a 334 set with games of 103 and 136. Ola Rae Nash bowled a 318 set with games of 118 and 113. Marsha Nash and Dee Atkins each rolled a 307 set.

In the week of May 4, Yeatman's Forklift won three games against R. P. Waller when Alma George bowled a 341 set with games of 115, 119 and 107. Kathryn Deihl rolled a 334 set with games of 100, 118 and 116. Mary York had a 314 set with games of 120 and 106. For R. P. Waller, Ola Rae Nash bowled a 334 set with games of 117, 104 and 113. Marsha Nash rolled a 310 set with games of 105, 105 and 100.

Callis Seafood won three games against the Wal-Mart Rollers when Donna Thomas had a 351 set with games of 130, 116 and 105. Betty Evans bowled a 345 set with games of 121, 118 and 106. Mary Savalina rolled a 331 set with games of 101, 129 and 101. For the Wal-Mart Rollers, Sandra Evans had a 334 set with games of 102, 130 and 102.

D&L Doc n' Divas won two games against LTG when Linda Lake rolled a 338 set with games of 102, 115 and 121. Terry Stillman had a 335 set with games of 112, 117 and 106. For LTG, Joan Bowles bowled a 314 set with games of 127 and 101. Elsie Rose rolled a 263 set.

Standings	W	L
Yeatman's	31	14
Callis Seafood	29	16
Doc n' Divas	27	18
R.P. Waller	20	25
Wal-Mart	18	27
LTG	10	35

Aeronautical group to meet

The Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter will meet at noon May 21 at the Pilot House in Topping. There will be a flying program.

Next month, Al Neff of Williamsburg will talk about his around-the-world flight that took him over the North and South poles.

The meetings are open to anyone interested in aviation. Anyone may join at any meeting.

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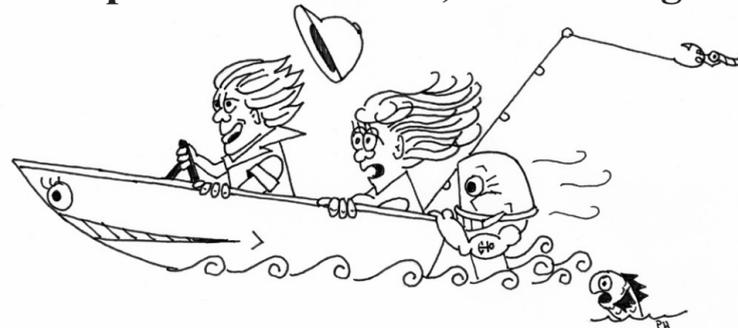
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LMS golf tourney

The Lancaster Middle School athletic department will host its 10th annual golf tournament May 17 at The Tartan Golf Course near Weems. The captain's choice tournament will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start.

The fee is \$240 per four-person team and includes 18-holes of golf with cart, post tournament awards ceremony and refreshments. The deadline to register is May 13. To register, contact Dave Zeiler at 435-1681.

Croaker tourney

The sixth annual Tappahannock Rotary Croaker Fishing Tournament will be held May 16. The largest croaker pays \$1,500, second place takes \$1,000, third place wins \$500 and the youth angler award for fishermen ages 16 and younger is \$250.

Fish must be caught on the Rappahannock between the Norris Bridge at White Stone and the Downing Bridge at Tappahannock. Entry fee is \$125 per boat. To register, call 514-4819, or visit bigcroaker.com.

Lions tournament

The Lancaster County Lions Club will hold its annual fundraising golf tournament May 20 at the Tartan Course in Weems. The tournament is open to men and women. The fee will be \$65 per person or \$260 per team. The deadline for registration is May 16.

Check-in time will be 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prizes will

be awarded in various categories. To register, call Lion Mac Conway at 435-1045.

Republican ball

The Northumberland County Young Republicans will play a benefit softball game against the Westmoreland County Young Republicans at 1 p.m. May 24 at the Farmers' Market Pavilion in Heathsville.

The Fredericksburg rock band RISUS21 will perform at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person on site only. Soft drinks and hot dogs will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Service Council of Lancaster and Northumberland counties and the Northumberland County Young Republicans.

Small boat meet

The Urbanna Small Boat Meet will be held May 16 and 17 on the Piankatank River at Freeport in Gloucester County. Participants generally arrive throughout the morning on Saturday, and are on the water until mid-afternoon on Sunday, depending on the weather.

Saturday night includes a pot-luck supper and bring-your-own barbecue. Pre-registration is not required, and anyone wishing to stop by is welcome, with or without a boat. Call Vera or John England at 758-2721 for directions.

Boating class

On May 16, Flotilla 3-10 will conduct an "Intro to Navigation/GPS" class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Essex County Library in Tappahannock. The fee is \$35. To register for either class, call Judy Julian at 529-6765.

Eighty-one golfers compete in benefit golf tournament

The Church of the Visitation in Topping held its second benefit golf tournament May 1 at the Piankatank River Golf Club (PRGC). After a blessing of the golfers by Father John Boddie, pastor, the 81 golfers competed in a captain's choice format. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

First flight winners were first, Ron Kauffman, Richard Willis and Bobby Smiley; second, Jerry McMurtrie, Wayne Thomas, Jim Goforth and Fritz Sitterding; and third, Jerry Gammon, Vernon Dyer, Jimmy Atkinson and Sam Stephenson.

Second flight winners were first, Don Rickard, Charles Craig, Charles Jett and Bill DeWalt; second, Elmo Sordelet, Gary Bise, Bill Fletcher and Sonny Johnson; and third, Ann and Bill Sullivan, and Ann and Jim Padgett.

Third flight winners were first, Joe Tyler, Chuck Wade, Scott Suddarth and Ric Allen;



From left are Richard Willis, Bobby Smiley and Ron Kauffman.

second, Craig Ciszewski, John Gentry and Dave Fillipi; and third, Betty Johnson, Sheri Comer, Shirley Hall and Jo Turek.

Among other winners, Dr. Chris Marshall won the putting contest; Larry Espiritu and Colton Hayden hit the longest drives (men); Anna Moore and Ann Padgett hit the longest drives (women); Charlie Hart, Ron Kauffman,

Bill Sullivan and Bob Scherrer shot closest to the pin; Stanley Williams was most accurate; and the Knights of Columbus Trophy went to St. Therese of Gloucester-Brian Vallese, Jim Gierlak, Larry Espiritu and Bob Dugan.

The Church of the Visitation tournament organizers thanked PRGC, the sponsors, volunteers and participants for a great outing.

Bridge Results

Six tables of bridge were in play May 7 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Winners north/south were first, Betty Fay Lewis and Suzi Winters; second, Arden Durham and Joe Oren; and third, Babs Murphy and Beverly Oren.

Winners east/west were first, Marilyn Reed and Ginger Klapp; second, Helen Hopton and Margaret Livesay; and third, Joy Straughan and Helen Kinne.

Speedway to host major sprint series

Mom's Night Out at Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway last Saturday was cancelled due to the previous week of rain.

Racing will resume May 23 with The World of Outlaws Sprint Cars as they make their second visit to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the speedway for the Paul Sawyer Memorial.

Competitor gates will open at 3 p.m. Spectator gates will open at 4 p.m. On track activities will begin at 6:15 p.m. The World of Outlaws Sprint Cars will race 30 laps and a complete sprint car format.

Also, the Budweiser Modifieds will run a 25-lap feature in addition to hot laps and time trials.

For advance tickets for the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series, visit the speedway in Jamaica Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call 758-1867.

Reserved seating will be in the new Paul Sawyer Tower only and features executive-style seating with armrests and seat backs. Reserved seats, regardless of age, are \$35.

General admission tickets for adults are \$30; seniors (60+) and military, \$27; students ages 7 to 17, \$15; and children ages 6 and younger, free.

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Bluebird Trails

by Tom Teeples

The monitoring of the bluebird trail at King Carter Golf Course is being conducted by the Northern Neck Audubon Society. This is the 7th week of monitoring. Thanks to Earline Walker and Mac Green for assisting.

One may wonder about hygiene in the nesting boxes since the nest is in a cavity and gravity takes waste to the bottom, usually. Cavity nesters, especially, and some other birds have developed a very sensible method of keeping the nest clean.

The young produce waste in a fecal sac. The sac may be considered the bluebird's version of a disposable diaper. The parents remove the diapers from the nesting box and take

them some distance away to be dropped. This serves multiple purposes. Germs and waste are removed and odors that might attract predators are kept to a minimum. The next time you see your bluebird carrying something whitish away from the nest, you will know they are cleaning house.

For this week's report, there is good news and great news. The good news is that the BB production machine is really cranking. The great news is that the House Sparrow Abaddon box has a starting bluebird nest. There was a fantastic sight at the only fledging site. The three fledglings were testing their wings and the parents were flying about encouraging them. All of them were sticking

close to 'home.'

A surprise this week at the chickadee nest: the nest has been commandeered by a titmouse pair. It happened weeks ago because the titmouse nest has eight wriggling young, two-days-old. Quite a nest full. We have 12 nests with a total of at least 49 eggs.

Again, some females did not leave, so we are using our last known count of eggs. We also have 15 nests with 68 young plus the eight titmouse young, and the three fledglings.

Summary for this week: Last week, 72 eggs; this week, 49 eggs. Last week, 43 young; this week, 68 young plus 8 titmouse babes. Last week, 3 fledglings; this week, 3 fledged for a total of 6.

'Suddenly Alone' seminar scheduled

The Yankee Point Yacht Club will conduct a "Suddenly Alone" seminar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 30 at the clubhouse at Yankee Point Marina.

The seminar is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For reservations, call Ruth Bush at 435-7776. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8 a.m. and lunch will be available for \$8.

According to planning coordinator John McConnico, the seminar is designed to help a spouse or crew member handle an emergency situation in which they are suddenly alone onboard a power or sail boat.

"One of the reasons that

more couples don't participate together in boating activities, is because of a largely undiscussed fear the wife or husband may have in regard to being left suddenly alone in the event of a catastrophic situation," said McConnico.

"Confidence is the key ingredient to handling most emergency situations successfully and to enjoying water activities," he said.

Assisting McConnico will be Ruth Bush, Fran Cory and John Henley.

YMCA soccer season concludes

The Northumberland Family YMCA recently completed its first youth soccer season program. The new league competed for seven weeks beginning in early March.

"It was an incredible start to the new program," said YMCA director Allison Cockrell. "We planned for 24 kids, but ended up with 42. The support from parents and community members was amazing."

The new league was certainly the product of a very close and supportive community.

"When the registrations grew beyond our expectations, we realized some creative thinking would be needed to gather all of the necessary gear to accommodate the players," said branch extension director Cristian Shirilla.

Support came in many forms, said Shirilla. Custom made goals were built and donated by Jennings Boat Yard. Nets were donated by Omega Protein and rigged by Fred Biddlecomb to fit the goals. Smaller goals for ages 3 to 5 were donated by the Northern Neck Family YMCA.

Each player participated in weekly practices and competed against other YMCAs on Saturdays. The season ended with the ages 9 to 11 team competing in the annual Spring Soccer Tournament hosted by the Middlesex Family YMCA.

The Northumberland Family YMCA will offer a one-week soccer clinic this summer, as well as a fall league. To register or volunteer, call Cockrell at 580-8901.

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Clothing designer chooses Irvington for flagship store

By Alex Haseltine

Los Angeles-based clothing designer Eva Franco opened the doors of her new flagship store in Irvington last Saturday. In partnership with Andy Smith, owner of the adjacent Khakis clothing store, the boutique is her first retail outlet.

Franco, who favors bright colors and prints, and describes her style as "whimsical and feminine," was born in Hungary, and spent her early years in Romania before escaping with her family from the growing oppression of the communist dictatorship.

After studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, Franco moved to Paris where she worked as a design assistant to Etienne Brunel.

Her line is made in the Los Angeles area, and sold in more than 300 stores nationwide.

Smith, who will assume the day-to-day responsibilities, met Franco in February at a trade show in New York while browsing the collections of the hundreds of designers.

"I stopped in the middle of the aisle. Everything was so unique and different."

Smith and Franco hit it off from the start, he said. That evening they went to dinner and by the time they left, Smith had convinced her that Irvington was the perfect place to launch her first store.

Discussed over wine and sealed with a handshake, the deal set in motion a chain of events that would culminate a short four months later with the grand opening of the store.

Franco said she is hopeful



Partners Andy Smith (left) and clothing designer Eva Franco show off some nautical-themed dresses from the summer line at the new Eva Franco retail store in Irvington.

that Irvington could become a fashion center for the region, and in the coming months the Irvington store will also serve as the launching pad for her new men's clothing line, "Megalomaniac."

"Hey, they could do Paris, New York and Irvington," said Franco.

Some of the line is "edgier," and prior to opening her own

store, Franco had to decide which garments would be most appropriate for a region, sending the more energetic items to urban centers like Los Angeles and New York.

"It's not about being serious. I want women to put on one of my dresses and get noticed. I want to make dresses that flatter," she said.

Virginia is for wine lovers

In honor of the 40th anniversary of "Virginia is for Lovers," one of the most recognizable and enduring state tourism slogans, select Virginia wineries will bottle limited edition anniversary wines.

Launching in May, these anniversary label bottles will be available for purchase only at the wineries' tasting rooms and range in price from \$10 to \$30.

Virginia invites travelers with a passion for wine to visit these wineries across the state to drink in the best of wine travel in Virginia. Participating wineries in the Northern Neck include:

- Athena Vineyards. Named after the goddess of wisdom, Athena Vineyards was established in 2002. After the construction of its winery, Athena became the first commercial vineyard and winery in Northumberland County, along the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia.

The vineyard's anniversary bottle, Jacques Recht Pinot Noir, is masterfully blended and classically clean. Firm tannins create a slightly spicy finish, with tones of blackberry and blueberry.

- Belle Mount Vineyards. Located near Warsaw, Belle Mount Vineyards offers complimentary wine tasting and tours. Guests can also enjoy cottage rentals, camping, fishing, hiking and swimming.

Belle Mount's 40th anniversary wine is called Labor of Love and will be a slightly sweet red blend of American and hybrid grapes.

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Elizabeth Abbott receives the resolution from John H. Hunt II.

Abbott retires after 45 years in insurance

Senior vice president of claims Elizabeth Beatley "Betty" Abbott retired April 30 after 45 years with Northern Neck Insurance Company in Irvington.

A life-long resident of the Northern Neck, Abbott received her education in Lancaster County and Smith Deal Massey Business College in Richmond. She returned to the Northern Neck and began her insurance career with the company in the position of executive secretary to management under W. T. James Jr.

Promotions led to the titles of assistant claims manager in 1983, claims manager and vice president of claims in 1984, corporate secretary in 1988 and senior vice president of claims in 1998. She was president of the Richmond Professional Claims Association in 1994.

Abbott was honored at a retirement gathering at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club April 30 where she was roasted, toasted and applauded for her 45-year dedication to the company and the residents of the

Commonwealth for her excellence in claims service.

Attending, in addition to her family, were many former colleagues and claims adjusters from around the state. After remarks of appreciation from chairman emeritus, W.T. "Sonny" James III, board chairman John H. Hunt II presented Abbott with a resolution for her years of service on behalf of the board of directors.

Co-workers presented her with a gift certificate to add to her extensive collection of shoes and president and chief operating officer Peter J. Cammarata presented a corporate gift for making leisurely, well-deserved travel plans.

Chief executive officer Thomas A. Gosse commented on the changes in the insurance business during her career and Mrs. Abbott's contributions.

Abbott and her husband, Wayne, best known for his steamed crab business in Kilmarnock, are looking forward to time with their grandchildren, some volunteering, and a little travel.



Bank opens Callao office

The Bank of Essex opened a branch in Callao May 4 with a ribbon cutting and reception. From left are (front row) teller and customer service agent Susan Self, teller Samantha Lewis, vice president and branch officer Marion Rowe, Bank of Essex chief executive officer George Longest, head teller Cindy Gordon, personal banker Sandy O'Bier, and president of Northumberland Chamber of Commerce Doug Lemke; (next row) Bank of Essex president Andy McLean, board chairman Alex Dillard and board members Edelyn Dawson and George Elliott.

Eastern Virginia Bankshares declares cash dividend

The board of directors of Eastern Virginia Bankshares Inc. recently declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$.05 per share. The dividend, payable May 15, 2009, to holders of the corporation's common stock of record as of May 1, 2009, represents 50 percent of earnings per share for the first quarter of 2009.

"The Board of Eastern Virginia Bankshares deliberated over the reduction of its quarterly dividend, as it is empathetic to the needs of many of our stockholders who depend on their quarterly dividend check," said president and chief executive officer Joe Shearin.

"While this was clearly a difficult decision in terms of immediate stockholder impact, from a long-term perspective, it was a painful, but prudent step to take for the preservation of stockholders' investment," said Shearin. "EVBS continues to be well capitalized. The decision to reduce the dividend ensures that we retain our strong capital position as well as better positions us to face the many challenges related to economic uncertainties."

Eastern Virginia Bankshares, the parent company for EVB, operates 25 retail branches in Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, King William, Lancaster, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Southampton, Surry, Sussex and the City of Colonial Heights.

Tina Jewell joins insurance branch

Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Services recently hired Tina Jewell as an insurance agent in its Northumberland branch.

She comes to Farm Bureau after spending the past 20 years with Verizon as a project manager.

Jewell was born and raised on a family farm in Northumberland County. She graduated from Northumberland High School in 1983 and attended Braxton Business School.

She and her husband, Jeffrey, live in Northumberland with their children, Morgan and



Tina Jewell

Justin. Jewell is a member of Coan Baptist Church.



Burgess branch wins award

Bank of Lancaster's Burgess branch recently received first place in the Awards of Distinction by the Modular Building Institute. The office was cited for architectural excellence, technical innovation, and cost effectiveness and energy efficiency. The bank was assisted in the design and construction supervision by NewGround. "NewGround is honored to have been selected by the Bank of Lancaster to design and implement a very retail-experience oriented, customer centric facility," said vice president Joseph Ijias. The branch opened in June 2008.

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Nelson completes leadership course

The Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) recently announced Northern Neck Free Health Clinic executive director Jean Nelson has graduated from the inaugural class of Leading for the Long Term, a specially-designed leadership development program for leaders in Virginia's health care safety net organizations.

Nelson and other participants were selected through a competitive application process. The Class of 2009 included executive directors from 13 free clinics, and three community health centers, and senior leadership from three Virginia hospitals and a local medical society. They completed a seven-month series designed to build leadership skills and develop a strong network with whom to share successes and challenges moving forward.

In a letter to Nelson and the other graduates, Gov. Tim Kaine expressed his gratitude "for your leadership in helping so many uninsured Virginians receive the care they need and in keeping Virginia's health safety net strong and sustainable."

"In these difficult times, strong leadership makes the difference between those programs that will survive and those that won't," said VHCF executive director Deborah Oswald. "Now, more than ever, we need the health safety net to thrive, not just survive. These leaders will help ensure that the net is there and strong for the ever-increasing numbers of Virginians who need it."

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Bank opens Colonial Beach branch

Bank of Lancaster recently opened its Colonial Beach branch. The event was observed at the bank's nine offices with a drawing for a pair of Adirondack chairs. Joseph Russell of Lancaster won the chairs. From left are Callao branch manager Ward Currin, Russell and executive vice president Ken Bransford. At Colonial Beach, the grand opening included an open house with refreshments, and to promote "green" environmentalism, recycled grocery bags were given away. Little pails were given out to collect coins to teach children the concept of saving.

Joan and Fred McBride announce the creation of

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Art retreat slated for Irvington resort

The Rappahannock Art League, Rappahannock Community College and the Tides Inn in Irvington will offer "Art Retreat on the River: Wild About Art." Monday, June 1, through Thursday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Four separate art workshops will run concurrently at the Tides Inn.

Instructors will include Pat Cook, Johnny Johnson, Kathleen Noffsinger and Mary Jo Beswick.

Cook limits herself to teaching only one workshop a year and for 2009, she will teach at this retreat, according to workshop director Elise Ritter.

"This workshop, which I call 'Exploring the Possibilities,' enables participants to move to the next higher level as artists," said Cook.

Participants may work in any media, although Cook paints in acrylics and watercolors.

Johnson is a legend in the Virginia art world, said Ritter. Known for his humor and warmth, he taught art at the University of Mary Washington, as well as numerous statewide workshops.

"Imaginative Color & Texture in Watercolor and Acrylics: Fun and Loose Discoveries" is his workshop, which will explore ways of working with this media.

"Emphasis will be on creative ways of artistic expression," said Johnson. "An open mind is helpful. Fun is guaranteed."

Noffsinger will teach "Painting Brilliant Flowers and the Sparkling Sea," said Ritter.

"Capturing brilliant color and light in watercolor will be the focus of this workshop," said Noffsinger.

Participants may paint either inside or outside. Lessons will emphasize responding emotionally to a scene, and then



Johnny Johnson



Pat Cook



Mary Jo Beswick



Kathleen Noffsinger

composing a painting.

Beswick is a signature member of the Virginia Watercolor Society, and has been painting and teaching for more than 18 years, said Ritter.

"Developing Your Personal Visual Style: Exercises to Expand Creativity" is the title of her workshop.

The workshop includes warm-up exercises, fun daily assignments, and food-for-thought ideas.

Workshops given by Johnson, Noffsinger and Beswick are \$210 each for day students, for the entire four days. The workshop given by Cook is \$335.

Participants may register as "day students" and register for the workshops alone. This may appeal to local

residents, who may return to their own homes when the workshop day is over. To register for this option, call 758-6750 or 333-6828; or contact lparker@rappahannock.edu or slawson@rappahannock.edu

The Tides Inn offers all-inclusive packages, which feature the retreat workshop of choice, nightly accommodations, some meals, and a reception. Packages start at \$1,495 single occupancy and \$1,995 double occupancy. For accommodations, call 438-5000 or 800-843-3746, or visit TidesInn.com.

Upon registration, participants will be sent a supply list.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to the Rappahannock Art League.

Barter business forming

Joan and Fred McBride of Lancaster recently formed Trading Partners Group (TPG) which will exchange goods and services without the use of money, called bartering or trading.

According to the McBrides, businesses across the country are turning to trading to preserve cash while acquiring operating needs.

"Nationally, trade and barter exchanges are reporting a 35 percent surge in business over the past year due to the recession," Joan McBride said.

"A business may be taking fewer cash orders, but still may need to make roofing or plumbing repairs, advertise, and replace building signs. Trading products and services with other businesses makes good sense in these times," she said.

TPG is signing up businesses with the expectation of beginning trading around June 15. The new trade exchange will perform matchmaking, administrative, and record-keeping services for its members. It will join about 500 other exchanges in the U.S., which serve over 450,000 business members and account for some \$8 billion in trade annually.

"TPG will conduct business in an honest and transparent way," said Fred McBride. "Like other trade exchanges, we will report to the IRS yearly the total dollar amount involved in buying or selling by individual members."

Goods and services will be traded at fair market value, with trades recorded in "trade dollars," a cash-equivalent method for accounting purposes.

TPG will offer a reduced price in its one-time membership sign-up fee for the first 25 businesses to join the exchange. The charter members will be charged \$100 instead of \$250.

Call 462-0034, or 450-2778, or visit TradePartnersn@aol.com, while their website is being developed.



Bank jumps on lead gift

Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust Company recently provided the lead-in donation for the Northern Neck Family YMCA "Jammin' in the Gym." The June 20 fund-raiser will support the YMCA Guardian Program. From left are YMCA co-director of development Susan Johnson, bank president and chief executive officer Austin Roberts, and event chair Eska Beckstoffer. "The Guardian Program benefits so many of our local families and individuals, and we are honored to partner with the YMCA in all it does to help people of all ages reach their potential," said bank marketing officer Kyle Bransford. To become a sponsor or receive an invitation, contact Johnson at 436-2204, or sjohnson@peninsulaymca.org.

Bank displays Mandell's 'Chesapeake Bay Landscapes'

"Chesapeake Bay Landscapes," the artwork of Gayle Mandell of Moran Creek Studio in Weems, will be on display in the Irvington branch of Chesapeake Bank until May 29. Featured in the exhibit are a new series of reproductions from original paintings in acrylic and conté crayon, a form of pastel, by Mandell.

The exhibit features the rural landscapes of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula, particularly around Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Mandell works from photographs she has taken and enjoys traveling the back roads with digital camera in hand.

"My artwork has almost always reflected my surroundings," said Mandell. "Although I was raised in Norfolk and spent most of my time in the city, I spent summers at a family cottage on the Chesapeake Bay. Com-

municating with others the sense of peace and wonder that comes from being in the natural environment, particularly on the water, is what I try to convey in my work."

Mandell is represented by Lynn Friel of Limited Editions. Her work also is displayed at Moran Creek Studio at 583 Moran Creek Road in Weems. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment.

For any purchaser of art or framing who purchases an original painting from her studio or website, chesapeakebaylandscapes.com, she will donate 15 percent of the sale to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Mandell also takes commissions, specializing in home and garden portraits, or a favorite view. Her originals also are shown locally at The Box Boutique in White Stone.

Business Briefs

Women's conference

The 2009 Virginia Women in Agriculture Conference will be held Wednesday, May 20, at the Plecker Workforce Center at Blue Ridge Community College. The theme will be "Fresh Ideas for Virginia Agriculture from Farm to Fork." The keynote speaker will be Diana Endicott, owner of Rainbow Farms, a 400-acre certified organic farm in Bronson, Kan.

Registration is \$30 by May 15 and \$50 at the door. Space is limited to the first 200 registrants. To register, call the Virginia Cooperative Extension Northwest District office at 540-432-6029.

Free screenings

During May, the Audiology Offices will offer free hearing screenings to women at their locations in Kilmarnock, Gloucester, Mathews, Montross and Tappahannock.

Hearing screenings also will be available at Bank of Lancaster's Main Branch for Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

E-course May 19

The Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center will offer a "Creating A User-Friendly Website" from 9 a.m. to noon May 19 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

The workshop focuses on website usability and design. The fee is \$10, payable the day of the class. To register, call 333-1900 ext. 27, or visit vectec.org/northernneck

NARFE to meet

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Northern Neck Chapter 1823 will meet at 2 p.m. June 2 at Belle Mount Vineyards at 2570 Newland Road near Warsaw.

Vineyard owner Ray Petrie will lead a wine tasting. Current, former and retired federal employees, spouses and survivor annuitants are invited. The executive board will meet at 1 p.m.

Antiques fair

More than 25 antiques dealers will converge on Lancaster County for the sixth annual Northern Neck Antiques Fair May 23 and May 24 in Lively. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Louise Jesse of Epping Forest Antiques will manage the event which will take place under tents throughout the village. No admission. Free parking. Food and beverages will be available. No pets, please.



Maternity Center receives donation

The Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck (FMCNN) received a \$500 donation from Specials in a fund-raising event to celebrate their first anniversary in April. Specials made similar donations to the YMCA and the Three Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross. From left are FMCNN president Shirley Dodson-McAdoo and Specials co-owner Amy Groh.

Free legal services

John R. Rellick of Rappahannock Legal Services in Tappahannock, will be at First Baptist Church in Heathsville from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21, June 4, June 18 and July 9.

Advance registration preferred. Call 443-9393 or 1-800-572-3094 to determine eligibility for services and reserve an appointment time.

Hurricane prep

Public outreach coordinator Laura Southard of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management recently announced items useful if a hurricane strikes will be exempt from the 5 percent state and local sales tax during the Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday May 25 to 31, seven days prior to the beginning of hurricane season June 1.

The tax-free items include generators that cost \$1,000 or less and 22 other items, including batteries, flashlights and bottled water, which sell for \$60 or less each. Visit www.tax.virginia.gov.

Wild about art

The Tides Inn will host a "Wild About Art" package May 31-June 5 with workshops on acrylics and watercolor with Johnny Johnson, drawing and painting with Kathleen Noffsinger, painting exercise with Mary Jo Beswick and an intensive session taking artists to higher levels with Pat Cook.

Packages start at \$1,495 single occupancy and \$1,995 double occupancy. For accommodations and workshop information, call 438-5000 or 800-843-3746, or visit TidesInn.com.

Tax records

Lancaster County Real Estate Tax Records can now be viewed by the internet. Searches can be done by tax map/parcel number, last name, or account number to view real estate information including property assessment, tax amounts owed and payment history.

The link can be accessed from the Treasurer's Office section at lancova.com.

Lawn bazar

Calico Jack's in Lively will sponsor its annual "Bazar on the Lawn" from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 24 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25. Vendors will offer antiques, collectibles, art, fresh produce, fresh seafood and food.

Rustic art

The Bay School in Mathews will hold its eighth annual Rustic Art Show Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16. The show includes gourds, pottery, woodworking and basketry. About 25 pieces will be displayed and for sale.

The annual free pig roast will be held Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Crab committee

The Potomac River Crab Advisory Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the Potomac River Fisheries Commission office building at 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia.

The committee will review the 2008 crab harvest and receive a report on the Smithsonian crab tagging system.

Art event

Birds, Boats and Bikes will feature artists and carvers at work May 16 and 17 at the Mathews Art Gallery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is at 208 Main Street in Mathews.

Woodlot workshop

The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program, a Virginia Cooperative Extension Program in Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources, will offer a workshop targeted to owners of woodlots of one to 10 acres in size, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16, at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m.

The registration fee, which includes lunch, refreshments, and The Woods in Your Backyard workbook, is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple sharing materials. To register, send a check payable to Tidewater RC&D Council, 772 Richmond Beach Road, Tappahannock, VA 22560, by May 12. For more information, call 443-1118.



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Democrats to hold rally

Democrats will hold a six-county rally at the Ruritan Pavillion in Lively May 16 from noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature a "chili challenge," barbecue, hot dogs, beverages, music with a DJ and presentations by candidates. Tickets at the gate are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and free for those under age 6. From left are county representatives Bob Lindsey of Northumberland, Rosemary Higgs of Westmoreland, Cynthia Burton Shackelford of Mathews, Kitty Creeth of Northumberland, Donna Thompson of Lancaster, Tommy Moeser of Westmoreland and Tom York and Leah Parker of Lancaster.

Police Reports

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

Felonies

Kenneth M. McMillion, 54, of Greenfield Road, was charged May 4 with 10 counts of indecent liberties with a child by the custodian (felonies).

Rose M. Turner, 43, of Smithfield was charged May 4 with embezzlement.

Dora D. Morris, 40, of Ditchley Road was charged May 9 with embezzlement.

Misdemeanors

A Windmill Point Road man, 30, was charged May 4 with having a dangerous/vicious dog.

A Rose Lane woman, 28, was charged May 4 with contempt of court.

A Johns Neck Road woman, 18, was charged May 5 with public drunkenness.

A Kilmarnock area man, 24, was charged May 5 with issuing a bad check.

A Fairweather Lane man, 47, was charged May 6 with contempt of court.

Activity report

May 4: Staff checked on the well-being of a Boys Camp Road resident at the request of a concerned citizen, responded with EMS to a medical emergency on Rocky Neck Road.

May 5: Staff responded to a prowler complaint in the 400 block of Irvington Road, to Lancaster Primary School on a complaint of an intoxicated person, and delivered an emergency message to an Ocran Road resident.

May 6: Staff responded with Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a shoplifting incident at Food Lion (4 persons involved), to a reckless driving complaint in the Brookvale area, to a mental health emergency at the Department of Social Services, to a juvenile behavioral complaint on Lovers Lane, to a reckless driving complaint in the area of the Robert O. Norris Jr. Bridge, to a shots fired call on Lara Road, and received a hit and run complaint with damages to fencing on Lara Road.

May 7: Staff responded to a commercial burglary in the 3500 block of Irvington Road, with Virginia State Police to a traffic accident on the Norris Bridge, to the area of the Carters Creek bridge to recover a safe, to an E911 disconnect call on Davis Mill Road, to a public drunkenness complaint on Mosquito Point Road.

May 8: Staff responded to a White Stone convenience store on a report of a possible wanted person, to an assault by threat complaint on Lancaster Creek Drive, to a man with a gun complaint on Alfonso Road, to a noise violation complaint on Greentown Road.

May 9: Staff responded with assistance from KPD and White Stone Police Department to a

Salmon charged with murder stemming from 2006 shooting

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Sheriff's Office recently charged Dennis Jay Salmon, 20, of Amisville, formerly of Warsaw, in the October 14, 2006, shooting death of Charles Malcolm Hundley, 16, of Montross.

Salmon was indicted on one count of murder by the multi-jurisdictional Grand Jury as a result of a lengthy investigation by the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office, according to Sheriff Chuck Wilkins.

Salmon was arrested May 6 at the Rappahannock County jail in Washington, where he was being held on unrelated criminal charges, said Sheriff Wilkins.

The shooting took place at a friend's residence on Harry Hogan Road in the Callao area of Northumberland County.

fight call on Devils Bottom Road, to a noise violation complaint in the 12200 block of Mary Ball Road, with KPD to a prowler complaint on Roseneath Avenue, to a domestic disturbance (husband/wife) on Buzzards Neck Road, to a report of a possible suicidal person in the area of Lara and Alfonso roads, to a domestic disturbance (boyfriend/girlfriend) in the 500 block of White Chapel Road, to a disturbance/trespass complaint on Carters Cove Drive, to a civil complaint involving a vehicle repossession on Lancaster Creek Drive, to a traffic complaint on Sullavans Road, and notified the utility company of a downed power line on Johns Neck Road.

May 10: Staff responded to a shots fired complaint in the area of Windmill Point and Fox Den roads, and to the 600 block of Lara Road on a motorist's report of children playing with fire (subjects having a cookout).

May 11: Staff received a walk-in report of fraud, and responded to a juvenile behavioral complaint at Lancaster High School.

Staff also conducted 34 traffic stops, issued 15 summonses, assisted two motorists, reported two deer strikes, offered traffic control twice, investigated three building alarms and transported three prisoners.

Fire calls

Last week the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded to a traffic accident at Mary Ball and Kamps Mill roads, and with the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department (WSVFD) to a smoke report at Rappahannock General Hospital.

WSVFD responded to a fire alarm on Indiantown Road and a traffic accident on the Norris Bridge.

Northumberland County Sheriff Chuck Wilkins brought charges against 11 individuals last week.

Felonies

Robert S. Natereli, 44, of Arlington was charged May 5 with construction fraud.

Althelia Malet Seldon, 42, of Wicomico Church was charged May 5 with writing a bad check in the amount of \$236 to a non-profit group.

Ashley Monique Chapman, 20, of Callao was charged May 8 with two counts of assaulting a police officer.

Jeffrey Lynn Blackwell, 34, of Heathsville was charged May 8 with a fourth or greater offense within 10 years of driving while intoxicated and felony eluding. He also was charged on misdemeanor warrants with refusal to submit to a blood or breath alcohol test, driving after forfeiture of license, two counts of obstruction of justice, and reckless driving.

Dora Morris, 40, of Kilmarnock was charged May 9 on a grand jury indictment with embezzlement.

Misdemeanors

A Newport News man, 34, was charged May 1 with writing a bad check in the amount of \$6.07 to a Burgess area business.

A Lancaster man, 40, was charged May 5 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Kilmarnock man, 24, was charged May 8 with appearing intoxicated in public.

A Cherryville, N.C., man, 27, was charged May 9 with driving while intoxicated.

A Heathsville man, 36, was charged May 9 with appearing intoxicated in public.

A Heathsville man, 44, was charged May 9 with driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a blood or breath alcohol test.

CRIME SOLVERS

The Lancaster County Crime Solvers is seeking information on the whereabouts of two individuals.

Brian Ray Baker, 30, is wanted for driving suspended/3 offenses within 10 years. He is described as a black male with brown eyes and black hair, weighing 180 pounds and 5 feet 11 inches tall. His last known address is Churchill Beach Road in White Stone.

Tamesha S. Ball, 28, is wanted for a bad check. She is described as a black female with brown eyes and black hair, weighing 170 pounds and 5 feet 7 inches tall. Her last known address is 393 Union Mill Road in Farnham.

Report information regarding these two individuals to Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Crime Solvers pays up to \$1,000 for information that is useful to law enforcement.

Crime Solvers is holding rewards for callers 1170, 1189, 1191 and 1173.

Hospital honors its volunteers

KILMARNOCK—The Rappahannock General Hospital board of directors, administration, medical staff and employees recognized the auxiliary volunteers who work in the hospital, gift shop and at Lifeline at its 32nd annual luncheon April 24 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

The luncheon opened with a social provided by the medical staff. Each volunteer received a gift.

Treasurer Shirley Pitman presented a check to the hospital's vice president of finance Bernard P. Lockstamper Jr. The money was from volunteer activities including the hospital gift shop, the Tree of Lights program, Lifeline and auxiliary



From left are Linda Cales, Eileen Craft and Bernard P. Lockstamper Jr. accepting a donation from Shirley Pitman and Dee Wise.

fund-raisers.

Lockstamper thanked the volunteers for their dedication, service and loyalty. The 106 volunteers were commended for 16,383.25 hours of service, which brings them to a total of 639,556.41 hours since 1977. Lockstamper also thanked

them for the generous check, which will be used towards this year's capital projects.

The 2009-10 auxiliary officers are president Linda Cales, vice president Eileen Craft, treasurer Shirley Pitman and secretary Donna Kuykendall. To volunteer, call 435-8546.

Del. Pollard announces text message service for watermen

RICHMOND—Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr. recently unveiled a new service for commercial watermen, allowing them to receive text message alerts on changes to fishing regulations and notice of public comment periods from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

The service of texting notice of regulatory changes is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

"Technology has changed and with it my office needs to change the way we relay information," Pollard said. "While VMRC does a good job posting information on their website, watermen are not sitting in front of their computers. And when the regulators and the regulated aren't communicating, it means more work for everyone."

Individuals can sign up for Watermen Updates at albertpollard.com. Pollard's staff will monitor VMRC's and Potomac Rivers Fisheries Commission's websites weekly and send a text message to advise of upcoming changes to fisheries regulations. The service will not track federal fisheries regulations.

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hearing and council discussion, vice mayor David Jones moved council adopt the amendment. The motion was seconded by Davis and supported by Randy Reeves, Tina Davis and Jennifer Hodges. The motion carried 5-1, with Washington voting nay. Scott Hudson was not present at the meeting.

Among other matters, a public hearing soliciting input on the proposed 2010 budget also was held. However, no members of the public addressed it.

Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard said the \$147,788 budget was "about as bare-boned as bare-boned can get." A second reading of the budget will be held, after which council will vote on its adoption.

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Sheriff Crockett reports fraudulent check scheme

LANCASTER—Sheriff Ronnie Crockett this week reports another fraudulent check scheme, this one out of Fairmont, Ga.

According to the local complainant, "Nancy" called and told the complainant she needed to "send \$5,200 by Western Union to Edward Bolden/Bolten 463 Carter Boulevard, Fairmont, GA 30139 to win \$10 million."

Citizens are again reminded not to send money, checks or money orders to anyone under these or similar circumstances.

"What really happens is that you send them the check, they cash it, and you get nothing," said Sheriff Crockett.

"Sometimes they will 'wash' your check with chemicals, rewrite it for a higher amount, duplicate it several times, and cash your check at various locations. By the time the check or checks get back, your money is gone and so are they" said Sheriff Crockett.

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