

## Interlocking block party slated April 7

A free LEGO interlocking blocks party will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

The event is open to ages 6 and older. Children younger than age 6 are permitted only if accompanied by an adult who remains for the event, said publicist Don Hirst. Snacks will be provided.

Kids may bring their own interlocking blocks or use ones provided by the library, said Hirst.

No pre-registration is required but children may not be dropped off at the door, he said. Parents must sign in their children and provide an emergency telephone number before leaving.

Parents also are welcome to stay and help at the event, if they want, added Hirst.

## NPL will host two story hours in April

There will be two Listening Lambs at the Library Story Hour sessions in April. The free events will be held at the Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

Grandparents Party will be the theme for April 2, reported publicist Don Hirst. Rain, Rain, Go Away will be the theme for April 16. Both sessions will be held from 10 to 11 a.m.

Story hours are for children ages 3-6. Sessions include songs, poems, stories, a craft and a snack, said Hirst. When possible, a brief playtime will follow.

## Pipe organ concert slated for Tuesday

Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock, will host a pipe organ concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. Weston Jennings will return for his sixth year.

An American organist, Jennings is quickly establishing himself as a talented and engaging international performer, reported George Yeatman.

Jennings was the organ scholar at Canterbury Cathedral in the United Kingdom last year and is the organ scholar at Chelmsford Cathedral in the United Kingdom this year.

He recently was accepted at Yale University where he will pursue a master's in organ performance.

Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted for Jennings, said Yeatman.

## 'The Voice' star to perform at Gloucester Daffodil Festival

The 29th annual Daffodil Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 11 and noon to 5 p.m. April 12 in Gloucester Court House.

The festival is sponsored by the Daffodil Festival Council in cooperation with the Gloucester Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

The parade down Main Street in Gloucester Court House on April 11 starts at 10 a.m. Bria Kelly, a finalist on "The Voice" TV show, will perform on the main stage at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day, there will be tours of Brent & Becky's Bulbs all day.

A variety of food will be available for purchase as well as free children's games at the Gloucester Museum of History.

At 11:15 a.m. April 11, there will be an opening ceremony, crowning of the 2015 Daffodil Queen, and announcement of scholarship winners, the grand marshal and parade winners.

On April 12, there will be a Children's Stage and more music, food and fun.

# Catch a Northern Neck train story at Shiloh School

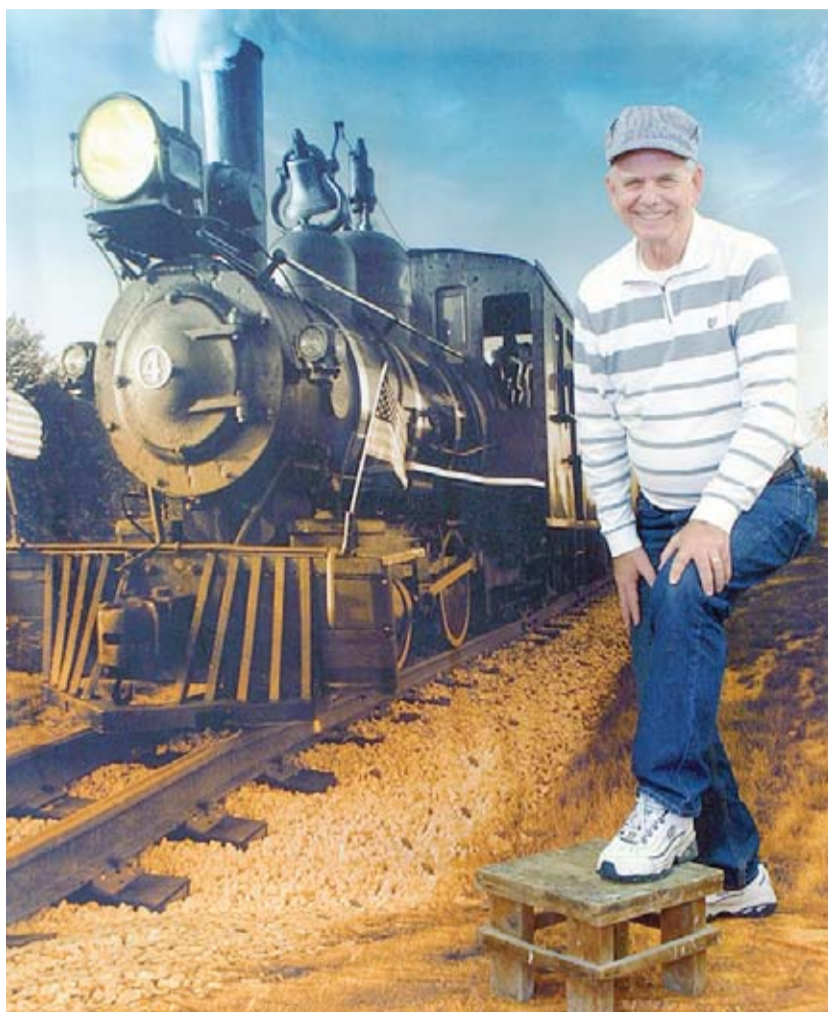
Northumberland Preservation Inc. (NPI) will host a program on railroads at 3 p.m. April 12 at Shiloh School, Shiloh School Road, Kilmarnock. Dennis Spillane will present "Railroads Proposed for the Northern Neck."

He will speak on the history and mystery of a number of efforts to bring a train to the area, reported board member Jane M. Towner. He has done extensive research on the subject, and recently uncovered new information.

He will address proposed railroads between 1875 and 1920, including a railroad originating from Richmond, a rail line that would utilize the waters of the Northern Neck as a deep-water port for coal from other states and a railroad within the Northern Neck, said Towner.

Spillane reports that he grew up loving trains and has his own model. Upon retirement 10 years ago, he moved from San Francisco to Reedville with his family. He is a docent and historian for the model railroad at the Reedville Fisherman's Museum.

**Dennis Spillane (right) will present "Railroads Proposed for the Northern Neck" April 12 at Shiloh School.**



From left are Eddy Whichard, John Roberts, Tom Gibson, John Mecke, Bill Otley and Scott McCord.

## Sorting begins for Grace Church Yard Sale

A troupe of hard-working gentlemen recently spent a long day sorting the vast array of items donated for the Grace Church Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to noon, May 2 at YMCA/APYC Camp Kekoka, 1083 Boys Camp Road, Kilmarnock.

A causeway of boxes, buildings of furniture, trailers full of bags including children's clothing and toys, "treasures" and men's and women's clothing were organized with great patience, reported advertising and procurement chairman Judy Ripley.

An immensely well-stocked auction will start at

10 a.m. featuring a jon boat with trailer, a white Ford super duty "like new" truck cap, a 30 foot C&C sailboat, kayaks, a fiberglass dinghy, a Chrysler minivan and gift certificates from local merchants.

"As always, 100% of the proceeds go directly back to the community," said Ripley.

Donations are accepted every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Camp Kekoka.

To help or donate, call Ripley at 462-7233. For item pickup, call Jim Spangler at 436-4656.

## RW-C schedules Voyages program

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on April 16 will host its annual Voyages program. The one-day seminar will address the medical, legal, administrative and spiritual dimensions of aging.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at RW-C, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

"We believe it's important for all adults to have the information required for making decisions as they age," said RW-C resident life services coordinator Maria Ferrand. "The Voyages program gives them the tools they need to communicate and document their healthcare decisions."

The program will coincide with National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), a national initiative

designed to inspire, educate and empower older Americans and their healthcare providers about the importance of advance care planning, said Ferrand.

"This year's program will begin with NHDD's 'Imagine,' a video explaining how each one of us can speak up about our individual desires," she said.

RW-C social services director Alice Coates will review the medical and legal issues seniors should consider, including advanced directives that provide instructions for medical care, especially at end-of-life.

Attendees also will learn about Virginia's Advance Health Care Directive Registry at VirginiaRegistry.org., an online resource that allows Virginians to store documents needed by family members and health care

providers if older adults are unable to convey their wishes concerning medical care.

Chaplain Davis Smith will lead a discussion about the spiritual dimensions of aging and offer advice about handling spiritual crises. Participants also will have an opportunity to walk RWC's Labyrinth as part of the presentation on spiritual well-being.

Ferrand will provide tips for identifying documents that should be readily available and organizing paperwork for seniors and their loved ones. The morning program will conclude with a presentation by the Rev. Mary Dell Sigler of Hospice of Virginia.

Tom Gale of Currie Funeral Home also will speak.

The seminar is free. However, reservations are requested by April 10. Call 438-4000.

## AREA EVENTS

### Reader's theater

The Lancaster Community Library will present a reader's theater production of "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro at 2 p.m. April 12 at the new library building, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock.

Tickets are \$15. Purchase advance tickets at lancasterlibrary.org, or 435-1729. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

### Italian Feast

The Knights of Columbus, Council 11210, will host its seventh annual Italian Feast at 5 p.m. April 18 at the Church of the Visitation, 8462 General Puller Highway, Topping. The menu will include meatballs with pork, beef and veal, Italian sweet sausages, homemade sauce, penne pasta, Italian bread, salad, hand-grated Reggiano Parmesan cheese, desserts, wine, coffee and tea.

Tickets are \$18 per adult, \$5 for children, free for kids younger than age 6. Reservations required by April 10. Take-outs will be available by pre-order. Call 725-1656 or 776-0078.

### Parkinson's Awareness

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington, on April 8 will host its annual Parkinson's Awareness Day. Dr. Jessica Lehosit will speak on "The Neurological Exam for PD: What is my doctor doing? What is he/she looking for? What does it mean?" Her presentation will begin at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to the event. Beverages and dessert will be served. Reservations are required; call 435-9553.

### Children First

Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board Prevention Services offers Children First, a co-parenting education class to prevent custody conflicts and help parents understand the importance of both parents having an active, involved and positive relationship with their children.

The next session will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 at the Prevention Services Office, 3786 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. The fee is \$50. Pre-register at rvuc.com, or 642-5402.

### Deadline extended

The deadline for submission of funeral programs for the Virginia African-American Funeral Programs Project has been extended to April 20. A collaboration between Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society (MPAAGHS) and FamilySearch, this online database may be found at familysearch.org.

Programs may be submitted to MPAAGHS from 1 to 2 p.m. April 11 at the Essex Public Library, or call 758-5163.

### Resource fair

Enroll Virginia will sponsor a community resource fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Bay Transit, 111 Commerce Street, Warsaw.

Several community service agencies and programs will be represented. Bring a nonperishable food item for a food drive held in conjunction with the resource fair.

### Derby party

Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern will host its 10th annual Kentucky Derby party from 3 to 7 p.m. May 2. The party will include food, bar, music, auctions, mint juleps and viewing of the race on a big screen.

The fee is \$35 per person or \$65 per couple in advance, or \$40 per person at the gate. Reservations requested by April 27. Reserve tickets at 580-3377.

### Viewpoints

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington, will host television news correspondent Ann Compton at 11 a.m. April 13. She will present "From Hollins to the White House: A Correspondent's Journey," highlighting her experiences in the news industry.

A complimentary buffet luncheon will be served. Reservations are required; call 438-4000.



# Lancaster Court Day April 11 to feature local militia, artisans

On April 11 the sounds of fifes and drums will echo on the grounds around the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library (MBWML) in Lancaster Courthouse.

Members of the 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army, a re-enactment troupe, will dress as members of the militia that formed on the Northern Neck to kick off Lancaster Court Day ceremonies at 10 a.m. Festivities will continue until 4 p.m. on the museum grounds in Lancaster.

Winners of the Northern Neck History Detectives Poster Contest will join the militia for a breakfast cooked over an open fire, reported event organizer Laurie McCord. Artwork submitted for the contest will be on display in the Clerk's Office on the museum grounds.

"Our program on the main stage will be an exciting one, and we invite everyone to come enjoy a wide array of performances that will take them back to colonial times," said McCord.

Michael Kennedy will emcee a day-long program featuring historical character



**Yannig Tanguy of Crown Point Bakery in New York (above) will take a break from his baking duties to perform tunes on his fiddle.**

interpreters, musicians and dancers. Many performers also will stroll through the crowd or set up in tents to entertain visitors with stories and songs of Revolutionary days. Some visitors will have a chance to learn 18th-century dance steps.

The Crown Point Bread Company of New York, the Heathsville Blacksmith's Guild, the 4H Heritage Club and Richmond's Blue Bee Cider Company will demonstrate colonial trades and crafts. The Reedville Fisher-

man's Museum will exhibit the Spirit of 1608, a replica of the boat John Smith piloted up the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries shortly after the English established a settlement at Jamestown.

Among the vendors will be Kimberly Walters, proprietor of Kimberly Walters at the Sign of the Gray Horse, who will display some of her original jewelry inspired by 18th- and 19th-century designs.

"We are also delighted to have Camela Nitschke of The Ribbonry in Perrysburg, Ohio, joining us," said McCord.

The Ribbonry offers imported, specialty and vintage ribbons, as well as ornaments and jewelry featuring ribbon designs.

The Lancaster High School Band Boosters will sell burgers, hot dogs and chili. Jazzy-Z-Bones of Wicomico Church will offer barbecue sandwiches, turkey legs, macaroni and cheese and cole slaw.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens and free for ages 12 and younger, \$12 per family. Purchase tickets at mbwm.org, or 462-7280.

# Community invited to celebration marking 70th anniversary of the end of World War II

The Northumberland County Historical Society (NCHS) on April 12 will sponsor a presentation to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Members and the public are welcome to attend the free celebration, beginning at 2 p.m. held at the Ball Memorial Library and Museum, 86 Back Street, Heathsville.

As part of this celebration, Dr. Susan Anthony-Tolbert will discuss *The Home Front in Northumberland County, Virginia in World War II*. This talk will be based on what she discovered while writing the book of the same name with her husband, Dorian Tolbert, reported NCHS secretary Virginia H. Burgess.

Dr. Anthony-Tolbert's talk will draw on experiences shared with her by more than 20 individuals who lived, and/or worked in the county during World War II. Their recollections included such topics as rationing, spotting, blackouts, German submarines in the Chesapeake, salvaging, Victory Gardens, farming, fishing, forestry and canning.

Interviewees also recollected interesting rumors and stories about life in the county during that time, said Burgess. While the interviews provided wonderful experiential information, the book has also provided context for these remembrances by drawing on local newspaper accounts and records of the board of supervisors, as well as contextual information gathered from broader sources.

Dr. Anthony-Tolbert was formerly professor of psychology and director of the undergraduate psychology program at Galaudet University. Since her retirement, she has written for The Bulletin of the Northumberland County Historical Society, and with her husband, wrote *A Quiet Glory: The Life and Times of Dr. James Skelton Gilliam*. She has also authored *Lucy Long, Robert E. Lee's Other Warhorse: The Mare with Mysteries*, in both a version for adults and in a format for youngsters.

She serves on the NCHS board of directors and has produced several popular recordings of harp music.

The Home Front will be on sale after the presentation. All proceeds from the book benefit NCHS. Refreshments also will be served.



## Southworth-Spence wedding

**Jeanie Swink Spence and Hunter Pollard Southworth announce their impending exchange of wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Virginia Beach Wedding Chapel. Witness the exchange at [vbwedchapel.com/livewedding.htm](http://vbwedchapel.com/livewedding.htm).**

## Garden club speaker will discuss meadows

Steve Carroll of the University of Virginia Blandy Experimental Farm will speak to the Rappahannock Garden Club Thursday, April 9. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Mai Street, Kilmarnock.

Blandy Farm is the State Arboretum of Virginia.

"Steve is the director of public programs and will speak on the history of Blandy Farm and their native meadow and the value of establishing a meadow," said first vice president/programs Judy Ripley.

"Steve is very experienced in the field having contributed articles to Fine Gardening, Virginia Gardener and several other publications,"



**Steve Carroll**

said Ripley. "He brings a great deal of expertise having taught biology, ecology, botany and evolutionary biology for 15 years at Truman State University in Missouri."

There will be a short business meeting preceding the program.

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## AREA EVENTS

### ■ Farmers market

Special activities will mark the season-opening Heathsville Farmers Market April 18 on the grounds adjacent to Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville.

Activities will include a 5K run/walk at 8 a.m.; market vendors, Earth Day celebration, artisans and Heritage Arts Center grand opening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; quilt show and sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; tot trot at 9:15 a.m.; 1K kids run at 9:30 a.m.; scavenger hunt at 10:30 a.m.; and wine festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ■ Vivaldi & vino

The six-member Calinetes Musical Consort will perform Antonio Vivaldi's concerti "The Four Seasons" at 7 p.m. April 10 at Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Good Luck Road, Kilmarnock. The musical will benefit the Northern Neck Orchestra.

Tickets are \$20 at northernneckorchestra.org, or at the door. Students will be admitted free. Wine will be available for purchase.

### ■ Food and fashion

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Christ Church Parish will host a spring fashion show and card party luncheon April 10 at the Christ Church Parish Hall, 56 Christchurch Lane, Christchurch. The fashion show will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch following at noon, and then for those who wish to join, games from 1 to 4 p.m.

The fee is \$25 per person with reservations limited to tables of four. For reservations, contact Grace Parker at [parkrgrace2010@verizon.net](mailto:parkrgrace2010@verizon.net), or 770-354-5310.

## ENGAGEMENT



**Elizabeth Anne Lingor and David W. Smith Jr.**

### Lingor-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Derr of Glen Allen announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Anne Lingor to David W. "Smitty" Smith Jr.

Smith is the son of Mrs. Mary Jane Smith of Lancaster and the late David W. Smith Sr. A winter wedding is planned.

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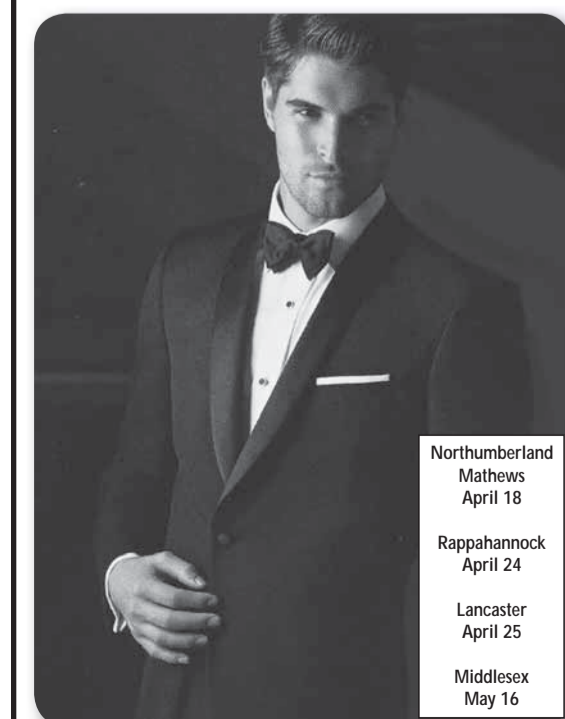
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## Charles W. Bonner Jr.

WHITE STONE—Charles W. Bonner Jr., 88, of White Stone died peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2015, surrounded by the family that loved him.

Also known as Charley, Chalsey, Dad and Papa, he was predeceased by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Colleen Bowman Bonner.

Charley is survived by his children, Karen, Chuck, Larry and Larry's, wife Sheryl; four grandchildren and their partners, Sarah, David, Charles, Peter; Adam, Macy and Leah; and four great-grandchildren, Ruby, Luke, Lily and Asa.

Asked recently what he

was most proud of in his life, he said it was having a job he loved and doing it well. Charley spent his career in Richmond as a mechanical engineer with Cardwell, after which he and his wife, Colleen, retired to a house they built on Dyer Creek, and they lived there happily together for many years.

A private family service will be held at his home in White Stone. Charley/Dad/Papa will be greatly missed here on Earth, along with his sense of humor, extreme generosity, and fierce family loyalty. However, we imagine the reunion between him and his departed wife, Colleen, will be going on for all eternity.

## John M. Forcum

HEATHSVILLE—John M. Forcum, 81, of Heathsville passed away at home on Monday, March 23, 2015. He was a very loving father, stepfather and grandfather to all of his children and grandchildren over all of their lives.

He retired from the World Bank, Administrative Services, in Washington, D.C. He was an active member at Living Water Lutheran Church, Kilmarnock, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was an avid boater, fisherman and enjoyed traveling.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Virginia F. Sampson and James Forcum.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Rosemarie T. Forcum; his daughters, Valerie F. Jones and her husband, David Ford, of Poland, Maine, Cynthia F. Shruell and her husband, Randal, of Westminster,

Md.; his stepsons, David H. Roy of Chilhowie and Daniel T. Roy and his wife, Amy, of Venetia, Pa.; seven grandchildren, Steven and Cameron Jones, Lainey and Julia Shruell, Carl, Hayden, and Peyton Roy; one great-grandson, Theodore Jones; and many friends.

A memorial service is planned for a later date at Living Water Lutheran Church, Kilmarnock. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northumberland County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Reedville, VA 22539, to Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital, P. O. Box 1449, Kilmarnock, VA 22482; and to Living Water Lutheran Church, 83 Bluff Point Road, P.O. Box 818, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Online remembrances may be made at [faulknerfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://faulknerfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Jennifer S. Miller

ROANOKE—Jennifer Stevens Miller, 40, passed away peacefully at her home in Roanoke on March 3, 2015.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Howard and Lola Stevens and James and Virginia Deel; and three aunts, Katherine Schneider, Virginia Walker and Patty Warner.

She is survived by her parents Emerson and Sandra Stevens of Courtland; two daughters, Amanda Miller and Ashley M. Johns and her husband Michael; one son, Sean Miller; and one grandson, Michael Duane Johns, all of Roanoke; her sister Carrie S. Odom of Suffolk; brother, Christopher E. Stevens of North Carolina; two nieces; three nephews; five aunts; three



uncles; and numerous cousins. Funeral services were held March 7 at Grandin Court Baptist Church, 2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke. The family received friends March 6. Oakey's Funeral Home of Vinton handled the arrangements.

## David Schools

TAPPAHANNOCK—David Schools, 78, of Tappahannock passed away on March 26, 2015.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Christina Sarlis Schools; his children, Kamela Johnson and her husband, Brad, of Montross, David Hayden and his wife, Nikki, of Lancaster, Steven Hayden and his wife, Missy, of Lancaster and Tommy Wilson of Tappahannock; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his son, Michael Scott Schools.

He was the son of the late Mr. Lawrence and Mabel Schools of Tappahannock. He was the oldest of five children and was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Schools. He is survived by his brother, Ernest Schools and his wife, Teresa, Linwood Schools and his wife, Sandy and sister, Rita Schools.

David was a member of the Battery B 1st Howitzer Battalion, 8th Artillery, APO 25 and served in Vietnam. He a longtime member of the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad and a lifetime member of the Tappahannock Volunteer Rescue Squad having participated in many emergency calls. David retired from Moore's Building



Supply (later Pro-Build) after more than 25 years of service.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. March 31 at Currie Funeral Home, Kilmarnock. Interment followed at Corrotoman Baptist Church Cemetery, Ottoman. Family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Road, Suite 130, Glen Allen, VA 23060; American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard, Alexandria, VA 22311; American Cancer Society, 11835 Canon Blvd. Ste. A 102, Newport News, VA 23606; American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216; or the Tappahannock Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 583, Tappahannock, VA 22560.

## Fairfields UMC serves over 1,000 free community meals

The men and women of Fairfields United Methodist Church have been providing a free monthly community lunch since September 2013.

The next lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the activities building on church grounds at 14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess, reported Robert Matthews. April's lunch will start with soup. The entree will be macaroni and cheese and hot dogs followed by dessert. Each meal is accompanied with bread and choice of beverage.

To date the church has served over 1,000 meals, said Matthews. The program started as a Methodist Men's project and soon expanded to include the whole church as well as volunteers from its sister church, Afton UMC, and Northumberland County Social Services.

The lunch provides an opportunity for all to get together and share a meal and fellowship, he said. No preregistration or donation is required.

All the lunches have been well attended, he added.

## CHURCH NOTES

### Friday Nites

The Friday Nite worship at Mulberry Baptist Church, 1156 Mulberry Road, Farnham, will continue at 8 p.m. April 10 and 17.

Guests on April 10 will be the Rev. Andrew Tribble and Potomac Baptist Church. Guests on April 17 will be evangelist Cliff Brown and the Gospel Warriors.

### Deacons and deaconesses

New St. John's Baptist Church, Kilmarnock, will celebrate deacon and deaconess day at 3 p.m. April 12.

Guests will include the Rev. Kenneth Rioland, pastor of Union Branch Baptist Church of Chesterfield, and his choir and church family. An invitation is extended to area churches, deacons and deaconesses.

### Deacons day

Mulberry Baptist Church, 1156 Mulberry Road, Farnham, will hold a deacons day service at 4 p.m. April 12. All deacons in the community and their church congregations are invited.

Special guests will be the Rev. Travis Copeland and the Calvary Baptist Church, Kilmarnock.

### Holy Land

The community is invited to join a Holy Land Pilgrimage at 10:30 a.m. April 12 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1717 Hampton Hall Road, Callao. Pastor Mike Ramminger will conduct the morning adult Bible class on a video tour through Israel, where the dramatic events of the Lenten and Easter seasons took place. Sunday services are held at 9 a.m.

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Easter Worship 11 a.m.

Historic White Marsh Church

(The site of the first Sunrise Service in Lancaster County)

## 'Evening With' program to address loss of a loved one

The Bay Center for Spiritual Development, 31 Noblett Lane, Kilmarnock, will host an "Evening With" program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 16. The theme will be "Suddenly Alone" and speakers include Mary Kay Rotert and Frank Burke.

"We have all heard the Ben Franklin quote, 'In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes,'" said Bay Center director Carol Burke. "Perhaps, equally true is that without planning, there is chaos."

This "Evening With" program will provide personal insights into preparing for and surviving the death of a loved one, legal considerations that are helpful to individuals and families as they struggle with end of life issues and organizational tools that help to make the ultimate loss less painful, or perhaps, less traumatic, she said.

Rotert is a licensed nurse practitioner, specializing in hospice care, who lost her husband suddenly after his participation in an athletic event. She has spoken at numerous community venues about this experience and how it affected her life. Her loss has enabled her to provide a unique perspective on preparing for and dealing with the death of a loved one.

Frank Burke practiced law for 30 years and is now the president of Bay Trust Company.

His legal background in the field of estates and trusts and his experiential background with clients as they developed estate plans and dealt with the loss of loved ones complements the overall message of this program: While loss is inevitable and preparation and planning do not lessen emotional pain, they do change the dynamic, lessening the time required for administrative matters and increasing the time for grief and celebration of the life passed.

There will be a brief question and answer period, followed by a social time with refreshments.

The suggested donation is \$10.

## White Marsh Church announces Easter events

Historic White Marsh Church, 11040 Mary Ball Road, Brookvale, recently announced special services to be held in celebration of Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection.

A Good Friday Service will be held at 7 p.m. April 3, said Winfield Talley.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, there will be a special children's program with emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus, said Talley. At the conclusion of this service the children will hunt for Easter eggs.

There will be a "Petting Zoo" with young animals for the children to hold and pet and in some cases just to look at. After visiting with the animals, the Easter story will be told, using flannel graph as a visual aid.

"I absolutely love telling stories and look forward to Saturday," said Brenda Hall.



Prize eggs

On Easter Sunday, April 5, the church will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by a light breakfast. A special Easter worship service will be held at 11 a.m., said Talley.

## St. Andrews posts Holy Week services

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 435 East Church Street, Kilmarnock, will hold a worship service at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 2. Through scripture and song, this service recalls Jesus' last supper before Good Friday, reported Judy Thomson. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is included.

On Good Friday, April 3, the St. Andrews sanctuary will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

for worshipers who wish to come, pray, and meditate, said Thompson. At noon there will be a brief worship service of readings and prayers.

St. Andrews will begin Easter celebrations at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, April 5, with a "Flowering of the Cross," followed by Easter worship at 11 a.m., she said.

These services and events are open to all, added Thomson.

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# Reflections

by Rev. John Farmer

## 2015 Easter People

The moon bids adieu, as I write this to you. It should be, at least as we begin. We need a cloak of darkness to stage this drama. God will be born anew in the morning. For now, the world is at rest. Little attention does it pay to the wee hours of the dawn. Off to my west there is an orange sun preparing for bed. It barely stays lit. Poor moon, he is not quite round. It is as if all his spinning and shining has pushed him out of shape. Maybe one more night of rest and he will conform.

The next full eclipse of the moon occurs April 4th, that is if you live in Asia, Australia, the Islands of the South Pacific and both Americas. The eclipse rings in our Easter celebration this year. This is a busy week for the sun, moon, and stars. They remember.

Joseph of Arimathea was the consummate businessman. He'd offered the followers of our Lord a tomb. It was freshly hewn, spotless. I wonder what price he got for it the second time around? Shrewd, eh?

There's another man plodding about in the dark of our drama. The Bible says that a man is struggling to bring a sack of herbs and spices to the tomb. He truly wants to know that the body of his Lord is prepared for burial. In the haste to remove Jesus from the cross, and entomb Him before the start of the Sabbath, time had not allowed for preparation.

Who was that man? Nicodemus had first come to Jesus at night. Master, he asked, what must a person do to be born again? Remember the story? Sure you do. Jesus, without batting an eyelid, answered. You must be born again. The Bible recognizes Nicodemus as a man of faith, perhaps a leader in the local temple. Jesus took him from where he was (in his faith) to where he ought to be, with-

out upbraiding what he didn't know. How does that affect our sense of evangelism?

Apparently Nicodemus accepted Jesus' teaching and fades from testimony. One wonders what he learned. He didn't jump in and become part of the gang of followers surrounding the Lord. We learn precious little more about Nicodemus. Where did he go? What did he do? How did he change? Or, did he? Yes he changed, but in a quiet way. He did so out of the glare of public scrutiny. His was a quiet conversion. Make no mistake about it; he was converted. Jesus did not

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waste his words on Nicodemus.

In the Gospel of John (19:38), right after Joseph had helped place Jesus on that shelf in the tomb, Nicodemus had borne the weight of about a hundred pounds of herbs and spice to the grave. If no one else dared, Nicodemus would attend the body of Christ. Would he have dared had he not been converted to the faith? Would he have bothered? Hardly. He is a model for us all.

It is still dark out. The tomb was sealed. A guard stood by. He was a government chap. We could not have the body of our Lord being guarded by a follower. They might lie. They might've hid His body. The guard is to secure the story. He stood vigilant. He stood powerlessly by as God rolled the stone away. The tomb was empty. The followers had to know this. They had to believe that Jesus was not there in order to get to the next level of their faith. They had to fix on the empty tomb to sharpen the words of Jesus.

Poor Mary Magdalene, dishonored by so many preachers, loved so, by the Man of Galilee. Alone, weeping, she drags to the place Holy. Ah ha! "He is not here; I must run tell the others," (the men). They are hiding. They are doubting.

Catching Mary's voice, and the alarming message, Simon Peter and John (the Beloved) set out at full speed. How they differed from Nicodemus. How like him (us) they were. Nicodemus bore the pain of death; but failed to hearken to the reality that no grave would hold the body of our Lord. The disciples also knew the story, and it left them powerless.

That's the way it had to be. You see the story is not just about long ago. It is about you and me, and what we believe. The story is about how we latch on to the truth of Christ and allow him to be both Savior and Lord of our lives.

William M. James wrote the lines: "Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. Even when life overwhelms us Easter people sing this song. Alleluia! Alleluia! Everlasting Sunday song."

So, after the rabbit's left his sweet gifts, after the new clothes have wrinkled, after the choirs have sung, after the preachers have expounded their best, after the ham and trimmings are eaten, what then?

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus." Tell the story. Because He lives, we who choose to do so may also live — and it is forever. It is morning, happy Easter.

*Rev. John Farmer has been the pastor at Irvington Baptist Church since 1986.*

# Bay Center will host cancer retreat

Bay Center for Spiritual Development, 31 Noblett Lane, Kilmarnock, will host Coming Home to Ourselves, a restorative retreat for those who have been touched by cancer, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 13.

The retreat is about finding calm, compassion and clarity at the center of the storm, reported Bay Center director Carol Burke. This nourishing retreat offers ways to develop a greater capacity to meet their challenges with grace, one breath and one heart beat at a time, finding that life can be lived fully and richly whatever individual circumstances.

Participants will arrive recognizing their own suffering, said Burke. They will learn that they can't run away from the storm, but they can find clarity, calm, and compas-

sion at its center through the healing power of mindfulness and a tender heart, in hopes of transforming suffering into wisdom and grace.

The retreat will be fully experiential, she said. Restorative yoga, meditation, music therapy, massage therapy, time for a walk or quiet reflection and a delicious anti-cancer lunch will be offered.

The retreat will be led by a committed group of professionals in art, healthcare, music, yoga, massage therapy, psychotherapy and spiritual direction with a devoted team of hospitality volunteers, said Burke.

The retreat is supported by a grant from The Robert B. Lantz Foundation. The suggested donation is \$10. Register at baycenterva.com, or call Burke at 436-3191.

# ANSWERS ON AGING

**My father recently died and now my mother lives by herself. She insists she wants to live independently, but I worry about her safety now that she has a harder time walking and taking care of herself. Do you have any advice on how to make the house safer for her?**

Safety at home is important, especially for seniors. Falls in the home cause serious injuries and it's important to ensure the safety of your loved one. We have some advice on what you can do to make a home safer to help prevent accidents that could cause medical complications in the future.

- Consider a personal emergency response system for older adults who live on their own.

- Keep a fire extinguisher and smoke detector on every floor.

- Use a correctly measured walking aid that can be used throughout the home.
- Remove or tack down all scatter rugs to avoid tripping.

- Remove electrical or telephone cords from high traffic areas.

- Avoid using slippery wax on floors, and wipe up spills promptly.

- Have sturdy rails for all stairs inside and outside the house, or, if necessary, purchase a stair lift.

- Make sure that all stair cases have good lighting with switches at top and bottom.

- Staircase steps should have a non-slip surface. If possible for those with difficulty climbing stairs, move living quarters to the first floor.

- To make bathrooms safer, consider installing handrails in the shower and near toilets and place nonslip flooring or mats.

- In the kitchen have items easily reachable to avoid having to use stepladders or chairs.

- Add night lights to hallways and bedrooms.

*For answers to questions on aging, visit [seniornavigator.org](http://seniornavigator.org).*

# Burn victim needs help

by Renss Greene

An Essex woman is still waiting on Social Security and Medicaid assistance months after being doused with gasoline, set on fire, and kidnapped.

In September 2014, the woman was held for over two weeks before her rescue, and was hospitalized in October for her burns. She has undergone four surgeries so far, and is scheduled for a fifth, according to Salvation Army of Richmond County chairman Jack Harris.

The woman was attacked in Westmoreland county and taken across state lines. Since her rescue, she and her three underaged children have been staying with her teenaged daughter in her one-bedroom apartment in Westmoreland.

She has filed paperwork with the Social Security Administration, but is still awaiting interviews and approval. Currently she is receiving no aid except for what the Salvation Army and The Haven, an organization providing help to Northern Neck victims of domestic violence, can provide.

Last year, The Haven helped 376 domestic violence victims in the Northern Neck.

The Salvation Army helped more than 300 people with utility bills, rent and food costs last year.

To help this victim, send a donation to the Salvation Army, write "burn victim" in the memo line of a check, and post it to: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 489, Warsaw, VA 22572; or call Jack Harris at 394-3701. Contributions to the Salvation Army are tax deductible.

# CHURCH NOTES

## ■ Service at sunrise

Bethel/Emmanuel United Methodist Church Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:45 a.m. April 5 at the home of Jim and Shirley Weakley, 6827 Morattico Road. A continental breakfast will follow at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

## ■ Last sayings

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Wicomico Church, will present The Seven Last Sayings of Christ from the Cross at the 8 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Presenters will include Ernest Lacey Giddings, Vashti Jones, deacon Elizabeth Savoy, Phyllis D. Nickens, Sylvia Carter, deacon Wayne Conway and Pat Walton of Bible Way Temple of Washington, D.C.

## ■ Installation

The Mount Vernon Baptist Church family will hold installation services for pastor-elect the Rev. Kelvin P. Evans at 2 p.m. April 11 at Lancaster Middle School, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock.

Special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Gregory Howard of First Baptist Church East End, Newport News, and his congregation.

## ■ Men's fellowship

Men of Courage will present Stepping Up, a Dennis Rainy series on equipping men for life issues, at 7 p.m. April 7 at Bluff Point Community Center, 2595 Bluff Point Road, Kilmarnock.

RSVP Steve Smith, 435-6922, or [stepter@verizon.net](mailto:stepter@verizon.net).

## ■ Special services

St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity Episcopal churches will hold a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5, at St. Mary's Whitechapel's Labyrinth. The community is invited to this special service celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

At 9:30 a.m., Trinity will hold The Sunday of Resurrection, Holy Eucharist Rite II, followed by an egg hunt.

At 11:15 a.m. St. Mary's Whitechapel will observe The Sunday of the Resurrection, Holy Eucharist Rite II, followed by a lunch reception.

## ■ Henderson services

Henderson United Methodist Church, 72 Henderson Drive, Callao, will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, adjacent to the church. A worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

## ■ Worship at sunrise

Mount Vernon Baptist Church will have a sunrise service at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5, with pastor Kelvin P. Evans.

## ■ Hat ladies

The Missionary Ministry of Mulberry Baptist Church, 1156 Mulberry Road, Farnham, invite area ministers and church families to a Ladies in Hats celebration at 5 p.m. April 18. Ladies are asked to wear their hats.

Deacon Earl Cox and New Creation will provide music. Ladies participating in the march will be judged by the men of the church.

## ■ Time change

Abiding Faith Baptist Church, 83 Bluff Point Road, Kilmarnock, will begin Easter worship services at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

## ■ Celebrating with eggs

The UU Kids will present "Celebrating with Eggs" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, 366 James Wharf Road, White Stone.

The UU Kids will explore and celebrate the history and traditions surrounding the connection between Easter and eggs. There will be a blessing of the eggs and an Easter egg hunt. Bring a decorated, hard-boiled egg to the service.

## ■ Cross to grave

Shachah World Ministries, 504B North Main Street, Kilmarnock, will host "From the Cross to the Grave" at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

## ■ Three services

The Rev. Donna Blythe has posted the Easter Sunday, April 5, schedule for Wicomico, Rehoboth and Mila United Methodist churches.

Wicomico will host a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Rehoboth will hold services at 8:30 a.m. at the Earl Davis House, and Mila will conduct services at 10 a.m.

## ■ Sunrise service

Maple Grove Baptist Church, Windmill Point Road, Foxwells, will host a community Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 5. The service will be followed by fellowship and refreshments.

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