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## School and community salute veterans

The Lancaster Middle School Symphonic Band under the direction of Kenny Flester played Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" as a flag was unfolded in the rear of the auditorium, concluding "A Salute to Veterans" presented last Friday. The public was invited to the annual Veteran's Day program at LMS in Kilmarnock.



From left are Paige Forrester and Pierson Long. Forrester and Morgan Vermeer (not pictured) echoed Taps throughout the LMS auditorium.



Justin Burke (above) sang Johnny Cash's "Drive On," a song about soldiers returning from the Vietnam War.

## Civil suit is filed related to fatal boating accident on Carter Creek

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

RICHMOND—The family of a man whose body was found on Carter Creek following a boating accident this summer has filed a lawsuit alleging a cover-up in his death.

J. Burke McCormick and Sallie T. Graham, parents of the late Graham K. McCormick, filed the \$10.35 million lawsuit in Richmond Circuit Court November 8, naming John Randolph "Rand" Hooper, 31, of Richmond, as the first defendant for his part in the accident and fleeing the scene. Additionally, the civil suit names Hooper's parents, Gary L. and Lucy W. Hooper of Irvington, as defendants for allegedly helping their son cover up the crash.

Gary Hooper has declined to comment on the allegations.

McCormick, of Georgia, was 31 at the time of his death. He was visiting Rand Hooper at the Hooper Estate, 656 Glebe Road, Irvington, the weekend of August 10-13. His body was spotted on Carter Creek near the end of Weems Road by a passing boater around 11:30 a.m. August 11. He had been reported missing by his friends about an hour earlier.

McCormick's body was found 1.9 miles across the creek from the residence where he was staying.

Although an initial medical examiner's report listed the cause of death as accidental drowning, a search warrant executed by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department of the

Hooper Estate uncovered damage to Gary Hooper's 21-foot Boston Whaler. It was later determined McCormick, who had trauma to the body, had died as a result of a boating accident, according to Major William Webb, Chief Deputy with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department. The state medical examiner has found McCormick's death was caused by drowning with blunt-force trauma as a contributing factor, said Webb.

The investigation is ongoing and Rand Hooper has been charged with a misdemeanor for failing to promptly report a boating accident. However, some aspects of the investigation go beyond the capabilities of state and local officials, said Webb. The Lancaster Sheriff's Department is currently working with the FBI, which is analyzing Hooper's and his parents' phones, iCloud storage and home surveillance equipment.

The lawsuit, a 33-page complaint filed by the Roanoke law firm of Gentry Locke Attorneys, accused Hooper of operating his parents' boat under the influence of alcohol and crashing the boat into a bulkhead, which ejected McCormick's body into Carters Creek. It further alleges that Hooper then fled the scene, returned to the Hooper Estate and went to bed.

The suit alleges "Rand knew or should have known that Graham

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## Council supports rezoning of Irvington business sites

by Audrey Thomasson

IRVINGTON—A request to rezone five parcels on Irvington Road to commercial B-2 won the unanimous approval of the town council last week.

The properties connect to the commercial area on the north end of town. Four of the properties are owned by Julien G. Patterson of ICN Enterprises and will transfer from business (B-2) to business (B-1). The property addresses are 4323, 4303, 4283 and 4265 Irvington Road. Also, an application under the name of King Carter Holdings LLC rezones 4282 Irvington Road from residential (R-1) to business (B-1).

"I'm concerned about the process," said George Cooper, a four-year resident of Irvington. He said granting control before you know the activity of the business is risky. "I suggest this is an opportunity for town council to review the process."

Developer Jimmie Carter said it was important to establish the zoning before starting the planning pro-

cess on the property. "I agree with what the planning commission has approved," he said.

"For all I know there could be a strip club put there," said Claus Schaschek.

Patterson's attorney, Will Hubbard, argued that his client needed to know the zoning in order to move forward. "The only default permitted uses are for residential uses. All other uses will need an approved permit."

Before a permit is issued for a business, "It will come back to council and residents," he added.

Mayor Rannie Ransone agreed, saying that any use other than residential will need a conditional use permit that requires approval from the planning commission and town council.

"There is a safety net built in with the conditional use permit requirement," said council member Fran Westbrook.

"B-2 serves as a transition zoning between residential and commercial," noted commission member Gary

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Rachel Valdrighi (right), with the Lancaster High Air Force JROTC Color Guard, presented the U.S. Coast Guard flag as the LMS Symphonic Band presented a tribute to all the armed forces. In addition to the symphonic band and special music by Justin Burke, the program included guest speaker Albert "Spike" Nunn. Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Record to observe holiday schedule

Because area post offices will be closed on Thanksgiving day, next week's Record will appear on Wednesday, November 22, and deadlines will be on Monday, November 20. The deadline for display ads is 10 a.m. and the deadline for classified ads and news is noon.

The Record office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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## School board appropriates \$5,000 to patch leaky roof

by Audrey Thomasson

CLARAVILLE—A continuing debate over a leaky roof at the Northumberland school board office in Lottsburg, and the discovery of some mold, resulted in only minor action at Monday's school board meeting.

Board members voted 4-0 to spend \$5,000 to patch the roof over the school board offices and delay repairs to the portion of the building used by the Northumberland Animal Welfare League.

For several months, District 3 member Gerald Howard has been pushing for action on the issue, maintaining the health of employees is at risk.

The mold issue came up in September after a commercial cleaner reported there was minimal mold in some ceiling tiles and recommended replacing them. Subsequent inspections uncovered four small holes in the roofing material.

The holes were "possibly caused by turkey buzzards pecking at the roof, creating holes," reported director of building services and facilities Cris Kallenberger. However, he acknowledged there were no guarantees it would fix the problem because it can be difficult to find the source.

Estimates from three roofing companies ranged from \$1,500 to \$155,900.

District 2 member Dean Sumner asked about the disparity in the numbers. "Is that for replacing the roof?" he asked regarding the highest numbers. Sumner made the motion authorizing Kallenberger to spend \$5,000 on repairs. It was seconded by Howard.

According to school superintendent Dr. Holly Wargo, county supervisors are aware of the situation but are reluctant to invest much more money in the 60-year-old former school building.

The original plans for build-

ing a combined high school/middle school facility included a new school board office at the entrance to Academic Lane. The schools opened in 2009, but a school board office was not included.

"There have been studies of current county-owned buildings and discussions regarding a new facility," Wargo said after the meeting. "Everything is on the table for consideration at this time."

Wargo has notified the AWL of the situation.

In other business, the student representative to the board, Denzel Mitchell, made his debut by asking the board to reconsider the \$5 gate price for students to attend sporting events. He asked that it be reduced to \$2 or \$3.

The board asked him to research the impact the reduced price would have on the athletic department and report back next month.



I'm not quite sure what this item's function was, other than to look pretty. But it appeared at my parents' home around the holidays for the past 58 years. Robert Mason Jr., Kilmarnock

## Deadline approaches for Santa letters and heirloom photographs

Christmastime is filled with traditions, like writing letters to Santa and displaying seasonal heirlooms.

The Rappahannock Record will publish letters to Santa and photos of heirlooms in the Thursday, December 21, Christmas Greetings special section.

Deliver letters and photos to the Record office by 5 p.m. Friday, December 8. If letters are written as a class project, teachers are urged to submit them by Friday, December 1.

Letters should be written with a dark pencil or ink and include the child's first and last name, age and hometown. Parents, teachers and others are asked to make certain the letters are legible. Class submissions should be identified by school and grade. The letters should be short and concise so Santa can read them quickly.

The photos should be submitted by email with a brief description of the heirloom, name, hometown and contact information (not for publication). Feel free to reminisce.

Email letters and photos to editor@rapprecord.com, send to Rappahannock Record, P.O. Box 400, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or deliver them to the Record office at 27 North Main Street. There is a delivery slot in the front door for after-hours submissions.

## Lancaster planning commission supports adding two BZA members

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—The Lancaster planning commission last week voted 6-0 to recommend passage of amendments to Article 14 of the zoning ordinances dealing with provisions for appeals.

The measure will go to the board of supervisors for consideration.

No one from the public attended a hearing on the proposed amendments. As written,

the changes would add language permitting the appointment of two alternate members to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

"This proposed amendment would make it easier to assemble a full board of five members for all BZA cases," said assistant county administrator Don Gill.

Gill also reviewed the commission's 2017 work and gave a preview for 2018. He noted planners would be working on amendments to 11 more articles to the zoning ordinance in the first months of 2018. In February, they will begin work on the capital improvement budget and toward the end of the year begin updating the county's comprehensive plan.

Planner Tom Richardson did not attend the meeting.

## Civil suit filed

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had been severely injured and rendered helpless to save himself."

It further states "as part of Rand's calculated cover-up, he negligently and recklessly falsely made it appear the 21-foot Boston Whaler had not been used that night."

Gary and Lucy Hooper were in South Africa at the time but the lawsuit alleges Hooper made his parents aware of the accident and they attempted to use their mobile phones remotely to erase any surveillance video from their cameras at the estate.

According to the complaint, Hooper called a local golf

club around 8:15 a.m. August 11 to make a tee time for his friends, including McCormick, even arranging to rent clubs for his friend. When it was discovered that McCormick was not in his room and his bed appeared unslept, the friends called his sister and mother. Sallie McCormick immediately drove from Richmond to Irvington, where she began a search of the property and nearby creek waters for her son.

The suit further states that while Hooper "may not have intentionally killed Graham, Rand's conduct in piloting, navigating and other-

wise operating the Boston Whaler under the influence of an intoxicant, continuing to do so after the intoxicant caused him to lose control of the Boston Whaler and abandoning his helpless, injured friend in a pitch-black portion of Carter Creek was intentional."

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Department has been unable to definitively determine whether Hooper or McCormick was driving the boat when it crashed, according to Webb.

"A lot of the discovery process takes place on the way to a trial," in a civil suit, said the McCormicks' attorney, Matthew W. Broughton with Gentry Locke. "This is a slow process."

Broughton said the family and the law firm feel very strongly about the complaint and what they are doing to right a wrong.

"This family here, Graham's family, is suffering like you cannot imagine. The shock they're in," said Broughton. This has been like "taking a dagger and putting it in their hearts."

Broughton said the McCormicks "are believers in the legal process and have confidence in the Lancaster Sheriff's Department."

The criminal investigation is ongoing, according to Webb.

## Rezoning

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Hooper.

Town administrator Roy Kime noted that Patterson's properties were the only properties left in the B-2 category.

Making the motion for approval, commission member Wayne Nunnally said, "Patterson has a history of being one of the area's greatest developers," and noted the high quality of all his other properties.

In other business, members gave reluctant approval

to a resolution supporting the transfer of the town's cable franchise from Metrocast to Cogeco. Council directed town attorney Wes Charlton to attach a letter pointing out area service problems and asking that a company representative address council.

Member Kathleen Pollard reported that delays in the start up of a new town website are a result of changing the cable service ownership.

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## NEWS BREAK

### Band raffle

The Lancaster Band Boosters organization is conducting a raffle to raise funds to help send the LHS Red Devils Marching Band to the 2017 Taxslayer Bowl game December 30 in Jacksonville, Fla. The prize is a rustic wooden American flag handcrafted by Kevin Powell of American Heirloom Woodworks.

A drawing will be held at the Lancaster Middle School Band's winter concert at 7 p.m. December 18 at the LMS Theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. To purchase concert or raffle tickets, contact Donna McGrath at 438-5803, or [dmcgrath64@gmail.com](mailto:dmcgrath64@gmail.com).

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A disabled trawler in the Potomac River receives assistance on October 19. Smith Point Sea Rescue is a totally volunteer rescue unit which serves boaters from Coles Point to the mouth of the Potomac River, south to the Rappahannock River and across the Bay to the Eastern Shore. The organization receives no government support and depends solely on donations to fund its operations.

## SMITH POINT SEA RESCUE REPORT

Smith Point Sea Rescue (SPSR) vice president Jim Bullard reported crews recently responded to the following calls for assistance:

**October 2:** At 3:20 p.m., the owner of a disabled 18-foot bow-rider asked SPSR to tow his boat from the dock at Tommy's Restaurant to Shell Landing where the boat could be pulled onto the owner's trailer. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 4:** At 9:30 a.m., Rescue 1 was dispatched to the Reedville Fishermen's Museum (RFM) dock to pick up a disabled 42-foot deadrise and tow it to Butler's Railway for repairs. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 4:** At 2:30 p.m., the captain of a 42-foot deadrise reported that he was hard aground off Dameron Marsh. Rescue 1 was dispatched from Reedville and found the boat with two aboard sitting at low tide in less than two feet of water. The deadrise had run over a crab pot and the line was tangled in the prop. Rescue 1 was unable to reach the boat so the owner agreed to stay on his craft, untangle the prop and attempt to float off the beach at high tide, which he did. Time on call, 2 hours.

**October 5:** At 8:50 a.m., Rescue 1 was dispatched to Smith Point Marina to pick up a 27-foot Catalina sailboat that was in inoperable condition. Rescue 1 towed the vessel to green buoy 5 in the Potomac where it was met by Rescue 3 arriving from its berth in the Yeocomico River. Leaving one member from Rescue 1 onboard the sailboat, Rescue 3 then took the sailboat under tow and delivered it to Coles Point Marina for repairs. Total time on call, 7 hours.

**October 13:** At 9:04 a.m., Rescue 1 towed the museum's 42-foot deadrise from Butler's Railway back to RFM. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 14:** At 7:30 p.m., the sheriff received a 911 call from the captain of a 36-foot Catalina sailboat with engine failure in the Potomac River. The crew on Rescue 3 contacted the captain who was still sailing but unable to reach his marina without his engine and agreed to meet the sailboat near the Birthday Cake marker in the mouth of the Yeocomico River. Rescue 3 towed the sailboat with two aboard into Kinsale Harbor Marina where the boat is normally docked. Time on call, 3 hours.

**October 17:** At 5:05 p.m., the sheriff was called by an elderly couple from Canada who had gone aground in their 37-foot sailboat in Mill Creek off Ingram Bay. Rescue 1 was dispatched from Reedville. A member of Rescue 1 boarded the sailboat and helped the captain retrieve his anchor, then Rescue 1 towed the sailboat into Cockrell Creek where the boat anchored for the night. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 19:** At 3:45 p.m., the captain of

a 32-foot trawler called SPSR to report that his engine had died near buoy green 7 in the Potomac River. Rescue 3 was dispatched from its berth in Olverson's Marina and located the vessel anchored with a couple and their dog onboard. Rescue 3 towed the disabled trawler back to its berth at White Point Marina off the Yeocomico River. Time on call, 3 hours.

**October 20:** At 8:20 a.m., the captain of a 32-foot wooden sailboat called the sheriff reporting he was hard aground near buoy red 4 in the Great Wicomico River. Knowing how shallow that area is, both Rescue 1 and Rescue 2 were dispatched from Reedville. Since this was an older wooden sailboat in very shallow water the rescue crews were concerned about doing damage to the sailboat if they attempted to pull it all the way to deep water. Instead, it was agreed the captain would stay on his boat until 1 p.m. when high tide would return. The rescue boats returned and were able to pull the sailboat off the sandbar and tow it to Jennings' Boatyard. Total time on call, 3 hours.

**October 21:** At 11:20 a.m., the sheriff received a call from the captain of a 24-foot cabin cruiser. The captain reported his engine had locked up and he was adrift in the Great Wicomico River near buoy B3. Rescue 1 towed the cruiser to Shell Landing and the Rescue crew assisted the captain in putting his boat on a trailer. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 22:** At 3:30 p.m., the captain of a 34-foot Silverton cabin cruiser called for help, reporting he was somehow snagged in Bridge Creek. Rescue 1 responded and the crew determined the boat had run over an underwater metal cable which was now wrapped on both props. The crew took the four passengers onto Rescue 1 and delivered them to their dock. They then called Virginia Marine Police to deal with the owner of the cable. Time on call, 2 hours.

**October 25:** At 4:10 p.m., the sheriff received a call from a 40-foot sailboat hard aground in Cockrell's Creek. Rescue 1 responded and was able to pull the sailboat, traveling from New Jersey, into deep water where it was able to anchor. Time on call, 1 hour.

**October 27:** At 10:45 a.m., the captain of the sailboat rescued on October 25 called and reported that he was now aground in Ingram Bay near buoy #4. Rescue 1 again pulled the sailboat into deep water. The crew was relieved to hear that the captain planned to leave our waters the following day. Time on call, 1 hour.

Smith Point Sea Rescue can be reached on channel 16 or by calling 911. Rescue 1 and Rescue 2 are based in Reedville and Rescue 3 is on Lodge Creek near Callao.

## EMS concerns noted in Northumberland

by Madison White Franks

HEATHSVILLE—Rescue squad volunteer Jimmy Brann on November 9 raised concerns regarding the state of emergency medical services in Northumberland County.

He told county supervisors his primary concern involves the number of calls being dropped.

"You have career staff who answers the majority of the calls and they are doing an awesome job, but you are running them to death. EMS is not like going out and running a hardware store or working at the fish factory. You are dealing with people dying, people sick and people who are hurt. It's very stressful," said Brann.

Something needs to take place to improve the EMS system before someone dies, he said.

"I can't blame it on the volunteers. A lot of the volunteers are doing all they can do...it's not the volunteer's responsibility to provide this service to the county, it's the board of supervisor's responsibility to provide this service to the county," he said.

When District 3 supervisor Jim Long asked for suggestions, Brann indicated the county needs to add paid staff.

Brann noted District 2 supervisor Richard Haynie was an advocate in allocating funds for emergency services.

Haynie said he was an advocate because the people in the EMS assured the board they would keep the pace up. "But it doesn't look like they have," he said.

"I'm not against volunteers. I'm a volunteer myself, and I will continue to volunteer in this county...my hat's off to the volunteers, but a decision has to be made for the advantage of the citizens that are in need of EMS services," said Brann.

"As a citizen of this county, I pray every day that I or a family member will not need a rescue squad because if the medic crew is out, we may not get a response," said Jennifer Packett. "It's ridiculous that a citizen has to suffer and wait the length of time that they have to when they are in need of emergency services.

"Volunteerism is dwindling

away, so the county needs to address it before it's too late," she said.

On the dispatch side of things, the volunteers are not pulling their share of calls, she said.

She also suggested the addition of more career staff would help the situation.

This is a problem nationwide, added county attorney Mat Terry.

No action was taken on the emergency services concern.

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# VDOT prepares for snow

by Madison White Franks

HEATHSVILLE—The Virginia Department of Transportation is making preparations to handle a winter storm and snow fall, said Northern Neck residency administrator Steve McKeever at the Northumberland board of supervisors meeting November 9.

He said the salt dome in Lottsburg is approaching completion and has a 4,000 ton capacity. The department has also rented 25

additional pieces of equipment for the upcoming season for the county.

District 4 supervisor Tommy Tomlin noted concern about the 15-ton weight limit on the Norris Bridge and questioned McKeever about when the limit would be lifted. McKeever said the department is trying to hold to the month time frame.

The board adopted two resolutions related to the six-year plan for secondary road improvements approved in June. The addi-

tional resolutions were needed to qualify Millwood Lane and Driftwood Trail as Rural Rustic Roads, which means the roads must be in a low-density development area and serve no more than 1,500 vehicles on a daily basis.

District 1 supervisor Joseph Self moved to adopt both resolutions and they were adopted with support from District 2 supervisor Richard Haynie, District 3 supervisor Jim Long, Tomlin and District 5 supervisor Ronnie Jett.

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT REPORT

by Madison White Franks

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Circuit Court convened November 7. The following cases were heard by the Hon. R. Michael McKenney.

The case of Lillian M. Katz of Reedville, charged with a felony of abduction and two misdemeanors of assault and battery and obstruction of justice, was continued to January 23.

The case of Carlos A. Liverpool of Burgess, charged with four felonies of one count obtaining money under false pretenses, possessing a controlled substance, and two counts of revocating a pretrial release and two misdemeanors of falsely reporting to law enforcement and one count of revocating a pretrial release, was continued to January 9.

The case of Robert J. Monroe of Heathsville, charged with a felony of being reckless while handling a firearm, was continued to January 16.

The case of Jason R. Ritchie of Lottsburg, charged with two felonies of destruction of property and burglary, was with-

drawn for trial and continued for attorney arrangements on November 21.

Tyeka S. Turner of Kinsale, charged with a felony of the sale or distribution of marijuana, was not prosecuted at the time of trial.

The case of Thomas E. Kelley of Kilmarnock, charged

with two felonies of the sale or distribution of marijuana and manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance, was continued to November 21.

The case of Deondre Lampkin, charged with three felonies and one misdemeanor of a pre-trial revocation, was continued to November 28.

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Running in the 2-mile OR 5-mile race is **\$25 per person**.  
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## Post 86 to host accredited service officer

KILMARNOCK—On December 9, American Legion Adams Post 86 will host accredited service officer Rita Chandler of the American Legion, Department of Virginia.

Chandler will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to meet individually or privately with veterans at the Post 82 Home, 882 Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock, reported past commander John Poundstone. No appointments are necessary.

“You will be able to learn about the bene-

fits that you, your dependents or your spouse might be entitled to,” said Poundstone. “You will be able to update a current claim for disability benefits, receive help with your claim status or begin a claim.”

Folks do not have to be an American Legion member to take advantage of this community service. All honorably discharged veterans are eligible for this free community service provided by the American Legion, he said.

Veterans, dependents and survivors should bring a copy of their DD Form 214, DD Form 215, or for World War II veterans, a VD Form, said Poundstone.

The VA has updated many covered benefits in recent years. Hearing aids, diabetes, melanomas, PTSD, and Agent Orange coverage has changed.

To schedule transportation to this event, call Poundstone, 580-2029 or 410-913-1470.

## SHERIFFS' REPORTS

**Lancaster Sheriff Patrick McCranie** this week reported charges against one individual.

Dexter O. Sutton, 30, of Beanes Road was charged November 10 with felony strangling another causing wounding or injury, breaking & entering with intent to commit a felony, four counts of assault & battery of a family member, destruction of property and unlawful use or injury to a telephone line.

### Activity report

**Nov. 6:** Staff responded to a walk-in report of the theft of medications from the 500 block of Mosquito Point Road, to the 10000 block of River Road for the report of a game law violation, and to the 5200 block of Windmill Point Road for the report of a trespasser.

**Nov. 7:** Staff responded to the 100 block of Mockingbird Lane for the report of a suspicious vehicle.

**Nov. 8:** Staff responded to the 1800 block of Davis Mill Road for a report of juvenile behavioral issue.

**Nov. 9:** Staff responded to the 400 block of North Main Street to assist the Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) with the report of a subject with mental issues, to the 300 block of Greentown Road for the report of a vehicle theft, to Middlesex County to assist with a report of a domestic disturbance with gunshots fired, to the 200 block of Morattico Road for the report of vandalism of a vehicle tire, to the area of Courthouse Road for the report of a reckless driver, to the 2800 block

of Lara Road for the report of a domestic disturbance and vandalism, and to the 300 block of North Main Street to assist KPD with a report of a fight in progress.

**Nov. 10:** Staff responded to the 100 block of Marina Road for the report of a possible burglary.

**Nov. 11:** Staff responded to the 1700 block of Black Stump Road for the report of an abandoned vehicle, to the 5400 block of Windmill Point Road for the report of vandalism of a fence by a vehicle, to the 700 block of Hoecake Road for the report of an auto theft, to the 100 block of Whisk Drive to assist KPD with the report of a prowler/suspicious person peering into the windows, and to the area of 8400 block of Mary Ball Road for the report of a suspicious person panhandling in a business.

**Nov. 12:** Staff responded to the 100 block of Harris Drive to investigate the report of an assault that occurred in White Stone, and to the 100 block of Holly Haven Road for the report of a domestic disturbance.

Staff also conducted 11 traffic stops, issued four summonses, assisted three motorists, recorded four deer strike accidents, handled four calls for traffic control, investigated eight building alarms, logged six inmate transports, received six E911 hang-up calls and fielded three calls for animal control service.

### Fire calls

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department responded to a traffic crash at Office Park Drive and Mary Ball Road, and fire/smoke alarms at Clifton Landing, Wiggins Avenue and Southport Lane.

The Upper Lancaster VFD responded to Josh Lane for lift assistance to EMS.

The White Stone VFD responded to a fire/smoke

alarm on Townley Farm Road.

### EMS calls

For the week of November 5 through 11, the Kilmarnock-Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad and Lancaster County Emergency Services responded to 32 calls for service including 21 medical emergencies, four injuries, a traffic accident, a fire and five other calls.

**Northumberland Sheriff James R. “Doc” Lyons** this week reported charges against eight individuals.

### Felonies

Lillian Mildred Katz, 56, of Reedville was charged November 7 with malicious wounding and assault and battery of a police officer.

Samantha Christine Coates, 21, of Burgess was charged November 10 with breaking and entering.

Lasandra Michelle Davis, 28, of Heathsville was charged November 10 with threatening a person in writing. This is a Northumberland County warrant served by the Kilmarnock Police Department.

### Misdemeanors

A Tappahannock man, 29, was charged November 6 with assault and battery. This was an Essex County warrant served by the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office.

A Heathsville woman, 26, was charged November 7 on a summons for abusive language to another.

A Heathsville man, 31, was charged November 10 with failing to vaccinate his animal and failing to purchase tags for the same animal.

A Wicomico Church woman, 70, was charged November 11 on a summons for a dangerous or vicious dog.

A Reedville man, 60, was charged November 11 with a DUI, 2nd offense in five years; and refusal, 2nd plus offense.



Lorenzo Curteese Coleman

## RAVE Task Force seeks information

RICHMOND—Special Agent in Charge Adam S. Lee of the Richmond Division of the FBI requests anyone with information regarding the current whereabouts of Lorenzo Curteese Coleman to contact authorities.

The FBI's Richmond Area Violent Enterprise (RAVE) Task Force is seeking Coleman, pursuant to a federal arrest warrant issued in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia issued on July 11, 2017. Coleman is charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute over 5 kilograms of cocaine, conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine, distribution of cocaine and aiding and abetting.

A Wanted by the FBI poster for Coleman has been uploaded to the Bureau's website.

## The Agenda

### Local Government News

LANCASTER—The **Lancaster board of supervisors** tonight will convene at 7 p.m. tonight, November 16, at the Lancaster County Administration Building, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

Northern Neck Electric Cooperative will make a presentation regarding rate increases.

A public hearing will be held on an application for special exception from Bradley and Jenifer Walker, who plans to expand an existing non-conforming structure at 1082 Ocran Road in District 3. The 1.98-acre parcel is zoned residential, R-1.

Supervisors also are expected to award a contract for the 2018 general reassessment of Lancaster real estate.

HEATHSVILLE—The **Northumberland planning commission** will conduct a public hearing on two proposed amendments to the county zoning ordinance when it meets at 7 p.m. tonight, November 16, in the Northumberland County Courts Building, 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville.

The first amendment would define an electric substation as “an electrical installation containing generating or power conversion equipment and associated equipment and parts, such as switchboards, switches, wiring, fuses, circuit breakers, compensators and transformers.”

The second amendment would allow electric substations by right in agricultural (A-1), conservation (C-1) and industrial (M-1) districts and by conditional use permit in residential general (R-1), residential waterfront, (R-2), residential restricted (R-3) and historical site (H-1) districts.

The commission must present its recommendations to county supervisors who are responsible for final approval.

KILMARNOCK—The **Kilmarnock Town Council** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, November 20, at Town Hall, 1 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

The council will conduct two public hearings regarding the proposed sale of two parcels of real estate currently owned by the town.

The first public hearing will address the proposed sale of a 0.11-acre parcel at 71 School Street to the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department for \$1.

The second public hearing will address the proposed sale of a 6.723-acre parcel near Technology Drive to Franklin Mechanical Corporation for \$95,000.

COLONIAL BEACH—The **Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) Blue Crab Advisory Committee (BCAC)** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, at the PRFC Office Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

Items to be discussed include the 2017 crab harvest report, the assigned/designated crabber regulation and the lottery for 300 pot crab pot fishery authorization and electronic reporting update.

The BCAC is meeting in advance of the PRFC's December quarterly business meeting to allow recommendations to be forwarded for the commission's consideration when they meet on December 1.

All PRFC meetings are open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend.

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### First-time voter

Election officials in White Stone Precinct 301 welcomed first-time voter Jill George at the polls on November 7, reported Lancaster voter registrar Susan Jett. George became a U.S. citizen in 2016. From left are voter Thomas Orr, George and precinct chief Bill Martin.

## CASA offers opportunities to give back

LANCASTER—It's easy to get caught up in the commercialism of the holidays, shopping for gifts and fueling anticipation of the new toys, clothes and other goodies that lie ahead. The Northern Neck Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program encourages Northern Neck residents to delight in the season by also celebrating the joys of giving back.

"Kids and adults alike deserve to experience the fun of 'getting' during the holidays, but giving can be just as fulfilling," said CASA director Betty Wirth. "Helping others offers 'teachable moments' for children and a reminder for grownups that giving is what the season is really all about."

Northern Neck CASA, which trains community mem-

bers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children as they navigate the child welfare system, offers these ideas for how to give back during the holidays.

- Encourage your children and grandchildren to brighten the season for boys and girls who do not have loving families of their own. Take your children shopping for a new item to donate to your local nonprofit that provides warm coats, backpacks or other items to needy children.

- Many nonprofits and churches sponsor "adopt a family" opportunities during the holidays, offering the chance to provide gifts and groceries to needy families in our community.

- After you've "shopped 'til you've dropped" make a con-

tribution to your favorite local nonprofit.

- Extend the warm feelings of the holiday season by embracing a long-term volunteer commitment for the new year.

"Like other nonprofits that rely on volunteers to deliver on

their mission, Northern Neck CASA appreciates community members' year-round dedication to our cause," says Wirth. "CASA volunteers change lives. What could be more fulfilling than that?"

To volunteer or support CASA, visit [www.nncasa.com](http://www.nncasa.com).

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## Red Cross to collect for Holiday for Heroes

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently announced the local Holiday for Heroes campaign.

Holiday for Heroes is a program designed to support members of the armed forces community by collecting items for troop support overseas, reported Shirley Grant. The items collected will be sent to American Red Cross offices in Iraq, Kuwait, Djibouti and Afghanistan for distribution to service members in need.

A collection box will be available at the Northumberland Family YMCA lobby, 6348 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville, or donations will be received at the Red Cross office in the YMCA building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning November 20, said Grant.

Donations also will be accepted at the December 5 blood drive at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6807 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

## Virginia has cleanest air in at least 20 years

RICHMOND—The summer of 2017 was the cleanest ground-level ozone season in Virginia in at least 20 years, according to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

"We have made tremendous improvements in Virginia's air quality in the past two decades," said director David K. Paylor. "Though we still have work to do to ensure that our air remains clean, the progress we have seen so far is a great benefit to all Virginians."

For years now, the trend for air quality in Virginia has been one of steady improvement. Pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particles have shown consistent declines for 20 years or more. Emissions of these pollutants in Virginia have decreased by almost 60% in the past 20 years. This has happened in the face of increased demand for electricity and many more vehicles on Virginia's highways.

Twenty years ago, the ozone health standard was 120 parts per billion and many urban areas in the Commonwealth failed to meet it. Now, only four days last summer had ozone levels that exceeded the current, more stringent ozone standard of 70 ppb as of the end of September. These high ozone readings were limited to Arlington and Fairfax counties, with four exceedances and Henrico and Giles counties, each with one.

All other areas of Virginia had no high ozone days in 2017. This year is even better than the second-cleanest year of 2013, when five high ozone days were recorded. In addition, Virginia is seeking re-designation for the Northern Virginia area from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the 2008 ozone standard (75 ppb). EPA will soon formally announce that the region has attained the 2008 standard, clearing the way for the re-designation that DEQ is seeking.

If churches or clubs would like to make this a Christmas project, contact Grant at 580-4933.

Items being collected include:

- Beef jerky & Slim Jim's.
- Cup of Noodles.
- Full size chocolate bars.

- Tuna packs, tuna and chicken cracker snack packs.

- Rice Krispies Treats.

- Granola Bars.

- Pop Tarts.

- Individual packs of cookies, i.e., Oreos, Chips Ahoy.

- Shampoo.

- Deodorant.

- Razors.

- Soap.

- Baby Wipes.

- Q-tips (travel size).

- Toothbrush.

- Toothpaste.

- Chapstick.

- Lotion Sun Screen.

- Laundry Pods.

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**Celebrate this Thanksgiving with foods from the first feast**

Thanksgiving is celebrated each November in the U.S. Folks traditionally gather around the dinner table flanked by friends and extended members of their families to give thanks for the blessings they enjoyed throughout the year as they dig into a delicious feast.

Turkey is typically the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving meal. Although turkey can be a delicious and nutritious addition to the table, individuals looking to expand their culinary horizons may want to borrow from the other foods believed to have been shared among the Plymouth Colony Pilgrims and Wampanoag natives during the 1621 feast that inspired Thanksgiving.

**Waterfowl**

Historians believe that, during the first Thanksgiving meal, participants likely feasted on waterfowl instead of turkey. In fact, turkey wasn't common Thanksgiving fare until after 1800. Waterfowl, according to National Geographic, includes ducks, mallards, swans and geese.

**Seafood**

Plymouth, Mass., is where Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean meet. As a result, indigenous people and the pilgrims likely relied on the bounties afforded by the ocean for their sustenance. Documentation of the first Thanksgiving by pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow indicates lobster, fish and clams were likely served.

**Fruits and vegetables**

Fruits native to the region included blueberries, plums, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries and cranberries. Cranberry sauce was an unlikely menu option because sugar that traveled over on the Mayflower was probably depleted by November 1621, according to History.com.

Vegetables to enjoy include onions, beans, spinach, cabbage, carrots and corn. Corn was likely turned into cornmeal and pounded into a thick corn porridge.

**Turnips**

Plant roots found in 1621 included parsnips and turnips, and not the popular potatoes that often accompany turkey at modern Thanksgiving gatherings. Purées of parsnips and turnips can be delectable on their own or used as a basis for a Thanksgiving soup.

**Pumpkin custard**

Although pumpkins and other gourds were available in the New World, baking was not yet popularized because of the lack of wheat flour. Instead, it is possible pilgrims would hollow out gourds, add spices with milk and honey, and then roll the gourds in hot flames to form a sort of custard.

Borrowing foods from the first Thanksgiving can expand menu possibilities this holiday season.

**Focal Point**



**Heron's Reflection**

Photo by Harriette Fishburne

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**YOUR LETTERS**

**Why the Democrats won?**

Wow. I just watched a Fox News clip featuring Tucker Carlson and I was surprised for the mendacity, even for Fox.

In it, Carlson claimed that the reason that the Democrats won in the recent election was because of their racist ads with Tea Party trucks chasing non-white kids down the street.

I never saw one of those ads.

How are they justifying the lies Fox News is perpetuating? Maybe that's the reason the Republicans and Trump lost big in Virginia in the recent election?

Maybe the electorate has caught on that Fox and the Republican Party are the biggest liars in my lifetime? And I am 67 years old and that takes a lot of politicians into consideration.

Maybe it's time to replace the current Republicans in the Commonwealth? Maybe it has already happened?

Tom Armstrong, Reedville

**Guidelines to avoid poverty**

Perhaps I misunderstand the article "Living on the Edge" in the November 2 Rappahannock Record, but the tone suggests that any "gap" in the matrix of services for those deemed "less fortunate" points to a need for some combination

of increased philanthropy and/or an expansion in the number and size of programs designed to make them "more fortunate."

Economist Walter Williams at George Mason University has suggested that poverty is relatively easy to avoid if only people made better decisions. In various syndicated columns, he suggests the following:

- Take school seriously and graduate from high school with a good GPA and a good reputation.
- Obtain a two-year degree from the local community college with continued good grades and a good reputation.
- Work at gainful employment while studying toward the Associate's Degree. Make the boss pleased at the decision to hire you in the first place so he will speak well of you.
- Do not start a family until you are married.
- Buy an inexpensive home as soon as possible.
- Take care of your credit score. Borrow money only for something that will increase in value.
- Make the first six items on this list a part of your core values and only date people who share them.
- Stay focused and recognize that a large cadre of professional helpers requires a large population of "helpees" to stay in business. Avoid a style of help that cultivates dependency.

The importance of these

principles is absent in the discussion of how best to address poverty. Readers may wish to visit walterwilliams.com for an elaboration on his recommendations.

Andrew J. Billups, White Stone

**Women rule**

On Election Day, Virginia wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of all colors, creeds, economic circumstances, sexual and gender orientation, and political persuasion stood in the rain and cold to choose candidates that will carry the Commonwealth forward not backward.

Their down-ballot choices for Virginia's House of delegates were equally telling: Electing a young candidate touched intimately by gun violence running on a platform to reduce our rampant gun violence and a trans-gender candidate who refused to criticize her opponent by saying, "He'll be one of my constituents and I'm not going to attack my constituents."

Our women did all of that and now we men of Virginia are going to ask even more from them. Please turn your passion and perseverance shown on election day to even more commitment.

Run for political office, get elected and help clean up the problems that we men have labored so long to create.

Jim Eury, Lottsburg

**YOUR LETTERS**

**LOL policy**

The foreign policy of the U.S. has reached a level every comedian in the country would worship, but the Democrats in Virginia need to ask one big question.

First a little history: In 1979 the home of the 9/11 hijackers (AKA Saudi Arabia) had a big problem. The kingdom came close to collapse. To save the king's and prince's behinds, they struck a deal with Wahhabis. If you want to know anything about radical Islam just google "wahhabis" or google "1979 siege of Mecca" sometime. Money has flowed from the home of the 9/11 hijackers to fund this group of extremists.

Now I know why Rob Wittman endorses giving the home of 9/11 hijackers more bombs. His buds in the military industrial complex give him \$700k for his campaigns. Trump gives the home of the 9/11 hijackers \$100 billion in bombs because... wait for it... it "means American jobs." No joke, Trump actually said this. Google it!

But why did Senator Mark Warner support giving more bombs to the home of 9/11 hijackers? Warner and Manchin from West Virginia are among the few Democrats to vote for this. The only good news is the home of the 9/11 hijackers is slowly moving toward a more "moderate form of Islam." They now let women drive! But they still must wear chadors. If you are waiting for Saudi Arabia to make "one giant leap for all mankind" I am afraid you will need to wait longer.

Which is better for the USA, jobs or stopping radical Islam? It might be worth a call to Warner's office - 202-224-2023. Do not call Wittman's office nor the White House because, after all, bombs mean jobs and that means "Making America Great Again!" How many are LOLing now?

Lon Crow, Lottsburg

**Visit a gem**

I was staying with friends on Tabbs Creek this fall when I decided to visit the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington. Much to my delight, I discovered the museum contained the work of Bill Wright, whose ship models are in corporate board rooms and the homes and business offices of private collectors throughout the Eastern Seaboard.

Most significantly, his model of the Virgil G. Dean, a three-sail bateaux, or oyster dredging skipjack built in Dorchester County, Maryland, was selected for viewing in the Mariner's Museum of Newport News in the later 1980s.

Some years ago, I had the privilege of meeting Colonel Wright at the Ocean City, Md., Convention Center, which was featuring a special program for individuals and businesses whose main interests were depicting, either through art or modeling, life on the Chesapeake Bay. He limited his modeling to log canoes, bug-eyes and skipjacks built on the bay from 1882 to 1929. Since no plans exist for these boats, he informed me that he would frequent the coves and shallows of the Chesapeake and its tributaries to take measurements from derelicts that were abandoned by their owners when they were considered beyond repair. Today, most of these wrecks have rotted away or have been destroyed by storms and high tides.

I was amazed that a museum of this quality could be found in a very small town on the Northern Neck. I am told that much of its success is due to its current director, Barbara Brecher, and an excellent board of directors. Do yourself a favor; visit this gem before it closes for the winter.

Stephen R. Bradley, Fredericksburg



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**Excerpts**

On the morning of May 31st I shaved, not an unusual experience, save for the fact that I have not shaved since that day. The following day, I rose, showered, dressed and my Good Wife and I prepared to take the Younger B.E. to the airport for her trip to Italy to study Italian for the summer at Siena. Rushing to get off, I realized I had not shaved. The B.E. said, "Don't shave. We have to leave." Thus began the saga of my current beard.

I have grown beards several times over the course of my adulthood, but this time the effort, or more properly "non-effort," has generated exceptional comment over the last few months. I first grew a beard on the occasion of the nation's bicentennial. At the time a colleague said that historians are always behind the times and that I appeared more to be celebrating the centennial than the bicentennial.

That beard was dark brown; this one is slightly less pigmented, unless one considers white, not to mention gray, to be a pigment, although the current sideburns can pass for, shall we say, sandy. The white

*With this beard, more than with others I have grown, I have found that nearly everyone I encounter is compelled to offer comments.*

part is not sufficient for me to play Santa Claus, a role already locally in the possession of my friends John Farmer and Lee Scripture.

With this beard, more than with others I have grown, I have found that nearly everyone I encounter is compelled to offer comments. I have categorized the reactions and responses into a variety of compartments. Clean-shaven men with crew cuts do not like it and offer their impressions ranging from displeasure to shock, the most common remark being, "What's that on your face?" as if I had not used my napkin while eating a soft boiled egg at breakfast. More genteel refrains are less aggressive, usually coming

from gentlemen of a more libertarian streak.

Fellow beard growers have been enthusiastic in welcoming me to their fraternity. They seem to be grateful that now they have a new colleague to absorb some of the ubiquitous comments that they must be receiving every day. They have made me think of myself as truly one of the flock.

Ladies are divided into two distinct groups; they either hate it or love it. The latter party frequently are the spouses of men with facial hair. The most pervasive is "I really like your beard," to which I reply thanking them for their kind observation. To those ladies who proclaim, "I never thought YOU would grow a beard," I reply, "It grows on you." The most extreme of that party do not say anything, but merely shake their heads in disbelief, without any verbal acknowledgement of the beard's existence.

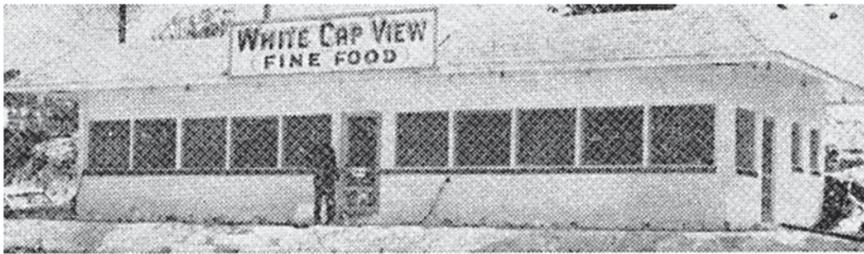
This beard has caused me to reflect on some of the basic elements of psychology. It has enabled me to offer advice to any gentleman who might think that the world ignores him, or to any introvert who wishes he could be more out-going in dealing with

others, to any shy wallflower who is reluctant to start a conversation with anyone, not to mention a lady. That advice is summed up in three words, grow a beard.

Even people one does not know will be compelled to open a conversation, whether passing in the grocery store, at church, or in line at an airport. A beard is a great leveling device that cuts through the red tape of formalities and establishes a gentleman on a one-on-one basis with everyone he encounters. Granted, one must be prepared for the negativity expressed by some, but is not negativity better than a void of silence?

After almost six months I still am unable to gauge my Good Wife's thoughts on the subject. When asked by others what she thinks of it, she tends to hedge her reaction, usually saying, "A beard is all right if it is kept neatly." For my part I am thinking of the many hours of free time I have had away from the sink, razor and shaving cream. I also am considering how I shall spend or invest the money saved in the process of not purchasing shaving accouterments. In that vein, perhaps the beard is here to stay.

by Henry Lane Hull



## Do you remember?

This is a 1957 photo of the White Cap View restaurant at the bridge in White Stone, reported Kilmarnock Museum president Carroll Lee Ashburn. Willaby's on the Rappahannock is currently located at the site. "Do you remember?" is a public service of the Kilmarnock Museum.

## Coping with fewer hours of daylight

Daylight saving time comes to an end each fall, at a time when the hours of available sunlight already are beginning to decline.

Some people are more accustomed to darkness than others. Norwegians, Swedes and people living in Alaska and the upper reaches of Canada near or above the Arctic Circle may go through a period when winters can be especially dark.

Although much of the rest of North America doesn't experience such profound periods of darkness, when the darkness of fall and winter arrives, it can be difficult to maintain a positive outlook. Borrowing some of the coping mechanisms relied on in northern latitudes can help many people to see the dark in a different light.

• Be aware of SAD. Seasonal affective disorder is defined by the Mayo Clinic as a type of depres-

sion that's related to changes in seasons, beginning and ending at about the same times each year. Symptoms tend to start in the fall and continue into the winter, sapping energy and making a person feel moody. As with other types of depression, SAD can get worse and lead to severe problems if left untreated. Light treatment, talk therapy and medication can help people who are susceptible to SAD.

• Make daylight hours count. Spend time outdoors while the sun is bright in the sky. Make an effort to switch your schedule if work interferes with getting outdoors.

• Celebrate winter activities. Go skiing, snowboarding, outdoor ice skating, or snowshoeing.

• Socialize more often. Instead of holing up indoors alone, frequent the places that become indoor gathering spots.

• Exercise more. The Mayo Clinic says that exercise and other types of physical activity can relieve anxiety and depression, lifting an individual's mood as a result.

• Light a fire. Set the kindling ablaze in a fire pit, fireplace or woodburning stove, or just light a handful of candles. Flames can be soothing and less harsh on the eyes than artificial light.

Fall and winter darkness does not have to send a person into the doldrums if he or she embraces the right attitude.

## Northumberland Democrats will meet tonight

The Northumberland County Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m., tonight, at the Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. Chat and chew will start at 6:30 p.m.

The guest is Vangie Williams, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congressional District One.

Members will discuss plans for the annual Christmas Party at the December meeting.

Party chairman Frank Kober said, "Please attend so we can celebrate our great victory on Tuesday [Nov. 7]."

## YESTERYEAR

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### White Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cahoon of Norfolk spent the week-end at the lady's parental home here.

Mr. George Jenkins and family of Emmerton moved into their bungalow the past week. We welcome them into our midst.

Mr. C. T. Lawson of Dayton, Ohio is the guest of his parents here. We are glad to see him so fine and hearty.

The ladies of the M. E. Church are preparing for a supper and bazaar for Thanksgiving, also a drama which is to be presented in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Jackson and Mrs. Luther Lawson motored to Richmond Saturday to have the latter's eyes treated.

The W. Y. A.'s met at the home of Mrs. H. N. Brown on Thursday night. After a very interesting program the hostess served refreshments which were immensely enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. W. A. Degges and son returned home Thursday, after several weeks visit to relatives and friends in Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brewington and children motored up Saturday to take the lady's father, Mr. Charles Brooke home. He has been at his sister's home convalescing from his recent accident.

Miss Gladys Cooper of Burgess Store spent the past week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Henderson.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Mr. Earl Garrett formerly of this place to Miss Bessie Dean of Flushing, N. Y., which took place on November 11. Their many friends wish them much happiness and best wishes.

The Kilmarnock basketball team defeated the White Stone team on the latter's court Tuesday—Score 28-13. Much interest is being taken in the organization of town teams.

Mrs. Eleanor Hathaway who spent some time recently with her daughter, Mrs. G. Y. Bradley in Richmond, has returned home.

Miss Lillie Kelley of Baltimore has been a guest recently in the home of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ingram and son, Herbert, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Ingram's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burrell spent Monday in Richmond.

The many friends of Miss Genevieve Hubbard rejoice to learn of her improvement at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It is expected that she will be able to return home this week. Her mother is with her.

Mr. G. W. Sanders is in Baltimore purchasing Xmas supplies.

The program given Sunday evening by the Adult Missionary Society of the White Stone M. E. Church was very impressive. Splendid addresses were made on missions, Thanksgiving and Armistice, and during each address a pantomime was formed representative of the topic being discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bew and son Clinton, also Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williams and daughter, Vivien, were in Richmond Tuesday.

Miss Jennie Hathaway and Misses Virginia and Bettie Ballard motored up from Churchland recently and spent several days visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Miss Dorothy Squires of Dunnsville spent the week-end at her home here.

### Millenbeck

We are having such lovely autumn weather at this writing.

We notice as we are driving along the road such lovely chrysanthemums, the flower that is Queen of Autumn.

We were glad to hear of Attorney L. E. Fuller being elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Russell County, Virginia, as his wife was formerly Miss Jennie Wood Warren.

Quite a few of the Millenbeck

folks have colds and are quite sick.

The oyster business this season is rather poor. We hope as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays draw near it will be better.

Mr. R. Lloyd Ficklin was in Baltimore this week on business.

### Morattico

Mrs. B. W. Thomas and four children boarded steamer here Monday via Baltimore to visit her mother at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Henley and children left Tuesday for the Methodist Conference at Danville while Mrs. Henley will visit her parents in Dinwiddie.

Mrs. W. W. Marshall spent the week-end with Mrs. W. Y. Morgan of Warsaw.

Mrs. Warren Rains of Warsaw boarded steamer here Saturday for Norfolk to visit friends while the doctor is on a two week's hunting trip.

Mrs. L. C. Thrift and niece, Miss Martha Sparrow, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. F. G. Lankford was in Baltimore a few days the past week. He was accompanied home by Mr. Ora Benson.

Mrs. Mary Conley is visiting her children in Baltimore.

Mr. C. T. Slaughter made a flying trip to Baltimore leaving Monday and returning Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Johnson of New Jersey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson.

Mr. Oscar Chilton of Lancaster was a Sunday guest in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Susie Curlett.

The Beehive Society of White Chapel is planning for a bazaar and movies at Lively Theatre on Friday night. Come and help a cause.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hale and little son spent Sunday with the gentleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hale of Ivondale.

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

## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you who voted for me on November 7th for the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

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# UDC members learn about flags

LANCASTER—The members and guests of the Lancaster County Chapter 1406 United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) on October 18 heard all about flags.

Robert Hundley provided a wonderful program on "Understanding Flags," reported president Susan Hudson.

Hundley, with roots in Virginia that go back to 1609-1610 Jamestown settlers and native Americans who were here to meet them, shared that his family has been living here since Northumberland County was formed. Throughout his presentation, it was obvious he has a deep seated love of local, state and national history, said Hudson.

His interest in flags started when he was serving overseas in the U.S. Army. There he became fascinated with the similarities between the flags of different countries which then turned to an interest in flags that have significance to Virginia and her history.

Hundley delivered his talk surrounded by more than 25 flags, some of which he made. Hundley's information included the genesis on how the designs evolved and as he spoke, several ladies glanced around the room and whispered "I didn't know that, did you?" according to member Laura Hazel.

During a short business session, second vice president Betty Christopher noted the fun-



Guest speaker Robert Hundley shared insights on flags.



Treasurer Carolyn Cook received a Certificate of Appreciation.

draising raffle held during the Virginia Division Convention in Richmond went well. Proceeds from the raffle support the Josie Dorcisis Scholarship Fund which is awarded to an area graduating senior pursuing a degree in the health care career field.

Treasurer Carolyn Cook then received a Certificate of Appreciation for filing the first annual financial report of any chapter in the state.

Chapter Historian, Melinda May reported on the "The Daughter's House - The Memorial Building to the Women of the Confederacy." She covered the history of the building and its important mission over the last 60 years. The building is on

the National Register of Historic Places and the chapter has plans to tour the facility during a road trip to Richmond in 2018.

The UDC is a genealogical society with a focus on historical, educational, benevolent, memorial and patriotic activities. Membership into the UDC is open to women ages 16 and older who have a Confederate ancestor that served honorably in the Army, Navy or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America or provided material aid to the cause. If lineage cannot be established, there is still an opportunity to join the chapter and participate in the activities as an associate member. To join, call 453-9156.



## Lancaster UDC conducts raffle at State Division Convention

The Lancaster County Chapter 1406 United Daughters of the Confederacy participated in the recent State Division Convention in Richmond. From left, Lancaster UDC member Melinda May and convention page Katherine Starbuck draw the winning tickets in the chapter's fundraising raffle event held at the convention.



From left, Lancaster chapter members Melinda May, Jo Ann Fickling and Susan Hudson display the chapter's raffle items at the convention. Proceeds from the raffle support the chapter's Josie Dorcisis Scholarship awarded each spring to a Northern Neck graduating high school student pursuing a career in the health care field.

## Richmond County Museum celebrates 25th anniversary

WARSAW—As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, Richmond County Museum, at the 1748 Courthouse, Richmond Road, Warsaw, has begun a new series of exhibits called "Richmond County Collects."

Currently on display is an extensive and colorful collection of Native American pottery of a museum docent with a lifelong love for American Indian design, reported curator David Jett.

Originally from Arizona, she began collecting over 60 years ago. When she recently had her DNA tested she learned

she indeed has some ancestors among the Southwest Indians.

"If you love history and enjoy meeting people, consider becoming a volunteer docent at the museum," said Jett.

Volunteers serve just four hours per month, he said.

The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. The museum and gift shop will be open through December 16 and will remain closed during the month of January.

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