



Mark Winne

Food bank will host conversation with Mark Winne

The Northern Neck Food Bank will sponsor a community conversation with Mark Winne from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Trinity Episcopal Church Pavilion, 8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

Winne is an award-winning author and founder of several food policy organizations across the U.S., said chief executive officer Lance Barton.

"The Northern Neck is quickly becoming a significant food hub in Virginia. Mark is bringing us his experience and enthusiasm to guide us through this important development in our local economy," said Barton.

The event will include farm fresh appetizers, and copies of Winne's books will be available for sale and signing.

He is the author of *Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty* and *Food Rebels, Guerilla Gardeners, and Smart Cookin' Mamas: Fighting Back in an Age of Industrial Agriculture*.

Winne was the executive director of the Hartford Food System, which organized community self-help food projects that assisted the city's lower income and elderly residents. His work included the development of commercial food businesses, Connecticut's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, farmers' markets, a 25-acre community-supported agriculture farm, a food bank, food and nutrition education programs and a neighborhood supermarket.

He also was a member of the U.S. delegation to the 2000 World Conference on Food Security in Rome and is a 2001 recipient of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary's Plow Honor Award.

From 2002 until 2004, Winne was a Food and Society Policy Fellow, a position supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He serves part time as a senior advisor to the Food Policy Networks Project at the Johns Hopkins University Center for a Livable Future.

Butterfly program slated for Audubon

The Northern Neck Chapter of the Audubon Society will meet at 7 p.m. June 2 at Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock.

Larry J. Brindza will speak on monarch butterflies, reported director Bonnie Wilson.

In the late 1970s, Brindza became interested in monarch butterflies as a hawk watcher sitting in the Linden Fire Tower on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northern Virginia. He noticed that good broad-winged hawk flights were accompanied by good monarch butterfly flights in the middle of the month of September.

Brindza is the coordinator of the Monarch Migration Project at the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory, at the southern tip of the Delmarva Peninsula, an area known for its spectacular fall bird and monarch concentrations.

In March 2011, he was named Scientist of the Month by MONARCH NET, the North American network of Monarch butterfly monitoring programs.

This free program is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Jazz Showcase slated June 6 at LMS Theater

The jazz program at Lancaster County schools will present the second Lancaster County Jazz Showcase at 7 p.m. June 6 at the Lancaster Middle School Theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock.

The concert will feature the Lancaster Middle School Jazz Band, the Lancaster High School Jazz Band and the Northern Neck Big Band. Admission is \$5.

"The LHS Jazz Band is particularly strong this year," said director Kenny Flester. "It's amazing what this band has been able to do, especially with only meeting once a week. It's really a fun group of students."

They will perform music from the Cannonball Adderley Quintet, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Thad Jones, and a special arrangement of "Fanfare for the Common Man" arranged specifically for the group by local drummer Keith Miller.

Senior trombonist Nick Nonnemacker, finishing up his sixth year in the jazz band, is looking forward to the concert. "This is my final performance at Lancaster. It's been a great experience," he said.



From left are Michael McGrath, Alex Green and Destiny Carter.

'Morattico's Margaritaville' coming June 7 to museum

Flip-flops and Hawaiian shirts will be the order of the day at the Morattico Waterfront Museum's own version of Margaritaville, featuring music by the Salty Dawgs with Faith.

The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. June 7 at the museum's James A. Vick Pavilion, 6584 Morattico Road, Morattico.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6-12. For tickets, contact Linda Beck at 462-6248, or lbeck2011@live.com.

The Salty Dawgs with Faith perform classic rock covers from the 1960s through today, including Jimmy Buffet music. Band members are Robbie Jones on washtub bass and vocals, Madison Fontaine on lead guitar and vocals, Rick Gilbert on rhythm guitar and lead vocals, and Faith Kemp on vocals. A dance floor is available, reported Mary Byrd Martin.

Admission includes a meal of pulled pork and chicken barbecue, Hawaiian baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and a make-your-own ice cream bar with toppings, said



From left, members of the Salty Dawgs with Faith are Robbie Jones, Madison Fontaine, Rick Gilbert and Faith Kemp.

Martin. A cash bar will offer beer, wine and strawberry Margaritas.

A prize will be awarded for the best Jimmy Buffet attire, and guests

may participate in a 50-50 drawing, she said.

Proceeds will support operation and maintenance of the museum.

Huckins' exhibit hangs at RW-C

"Photography Without Pixels - A Retrospective of Gelatin Silver Images" by Charles Albert Huckins will be on display from June 2 to 29 in the Gallery Hall at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington. The public is invited to visit the exhibit daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Huckins has been using a camera since his teenage years back in the 1950s and is essentially self-taught. Wishing to become more proficient in documentary photography, he began, in 1995, to enroll in some technical courses at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Maine Photographic Workshops in Rockport, Maine, reported resident life services coordinator Maria Ferrand. Subsequently wishing to become a more proficient print maker, he has also studied briefly under such master printers as Bruce Barnbaum, Don Kirby, Charles Rumph and John Sexton.

Documentary photographic projects have figured largely in Huckins' work over the years and include the demise of the Chicago stockyards in the early 1960s; street life behind the Iron Curtain in the early 1970s; Spanish sacred



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art and architecture in the late 1990s; the ephemeral Pentagon shrine spontaneously created after the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001; and the art and other expressions of incarceration at the

former prison site in Lorton in the early 2000s.

Huckins views photography as a means of interpreting the world and expressing his reactions to it, said Ferrand. Although preferring to depict the world as it appears before his lens, he tends to focus on its more attractive, endearing, and ennobling attributes. He also enjoys recording ambiguity, phobia, and whimsy where he finds it.

Examples of his work have appeared in numerous juried exhibitions throughout the U.S. since 2002, and several pieces are represented in the permanent collections of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and the Center for Fine Art Photography in Fort Collins, Colo. Much of his recent work may be viewed in low-resolution format at stone-light.com.

Huckins and his wife, Mathilde, moved to the Northern Neck in 2013 and have been residents of Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury since June of that year. Huckins is active with the Photoshop Special Interest Group of the Northern Neck Computer Users' Group and the Photo Group of the Rappahannock Art League.

AREA EVENTS

Ride-in

The Rappahannock Church of Christ, 9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw, will host the seventh annual Josh Baughan Ride-In on June 1. Services will be conducted at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. There will be two bike shows with identical trophies, door prizes during each service, music by One Day Remains, free lunch, free vest pins and no entry fees.

Donations will be accepted for Dynasty Kelly, 5, of Tappahannock who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Rain date is June 8. For directions, call 333-9659, or visit RCofC.org.

Benefit concert

The Independence Fund Benefit Concert, will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. June 28 at Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster. The Independence Fund provides services for veterans. Concert supports purchase of adaptive wheelchairs for combat-wounded veterans. Bring chairs and blankets.

Performers will include Parker Arnold, VooDoo Dolls, Ottoman, Salty Dawgs With Faith, Force of Habit, Legacy. Guests of honor are Blair and Jonah Hughes. The fee will be for \$10 adults and \$5 for children. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Seafood Festival

The 24th annual Bay Seafood Festival, sponsored by the Kilmarnock Irvington White Stone Rotary Club, will be held September 5 at Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. Net proceeds are distributed to local charities.

Gates will open at 4:30 p.m. There are no on-site ticket sales. However, early bird ticket prices (\$50) are in effect until June 1 at kiwslotary.org.

First Friday

The Rappahannock Art league will host a First Friday Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. June 6 at the Studio Gallery, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. The reception will showcase the Patron's Gala Art Show coming June 29.

The public is invited to mingle with the artists, view the artwork and purchase tickets (\$100) to the gala. Refreshments will be available.

Give blood

The Northumberland County Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. June 6 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 16042 Northumberland Highway, Burgess.

Republican women

The Mary Ball Washington Republican Women's Club will hold a summer open house at 4 p.m. June 11 at the home of president Helen Frudenstine in Lottsburg. For directions, call 529-6420.

She invites women interested in learning about the club to join in the festivities, including a covered dish dinner. Club members promise to keep the business meeting short and to the point.

Music fest

Jennifer Knapp will headline the Kekoka Music Festival June 6 and 7 at YMCA Camp Kekoka, 1083 Boys Camp Road, Kilmarnock. Tickets, \$25, must be purchased in advance. Reserve tickets at kekokamusicfestival.org, info@kekokamusicfestival.org, or 435-3616.

Friday performers (8-10:50 p.m.) are Knapp and Mercy Creek. Saturday performers (1-10:45 p.m.) are Julie Clark, MSG, James Justin & Co., Seryn, Knapp and Tony Lucca.

Music by the River

Upcoming shows include Stuck on a Name, June 14, and Woodshed Conspiracy, June 21. The free concerts are slated from 6 to 8 p.m. in the picnic area. A \$4 per car parking fee is payable at the park entrance.

Steamboat Era Cookbook

The Steamboat Era Museum is compiling a Steamboat Era Cookbook. The recipes must have been served between 1813-1937. Send recipes, including contact information, by June 30, to Sallie Dashiell at steamboatrecipes@yahoo.com, or P.O. Box 8, Weems, VA 22576

Entrees, salads, desserts, cocktails and other food items are welcome. Include any related anecdotes about the originator of the recipe; when, to whom, and how it was served.

Tony Lucca will be featured at Kekoka Music Festival June 6 & 7

Singer, songwriter and actor Tony Lucca will perform at the Kekoka Music Festival June 6 and 7 at YMCA Camp Kekoka, 1083 Boys Camp Road, Kilmarnock. The festival is sponsored in part by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts.

Lucca is perhaps best known for starting his career on the Mickey Mouse Club, reported Camp Kekoka director Cassie Leichty. After his stint as a mouseketeer, Lucca went to Los Angeles for a brief career as an actor, then became a full-time musician, releasing over seven studio albums and five EPs. He has toured with a multitude of acts.

He was the second runner-



Performers at the Kekoka Music Festival will include Tony Lucca (above), Jennifer Knapp, Seryn, James Justin & Co., Mercy Creek, MSG and Julie Clark.

up on the second season of the American reality talent show, The Voice, added

Leichty.

Jennifer Knapp will headline the festival. Other per-

formers include Seryn, James Justin & Co., Mercy Creek, MSG and Julie Clark.

Festival attendees may come by land or sea, she said. There will be free dinghy docking.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Cabin rental and tent camping are available on site. Food and beverages (alcoholic and non) will be available for purchase. Attendees may bring in outside food and beverages except for glass containers.

Admission is \$25. Reserve tickets at kekokamusicfestival.org, info@kekokamusicfestival.org, or 435-3616.

Proceeds will benefit Camp Kekoka's guardian program, which funds scholarships for kids at the camp.

Meet the cast members in upcoming production

The Lancaster Players will present "The Kids Left. The Dog Died. Now What?" by Carole Caplan-Loner in June at The Lancaster Playhouse, 361 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.

The show will open June 12 and will continue June 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. A matinee June 29 is sold out.

Admission is \$20 per person. For reservations, call 435-3776, or email office@lancasterplayers.org.

The Lancaster Players is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing community theater with local talent, according to volunteer Emily May.

"This show follows a group of baby boomers standing at life's crossroads...empty nests, waning marriages, aging bodies, and the arrival of the AARP card," said May. "Come to an evening that will have you roaring with laughter and warm your heart."

Meet the cast

Robin Blake teaches math and science at Lancaster Middle School. She has a master's in gifted education. Blake has been involved with the Lancaster Players as an actress and director. She also has directed numerous plays for Lancaster schools for the past 30 years.

Irvington attorney and part owner of Specials, Ray Britt will be making his theater debut.

Britt, a world traveler, has been practicing tax law at the Hubbard, Terry and Britt firm in Irvington since 2003. He has a nuclear engineering degree from University of Virginia, a law degree from the University of Western Ontario and a master's in tax law from the College of William and Mary.

Scott Colston is a featured lead singer in a rock band MetaZoic. He has classical training in choirs, playing upright bass in jazz band and playing cello. For many years, Colston built Metro Entertainment in northern Virginia.

Beverly Hammond is a retired elementary school teacher. She taught for 32 years at West Point Elementary School. She continues to work as the West Point High School drama director. Hammond has been active in the theater since she was in middle school and is a member of the Court House Players in Gloucester in addition to appearing on stage with the Lancaster Players.

Susan Robertson works full time at the Bank of Lancaster White Stone branch. She has appeared in numerous plays and musicals over the last 14 years. She and her husband, Bryan, volunteer for the Lancaster Players as an actor, stage manager, director, bar tender and wait staff.

Darlene Stibel is a surgeon at Rappahannock General Hospital. She moved to the North-

ern Neck in 2010 from North Carolina where she was actively involved in community theater. She has appeared in a number of shows with the Lancaster Players.

Director Donna Smith has appeared many times with the Lancaster Players and has performed with the Court House Players. She also has worked with the theater department at Hampden-Sydney College. Smith serves on the board of directors of the Lancaster Players and has directed other plays for the organization.

State Fair competition registration to open June 1

Winning a ribbon at the State Fair of Virginia is a time-honored tradition. For many fairgoers, "it's one of the biggest parts of a trip to the fair—coming to see the exhibits and displays and which entries won ribbons," said program coordinator Stuart Sanders.

The 2014 State Fair will be held September 26 through October 5 at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County. In 2013, the fair drew 3,781 arts and crafts entries and 688 crop and plant entries.

Competition participants can begin pre-registering on June 1. Entry forms, guidelines and information are available at StateFairVa.org/competitions, and entry forms will be accepted online and by mail through September 5.

"We try to make the entry process un intimidating and encourage Virginians from across the Commonwealth to participate," Sanders said. "In addition to winning a ribbon, there also are a lot of opportunities for youth to win scholarship money."

Judges for each category are selected to evaluate the entries based on their expertise in a given area. "The judges we select know what to look for in each category, and ribbons are awarded based on their expert opinion," he said. "Judges are either professional artisans, teachers or industry experts."

The dates on which actual entries should be delivered to the fair vary, and delivery dates are included in the online competition guidelines.

"Baked goods and candies are typically due the Thursday before the fair opens so that the items stay fresh through the duration of the fair," Sanders said. "Paintings and crafts often will be brought in a week or so before the fair opens."

Nearly all entries are judged before the fair opens to the public; however, a few competitions, like the giant pumpkin and watermelon weigh-ins, are judged during the fair.

Memorial Garden dedication ceremony slated for June 7

Three more plaques have been added to the Kilmarnock Museum's new Memorial Garden, in time for a dedication ceremony June 7.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the museum, 76 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

Plaques containing the names of Eileen G. Remington, Robert Sheeran and the Employees of T.W. Bonner Inc., bring the total to 65 markers in the garden, said Kilmarnock Museum president Carroll Lee Ashburn. Anyone having a plaque that

"While the presentation of any theatrical production features the actors you see on stage, there are scores of others who enable the audience to enjoy an evening of live theater," said May. "The key to our success is the volunteer force—people just like you who donate their time and varied talents to The Lancaster Players—on stage, backstage, serving guests and prior to the curtain going up. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help to make the show go on."

Upcoming activities focus on Civil War

The First Friday June 6 reception at Gloucester Arts on Main, 6580-B Main Street, Gloucester, will begin a month-long exhibit of Civil War Art and artifacts loaned by local residents.

The reception will feature Alex Wiatt, great-grandson of the Rev. William Wiatt of the 26th Virginia Infantry mustered at Gloucester Point who died in 1918 at age 92. Wiatt will speak about his great-grandfather's journals, and will invite everyone to attend his presentation on Saturday, June 7, reported Gloucester County Civil War commemoration committee chairman Bill Weaver.

The reception also will feature Shari's famous Paninis, a cash bar and music by the jazz trio Good Shot Judy.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, Wiatt will present excerpts from Chaplain Wiatt's diary, which he maintained from October 1862 through April 1865, including his return home after the war.

The presentation will be held at Gloucester Arts on Main. The diary chronicles the activities and events of the 26th Virginia, a regiment composed of companies of men from Gloucester, Mathews, and King and Queen counties, said Weaver.

The 26th was mustered at Gloucester Point in May 1861 to support the naval battery there and to defend Gloucester from invading forces, he said. The unit was active throughout the war, seeing major action around Richmond and Petersburg in 1864-65 and then all the way to Appomattox.

Wiatt's presentation is being jointly sponsored by Gloucester Arts on Main and the Gloucester County Civil War commemoration committee.

There will be light snacks and soft drinks. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children younger than age 12.

Yard sale will benefit The Haven

Friends of The Haven will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon June 14 at The Haven administrative office, 5726 Richmond Road, Warsaw.

All funds received from this yard sale will go directly to support the programs of The Haven, reported Sandy Longest.

To donate items to the yard sale, other than clothing or books, drop them off at the office by June 13, said Longest. Clothing items may be donated to the Shoppe for Haven's Sake Thrift Store.

The yard sale will have \$1, \$5 and \$10 tables, she said.



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Humane Society plans annual meeting and party

The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society (GMHS) is responsible for the care, well-being and placement in "forever" homes of nearly 2,000 animals each year.

"We are able to do this thanks to the support of the good people of our community," said executive director Betsy Henderson.

In addition to individuals, businesses, volunteers and all animal lovers of Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex, the GMHS is deeply indebted to the veterinarians who provide urgently needed medical services to the homeless animals, said Henderson.

"We would like to offer special thanks to Anderson's Corner of Toano, Animal Care of Gloucester, Gloucester Vet, Hartfield Animal Hospital, the Spay and Neuter Clinic (ARF), Tri-County Animal Hospital and Dr. Tonya

Higgins," she said.

The GMHS will hold its annual meeting at 3 p.m. June 22 at Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester.

The business session, including the election of a board of directors, will be followed by a garden party and a "Pets in the Garden" photo contest. For photo contest details, visit gmhumane.org, or call 693-5520.

"Please join us for a party celebrating 'Pets in the Garden' as we honor our special volunteers and generous supporters," said Henderson. "The GMHS couldn't accomplish our mission without the help of the wonderful people who are never too busy to reach out to lend us a hand. As Gandhi said 'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'"



Janet Martin May 31 6-8pm
Mason Wyatt opens at 5pm
Deltaville Maritime Museum's Waterfront Park
287 Jackson Creek Road
804-776-7200: tickets \$10 at the door or advance

Edward V. Clark

BURGESS—Edward “Eddie” Vernon Clark, 50, of Burgess died May 19, 2014.

He was a member of Fairfields United Methodist Church, Burgess.

Mr. Clark was a plumber employed by Allison's Ace Hardware, Lottsburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon H. Clark and Roseanna Clark.

Mr. Clark is survived by his children, Lacy Michell Clark of Saluda, Elizabeth Clark and Matthew Clark, both of Burgess; grandchildren, Kaylee Jackowski and Cooper Self; sister, Barbara Clark of Virginia Beach; and half-brother Robert Rock of Florida.

A funeral was held May 23 at Coan Baptist Church, Heathsville with the Rev. Robert Lee Farmer officiating. Burial is private.

Memorial donations may be made to Educational Fund for Matthew “Kyle” Clark in c/o Brooke Clark, 85 Hacks Neck Road, Heathsville, VA 22473.



Douglas T. Hatch Sr.

HEATHSVILLE—Douglas Tilden Hatch Sr., 71, of Heathsville died Saturday, May 10, 2014.

He was the son of the late John and Margaret Hatch.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Leslie Emes Hatch; his daughters, Hilary M. Osborne and husband Scott of Medford, N.J., Vita Vygovska and husband Vitali Beregovoi of Richboro, Pa.; his son, Douglas Tilden Hatch Jr. of Wyomissing, Pa.; four grandchildren, Quinlan Henry Hatch, Miles James Hatch, Anton Beregovoi and Anna E. Beregovoi; and his sister, Barbara Barbuto and husband David of Laconia, N.H.

Mr. Hatch was born in Orange, N.J., on April 30, 1943. He grew up in Chatham, N.J., and attended Wake Forest University. He retired in 1999 as vice president of Boat Insurance for CIGNA, after a long career in the insurance industry.

He was active in the Boy Scouts and enjoyed carving ducks and birds. He also was an avid golfer and stamp collector and his favorite pastimes were fishing, crabbing and barbecuing.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Heathsville, followed by interment of ashes and then lunch in the Parish House.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 40, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Currie Funeral Home LLC of Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

‘Pie Church’ reports successful fundraiser

Henderson UMC launched its 2014 Just Pies fundraising campaign May 24 in support of Northern Neck Little League.

This year the church participated in the St. Stephen's Strawberry Festival, reported project coordinator Mary Bowman. Homemade pies were baked by church members and offered to the public for \$10 each. Cherry, apple, key lime, coconut pineapple, lemon meringue, chocolate pecan chess and of course, strawberry pies were available from the church booth, she said.

“I just couldn't believe the outpouring of support from the community,” said Bowman. “We sold 80 pies in just under two hours.”

People continued to stop

at the booth and request pies throughout the event, she added. Many gave donations and the event raised nearly \$1,000 which will be used to support Little League play for children in the Northern Neck.

Henderson presented a check to the Northumberland Little League on opening day in the amount of \$500 to support the teams and coaches.

“Keeping our children busy and active through sports participation is very important to Henderson and the entire community,” said Bowman. “Folks were so supportive and some were calling us the ‘pie church.’ We are considering adding Just Pies to our community yard sale that is planned for later this September.”



Flags mark veterans' graves at Historic Christ Church Cemetery.

Post 86 places flags on veterans' graves

On May 22, members of The American Legion Adams Post 86 in Kilmarnock placed American flags on the graves of the 230 veterans buried in the cemetery at Historic Christ Church in Weems.

Post 86 has performed this service for many years to honor local veterans on Memorial Day because, in many ways, Historic Christ Church is a symbol of the community and its long history, and because its burial ground holds the remains of veterans from the wars and conflicts in which the armed forces of the U.S. have engaged since the Revolutionary War, reported post adjutant Mike Osteen.

In the church yard rests the remains of one Revolutionary War veteran and five veterans of the War of 1812, said Osteen.

Adams Post 86 places flags on the graves of these veterans each year for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, he said. In addition, prior to each of these holidays, members of the Post distribute grave flags free of charge to the families of deceased veterans and to other organizations to be placed on the graves of veterans buried in other cemeteries in the community.

The American Legion is the largest and oldest veterans support organization in the United States with nearly three million members. It was organized in 1919 and chartered by Congress to support and assist veterans. It also promotes patriotism, youth and children, and national security, said Osteen. Adams Post 86 was chartered in 1921 and is actively engaged in providing assistance to veterans in Lancaster County.

Bethel-Emmanuel Charge holds Scholarship Sunday

On Sunday, May 18, the Bethel-Emmanuel Charge celebrated Scholarship Sunday.

Each year the Helen W. Cover Scholarship Committee accepts applications from those students who are either members of the Bethel-Emmanuel Charge or have a family tie with the churches, explained administrative assistant Susie McClean.

It was their privilege to award scholarships to Marissa Coates, Rachel Haywood, Trevor Jackson, Kelsey Jett, Lauren James, Natalie Kohlhepp, Emily Mills, Jordan Mills, Carolyn Shrader, Heather Talley, Shawn Valdrighi and Alex Webster.

Mrs. Cover expressed her congratulations and pride in each of the students receiving scholarships and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

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Eugene Fleming

WHITE STONE—Eugene “Slim” Fleming, 91, of White Stone died May 17, 2014. He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy “Dolly” Fleming.

Mr. Fleming was born and raised in Fallbrook, Calif. Upon graduation, he joined the Navy during World War II and also served in the Korean War. After 21 years of service to his country, he retired as a chief petty officer.

He then moved to Maryland where he worked as a bicycle technician. He was an avid rider and participated in bicycle racing for several years. Upon final retirement, Slim and Dolly moved to White Stone and he had 28 wonderful years and greatly enjoyed their countless walks together.

He was father to four children, grandfather to eight and great-grandfather to four. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at White Stone Baptist Church. Interment will follow the service at White Stone United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to White Stone Baptist Church, P.O. Box 45, White Stone, VA 22578.

Currie Funeral Home LLC of Kilmarnock handled the arrangements.

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CHURCH NOTES

Prayer breakfast

Macedonia Baptist will host a women's prayer breakfast at 9 a.m. June 7.

The speaker will be the Rev. Beatrice Williams of Mount Olive Baptist. Donations requested. For tickets, call the church, 580-2395.

Art preservation

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church will host a program June 19 and 20 on portrait, painting and preservation in the colonial American South. At 7 p.m. June 19, Christ Church will host a courtyard reception at 420 Christ Church Road, Weems. At 7 p.m., Colonial Williamsburg Foundation curator Carolyn Weekley will present “Painters in the Colonial South.”

On June 20, Christ Church will host a bus trip to Williamsburg to see Weekley's exhibit, “Painters and Paintings in the Early American South.” For schedule, fees and reservations, visit christchurch1735.org, or call 438-5186.

Scholarship banquet

Galilee UMC will hold its annual scholarship banquet at 4 p.m. May 31 at the Northumberland County Community Center Organization Building, 679 Browns Store Road, Browns Store. Tickets are \$10. Call the church, 580-7306.

25th anniversary

The Holy Tabernacle congregation will celebrate pastor Nancy Pinn's 25th anniversary at 4 p.m. May 31. Speakers will be the anointed woman of God Sister Myra Palin and the Rev. Earnest Palin, senior pastor of the Holy Tabernacle Church, as worship leader.

Singers will include Faith Temple of Holy Tabernacle and soloist Mable T. Robinson of Sharon Baptist.

Holy Land bound

Pastor Mike Ramming of Callao will co-host a Holy Land Pilgrimage November 3-11. An informational meeting will be held September 30 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1717 Hampton Hall Road, Callao.

A \$300 deposit guarantees a seat. For complete details, email pastormikeramming@yahoo.com, or call 456-6554.

Bible school

Macedonia Baptist Church will host vacation Bible school from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 9 through 13.

Girls camp

Macedonia Baptist Church will host its seventh annual Girls Empowerment Camp from 9 a.m. to noon July 21 through August 2. The free camp is for girls ages 11 to 18 and free. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. Parents must be present at registration at 5:30 p.m. June 5.

Calling veterans

Meet retired U.S. Army Capt. Jim Rudisill, a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, from 10 a.m. to noon on May 30 at the Trinity Episcopal pavilion, 848 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

He will share stories from the two wars. The coffee gathering is sponsored by the Region 5 Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, Virginia Department of Veterans Services, and Trinity Episcopal and St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal.

Birthday wishes

Friends of Margaret Holberton Cox are invited to a celebration Sunday, June 1, honoring her 95th birthday. Holy Eucharist will be held at 9 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The reception will follow at 10:15 a.m. in the St. Stephen's Parish House.

A memory book is being assembled. To post a special memory, related story, thoughts or wishes in the book, bring it to the celebration June 1, mail it to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Attention: Ellen Kirby, P.O. Box 40, Heathsville, VA 22473, or email it to evkirby@wildblue.net.

Ride-in

The Rappahannock Church of Christ, 9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw, will host the seventh annual Josh Baughan Ride-In on June 1. Services will be conducted at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. There will be two bike shows with identical trophies, door prizes during each service, music by One Day Remains, free lunch, free vest pins and no entry fees.

Donations will be accepted for Dynasty Kelly, 5, of Tappahannock who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Rain date is June 8. For directions, call 333-9659, or visit RCofC.org.

Reflections

by Rev. John Farmer

Welcome June
What a wondrous time of year; "June is bursting out all over!"

Ah, what a wondrous place in which we live! I feel truly blessed to be here, to be amongst you weekly, and to feel loved by so many great friends.

Often in the past, I have mentioned how my demeanor changes when homeward bound; I turn left at the Harmony Grove Baptist Church (now searching for another pastor). Once the wheel has straightened, a determination takes over. Duty propels me to the southern end of the Robert O. Norris Jr. Bridge. At first glimpse of "my" river I will audibly exclaim, "I'm back River. Did you miss me?" There was a time when I was not so bold as to say it aloud. However, the grandeur of this place and the love of our wonderful people pulls it from me, no longer timid with such an exclamation.

I love the bloom of this place, the smells that invite. The fragrance of roses, lilies, and yes, even the musty dank aroma of a saltwater marsh, delight. Please take a bit of time this week and acquaint yourself with our Garden of God.

A brisk walk through Holy Script reminds me that the word bloom appears several times, lily (and/or lilies) more frequently. In fact some of the Psalms (45, 69 & 80) translate "as according to the Lilies."

The word "flowers" appears in Scripture frequently. Almost always, it refers to the potential of a harvest to follow. Flowers are even touted as nourishing (in the Apocryphal 2 Esdras 9:24-12:51, texts that many evangelicals, some Protestants avoid).

Holy men and women of old that remembered our paths to the Holy Land noted the word "green" scores of times. At each reference it is so lush as to call

one forth, to stop in amazement; or, its very removal a harbinger of failures to obey God who would then withhold such a blessing. High among our memory reverberates the words "He makes me lie down in green pastures." Even in times of our worst droughts we live in a verdant garden of magnificent proportions. The Psalmist would have fainted with glee at the very thought of a world so fertile as ours, here.

I must return to the Gospels for a few meanderings. In both Matthew (6:28) and Luke (12:27) rests this fabulous admonition of God. When disciples and followers alike press Jesus for this and that. When concerns of the human heart turn to self-preservation, to personal privilege, Jesus counters. Our Savior said, "Consider the lilies; they neither toil nor spin.... Yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

These past few months have been so busy for me that I perhaps have failed to inventory just how beautiful is our homeland. My calendar has slackened. I find my eyes less star-filled—though my heart bursts with pride at all God has done for me lately. Here I am living in so wondrous a place and where God has given me both a bride and another son. I am grateful. Wow! God is so good.

Along the margins of many fields bloom blue cornflowers (bachelor buttons). Many a cornfield, many a bean patch, hold arrangements of morning glories. These precious little vines decorate our mornings with such beauty. Along outhouse and tool house paths, fence

rows, and gardens alike, lilies bud. Daffodils and lots of early spring flowers have already heralded. Now roses perfume the air. The promise of additional blooms is but hours away. I can't wait, though wait I must.

God often holds secure for us things that we know to be beautiful. He holds them tender until we need them the most. Our very best blessings he has promised to withhold until we are through with this place and gathered home with him.

As beautiful is our world, as fragrant are our fields, as fertile are our gardens, God holds up a mantle of beauty more important still. From the Garden of Eden through the lilies of the fields, he enjoys His creation. I have this scene branded into my consciousness of God resting from His creation and counting the blessings His hands have wrought. I see Him patting the fawns that nibble on the early dew-covered tips. I hear His chuckle as he counts the groundhogs waddling here and there. I feel the power of his hand pushing the tides to and fro.

Yet a more powerful image looms. In the midst of all God has created I hear him loud and clear saying of us – you and me – "I like them the best."

Breathe deep. Find your most beautiful mental image. Locate your most appreciative memory collectible. Find your window grand. Place above it those same words. Look into the mirror. Glance at pictures of friends and loved ones gone. Hold the hand of that significant other creation of God. Languish in how very much he loves us. Proclaim, "He loves me."

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

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Commonwealth ranks 21st for senior health

Virginia ranked 21st for senior health this year, according to the second edition of United Health Foundation's America's Health Rankings® Senior Report.

Nationwide, seniors are showing encouraging gains in key health measures and taking more steps to improve their own health. Notable gains for senior health include declines in physical inactivity, improvements in quality of nursing home care, reductions in avoidable hospitalizations, and increased preparation for end-of-life care.

"United Health Foundation's America's Health Rankings Senior Report is a valuable tool for measuring and understanding the key challenges and opportunities facing Virginia's senior population," said Catherine E. Palmier, M.D., shared services chief medical officer, East Region UnitedHealthcare. "With the senior population expected to double in size in the next 25 years, it is important that we develop effective programs and solutions that address seniors' health needs in Virginia and nationwide."

The America's Health Rankings Senior Report finds that Virginia has its share of strengths and challenges. Strengths included the lowest prevalence of food insecurity, few poor mental health days per month and a low prevalence of underweight seniors.

Among challenges, the report

noted a high percentage of hospital deaths, a low percentage of quality nursing home beds and low prescription drug coverage.

According to the report, Minnesota is the healthiest state for seniors for the second year in a

row. Hawaii ranks second, followed by New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Mississippi is the least healthy state for seniors, followed by Louisiana (49), Kentucky (48), Oklahoma (47) and Arkansas (46).



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I always get excited this time of year to do gardening, but I know that I can no longer physically manage a large garden nor need all of the produce and flowers. Do you have any suggestions for a senior gardener?

Container vegetable gardening sounds like the perfect solution for you. It provides you the same pleasure of gardening, an outdoor activity for fresh air, sunshine and a bit of exercise. The containers can be placed outdoors on a patio, deck, or porch.

Contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office, who may have workshops

this spring that you could participate in, or be able to send you some information on how to get started.

Also, contact local garden centers, senior centers and libraries for spring classes that may involve container gardening that you could join to learn more.

Joining a local garden club would be another option for you to showcase your talents, since many clubs provide support at schools for outdoor vegetable gardening lessons, or churches and hospitals for pleasure gardens.

For answers to your questions on aging, visit seniornavigator.org.

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