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Winterbourne, a 1990 "low country" style home has been completely renovated for the current owners by Michael Harvey. It features a gourmet kitchen, large covered porch, open decks and custom landscape design by Kathy Brooks.

Parade of homes attracts crowd

by Shannon Rice

KILMARNOCK—Some 100 people ogled the work of area contractors and architects last weekend during the By the Bay Parade of Homes presented by the Lancaster By the Bay Chamber of Commerce.

The two-day event featured 13 homes in Lancaster and Northumberland counties showcasing work completed by local contractors and architects within the last two years. Many of the stops had contractors and architects on site to explain their work.

"We designed this as a way to promote local homebuilders," said executive director Edie Jett. "As you know, if the homebuilders aren't busy, no one is."

But the tour was not limited to homebuilders alone. Associate trades were in on the event as well. Before venturing out on the two-county tour, visitors gathered at Good Luck Cellars in Kilmarnock to enter to win door prizes, pick up a free potted herb plant, sample the winery's vintages and speak to some of the 30 vendors there. Vendors included contractors; interior designers; landscapers; heating/air conditioning and ventilation services; and appliances.

"It's great that we got this chance to become visible, work with other businesses and show that we're a good community member," said Pam MacCaulay of The Pedestal, an interior decorating services provider in Kilmarnock.

Kathy Brooks specializes in landscaping and created the outdoor aesthetic for Winterbourne, a White Stone home featured on the tour.

"I focused on plants that do well on the water and plants that are both salt and deer resistant," said Brooks.

The Winterbourne site had been left vacant for 10 years before Brooks developed a whole new landscape plan. Brooks said that seeking a professional landscaper who knows about native plants will save the homeowner significant time and money from failed garden-



This Candy Point home puts the notion of modular homes as boxy building to rest as it features a 12:12 roof line, wrap-around deck and these trapezoid windows which provide views of Hull Creek from a loft area.

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—Edie Jett, executive director, Lancaster By the Bay Chamber of Commerce

ing attempts.

The tour highlighted homes of all tastes and budgets. Designs varied from modular Capes, golf course homes, river estates and even a modern warehouse-style loft.

The latter of these was designed by the owner, Randall Kipp, and built by The Allen Group. Built for two professionals with no children, the concept of the home is a hip urban hotel room with a kitchen.

The 2,800-square-foot building even includes an elevator with life-size paintings of Twiggy and Sean Connery as James Bond for the ride.

The flooring is concrete, the kitchen is minimal and the décor is strictly black and white.

"It's not about being practical. It's about style," says Kipp.

Careful selection of materials and products make this a very "green" home with minimal energy consumption. The home uses geothermal heating and cooling, a whole house generator, and is wired for future solar collectors.



Designed by owner Randall J. Kipp, this warehouse-style loft features a sleek black and white decor, elevator and floor to ceiling windows.

"My electric bill is usually around \$100," said Kipp.

Though not as modern as the Kipp home, the Kaufman home on Candy Point in Heathsville features generously sized and open gathering spaces, paired with a dramatic, two-story vaulted ceiling above the living and dining areas constructed by Virginia Building Solutions in Tappahannock.

"This just shows the type of work we can do. Modular homes don't have to be boxy anymore," said John Garrett, owner of Virginia Building Solutions.

Trapezoid windows provide a lovely view of Hull Creek from the loft area. The highlight of the kitchen is a functional L-shaped island with raised bar for dining.

"Customized kitchens are our specialty," said Fran Graves of Virginia Building Solutions.

The "People's Choice Award" for favorite home was Coastal Builders, Inc. of White Stone with their White Stone entry on Dymer Beach Road. The architect was Randall Kipp Architecture of Irvington.

The highlight of the home is a three-story viewing tower comprised with a wet bar and observation deck on the third level. Construction of a vanishing edge swimming pool and a deck large enough to include a variety of ornamental trees will begin this summer.

Event sponsors were Bank of Lancaster, VA Building Solutions & Chesapeake Bank. Bank of Lancaster was the Sponsor of the VIP Reception on Saturday evening.

"We are planning to do this again next year and hope that this will become the premier fundraising event for the chamber," said Jett. "We had a great first-run."

Community will have three opportunities to observe Memorial Day

Citizens will have three opportunities to participate in Memorial Day observances Monday, May 28, in Lancaster County.

The 23rd annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church at 9 a.m.

If weather permits, the ceremony will be held outside near the cemetery, said Robert V. Smart.

"We invite the public to join us for a few minutes this Memorial Day to honor those who have served and are serving to defend this country," said Smart.

A wreath will be placed in honor of those men and women, especially those associated with Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Charge, who have served in the armed forces, said Smart. The speaker will be William H. Evans of Lancaster County.

The "Call to Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Robbie Spiers. Special music, "Amazing Grace," will be played by Neil Smart on the bagpipes.

A roll call of deceased servicemen associated with Bethel-Emmanuel Charge will be read by members of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men.

The church is on White Chapel Road, west of Lively.

Christ Church

The 20th annual Memorial Day ceremony at Christ Church in Weems will begin at 11 a.m. with music by retired U.S. Army Col. Neil A. Smart. The formal memorial ceremony will follow at 11:30 a.m.

The program will feature a presentation of the National Ensign and the Flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the presentation of a memorial wreath by two veterans, one who served in World War II in Europe and the other, a veteran of both the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict, according to Military Officers Association of America Northern Neck Chapter program director retired U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. John S. Henley, CEC.

The playing of taps with an echo in the distance will mark the end of this special event, said Henley. Patriotic hymns and bagpipe music are also in the program.

The Very Rev. David H. May will officiate, said Henley. The speaker will be U.S. Air Force Col. Alan R. Metzler chief of security forces, HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB.

The ceremony is sponsored by the Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America in association with the Foundation for Historic Christ Church.

American Legion Posts 117 and 86 and Boy Scout Troop 242 also will participate, he said.

White Marsh Church

Memorial Day will be celebrated at 2 p.m. at White Marsh Church and cemetery near Brookvale.

"You are invited to join us as we honor our veterans, especially those who sacrificed their lives for our country," said the Rev. Winfield Talley.

Each veteran who is buried in the White Marsh Cemetery will be recognized during the service and a flag will be placed on his grave, said Rev. Talley. There are veterans buried in the cemetery dating back to the Civil War.

There also will be many small white crosses throughout the cemetery placed next to a grave marker by a friend or relative, said Rev. Talley. The service will conclude in a special section of the cemetery where many white crosses have been placed. Their names will be read.

The speaker will be Sgt. Maj. John Wilson from the 58th Service Battalion in Towson, Md. He is a veteran of several tours of duty in Iraq.

Assisting him will be Shawn Talley, the Lancaster High School Air Force JROTC Corp Commander for next year, and veterans Rev. Talley and Jack Bailey. Veterans who still have their uniforms are invited to wear them to this service.



U.S. Air Force Col. Alan R. Metzler will speak at Christ Church.



Board proclamation

In honor of our older adults, the Lancaster board of supervisors proclaimed May 2012 Older Americans Month. From left are Lancaster active lifestyle center director Patricia Laws, lower Lancaster Meals on Wheels coordinator Kathy Boardwick and board chairman B.Wally Beauchamp.



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Kilmarnock to tap into reserves to cover infrastructure projects

by Audrey Thomasson

K I L M A R N O C K
A public hearing on the town's proposed budget of \$3,786,193 for the fiscal

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year starting July 1 drew about a dozen citizens and no public comments.

Even council members remained mum during the discussion period.

The vote for the first reading was 5-1. Supporting the budget were vice mayor William Smith, and members Mae Umphlett, Paul Jones, Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and Emerson Gravatt.

Councilman Shawn Donahue cast the only negative vote.

Smith conducted the meeting in the absence of Mayor Raymond Booth who called in sick.

After the meeting, Donahue indicated he voted against the budget due to a half million dollar draw on the town's reserve account.

"I can't support a capital expenditure of \$500,000. We would be out of reserve funds within five years," he said.

However, town manager Tom Saunders stated that should the town draw \$500,000 from the reserve annually it would take eight or nine years to completely wipe out the town's saving.

"Yes, that cushion would diminish, but it's bigger than it should be," said Saunders. He noted there were a number of projects in town that needed to be addressed, which is the reason the money is being used. "You get a fraction of a percent on deposit (in savings interest) so let's get some of these projects done."

As an example, he said the town spent \$500,000 to extend water and sewer lines to town residents on the south end of town in the Mary Ball Community Block Grant project, with another \$3 million funded by federal grants. An additional \$300,000 is being spent on current improvements and replacement lines for the sewer system at the Wiggins Avenue force main pump station.

"We can't do it all because we don't have the manpower and horsepower in the front office to manage that many projects," Saunders said. "We're trying to make sure that Kilmarnock's infrastructure is in good shape."

Lowering taxes does not grow the economy, he noted. "You must invest in schools, water and sewer services, roads. Amenities grow the economy because they attract business," he added. "We have a reserve fund policy that allows the town to draw down to a minimum of 30% of town revenue. We have almost 300% of (undesignated) revenue in the bank."

The total reserve account, including designated and undesignated funds, is projected to be \$6.269 million at the end of this fiscal year June 30. Drawing down to the town's allowable minimum would bring the reserve to \$835,800.

"We have no intention of letting it go down that far," said vice mayor William

Smith.

"We all understand that if we continued to take out \$500,000 from the reserve every year, we would deplete the account," Smith explained. "The reason we have accumulated so much of a reserve is we didn't put the money back into our assets. Now we have to play catch up, that's what Tom is trying to say. We're in a position to borrow because of the reserve, but it doesn't make sense at this time because the interest rate is so low on the reserve account."

Saunders noted the final budget numbers may fluctuate somewhat, depending on the final state budget signed by Gov. Bob McDonnell.

As proposed, the total budget including debt service and capital projects is \$3,786,193, down \$148,176 from current year projections. The general fund operating revenue of \$1,891,985 are up \$7,836.

Estimated general fund expenditures of \$1,777,349 are up \$158,268.

The water fund totals \$645,190, down \$157,308 for the current year while the sewer fund totals \$1,363,654, down \$149,136.

Capital improvement projects total \$1,010,000, up \$301,000 from current year projections.

A final vote on the fiscal year 2012-13 budget will take place at the June 18 town council meeting.



At his swearing-in ceremony at town hall last week, councilman Emerson Gravatt received a town council pin from his wife, planning commission member Joan Gravatt.

Gravatt takes seat on council

by Audrey Thomasson

K I L M A R N O C K

Emerson Gravatt, winner of the May 2 special election for town council, was sworn in last week by town clerk Cindy Balderson. Gravatt replaces Denis Bouslough who was appointed to an interim seat until the special election.

Vice mayor William Smith, standing in for Mayor Raymond Booth at Monday's council meeting, welcomed Gravatt and thanked Bouslough for his service.

Gravatt said he was honored to serve the residents of Kilmarnock.

"I am fully aware 49% of voters voted against me," he said at council. "Over the next two years I hope to gain their trust and prove to them I will make decisions that are in the best interest of the town and everyone in it."

In a close race, Gravatt won 51% of the vote and Steve Bonner received 49%. Gravatt thanked his opponent for running positive newspaper ads.

"I do not believe I will be able to change the feelings towards me from the small group of members

of the Concerned Citizens for a Better Kilmarnock and I don't plan to try. Their ignorance about me, their negative attacks and assumptions...and their untruths...distributed to the voters of Kilmarnock was most uncalled for in any small town election and especially Kilmarnock," he said.

During the campaign, the Concerned Citizens group sent out a series of mailers promoting their candidates and critical of Gravatt, Mae Umphlett, Howard Straughan and Rebecca

County election and especially Kilmarnock," he said.

The executive director for Concerned Citizens for a Better Kilmarnock is William Blocher, a resident of Hills Quarters in Irvington who also serves as vice chairman of the Lancaster County Republican Committee.

When contacted, Blocher said the organization still exists, and refused to confirm or deny names of other members.

"It is a private entity that does what it does in terms of functions and campaigns

and I can't see disclosing members of the organization unless needed," he said.

Enforcement of Kilmarnock's 'through truck route' begins

K I L M A R N O C K—Effective May 18, "through trucks" with three axles or more are not allowed through downtown Kilmarnock and must take the truck route along Harris Road and James B. Jones Memorial Highway.

"Through trucks" are considered those traveling along Mary Ball Road from White Stone northbound beyond Kilmarnock and vice versa. The restriction would apply to through trucks and trailers or semi-trailer combinations. It would not apply to panel trucks or pickup trucks pulling campers or boats.

"We believe that removing the big, heavy through trucks from the center of town will improve pedestrian safety and make the town more welcoming and attractive to shoppers and visitors without imposing an unreasonable burden on the truckers," said town manager Tom Saunders. "Our bypass

isn't perfect, but it's adequate and it usually saves time."

Trucks traveling Jessie Ball duPont Memorial Highway into or from Northumberland County, any local deliveries within Kilmarnock or grain trucks going to the Waverly Avenue elevator are not affected.

Kilmarnock Police Department will begin enforcement immediately. Violations are considered a Class 1 misdemeanor with fines and costs typically exceeding \$100," said Kilmarnock's Police Chief Mike Bedell.

This change was enacted after local public hearings in 2011 and a Virginia Department of Transportation review. The Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Board gave a final approval in April 2012.

Related signage alerting truckers of the new traffic pattern have been posted.

Twigg bridge traffic to be controlled by light

F R E D E R I C K S B U R G —

Temporary traffic signals will be activated at noon

Tuesday, May 29, on Route

3 at the John Andrew

Twigg Bridge between

Mathews and Middlesex

counties.

A traffic signal will be activated on each side of the bridge over the Piankatank River to control traffic, according to Virginia Department of Transportation officials. The signals will be operational during the two-year bridge rehabilitation project.

One travel lane will be closed on the bridge throughout the project.

C o m m i s s i o n o f f i c e r s r e m a i n u n c h a n g e d

by Audrey Thomasson

Northbound and southbound traffic will alternate crossing the bridge in a single travel lane.

A concrete barrier will separate traffic from the work zone on the bridge. Vehicles wider than 10 feet will be detoured around the bridge.

A \$10.9 million contract was awarded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to Precon Marine, Inc., to repair the bridge. Work began this spring, and the project completion date is May 2014.

This project will rehabilitate the two-lane Twigg Bridge, replacing its deck, fenders, and superstructure and repairing portions of the bridge substructure. The existing bridge is structurally deficient.

JEWELRY FACTS

BY ROSS CHRISTIANSEN



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Tucker found guilty of rape; sentencing set for August 20

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—Calvin A. Tucker Jr. was found guilty last week of four felonies including rape and burglary in the sexual assault of an 89-year-old woman while she slept in her home in Lively.

Conclusive DNA evidence cinched Judge Joseph E. Spruill Jr.'s decision, despite the defendant's testimony he was innocent and sleeping at a friend's house in Kilmarnock at the time of the attack on January 19, 2011.

Following the guilty verdict, Judge Spruill asked the accused if he had anything else to say.

Tucker, 34, again proclaimed his innocence.

"I wasn't the person who did this...I don't know what else to say about this. All that is a lie..." he said. Tucker repeated he was out drinking with his cousins that evening before spending the night at a friend's, and that he didn't need to rape anyone because he had a fiancée.

According to sentencing guidelines, Tucker faces up to life in prison when the judge delivers his sentence in August.

As Tucker was led from the courtroom, he told the judge there was no need for a sentencing hearing because he wouldn't be around.

"Don't do it," a young woman cried. The woman had earlier identified herself as Tucker's sister.

During the trial, the victim, now 90, testified of being awakened by a man around 2:30 a.m., but could not identify her attacker because he put a pillow over her face every time she screamed at him to get out of her house.

After her attacker left, she reached for the phone to call 911 but said the phone was gone and the other phones in the house were dead. "I grabbed my coat and ran to my friend's house and banged on their door and told them someone broke into my house and raped me," she said.

Under cross examination, the victim said she couldn't judge her attacker's height or weight because he was hovering over her. "I don't think he was a heavy-set man," she said.

The first time she saw Tucker's face was when his picture appeared in the Rappahannock Record after his arrest, she said.

According to Lancaster County sheriff's investigator Joan Kent, DNA swabs were taken from four possible suspects, including Tucker. During an interview with Tucker two weeks after the attack, he said scratches on his neck and base of his throat were the result of a fight he had with his fiancée on Christmas Eve. Also, he said he was in Philadelphia attending his father's funeral at the time the victim was attacked.

Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Cunningham and assistant Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney Toni Randall presented

testimony and forensic evidence the judge called thorough and professional.

Pre-trial motions

Defense attorney Brent Jackson of Richmond earlier filed motions against Cunningham for not following proper court procedures, failing to use the proper forms for subpoenas, and seeking the assistance of prosecutor Randall without notifying him.

"A week or two ago, I received an order from this court...to have (Randall) appointed to assist in prosecution of this case. I was quite shocked to see the order," said Jackson.

"I never received a copy of a motion. Under due process you do not file a motion without certifying that the defendant or his council has been notified. I ask that you vacate the order."

Also, Jackson said Cunningham never responded to his subsequent motion to keep Randall off the case.

"I filed a motion and he filed no response. This is case law 101—you have to respond. This is a court of record...I am troubled...this is problematic," he continued.

Cunningham said he asked the court to allow Randall's assistance due to the complicated forensic evidence since Randall is an expert prosecutor in the area of forensic science. "It's not unusual to use an assistant for trial," he said.

"What other people do is not an applicable argument," argued Jackson. "This is the very, very, very first time the Commonwealth's Attorney has come in and said, 'I need assistance because everyone else has done it.'"

Citing the state code, Jackson said a special prosecutor could only be used in cases of the prosecutor being 'sick, having other temporary duties, or ethically disqualified.'

"When (Cunningham) ran for office, he indicated he was able and capable...and experienced...as reported in the local newspaper," Jackson said. "He needs to do what I've been doing for 30 years and learn through experience...Every time I come here he has an assistant helping him...He is violating due process. I'd like to put council on the stand and ask him about his experience."

"That's not going to happen," Judge Spruill replied. "You got a copy (of the motion) after it was filed. While the procedure leaves much to be desired...I don't know how that affects this case. Mr. Cunningham is very inexperienced. He says he needs help," stated the judge in denying Jackson's motion and allowing Randall to assist.

Proceedings continue

During the trial, as Randall questioned state forensic scientist James Bullock about a screwdriver found in Tucker's car matching pry marks on the victim's back door,

Jackson objected, saying he had not received Bullock's report. However, when he found the report in his file, the judge suggested he turn his files over to Randall so she could organize them.

After testing the swabs from the four possible suspects, state DNA scientist Christen Van Italia noted Tucker could not be excluded and the statistical odds of finding another person whose DNA came as close as Tucker's is "one in greater than 6.5 billion—the world population."

During cross examination, Jackson questioned the collection of samples and suggested certain events or handling of evidence, including urinating, may have compromised, destroyed or distorted the DNA.

"No," Van Italia replied each time. She testified the highest profile tests available were used and that she followed protocols established by the F.B.I.

"Isn't it unusual to get a result of 1 in greater than 6.5 billion?" Jackson asked, suggesting cousins might have that same DNA.

"Cousins would have similar DNA, but not the same," Van Italia replied. "Identical twins would be the only ones with identical DNA."

On re-direct, Randall asked how many areas were tested.

"Thirteen core areas are typically used. We tested 16," said Van Italia.

Taking the stand, Tucker testified he was at KC's Crabs and Cues with his cousins until it closed and that he "stayed to help Cordell (Ward) bus tables." He said they drove to Alley Cafe and drank there until it closed at 2 a.m.

Next, they dropped off his cousin and drove to Ward's house where they talked, made sandwiches and then Tucker slept on the living room sofa. He denied wearing the shirt with the missing button that night, nor of owning a necklace with a medallion found at the scene. Also, he said he had no convictions for lying or cheating.

In her cross-examination, Randall fired questions at Tucker.

"Ever been convicted of breaking into a house? Twice?" she asked.

"Yes," Tucker replied.

"Assaulted your girlfriend?"

"No."

"You've been convicted of malicious wounding, so you've assaulted other people before?"

"Yes."

Randall then attacked Tucker's credibility on where he was that evening, noting he first told investigator Kent he was in Philadelphia and then on a second interview said he was at KC's.

"Your testimony is that you were consistent?"

Tucker claimed Kent told him the wrong date. Also, he claimed the scratches on his neck were from a fight with his fiancée LaTonya Newton some six weeks earlier.

Both Ward and Newton took the stand and backed his story, Ward saying Tucker slept at his house and Newton claiming she scratched him after he hit her.

Cunningham challenged Ward, asking if he knew whether Tucker left his house during the night. Ward noted he didn't know, but that he didn't hear a car leave but was awakened by a cell phone ringing several times during the night. However, he noted his family owned five cell phones.

Cunningham also took on Newton's testimony, asking if she scratched him through his winter coat and reminding her that her

Grand Jury testimony was that she scratched him on his right side while the scratch marks were actually on Tucker's left side.

Kent was recalled to read Newton's testimony from the Grand Jury transcript. Also, Kent testified it took her six minutes to drive from Ward's house to the victim's doing the speed limit, leaving Tucker plenty of time to make the round trip before daylight.

Tucker's cellmate, Antonio Johnson, testified that Tucker shared with him details of the break-in and rape and that he knew the victim lived alone because he broke into the home at an earlier date. However, the defense accused Johnson of having case details because he found Tucker's transcripts of the preliminary hearing.

In closing, defense attorney Jackson said the case ultimately came down to credibility of witnesses and DNA. "I'm not going to get into an argument I cannot win...but this man is adamant that he did not do this...he doesn't know how his DNA got there, but he stands firm that he was not there."

Announcing a verdict of guilty, Judge Spruill listed all the evidence against Tucker. He also told the victim she had been a courageous witness and thanked Randall, Cunningham and the investigators for a "very thorough and professional job."

"Mr. Jackson, you had a very difficult case...however, the DNA takes care of everything," he said. The judge set sentencing for 9 a.m. August 20.

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Reeve Lindbergh visits on special date

On the 85th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic solo flight across the Atlantic, his daughter Reeve Lindbergh spoke at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury promoting "Against Wind and Tide," a collection of letters and journal entries of Ann Morrow Lindbergh. "My mother was a 20th-century woman with conflicts between her life as a wife and mother and as a writer and aviator. In speaking for herself, she spoke for all of us," said Lindbergh. The event was sponsored by Bank of Lancaster Golden Advantage Club and Bay Trust Company to benefit Bay Center for Spiritual Development. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Recognizing achievement

The Lancaster Branch of the NAACP recently recognized Marvis Jones, who received her GED May 11 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Jones dropped out of school during her senior year in 1948. She married and raised eight children, all of whom graduated from high school. Five went on to graduate from college.



Senator addresses SAR

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a luncheon May 21 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. Sen. Ryan McDougle provided insights on several issues to come before the legislature this session. Of primary interest was the adoption of the \$85 million budget, which under Virginia law cannot exceed income. From left, SAR president David Bresett presents Sen. McDougle a Liberty Bell momento.



Six years of service

The Steamboat Era Museum recently presented outgoing president Richard T. Wilson III a Bear Graves print in gratitude for his six years of service. From left are executive director Terri Thaxton, Wilson and incoming president Eric Nost.

Record to be closed Monday

KILMARNOCK—Because the Rappahannock Record office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday Monday, May 28, some deadlines will be altered for next week's paper.

Display advertisements, normally due by 5 p.m. Monday, should be submitted Friday. Ads submitted as a portable document format (PDF) will be accepted until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Other deadlines on Tuesday remain unchanged. Classified advertisements and news items are due by noon.

NEWS BREAK

Be heard

The "Warren on Your Corner" informational campaign will visit the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 21.

A representative from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner's office will provide information and assist individuals who have specific questions or problems with federal agencies.

Student charged in bomb threat; incidents continue

by Audrey Thomasson

CLARAVILLE—Classes at Northumberland High and Middle schools were interrupted for a third time Monday, when students were locked down because of another bomb threat.

"We followed the same procedures," reported Sheriff Chuck Wilkins, locking students in their classrooms when a search was made of the facility.

The threat came in much the same manner as others at the school, through a message scrawled on a locker. In the two previous instances, messages were etched onto

bathroom walls.

According to Sheriff Wilkins, a 17-year-old male student was arrested in the first incident and charged last Friday with threatening to bomb or damage a building. He was arraigned on Monday before Judge Michael McKinney in Northumberland Juvenile and Domestic Court. His name is being withheld because he is a minor. A second hearing in the case is scheduled for June 8, said Wilkins.

In similar cases at Lancaster High School this month, sheriff's deputies report their investigation is ongoing.

The Agenda

Local Government News

LANCASTER—The Lancaster board of supervisors will hold five public hearings May 31. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the county administration building in Lancaster.

Land use applications set for public hearing include requests from:

- Frederic D. and Donna J. Edmonds to place an 80-foot data antenna/pole for wireless internet on an 8.07 acre parcel at 307 Spring Hill Road. The property is zoned residential.

- Thomas E. and Esther W. Stevens to place an 80-foot antenna/pole for wireless internet on 3.03 acres at Wood and River roads. The property is zoned residential.

- Alice Christine and Melvin G. Grimes III to place an individual manufactured home on a 1.098-acre parcel near Ambrose Way and James Wharf Road. The property is zoned residential.

- Steven E. and Amy Q. Ash to expand an existing structure on a 1.713-acre parcel near the end of Johns Neck Road. The property is zoned residential.

A hearing also will be held on proposed updates to Chapter Two of the Comprehensive Plan addressing the suitability of land for development.

Internet safety program is available to the community

CALLAO—Protecting youth from on-line predators, bullying and pornography is a constant challenge for parents, grandparents and the community.

"Northumberland County Sheriff Chuck Wilkins has a valuable weapon to offer every family," reports pastor Mike Ramming of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao.

"Sheriff Wilkins conducted the internet safety program 'Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents' at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Callao, the week of May 15, and provided valuable insights into fending off these problems; talking with our kids about harmful on-line behavior and how parents can recognize problem signs," said Ramming. "The Sheriff's course gives real meaning to the old adage 'forewarned is forearmed.'"

Sheriff Wilkins has indicated that the four-hour internet safety program "Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents" is available to churches, service groups and community organizations at no charge by contacting him at 580-5221.

"This presentation gives extremely important—even vital—information to anyone who mentors youth," said Dave Bertsch of Montross, who attended the program at Good Shepherd. "Every parent or grandparent would do well to attend this training as soon as possible."

"Internet pornographers have many tools and ways around the law to ensnare our children," continued Bertsch.

Harding hearing is reset

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—The preliminary hearing for Karlide Anthony Harding Jr. charged in the July 2011 murder of Joseph Maurice Waller was postponed last week.

Judge Clinton Bondurant reset the hearing for 11 a.m. June 27 in Lancaster General District.

Harding's Richmond attorney, Brent Jackson, asked for a postponement because the court recorder he hired did not show up for last week's hearing.

Harding remains in custody in Lancaster County Jail.

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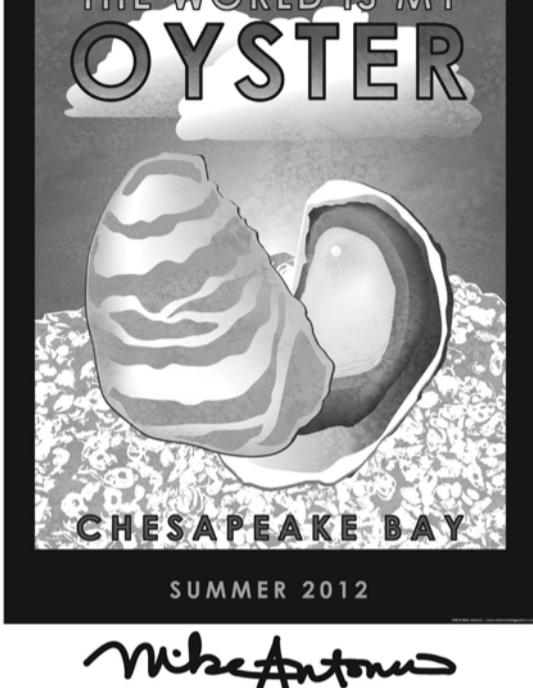
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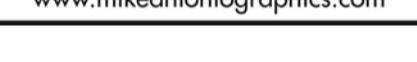
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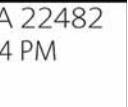
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Ladies of the Northumberland Woman's Club enjoyed guest speaker Katrina Lawrimore of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum at their May meeting. From left are Susan Lee, Lynn Barak, Maryalyce Johnsen, Lawrimore, Brenda Dodson and club president Barbara Kennedy.

Museum director presents watermen's history

LOTTSBURG—Members of the Northumberland Woman's Club recently were entertained and educated on the history and life of Chesapeake Bay watermen by Reedville Fishermen's Museum director Katrina Lawrimore.

The Chesapeake Bay and a few rivers in England are the only coastal areas in the world using the term watermen, she said.

For 400 years, these quiet heroes of the bay have supported their families by pound-netting, gill-netting,

crabbing, oystering and clamming. Their stoic individualism proved to be essential in maintaining the rough, back-breaking work throughout the centuries, she said. From the shores of Cornwall, England, to the islands in the Chesapeake, these rugged men and

their families have fought the elements: weather, tides, currents and the fish.

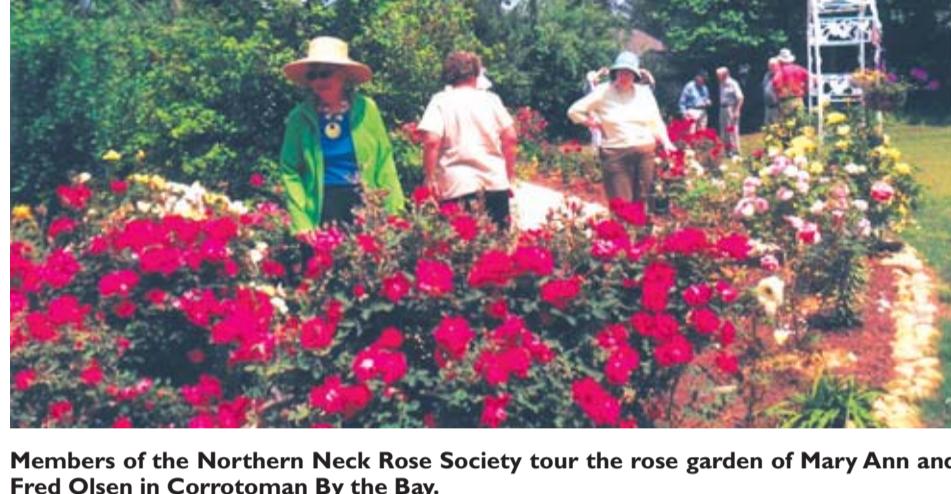
Lawrimore has a bachelor's and a master's in American history, museum studies and historic preservation. She accepted the RFM position in 2009. Among her other talents, reported publicity chairman Diane Cichowicz, she also is an accomplished embroiderer and needle pointer with memberships in both societies.

In 1990, the museum's annual budget was \$39,000.

Today that operating budget has climbed to \$215,000 a year. Lawrimore praised the museum staff, volunteers and the community for all their support and efforts to help make this museum one of the finest in the state.

Lawrimore urges all citizens to join the museum and volunteer in one of many endeavors such as the model Christmas train displays, antique boat shows, educational activities for children and the museum's popular social programs. She likes to tell of local waterman Walter 'Peale' Rogers who went away to college, came home with his degree in hand and decided there was no place he would rather be and ended up plying the bay waters in the tradition of his ancestors.

All guests are welcome at the Woman's Club; call 580-6052.



Members of the Northern Neck Rose Society tour the rose garden of Mary Ann and Fred Olsen in Corrotoman By the Bay.

Rose Society visit Olsens' rose garden

LANCASTER—The Northern Neck Rose Society recently met at the home of Mary Ann and Fred Olsen in Corrotoman By the Bay.

The society meets six times a year, visiting private and public gardens, said Mary Ann Olsen.

The Northern Neck Rose Society was chartered as a chapter in 1994. The Col-

nial District of the American Rose Society consists of Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, said Olsen.

The chapter has many community projects, she said. Members have planted roses at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck in Kilmarnock, and at St. Stephen's Episco-

pal Church in Heathsville. Other projects are being considered.

Membership is \$15 per year, per family and is open to residents of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. For chapter information, or advice on rose care, call Peg Davis at 758-3196, or George Kranda at 580-2728.

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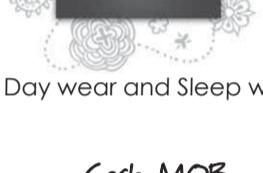
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Focal Point



Sunrise striper pursuit—This photo was taken May 12 near the turn buoy #6 at Cockrell's Creek, of a competitor in the recent Reedville Fishing Derby sponsored by Smith Point Sea Rescue.

Photo by Jo Walters

Submit your interesting photos capturing the life and times in the Northern Neck to editor@rrecord.com subject line Focal Point.

Civil War Sesquicentennial

150 Years Ago This Month: May 1862

Union's Peninsula Campaign

In April 1862, citizens along the Chesapeake Bay had witnessed hundreds of ships transporting more than 100,000 Union troops to the Lower Peninsula near Fort Monroe where Union Gen. McClellan was preparing his attack toward Richmond.

Unlike major battle campaigns such as First Manassas or Gettysburg, the Peninsula Campaign involved a number of smaller battles that took place over three months. These included the Battle of Seven Pines in May, Stuart's Cavalry ride around McClellan's Army and Lee's Seven Days Campaign, the Battle of Gaines' Mill in late June, and the Battle of Malvern Hill in early July.

As May began, Confederate Gen. Magruder's small force manned "Fort Magruder" near Williamsburg where they attempted to impede the Union advance, but they were no match for McClellan's Army. Gen. Johnston, commander of the Confederate defense, was calling in units from Fredericksburg, Northern Neck and elsewhere in Virginia to join McClellan on the Peninsula. Faced with an impending heavy bombardment from the Federal siege guns, Johnston began a withdrawal from the fortifications on May 5 to reposition for a better chance to inflict damage on McClellan.

Meanwhile, Union Cavalry forces had been very active from Aquia Harbor down to the Rappahannock as Confederate forces also relocated to the south. By May 17, Union General McDowell and his force of 30,000 men were located in Falmouth, across the river from Fredericksburg, ready to march overland to join McClellan's assault on Richmond. A week later, however, this plan was changed and McDowell was ordered instead to the Shenandoah Valley.

Joining in the Confederate defenses on the Peninsula were the 40th Virginia Infantry and the 9th Virginia Cavalry regiments from the Northern Neck. The 40th Infantry left the Fredericksburg

area on May 24 to join Johnston. They and other Confederate forces in the area destroyed the bridges across the Rappahannock as they left. They arrived on the Peninsula too late to participate in the May 31 Battle of Seven Pines, but would be heavily engaged in future battles and would suffer many casualties.

The 9th Virginia Cavalry was posted along the roads out of Fredericksburg. On May 25, they followed the infantry out of Fredericksburg, arriving in Ashland the next day. On May 30, they were camped within four miles of Richmond where they could hear the Battle of Seven Pines, but they did not take part. In June, however, seven companies of the 9th Cavalry would lead Gen. Stuart's famous ride around McClellan's Army.

The Battle of Seven Pines took place May 31-June 1 in Henrico County along the Chickahominy Swamp. Although the battle was tactically inconclusive and both sides claimed victory, it was the largest battle in the Eastern Theater up to that time and second only to Shiloh in terms of casualties thus far (Union 5,031, Confederate 6,134). McClellan was shaken by the experience and wrote to his wife, "I am tired of the sickening sight of the battlefield, with its mangled corpses & poor suffering wounded! Victory has no charms for me when purchased at such cost."

Johnston was seriously wounded by a bullet in the shoulder and shell fragments in the chest and thigh, and had to be replaced. Gen. G. W. Smith assumed temporary command, then at the end of the fighting on June 1, C.S. President Davis turned over the Virginia forces to Gen. Robert E. Lee. This change in Confederate leadership as a result of Seven Pines would have a profound effect on the war.

This article is provided by the Lancaster County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library with assistance from Ed Trexler, author of Civil War Northern Neck.

(Reprints from the May 24, 1912, issue of the *Virginia Citizen*)

Early Baseball

"Can you imagine a modern baseball team playing the game barehanded?" asked a gray-haired fan while discussing diamond doings of long ago. "There would be plenty of business for the bone setters and so many errors in the field that the sport would develop into a barbecue. Yet I can remember when the days when ball players never wore gloves and the catchers had neither masks or mitts. It required great courage to face a swift pitcher and lots of nerve to get in front of a hot grounder."

Many of our citizens who played baseball more than thirty-five years ago will tell you that broken fingers, bone bruises, split palms and torn finger nails were everyday accidents and that a player who showed the white feather was tabooed. Before gloves and masks were invented, catchers had endless troubles. The old timers who dared to stand close behind the batsmen had teeth knocked out and noses fractured by the foul tips that could not be avoided. Soon came a habit of putting a piece of solid rubber in the mouth made in such a manner that it covered the lips and provided protection for the teeth. It proved so efficient that all the leading catchers adopted it. But even then it was dangerous to catch close up until James Tyng, the former Harvard player, invented the mask, a cumbersome affair with broad strips of flattened iron that covered the face, but partially obscured the backstop's vision.

Ocran

Mrs. T. W. Moore returns today from a

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visit of a week at Reedville. Misses Ruby Bellows and Etta Cornelius also visited at Reedville this week.

Mrs. M. J. Squires and son, E. Bruce Squires, returned Monday from Hampton and Baltimore, where they had been for a week.

Mrs. J. F. Bellows and daughter, Miss Gertrude, expect to leave Friday for a short stay in Baltimore.

H. R. Humphreys is putting an acetylene plant in T. W. Moore's dwelling for lighting purposes.

Rev. C. A. Hall preached at the chapel here Sunday night. His sermon was greatly enjoyed, as well as the special music by a quartet.

Weems

Capt. Arch Long is spending a few days at home here.

The farmers around here are busy getting their corn in the ground.

C. A. Pembroke has purchased Orchard Point from Jerry Ashburn who has owned it for about two years. Mr. Ashburn has improved it wonderfully. This is one of the prettiest sites on the river.

John Buffington, of Baltimore, is visiting the home of W. A. Dameron.

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YOUR LETTERS

Return to one nation under God

The May 17 Record included an article describing the recent National Day of Prayer celebration.

The third paragraph of the article mentioned that a prayer for each branch of the federal government was offered during the celebration. Both the judicial and legislative branches had representatives attending to offer their respective prayers.

However, the article indicated that the "White House declined to participate or send a staff member." Instead, event organizers had someone stand "in the gap for the executive branch."

I know that this president and his administration have always declined to participate in these prayer day events,

but seeing this in the article was like a slap in the face to me. I am not a strongly religious person, but I do believe in the spirit of God.

I especially believe that faith in the spirit of God has served the country and our national leaders well over the years. To see this president and his administration totally ignore the National Day of Prayer celebration is deplorable.

I guess the president didn't learn much about the spirit of God during all those years he attended Jeremiah Wright's services. Not surprising! He was elected promising hope and change for the nation.

Letters policy

Letters on current events and other topics of community interest are welcome. Please observe the following guidelines:

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leadership we need for our country?

I think not. I hope we will give this president and his administration an eviction notice in November. Maybe then we can begin to return the country to one nation under God.

Don Barrett,

Lancaster

Impressive show

Style, form, grace, strength and beauty were in abundant supply at the recent Dance Studio of Kilmarnock's Spring Recital at Northumberland High School.

The applause and cheers were not the polite duty of friends and family, but the honest appreciation of dance as an art form.

From three-year-old ballet beginners to teenage modern dancers, the performers were delightful. This was no surprise to those who have grown grateful for the immense talents of instructors and choreographers, Katie Jett and Tiffany Hardin. Their generosity of time and effort and their kind, outstanding teaching, make a difference in the lives of these boys and girls and give our community the opportunity to enjoy the body as an artistic instrument.

We urge everyone to attend upcoming performances, including "Beauty and the Beast" June 23.

Beth Rohne and David Fridley, Ottoman

Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

If an animal needed help, he was there, sometimes getting up in the middle of the night in a blizzard to see that an animal did not suffer.

from hearsay, but from personal experience. He loved his patients, and thrived on his profession, always manifesting the highest principles and ethical standards.

His wisdom and decades of experience brought comfort to thousands over the course of his illustrious career.

One of his many admirers was the late Stanley Stewart, who wrote "Animals Are Smart," a weekly column in the Rappahannock Record. Stanley lived near White Stone, and had a menagerie consisting of every domestic animal imaginable, each of which lived the "life of Riley," being cared for in a manner worthy of royalty by Stanley and his wife, Marian.

The Stewarts were great adopters, taking in strays and unwanted pets,

and giving them a wonderful home environment. At one point about 50 years ago, Stanley took two donkeys, a male and a female, from a farmer who no longer wanted them. Stanley did not want them to breed, as he did not need more donkeys, and no one would take either of the two from him. He asked Dr. Hundley to come to neuter the male, and kept them apart until he could get there.

Some time passed, and he asked Dr. Hundley when he could get to the job, as he wanted to be able to let them be together once again. Dr. Hundley replied that he had come the day after he had asked him, and that the operation had been without any problem, but he had not had time to send him a bill. He said that he thought Stanley would have noticed that he had taken care of the situation, and they both had a good laugh over the matter. That incident was typical of his manner, always looking after the animals immediately, regardless of where they were.

In retirement, the good doctor found a new calling as a rosarian. He became

an expert in the raising and judging of roses, an avocation he shared with his wife, Charlotte. Like everything else he did, he went into it with enthusiasm and determination to know all that he could about the subject. He spoke of roses with the authority of a sage and the zeal of a missionary. He and Charlotte traveled to rose shows, and welcomed fellow rosarians and amateurs to their own garden at Oakley, their historic home behind the animal hospital where he spent those many years.

Today, long after his retirement, many of us still refer to taking our pets to "Dr. Hundley's." His name and his face are the identity that we associate with the quality of life our pets deserve. He remains the standard of his profession, a model for other veterinarians and for all animal lovers to emulate, knowing in that area that if we do as he did, we and our animals will live at a higher plane of existence. For our time, he was Saint Francis of Assisi among us.

Dr. James Robert Hundley, D.V.M. October 11, 1926 – May 18, 2012. R.I.P.



Do your remember?

In 1945, Japan signed the official surrender on V-J Day, September 2; a first-class postage stamp cost 3 cents; the Detroit Tigers defeated the Chicago Cubs four games to three to win the World Series; and the first all-electronic computer was completed. Closer to home, Kilmarnock High School was still on School Street with a faculty of four (above). From left are Mrs. Helen Carter, principal H.B. Chase Jr., the Rev. Joseph Dameron and Mrs. Mary Lee Johnson, according to Kilmarnock Museum president Carroll Lee Ashburn. "Do you remember?" is a public service of the Kilmarnock Museum.

YOUR LETTERS

Celebrating the Sabbath

Referring to John Farmer's Reflections of last week, "Church Growth Begins at Home," he said, "when the Sabbath was established, do remember that it was sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. I don't know of a single Christian group that so celebrates God's command."

Perhaps he is not aware or has forgotten that the keeping of the seventh day Bible Sabbath is a biblical principle that constitutes a foundational belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church based on Exodus 20:8-11 (the fourth commandment); Hebrews 4:4, 8, 9; and Luke 23:53-56 through 24:1. True Seventh-day Adventists observe and keep holy the seventh day Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

I surely agree with Mr. Farmer that we need to "get and think God first," and the best place to start would be to follow our Lord's admonition, "if you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15). That would be a good starting place, and our churches would certainly grow.

Mary Welch,
Kilmarnock Seventh-day Adventist Church

Columnist apologizes

I want to acknowledge Mary Beth Jenkins Carlson for her cherished remembrances of her parents in last week's Letter to the Editor. Especially the sharing of her family's observance of the Sabbath. I shall look forward to meeting them over on the other side.

For all of us boys and girls raised in latch-key, divorced or in single-parent households, I should admit that I am jealous, when faced with such a grand and wonderful American, Christian family picture.

I would like to apologize to those that I have offended. I appreciate the correction from Mary Beth and also my lifelong friend, the inimitable J. W. Sawdy of LHS and the Cowshed. I accept your reprimand.

For the record (pun intended). Regarding the Sabbath: "The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts," General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists ®, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904."

John Howard Farmer,
Irvington

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She says what she means and she means what she says. She will vigorously defend our Constitution and Bill of Rights and will honor her sacred oath of office. Vote for Jamie Radke on June 12.

Dee Meredith,
Callao

No room for prejudices

Republicans in the House of Delegates sneaked around just after midnight May 13 in a display of cowardice, ignorance, fear and hatred that is appalling even by Republican standards.

The House voted down a superbly-qualified attorney who had been nominated by Gov. McDonnell for a judgeship. District 99 Del. Margaret Ransone did not even have the courage to vote "yea" or "nay" - she simply did not vote.

Several weeks ago Gov. Bob McDonnell nominated Tracy Thorne-Begland to be judge in the Richmond General District Courts. Thorne-Begland currently serves as deputy Commonwealth's attorney for the city of Richmond where he is chief prosecutor for major crimes.

He was a Navy pilot who received an honorable discharge in the early 1990s after publicly stating that he was homosexual.

Following his discharge, he returned to law school, graduating from the University of Richmond College of Law in 1997. Every single attorney and judge who commented on Thorne-Begland's qualifications to be a judge gave him the highest marks and recommendations.

Republicans in the House turned down this superbly qualified man solely because of his sexual orientation. Republicans in the Senate do not even have the courage to grant Thorne-Begland the courtesy of a Senate vote.

The House lynch mob that attacked Thorne-Begland was led by Del. Bob Marshall of Prince William County and his allies in the hate-filled Family Foundation of Virginia. The midnight debate and vote on Thorne-Begland's nomination and the blatant prejudice shown by House Republicans have no place

in our government.

The Virginia GOP fully intends to take this state back to the bigotry and prejudice of the 1950s.

The fact that Del. Ransone stood silent and did not vote does not absolve her of blame in this matter. Her not voting sends a clear signal that she does not have the courage and moral fiber expected of a public servant.

Joe Schlatter,
Heathsille

Yoga camp was enlightening

The Camp Kekoka Yoga Retreat was amazing again this year.

For someone like myself who is still relatively new to yoga, the variety of class options was a great help in determining my preference of yoga style. From chakra focused yoga to laughter yoga, from gentle yoga to challenging ashtanga, there was something available at each session for every participant - whether they were seasoned yogis or beginners.

Aside from the physical practice, sessions included informative presentations and discussions on practicing safely so as not to injure your body, mindful eating, mindful relationships, meditation, and the history of yoga itself.

Each instructor and presenter was very knowledgeable in their area while exhibiting an obvious love for the art and lifestyle of yogic practice. Cassie Leichty and MJ Anderson make everyone feel like they are part of a big family - warmly welcomed. Even the food was incredible! It was donated by local farmers and cooked by area churches, a rotary group and others. Delicious!

I entered camp on Friday feeling excited about the weekend ahead, with a longing to be filled with the peace, joy, love, and acceptance from the practice and the wonderful people participating. I left with new knowledge along with deeper relationships that began last year, and new friendships that will carry through this year and years to come. My life was forever touched by these wonderful, warm friends. Everyone so graciously shared of themselves with each other and me. The air was alive with our energy!

What a wonderful opportunity to have so close by. Susan Johnson and all of the others worked so hard to make this weekend possible!

Katie West,
Suffolk

Rappahannock Record Deadlines

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House passes Rep. Wittman's accountability measure for Arlington National Cemetery

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the National Defense Authorization Act, H.R. 4310, which includes a measure authored by Rep. Rob Wittman to bolster the structure of leadership at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).

The measure places a commissioned officer of the U.S. Military in Charge of Army National Cemeteries to provide for greater accountability following the reports of mismanagement that

surfaced in 2010. Rep. Wittman, chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, has focused efforts on oversight in subcommittee hearings of the efforts to modernize and fix errors at ANC.

"Our heroes buried at these cemeteries run by the Department of the Army deserve the honor of having their last leader and commanding officer held to military standards of excellence and accountability to ensure that the unconscionable mistakes

and crimes that occurred in the past at Arlington are never repeated," said Rep. Wittman.

He indicated current ANC leadership has made significant progress fixing a broken system and correcting egregious errors by past leadership.

Under the measure, current leadership would remain in place until their tenure ends. The House passed the Defense Authorization bill by a vote of 299-120, and it now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Guidelines posted for election letters

Letters to the Editor commenting on candidate positions for the upcoming Republican Primary for U.S. Senate on June 12 will be published in the Rappahannock Record as space allows through May 31.

Letters should contain the name of the writer, place of residence and phone number. Phone numbers will not be published, but are required in case the writer needs to be contacted.

Letters should be concise and to the point. There is a 300-word limit on all letters. All letters are subject to editing.

No more than two letters from the same writer will be published. Letters from the same writer are not published in consecutive issues.

In the event multiple letters contain the same or similar message, they may not all run. Letters obviously part of a letter-writing campaign will not be published.

No attacks on a candidate's personal life will be published. Focus on the issues. Statements that are obviously false, rumors and hearsay will not be published. Writers are reminded it is a misdemeanor in Virginia to

knowingly submit false information for publication in a newspaper.

Letters from candidates will not be published prior to June 7 and then only if there is a demonstrated need to respond to a specific issue raised in a prior letter. Thank you letters will not be published.

Election letters are due by 11 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Presidential campaign

Letters to the Editor regarding the November 6 election will be published as space allows October 4 through 25. No election letters will be published November 1.

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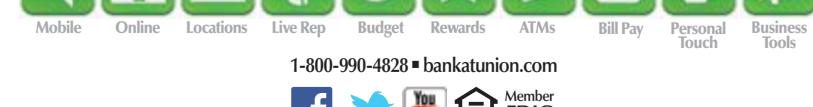
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Republican Senatorial Primary slated June 12

by Shannon Rice

L A N C A S T E R — A Republican primary for a U.S. Senate seat will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2012, throughout the Commonwealth. Candidates seeking the nomination are Jamie Radtke, E.W. Jackson, Bob Marshall and George Allen.

All registered voters may participate in the primary, said Lancaster voter registrar Susan Jett. Voters will not be required to sign any pledge and all standard forms of identification will be accepted, including voter registration cards, driver's license and Social Security card.

This is the first run at a political office for Jamie Radtke, chairwoman of the Federation of Virginia Tea Party Patriots since 2009. Radtke's platform is built upon opposition to raising the federal debt ceiling, defense of the second amendment, and advocating for energy independent policies that bring down the price of gas, according to campaign materials.

Radtke has a bachelor's in government from Liberty University and a master's in public policy from The College of William & Mary. Radtke and her husband, John, have three children, all of whom she homeschools.

E.W. Jackson of Chesapeake also is making a first attempt at public office. Jackson led the Conservative Emergency Task Force Summit in Washington, D.C., on March 15, 2011, bringing together Congressional representatives, Tea Party leaders, and social and national security conservatives, according to campaign materials. A strict constitutionalist, Jackson vows to fight for Virginia's sovereign right to utilize its own energy resources and vote against

Executive order calls for every Virginia voter to get voter card

RICHMOND — Gov. Bob McDonnell recently signed legislation the General Assembly sent him that will expand the forms of acceptable identification for voting, and change the procedure when someone votes without presenting identification, requiring them to vote provisionally and later present an approved ID to their local registrar through email, fax, mail, or hand delivery.

Gov. McDonnell also issued an executive order directing the State Board of Elections to take a number of steps to implement this legislation. The executive order also directs the State Board of Elections to send every Virginia voter a voter card, a valid form of ID under state law, before Election Day, so that every registered Virginia voter has a valid ID to present at the polls.

Virginia's Voter ID law has been in place since 2000. This legislation only deals with individuals who do not bring an approved form of ID with them to the polls when voting.

"Open and secure elections are the cornerstone of a free democracy and are essential for citizens to have faith in their government," said Gov. McDonnell.

"I was pleased that the General Assembly approved my remaining amendments, particularly my proposal to extend the time a voter has to transmit or present their ID after Election Day until Friday at noon after the election," he said.

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legislation which allocates power to the federal government that is not awarded by the Constitution.

After practicing law in Boston for 15 years, he relocated to Virginia with his wife and three children to devote himself to ministry. In recognition of his national ministry leadership, he was consecrated a Bishop in 1998.

Del. Bob Marshall will make a second run for the Republican senatorial nomination, according to campaign materials. A senior Republican member of the General Assembly, Marshall was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1991 and now serves on the finance committee, as well as the counties, cities and towns committee.

Marshall was the chief patron of the Virginia Health Care Freedom Act, which was used by Virginia Attorney-General Ken Cuccinelli to challenge ObamaCare in Court. Marshall's HB 1160, which prevents Virginia from cooperating in the indefinite preventative detention of American citizens accused of suspicious activity, without trial, legal counsel, the presentation of charges or the ability to face an accuser, will become law effective July 1.

Marshall and his wife, Kathy, have five children and live in Prince William County.

George Allen is seeking a return to Senate with a blueprint for America's comeback. This blueprint includes reducing the tax on job-creating businesses from 35% to 20% which he says will create more than 500,000 new jobs annually, according to campaign materials. Allen also plans to practice fiscal discipline by passing a balanced budget amendment and line-item veto.

Allen's political experience includes serving stints in the House of Delegates, House of Representatives, Senator and Virginia Governor. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and live in Mount Vernon.

The deadline to vote absentee is Tuesday, June 5, if applying by mail and Saturday, June 9, if voting an absentee ballot in person.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 12.

Lancaster polls

District 1 votes at the Ruritan Center at 3989 White Chapel Road in Lancaster.

District 2 votes at Trinity Episcopal Church at 8484 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster.

District 3, precinct 301 votes at the White Stone firehouse at 578 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

District 3, precinct 302 votes at Grace Episcopal Church at 303 South Main Street in Kilmarnock.

District 4 votes at the Kilmarnock-Lancaster rescue squad building at 61 Harris Road in Kilmarnock.

District 5 votes at Irvington Baptist Church at 53 King Carter Drive in Irvington.

The Central Absentee precinct is at the Voter Registrar's office at 8694 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster.

Northumberland polls

District 1 votes at the Callao firehouse at 314 Northumberland Highway in Callao.

District 2 votes at St. Stephen's Church at 6538 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.

District 3-A votes at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.

District 3-B votes at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 6749 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway near Wicomico Church.

District 4 votes at Wicomico Parish Church at 5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway in Wicomico Church.

District 5 votes at the Fairfields firehouse at 119 Main Street in Reedville.

The Central Absentee Precinct will be at the Northumberland County courthouse at 72 Monument Place in Heathsville.

Record to be closed Monday

K I L M A R N O C K — Because the Rappahannock Record office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday Monday, May 28, some deadlines will be altered for next week's paper.

Display advertisements, normally due by 5 p.m. Monday, should be submitted Friday. Ads submitted as a portable document format (PDF) will be accepted until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Other deadlines on Tuesday remain unchanged. Classified advertisements and news items are due by noon.

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