



### Junior Rangers invade park

Justin Hudnall (left) and Belle Isle State Park interpreter Fawn Rost get up close and personal with a turtle, while others inspect frogs and bugs (background). Playing with creepy crawlies on land and in the water was part of the fun at last week's Junior Ranger program at the park. The three-day program has several more sessions for 5- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds through July. More Junior Ranger photos appear on page A13. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

## Public, medical professionals discuss obstetric issues as new maternity center files papers

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

KILMARNOCK—Through tears, Susan Long of Weems urged citizens attending a forum last Thursday to support the development of The Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck Inc.

Despite closely following doctors' orders of bedrest and a 14-day stay in a Richmond hospital, Long delivered her daughter, Emma Wilder Long, on June 2, just 25 weeks and five days into her pregnancy. Emma died three hours after birth.

When Long read an article about the maternity center concept in the Rappahannock Record, she decided she needed to join the effort.

"I didn't know why I felt so strongly that I needed to do something," she told about 100 people gathered at Lancaster Middle School. "Then a dear friend pointed out to me that

my little angel is telling me, 'Mommy, you need to help make a difference.'"

Although the availability of local obstetric care would not have saved the life of Long's baby, a nearby facility would have eliminated countless trips to Richmond.

"What if I had just needed a non-stress test, an ultrasound, a quick listen to my daughter's heartbeat or a basic prenatal checkup?" said Long. "It could have saved a high-risk pregnancy like me the million visits that I had to make if we had services in our community."

Long's was an emotional plea, as was that of Phyllis

Reynolds.

A member of the center's board of directors, Reynolds recounted a tragic example of what can happen if local obstetric care is unavailable.

A family friend who had received minimal prenatal care during her seven months of pregnancy was being transported by private vehicle to a hospital in Newport News in early June when she stopped at a Gloucester hospital in distress. The mother was stabilized and continued on the nearly two-hour trip from Lancaster to her obstetrician.

"Unfortunately, her daughter" (continued on page A16)

**Tax-deductible donations for The Northern Neck Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck, Inc. can be made to: Irvington Baptist Church, PO Box 417, Irvington, VA 22480.**

## Lancaster board majority ignores opposition, levies real estate tax rate increase

Budget totals \$23.8 million

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—On a 3-2 vote, the county board of supervisors has adopted a \$23.8 million budget for 2004-05, which jumps \$1.5 million from the current budget.

To pay for it, the board, also on a 3-2 vote, adopted a tax levy reflecting an 11.7 percent effective tax increase for real estate at a rate of 44 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The increase will add \$1.3 million to real estate tax revenues.

As approved last Thursday, the budget totals \$23,809,781.

Supervisors Patrick G. Frere of District 4, Peter N. Geilich of District 3 and Ernest W. Palin Jr. of District 2 voted in favor of the budget and tax rate.

Supervisors B. Wally Beauchamp of District 5 and F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. of District 1 opposed the motion.

The budget and tax hike passed despite 20 of 22 taxpayers speaking against the increases during a related public hearing prior to the decision.

Geilich, who made the motion to approve the tax hike and budget, said his property was reassessed at 89 percent more in value and his tax bill will increase by 40 percent.

"I don't like it," Geilich said. "It's going to hit me. But it's something we have to do."

The rationale for justifying the hike was explained by Frere, who estimated \$360,000 more is needed this year to pay the county contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for school and county employees, \$360,000 more (as projected in the school budget) is needed for teacher salary increases to provide a regionally competitive salary scale, \$300,000 more is needed for debt service, and more county funding is needed for a new deputy position and vehicle for the sheriff's office.

"That is where the increase is," said Frere.

Beauchamp said he voted in principle against the increase.

"I just do not feel that a tax increase of any type in the same" (continued on page A16)

## Rockets to glare on Carters Creek

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

IRVINGTON—Tradition rules on Independence Day, and one of the oldest ongoing traditions around is the fireworks display at The Tides Inn.

The hotel has been sending rockets skywards since it opened in 1947, said former president R. Lee Stephens Jr. of Irvington. While the Inn stages the show

primarily for its guests, its grandeur has drawn people to Carters Creek from near and far, by land and by boat.

Under Sedona Resorts management, The Tides Inn staff continues to schedule, plan and execute the fireworks display.

This year's display will be bigger and better, said general manager Larry McAfee. Instead of using size three- and four-inch mortar explosives, the resort plans to launch fives and sixes.

"They are really big," McAfee explained.

Shot from the shoreline over the hotel lawn, The Tides Inn has one of the closest, loudest, most fantastic shows around. From the patio, each burst fills the sky over head. Necks crane back to watch the lovely succession of fizzling starfish, screamers and patriotic color bursts.

The Inn will begin its traditional fireworks display at 9:15

p.m. The show will last a half-an-hour.

The public may view the display from the Tides Lodge in Weems, along the shoreline and from the Chesapeake Terrace.

McAfee advises that boaters get there early, stay back from the display and watch out for other boats.

"It gets so crowded you could walk across Carters Creek on boats," he said.

For at least a decade, the Inn's fireworks have been followed by a show put on by Jay Bryant and his family. It, too, has become part of the tradition.

"We do it for the people in the area and for our love of the country," said Bryant. "We do it out of respect for the community."

The Bryants' show is one of the largest, privately-funded fireworks displays in the area. From their backyard across the creek" (continued on page A16)

### Weekend blasts

Here's a schedule of the public fireworks displays being held to celebrate Independence Day in the local area.

**Saturday, July 3**

■ DELTAVILLE - There will be fireworks at the Deltaville Ball Park at approximately 9:15 p.m., following an old-timer's baseball game. 776-6461.

■ REEDVILLE - The Reedville Fishermen's Museum will sponsor a fireworks display over Cockrell's Creek beginning at dark. 453-6529.

**Sunday, July 4**

■ COLONIAL BEACH - The Town of Colonial Beach will sponsor a fireworks display at 9 p.m. at the Town Pier & Boardwalk. 224-0732.

■ IRVINGTON - The Tide's Inn will sponsor a fireworks display over Carters Creek beginning at 9:15 p.m. 438-5000.

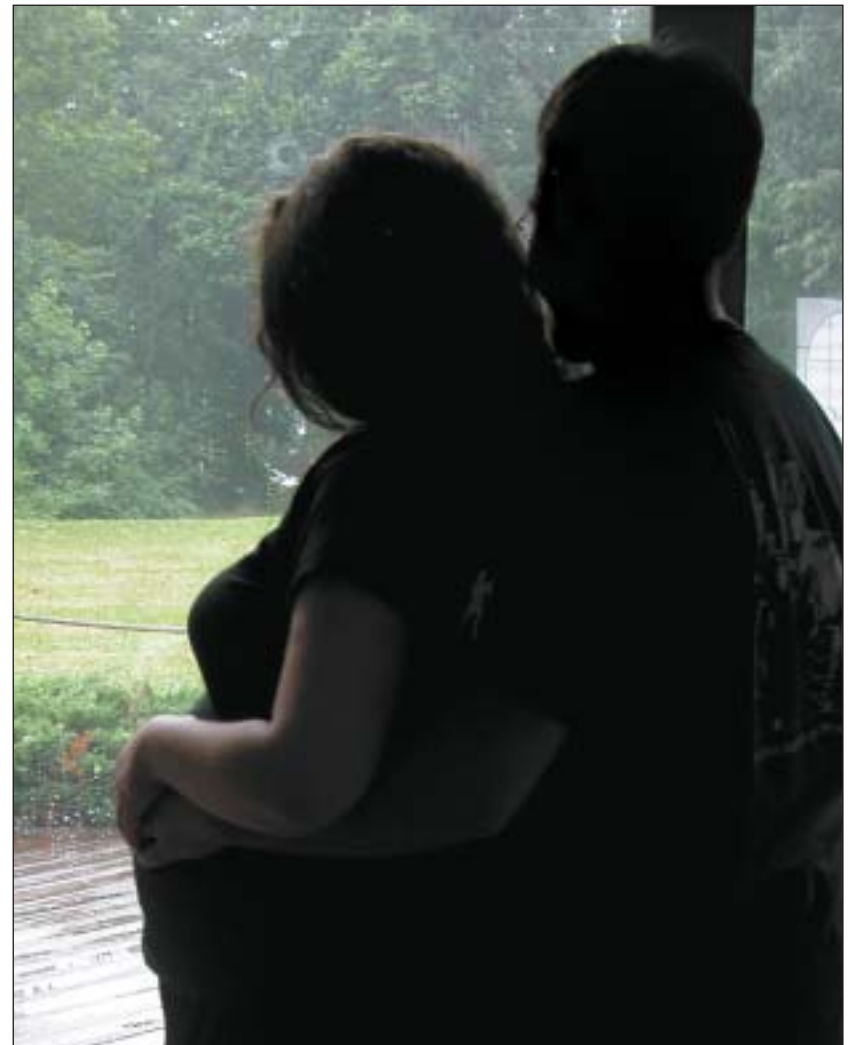
■ TAPPAHANNOCK - The annual fireworks display sponsored by Essex and Richmond counties begins at 9 p.m. at Essex High School.

■ URBANNA - The town of Urbanna will sponsor a fireworks display along the town's waterfront on Urbanna Creek at dark. 758-0464.



Fireworks displays will light up the nighttime sky throughout the area on Friday and Saturday nights. Meanwhile, several communities are planning Independence Day celebrations. See page A7 for details.

Pagan and Alexander are among dozens of teenagers expecting babies in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.



Editors note: As teenage pregnancy rates in Lancaster and Northumberland counties remain at crisis levels, the Rappahannock Record honored the request of two teens to remain anonymous in exchange for their perspectives.

## Teens Having Babies: Pregnancy rate locally outpaces state

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Pagan was just 15 years old when she lost her virginity. She's 17 now, a rising high school senior, unmarried and nine months pregnant.

She and Alexander waited nine days into their relationship before having sex. The couple celebrated their 11-month anniversary last week and in just a few weeks they'll be parents.

"I don't think I have any idea how this will change my life," she said. "I'm getting very scared now."

Pagan is another statistic in a staggering stack of statistics, according to Three Rivers Health District director Dr. Reuben Varghese.

Two out of every 10 females ages 18 to 19 were pregnant in Lancaster County in 2002, according to the most recent data available from the Virginia Health Department.

Among 638 girls ages 10 to 19 in Lancaster County,

29 were pregnant. In Northumberland County, there were 27 pregnancies among 673 females in the same age range.

The rate in the Northern Neck is higher than average, said Dr. Varghese. In 2002, three out of every 100 teenage girls in Virginia became pregnant. In the Northern Neck, four out of every 100 became pregnant. Across the Rappahannock River in the Middle Peninsula, two out of 100 became pregnant.

The local teen pregnancy rate is "very scary and a lot of people don't want to face it. This can happen to anyone," said Carolyn Hankison, Resource Mothers Program coordinator for the Three Rivers Health District.

Hankison qualified the health department statistics by saying "these are just the pregnancies we know about. Some abort."

It's the trend that's so

frightening, said Dr. Varghese.

Lancaster's pregnancy rate actually took a dive in 2002.

"Statistics show that the kids are making these choices to have sex," said Dr. Varghese. "And it isn't just a problem of underprivileged children. These decisions are made by all groups."

In Lancaster County, there were 19 pregnancies among 103 teens ages 18 to 19 in 2002. There were 10 pregnancies in 211 girls ages 15 to 17.

"The youngest I've seen was 13, which is incredibly young," said Hankison.

Stephanie Reeves, a Resource Mother outreach worker, has counseled one 15-year-old in the past year and is currently working with 12 pregnant teens in the Lancaster/Northumberland area.

Since the area's only obstetric unit closed in February, Reeves spends much of her time transporting teens to and" (continued on page A16)

## Record will close Monday

The Rappahannock Record office and many other local businesses will be closed Monday, July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.

Those planning to submit articles and advertisements for next week's paper are encouraged to do so by 5 p.m. Friday.

The final deadline for display ads is 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Other deadlines remain unchanged.

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## July

### 1 Thursday

**The Rotary Breakfast Club** meets at 7:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury. **Bingo** is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. **The White Stone Planning Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. at the town office. **The White Stone Town Council** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the town office. **The Wetlands Board** for Northumberland County will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville. **The Marine Corps League Detachment** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao Volunteer Fire Department building. 443-3806. **The First Thursday Seniors** meet at 11:30 a.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. Call 435-3046. **The U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band** will present a concert at 7 p.m. on the Irvington Commons. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. as Chesapeake Bank serves free hot dogs, sodas and chips as supplies last. The Southeastern Virginia Ultralight Flyer's Club 6 will fly over just prior to the concert. **Bob Huff** is featured on the piano from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the raw bar at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock. For dinner reservations, call 436-8439. **An Early Morning Canoe Trip** will be held at Belle Isle State Park at 7 a.m. \$5. **The Stepping Stones Square Dance Club** will host a plus workshop at 7:30 p.m. at Free-shade Community Center in Syringa. 725-5093.

### 2 Friday

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. in Charterhouse in Kilmarnock. 580-4400. **Bingo** is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m. **Dave Long** is featured on the piano from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bamberg's Restaurant in Heathsville. For dinner reservations, call 580-8181. **Bob Huff** is featured on the piano from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the raw bar at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock. For dinner reservations, call 436-8439. **Bingo** will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mid-County Rescue Squad building in Heathsville. **A Summer Reading Program** begins at 11 a.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. 580-5051.

### 3 Saturday

**Bill and Pam Gurlé** are featured at Piper's Pub in Kilmarnock. The show starts at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations recommended, call 435-7178. **An Annual Patriotic Country Music Show** is featured at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. Call 725-7760 for ticket information. **Musical Entertainment** is featured under the pavilion at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum as part of the Reedville Independence Day Celebration. At 1 p.m. The Ad Hoc's perform, featuring Don Bassett, Todd Barnes, Bill Duvall, Alice Hershiser, Gayle Sterret and Carol Towne. At 1:45 p.m., The River Song Quartet performs. At 4:30 p.m., the Atlantic Fleet Jazz Ensemble performs.

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### 3 Saturday

**Line Dancing** will be held by the Stepping Stones Square Dance Club from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Freeshade Community Center in Syringa. Squares follow at 8 p.m. The cost is \$2.50. 725-5093. **Bob Huff** is featured on the piano from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the raw bar at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock. For dinner reservations, call 436-8439. **The Irvington Farmers' Market** will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on the Irvington Commons. **The Annual Irvington Fourth of July Hometown Parade** begins at 2 p.m. The parade extends along King Carter Drive. A vintage car show follows the parade on the Irvington Commons. **The 18th Annual Fireworks Dinner Buffet Cruise** departs the Smith Island/KOA Resort aboard the Capt. Evans. \$25. Reservations required. 453-3430. **The Annual Reedville Independence Day Celebration** will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Activities include a 5K run, parade, children's games, concerts, small boat show, crafts and fireworks. **An Independence Day parade** will be held July 3 at 6 p.m. in Ophelia. The parade starts at Cockrell's Railway and ends at Afton United Methodist Church. **The Sigsbee**, a restored 1901 skipjack, visits the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. Owned by the Living Classrooms Foundation of Baltimore, the Sigsbee is part of its educational fleet and is used to teach junior and senior high school students about oystering on the Chesapeake Bay. **A Wildlife Hike** begins at 3:30 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. **A Sunset Canoe Trip** will be held at Belle Isle State Park at 6:30 p.m. \$6. **North Carolina Barbecue** will be served by the Fairfield's United Methodist Men at Fairfield United Methodist Church in Burgess, beginning at 10 a.m. 453-2631. **Free Fishing Days** will be held in Virginia marine waters. No saltwater fishing license will be required. **Heritage Day** will be celebrated in Deltaville with baseball games, crab races, a general parade, music, arts and crafts, a pet parade, crab races, fireworks, food, an art show and much more. The Deltaville Deltas play the Tappahannock Tides at 5 p.m. at the Deltaville Ball Park. At 8 p.m. an Old Timers game will be played. Fireworks follow.

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### 4 Sunday

**Independence Day The Widowed Persons Service** for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Great Fortune Restaurant in Kilmarnock immediately following church services. **Bob Huff** is featured on the piano from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the raw bar at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock. For dinner reservations, call 436-8439. **A 4th of July Celebration** will be held at Stratford Hall Plantation. 493-8038. **The 4th of July** will be celebrated at Washington's Birthplace. 224-1734. **The 4th of July Celebration at Colonial Beach** features a carnival throughout the day, concerts and fireworks at 9 p.m. **A Fun Day** of games and crafts will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m. **An Independence Day Sunset Canoe Trip** will be held at Belle Isle State Park at 6:30 p.m. \$6. **Free Fishing Days** will be held in Virginia marine waters. No saltwater fishing license will be required. **An Independence Day Celebration** will be held at Taber Park in Urbanna. Beginning at dusk, activities shift to the waterfront. There will be food and fireworks. **Independence Day** activities at Essex High School in Tappahannock include a softball game at 5:30 p.m., the annual old-timers softball game at 7:15 p.m. and fireworks about 9 p.m.



One of the historic images now on display at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum is Fishing c. 1864 by Mathew Brady, photographer, courtesy of the Library of Congress

## Catch fishing exhibits at RFM

Fishing for pleasure. Fishing for survival. Fishing for commerce. All three forms of fishing have existed as long as there has been human interaction with the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

These ideas are examined in the Reedville Fishermen's Museum's current exhibit, "Go Fish! A Historical Exploration of Commercial and Recreational Fishing on the Chesapeake Bay" explores more than 400 years of history. On display through September 12, the exhibit begins with reproduction maps and illustrations documenting 16th-century European contact with the bay and its inhabitants.

Included is what is thought to be the earliest image of fishing in the region, a circa 1585 watercolor by artist and adventurer John White, provided to the museum by the British Museum in London.

Also included is a series of 19th-century chromolithographs by Sherman Foote Denton, an artist known for his illustrations of fish species; carvings of some of nature's fishermen by local artists Herb Lewis and Penelope Mace; period photographs of fishermen working the bay, courtesy of the Library of Congress; and folk art menhaden boat models from the museum's permanent collection.

Some view the bay as an unlimited source of income and sustenance. Others see it as a natural wilderness to be protected above human needs, while a third group believes it to be a recreational environment or opportunity. The exhibit considers these issues and more faced by today's fishermen and others who live and work on the Chesapeake Bay. Funding was provided in part by Northern Neck State Bank.

Museum visitors may also be inspired by the creativity of regional artists. "Fishing the Bay; Art Inspired by the Chesapeake" provides a glimpse of how the Northern Neck's watermen's community stimulates the artistic imagination. Watercolors, acrylics, wood carvings and stained glass are on display through September 12.

Many of the items are for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the museum. The artists include Barney Harris, Carol J. Hammer, Carolyn Hawley, Faith Kauders, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Pat Ramey, Sarah Soderlund, Rob Roy and Charles VanDenburgh.

To add to the display, contact the museum at 453-6529, or bunker@crosslink.net.

The museum is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12.

### 5 Monday

**The Historyland Community Workshop** meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Visitors welcome. **The Rappahannock Toastmasters** will meet at 7 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury. 435-7585. **Party Bridge** is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. \$5. For reservations, call 580-8205. **Free Fishing Days** will be held in Virginia marine waters. No saltwater fishing license will be required.

### 6 Tuesday

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. at Charterhouse in Kilmarnock. **"Surfin' the Net,"** a computer workshop with Richard Emory for middle and high school students, is from 3 to 5 p.m. at Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. 580-5051.

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1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50  
**TWO BROTHERS (PG)**  
1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:30  
**WHITE CHICKS (PG13)**  
2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45  
**GARFIELD (PG)**  
1:00, 3:00, 5:00  
**HARRY POTTER (PG)**  
7:05, 9:40  
**SHREK 2 (PG)**  
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**MON. 7/5**  
SPIDERMAN 2 (PG13)  
1:30, 4:15, 7:00  
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# Upcoming

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## 6 Tuesday

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

**U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis's Staff** will conduct satellite office hours from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.

**The Historic Resources Commission** for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. in the general district courtroom in Lancaster.

**Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 12:15 p.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg.

**The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce** meets at 8 a.m. at the town office in Kilmarnock. 435-1779.

**A Bridge Discussion Group** meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. \$3. No reservation necessary. 462-0742.

**Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. ACBL-sanctioned game. Membership not necessary. 472-0742.

**The Planning Commission** for Irvington at 7:30 p.m. will conduct a public hearing on a request from William J. Haynie Jr. to construct a private pier at 81 Cedardale Lane. The hearing will be held at the town office at 235 Steamboat Road.

**The Local NARFE Chapter** meets at 2 p.m. at the Northern Neck electric cooperative building in Warsaw.

## 6 Tuesday

**The Photoshop** special interest group meets at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Barbara Touchette is the speaker. Portraiture is the assignment.

**A Concert** by the Rappahannock District Youth Choir begins at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lively.

## 7 Wednesday

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

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

**The Northern Neck Bay Tones** meets at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.

**Piper's Pub** in Kilmarnock hosts an acoustic jam session open to all musicians, beginning at 7 p.m. For dinner reservations, call 435-7178.

**A Grief Support Group** meets at 4 p.m. at the White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.

"Rhythms and Rhymes" with Tonya Carter begins at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. 435-1729.

**All Small Sail Boat Owners** are invited to participate in a race for fun on Carter's Creek, beginning at 6 p.m. The race is sponsored by the Rappahannock River Yacht Club.

## 8 Thursday

**The Rotary Breakfast Club** meets at 7:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. **Bingo** is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

**The Wetlands Board** for Lancaster County will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.

**The Board of Supervisors** for Northumberland County will meet at 2 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville. Public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the courts building.

**The Irvington Town Council** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the town office.

**The Interfaith Service Council** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.

**The Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club** will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Center in Lively.

**American Legion Post 117** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the post home in Reedville.

**"Lighting Design for Your Garden"** is the topic for a meeting of the Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone. The program begins at 12:30 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church.

**Dairy Day** with Annette Jewell of Virginia Cooperative Extension will be held at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock from 10 to 11:30 a.m. 462-5780.

**The Stepping Stones Square Dance Club** will host a plus workshop at 7:30 p.m. at Free-shade Community Center in Syringa. 725-5093.

## 8 Thursday

**The Sigsbee**, a restored 1901 skipjack, visits the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. Owned by the Living Classrooms Foundation of Baltimore, the Sigsbee is part of its educational fleet and is used to teach junior and senior high school students about oystering on the Chesapeake Bay.

**Bob Butler** will speak on Jessie Ball duPont at a Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Books and Conversation session. A social period begins at 10:30 a.m.; the presentation begins at 11 a.m. [Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor]

### Ongoing:

**Al-Anon Family Group** meetings are on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Bethany United Methodist Church Hospitality Center; on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church and on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall. 435-1935.

**AA Meetings** are on Mondays at noon at Palmer Hall (open); on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Palmer Hall (beginners) and at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall (closed); on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at De Sales Hall (open); on Wednesdays at noon at Irvington United Methodist Church (Shady Ladies); on Saturdays at 5 p.m. at Zoar Baptist Church in Deltaville and 8 p.m. at Irvington United Methodist Church (open); and on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church (open). 435-1935.

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# Opinion

## Excerpts *by Henry Lane Hull*

A good part of my childhood I spent at Colonial Beach where both of my parents had spent much of theirs. The house my grandfather built in 1896 still stands and on occasion I drive by for another nostalgic look. The front porch was the spot where my parents first met and the memories of the place are long and rich.

Three blocks up the street stood a venerable old building which housed Denson's Grocery Store. The Denson family had been the proprietors from the beginning, and in my day the store was run by Bernard and Anne Denson, but he was better known by his nickname, "Boozie." His mother, Mrs. Jetta Denson, was there every day, as were his young children. The eldest was Jetta; next was Carole Anne. In the mid 50s, Mr. Denson decided to purchase the old house across the street and the ancient wheelwright shop behind it to build a new supermarket.

In the midst of construction, the Densons announced that they were expecting a baby, leaving everyone wondering whether the store or the baby would come first. Well, both came simultaneously, on April 4, 1956. It was a boy, and although named Bernard, to this day he always has been "Rocky."

The children all helped in one way or another in the store, which truly was an extension of their family. It was the type operation where the owners knew the clients so well that one merely had to appear and Mr. Denson would cut the particular slice of meat, or direct one to things he knew the customer would want. The years passed; the Denson children grew up, taking increasing responsibilities for the store, but the happy atmosphere never changed.

Boozie ran for the town council, served eight years, and in 1958 was elected mayor. He served four years, then lost, was elected again, and never was apart from the governance of the town until he died in 1980. Today his son, Rocky, carries on the tradition serving on the town school board.

Jetta was an extremely dependable person,

friendly and kindly of manner, and quite proficient in everything she did. She truly was gifted with a winning personality which was able to see her through almost insurmountable difficulty. She married, had two daughters, and found that she had multiple sclerosis, thus beginning a long and painful saga which had no effect on her personality whatsoever.

Her mother and daughters rallied to her side and made her life as happy in illness as it had been in health. For many years she was bedridden, then on oxygen, unable to move any part of her body, except for her beautiful eyes and her always gentle mouth. A visit to her might have been motivated with the thought of cheering her up, but one came away having been cheered, indeed uplifted, by her.

Jetta was also a source of great knowledge and information. She could speak on any subject, and her sense of humor was unparalleled. She once remarked that Colonial Beach was the town of odd nicknames, noting that her father was Boozie, although not a drinker, and another prominent businessman was known as "Fats" and still another local as "Fatso."

Jetta's daughters kept her in the swim of things, taking her by wheelchair whenever possible, the most important recent trip being to Amanda's wedding 18 months ago. Jetta had a wonderful time and was careful to make sure that everyone else did also.

Last Friday Jetta died in the home across from the now old store which has not been a grocery for many years, surrounded by the love of her family, and the admiration and gratitude of her friends for giving them the example of a life lived to the fullest. Would that all healthy folks could have her world view and her determination to be happy and to care more about others than themselves. Jetta made the world a better place merely by living in it.

Jetta Denson Pugh, May 23, 1945-June 25, 2004. R.I.P.

## Delegate's Report

*by Del. Albert C. Pollard Jr.*

### Defending our History

My friends, on the eve of this great nation's birthday, fundamental truths are under attack. This attack is not only a practice of historical revisionism, but also seeks to lower the Northern Neck on the scale of historical greatness.

If you pull out a dollar bill, it has a picture of George Washington. Washington is, by those of us who have common sense, acknowledged as the first president of the United States. History further tells us he was born in Westmoreland County in the heart of the 99th district. However, there is a nefarious plot afoot to declare Samuel Huntington the first president of the United States.

Samuel who? Samuel Huntington, it seems, was president for three months under the Articles of Confederation. As you will remember, the Articles of Confederation were a weak form of government for seven years. When it was widely recognized that the Articles were not sufficient glue to hold together this fledgling democracy, they were scrapped. A federal system was born. The first president elected was, of course, George Washington.

The Norwich Historical Society is creating this cause and working through Congressman Rob

Simmons (R-Conn) on this revisionist romp. As quoted in the Norwich Bulletin on February 19, 2004, Congressman Simmons said, "We are working with the Library of Congress to establish whether we can honor Huntington and the other (presidents under the Articles of Confederation)." After this research, Simmons will decide whether to go forward with legislation that will honor Huntington on Presidents' Day.

What next—the Lost Colony in North Carolina pushing Jamestown off the historical hill? What about Santa Fe, New Mexico? It was settled by 1550. Maybe Lewis and Clark weren't great explorers. After all, there were already some half-drunk French fur trappers bumbling around the West when they arrived. Next, it will be our traditions: KFC will go on a corporate campaign to have the chicken become the bird of choice on Thanksgiving. Or, as one of Huntington's proponents claim, July 2, 1776, is the actual day the colonies declared independence from Great Britain.

Don't get me wrong, I'm sure Huntington (who does not, by the way, make it into the American Heritage Dictionary) was a very nice man, and was devoted to the fledgling democracy. He was the son of a Puritan farmer, and taught himself Latin and law. At

age 27, he moved to Norwich and married a local minister's daughter.

And, I suppose, if I were from Norwich, I would try to rewrite history, too. Cranberry-growing, Indian gambling and insurance underwriting are no way to make it into the history books. So, rather than doing great things, the Norwich Historical Society is merely trying to rewrite the books.

My fellow Northern Neckers, history is clear. Our first president was George Washington. He was born in Westmoreland County. And this fact, along with the freedoms this country enjoys, should be fully recognized and celebrated this Sunday, July 4 – which is, by the way, widely recognized as our nation's Independence Day.

### All war is deplorable

To The Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the letter last week by Delores Farmer titled "Deplores Iraq War."

Who doesn't deplore war of any kind, including I'm sure, Bush and Cheney. To say that Bush and Cheney are responsible for the deaths and the war is ridiculous. The men fighting in Iraq chose to be in the military and feel an obligation to our country. We are not running every cruel leader out of their countries, but are fighting the war on terrorism. We have to start somewhere and I applaud the job Bush and Cheney have done.

We have freedom now because brave men died to ensure it. I applaud them all.

We recently were on a flight to Norfolk returning from California. I happened to sit next to the wife of a Marine who was on leave from Iraq, waiting to go back in a few months. They have a two-year-old little girl. I asked the woman how her husband and the Marines feel about the war and President Bush. She said her husband feels that they and Bush are trying to make the world safe from terrorism for their children, and if the war is not fought in a foreign country, it will be fought here in America.

Have we forgotten 9/11? Are we supposed to just sit and let terrorists take over and cause havoc wherever they want to? I guess Mrs. Farmer wasn't happy when we captured Saddam.

Bush is not perfect; no one is. He never said he wants to give them democracy. He said he would free them so they can set up their own government, which they are doing.

I think Mrs. Farmer has been listening to the wrong media, who will bash Bush any way they can. I suggest she listen to the Fox News Channel for a change.

Mrs. Farmer is the one who needs to open her eyes and ears and see the great job our President is doing. He has character and is not afraid to lead our nation. I hope he is re-elected. What a difference he offers to the lack of leadership we had the previous eight years.

It is unfortunate that the liberal media now disagree with their leaders in the congress who originally backed going into Iraq, but now act as though it is a terrible thing that Bush and Cheney did on their own.

Many Americans who are not captives of the Beltway press

believe that Bush and Cheney are honorable and truthful. I believe there are enough of us to re-elect Bush for another term.

Millie Wiley  
Weems

### Challengers welcome

To The Editor:

One of our friends working with the Hispanic team at Omega Protein this year is a state chess champion from Mexico.

We are looking for someone who knows chess well enough to challenge him.

If you are interested, please call Rev. Gayl Fowler at 580-2079.

Gayl Fowler  
Burgess

### Current residents deserve protection

To The Editor:

I thank Bill and Travis Morris of Weems and endorse their statements. Their letter last week reflected my thoughts and perceptions.

The Luttrell property which is now owned by Coastal Land Development LLC should not be rezoned to residential apartment (R-2) for high-density residential. I realize that Coastal Land Development is proposing only 19 single-family homes, but rezoning to R-2 negates any protection for nearby residents from future high-density development.

Current Weems residents, and especially those at Wharton Grove and Cedar Point, deserve the protection of maintaining the current zoning.

Bonny Fazzi  
Weems

### Administration lacks good leadership

To The Editor:

"Be good, strong leaders" advised the commencement speaker at Lancaster High School. So what makes a good leader? My college alumni magazine recently ran an article by the dean of their leadership school listing four key attributes of effective leadership. Looking at our leadership in Iraq, I was startled by how all four seem to be noticeably absent.

For example, the dean's first attribute of a good leader is "to be able to see the world from another's perspective." You don't have to be a theology scholar to know that this reflects a Christian

value. Yet our leadership, which flaunts their religious faith, failed miserably on this point with their "go-it-alone" arrogance leading up to the Iraq war. This not only cost us the cooperation of many major allies, but polls show that many European nations have never held such low opinion of U.S. leadership—which is not reassuring as we do battle with a worldwide terrorist network.

Good leadership also demands two other attributes, "the practice of disciplined verification of competing claims," and is "the need to translate information into actual knowledge." Because the decision to go to war had already been made, our leaders shortcut both of those attributes. They failed to rigorously validate their sources and gave credence only to intelligence on Iraq which confirmed their assumptions and supported their goals. And they assumed that all the information we had collected about Saddam's weapons was still valid. As a result, America's credibility took a major blow when it was discovered that the threat posed by Saddam's weapons of mass destruction was non-existent in spite of all our spies and satellites. Our leaders' confident predictions were flat-out wrong.

A final characteristic of good leadership is "being able to recognize an ethical dilemma." How could our leaders be so blind to the ethical consequences when they junked the Geneva Conventions and pursued more extreme interrogation policies with prisoners? Did they not foresee the potential for brutality? It will take years to correct the fallout from this blunder made possible because our leaders and their lawyers ignored the bedrock ethics of this democracy. Those images of the naked prisoner on a leash and the hooded and wired-up prisoner standing on a box will not fade away. They will be rallying symbols that will recruit and inspire terrorists to do harm to America and Americans for years to come.

When 9/11 anger tempted our leaders to open the door to barbarism, the tactics of terrorism won a stunning victory over the values America once stood for. And for Ben Laden, that represents a victory perhaps even greater than 9/11.

Frank Mann  
Lancaster

### Beware of this administration

To The Editor:

I have been shocked by the legal shenanigans concerning torture. I would like to share with you some of an article by columnist Anthony Lewis from the July issue of The New York Review of Books.

"Reading through the memoranda written by Bush Administration lawyers on how prisoners of the 'war on terror' can be treated is a strange experience. The memos read like the advice of a mob lawyer to a Mafia don on how to skirt the law and stay out of our prison. Avoiding prosecution is literally a theme of the memoranda.

"The assertion of the various legal memoranda that the President can order the torture of prisoners despite statutes and treaties forbidding it was another reach for presidential hegemony (power). The basic premise of the American constitutional system is that those who hold power are subject to the law. As John Adams first said, the United States is meant to be a government of laws, not men. For that the Bush lawyers seem ready to substitute something like the divine right of kings."

The dishonest push for war and the brazen use of torture in interrogation has stirred emotions worldwide and created a situation which makes it easier for terrorists to recruit activists.

America needs leadership that can restore our credibility in the international community so we can gather support from Muslim as well as non-Muslim people to root out terrorism. It is vital not to let this become a holy war.

We also need to watch carefully the administration's desire to enhance executive control at the expense of other key parts of our government. We are not paying much attention to this. These latest legal memos from Bush lawyers point up the trend. Beware.

Mary Lloyd Lay  
Kilmarnock

## Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A nostalgic reprint from the July 1, 1904, issue of the Virginia Citizen.)

### WANTED - 500 MEN

To witness the two games of ball to be played at Sharps on July 4th. Kilmarnock vs Tappahannock. Morning game 10:30, afternoon game 3:30. Tappahannock has been greatly strengthened by Messrs. Pollard, of University of Virginia, Kerfoot, of Richmond College and Temple and Young.

You cannot afford to miss the drama, "Engaged," as played by the Tappahannock troupe at night. To accommodate the large crowd expected the ladies have decided to run excursions from Irvington and Tappahannock, stopping at all wharves but Monaskon, Waterview and Bay Port. Steamer leaves Tappahannock 8 a.m., Irvington 7 a.m. Fare round trip 50 cts. Dinner and supper will be served by the ladies.

### SOME WEDDINGS

Joseph Grant Shepard and Mrs. Emaline Hutchins were married near Wicomico Church on Tuesday, June 21, by Rev. C.T. Thrift.

Miss Mary Susan Thomas of Irvington and Mr. Will J. Dunlevy, of Middlesex county, left Wednesday for Washington where they were married at 3 o'clock yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Miss Ida Dunlevy, sister of the groom, and Mr. Robt. Walker, of Middlesex, who accompanied the young couple, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen. Miss Thomas is the second daughter of Joseph Thomas, of Irvington, and Mr. Dunlevy is a popular young business man of Middlesex county. The party will return Saturday morning to Middlesex, where Mr. and Mrs. Dunlevy will make their future home.

Mr. Robert Murphy Norris and Miss Lizzie Warner Courtney, both of Northumberland county, were married Tuesday at Henderson Methodist Church, Rev. E. F. Garner officiating. A reception was held at the home of the bride that night. Wednesday the young couple left for Cumberland, Md., where they will make their home. The bride is the daughter of the late Lewis W. Courtney, who owned Mundy Point and was one of the most prominent merchants of the county. Mr. Norris is one of the best known young men in the county, having conducted a store at Village for a number of years. He moved to Cumberland, Md., a few months ago, where he is engaged in business.

### WEEMS

Point Francis will have a grand opening on July 4th. Mr. and Mrs. I.H. Francis, Misses Laura and Nellie Francis, Harry and Sumner Francis, Mrs. Wm. Bannernsmidt, three children and nurse, Robert Hopkins, Wm. Hopkins, Nelson Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hetzell and others arrived a week ago. With such a party we may expect a lively time at the Point this summer.

### WHITE STONE

Mrs. Sallie Williams was stricken with paralysis in one side last Friday night, and her condition is thought to be critical. Mrs. Williams is mother of O.J. and Charles Shelton of White Stone and Mrs. C.H. Willing of Irvington.

(Transcribed by volunteers of the Genealogy and Research Center of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library.)

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# Letters to the Editor

## Historic church is a public asset

To The Editor:

I was shocked when I read Myrna Carroll Acor's June 17 letter to the editor. We can no longer take for granted that old White Marsh United Methodist Church with its spreading cemetery as we see it today will greet us as we travel on Route 3 at Brookvale.

The United Methodist Conference seems determined to separate the church from its cemetery and rezone the building and sell it.

To keep the church as we see it now will take many people willing to phone the Lancaster County Planning and Zoning office at 462-5220, and ask for more time to find a better solution for the future of this historic building. Then lets put on our "thinking caps" and perhaps together this county can save this historic church.

White Marsh Church was not built by one wealthy landowner. It was built by many small farmers, who represent the ancestry and culture most of us relate to. It is the mother church of all the local Methodist Churches and has a very interesting history. It should take its place in local history beside Christ Church near Weems.

Lancaster County has become a place of lovely homes on beautiful waterfronts. The villages are growing. We are blessed with our own hospital and places of recreation. We need to consider what this county would be like without its historic landmarks.

I suspect that many people in Kilmarnock would like to have Henrietta Hall Shuck's birth house back on the corner of Church Street. It is gone forever.

Experience tells us these old buildings are an asset. If we work together we can save this church with its cemetery. Act today before it is too late. A building of this caliber and history is an asset of the entire county.

Betty H. Beane  
Merry Point

## Is this democracy?

To The Editor:

Democracy in action—that's what we saw at the Lancaster board of supervisors meeting on June 28 over the issue of a property tax rate for the year 2004, the taxes coming due in December.

As was advertised, the budget called for an increase of 11.7 percent over an adjusted 2003 tax rate.

Patrick Frere explained that the funds were needed to make up for reduced state contributions plus an increase in the debt service by \$300,000 and large increases in teacher salaries. He declined to point out the many budget increases including supplements of \$2,000 for an additional sheriff's deputy (plus car), and social services. They apparently thought that the windfall from waterfront property assessments was reason enough to spend more.

The public was invited to speak and spoke strongly against the tax increases, unanimously except for one dissenting family. And yet three of our elected representatives—Frere, Geilich and Palin—had already decided to levy the additional tax and their minds weren't changed. One who spoke asked if there was anything that we the public could say that would sway the supervisors, but they would not answer the question.

It is clear that our supervisors do not feel inclined to live within our means, but rather to pass on to us whatever they want to spend our money on.

Geilich said he hoped that no such increases would be considered for the near future, but he declined to say that he would not vote to raise taxes.

Back to democracy in action. The next phase will take place at the polls. I strongly urge that we remember who voted for the tax increases, and since they do not represent the will of their constituents vote them out.

But consider re-electing F. W. "Butch" Jenkins and Wally Beauchamp who strongly opposed the tax increase for good and thoughtful reasons.

Sam Marshall  
White Stone

## Preparing for the big leagues

To The Editor:

I recently spent two weeks on the Northern Neck, and I was glad to hear Norfolk's public station WHRO coming in pretty clear. But I didn't enjoy listening at drive time when I could hear, even up on the Western Branch near the town of Lively, how far traffic was backed up at the tunnels leading to and from Norfolk, my city of residence.

Lively is delightfully small by comparison (there is a new traffic blinker light at the main intersection) and quite relevant to the story of recent major league baseball efforts in Virginia. Lively is where Jim Coates played high school baseball in the 1950s, before he made the jump to the major leagues as a pitcher for the New York Yankees.

Lively High School included grades one through 11 in those days, and Coates was in high school while friends like Wayne Saunders and I were lowly sixth graders, circa 1947. The word around school was that Coates "would as soon put it in your ear as look at you" if you were a batter from a rival like Kilmarnock or White Stone High.

Jim was with the Yankees in the 1962 World Series against the San Francisco Giants — I know that because I saw him in New York that September at Yankee Stadium. My wife and I were newlyweds and attending the Series as guests of Edgar P. Phillips, who had almost single-handedly brought the Yankees' Triple-A farm team to Richmond. Chauncy Durden, legendary sports editor of The Times-Dispatch, described Ed Phillips as "irrepressible" in his efforts to get Triple-A baseball to Richmond. You can look it up.

In the early 1960s, I was "working for" Ed Phillips and Dr. John Garland Pollard, who were co-chairmen of a fund-raising campaign for Christchurch School, where I was a faculty member and director of development. Thanks to the "irrepressible" efforts of Ed Phillips and Garland Pollard, Christchurch

was taking "Six Steps for the Sixties," as the capital campaign was called, and laying the groundwork for a niche in the educational future of Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic area.

But back to baseball. In supporting a 42,000 seat, \$440 million ballpark near Dulles International Airport in Loudoun County, Governor Mark Warner has demonstrated again that he will do the rational thing and make the tough call in the face of political unpopularity. He must have learned that in business, before he got into politics, and that's why many non-partisan citizens in Virginia voted for him.

The day will come when eastern Virginia has a major league baseball team, after we solve the traffic problems that many of us experience who go west, north and south of Norfolk several times a month. Our governor has no apologies to make for giving his support to the northern Virginia area as the immediate site for major league baseball. It's the right call for Virginia for now.

Norfolk and Tidewater should work toward being called up when ready for the big leagues, as was done in the old days, when Jim Coates got the call.

Also in the meantime, can't the Lancaster board of supervisors do something about the old Lively High School building? Take it off the earth with a decent burial?

Gerry Cooper,  
Norfolk

## Residents urged to get involved

To The Editor:

I have enjoyed being on the Kilmarnock Town Council for the past six years.

In all of my decisions on voting, I have always tried to keep our elderly population in mind. Approximately five years ago a study was done showing we had a 65 percent retired population. I'm sure it is at least the same now or higher.

I feel the town is heading in the wrong direction and some decisions are too ego driven.

I realize that the voters of Kilmarnock are not interested in these decisions, so it is best that I did not return to council.

A select few residents end up making most of the decisions by swaying some council member's opinions. I will admit that happened to me once and I wish now it had not.

A decision to sell the present town complex and move to our nine acres (not downtown and with more congestion) would be a very poor move.

No more than 12 to 15 people have come to the public hearings and spoken in favor of moving on the edge of downtown. With the number of residents in town, that comes out to about 1 percent of our population making the decisions; not very impressive.

I urge the residents and voters of Kilmarnock to attend the July 19 council meeting and voice your opinion on this very important and expensive decision of building a new town office on our nine acres. Let's use the nine acres for something more sensible.

Robert "Bob" E. Wille  
Kilmarnock

## Support for OB care is essential

To The Editor:

I thank everyone who attended The Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck's first public forum on June 24. Their comments and support were greatly appreciated. Their continued support is essential.

For those who were unable to attend, I would like to share my comments at the forum. At a public meeting last February, I said the community would not settle for "no OB services in this area." Nothing has changed; we can not and will not allow potential danger to our mothers and babies.

The lack of services in this area has already cost the lives of two babies of families that are very close to mine. Both of these babies died on the same day. One of these precious babies did not survive due to lack of prenatal care

and the great distance that the mother had to travel.

When this young mother went into labor at 28 weeks, she was in horrible pain and very scared. She was being transported to a hospital in Newport News; however, stopped at Walter Reed in Gloucester when her pain became unbearable. She was stabilized and continued on to Newport News. When she arrived in Newport News, she received the terrible news that her baby was no longer alive. This tragic event may have been avoided if OB services had been available in our community.

The other most precious baby was the child of a dear friend. This mother had a very high-risk pregnancy that required specialists. She was on complete bed rest almost the entire length of her pregnancy; however, had to be monitored very closely. Because there were no services in this area to assist in monitoring, she had to travel to Richmond too many times to count. Finally, she was hospitalized due to the distance she had to travel and the risk to her and the baby. She was away from her family and friends for 14 days as she and her physicians did everything they could to postpone premature labor. On June 2, 2004, at 25 weeks and five days, Emma Wilder Long was born. She lived three hours.

I am only one person whose life has been touched by these precious babies. I know that there are other people in the community who also have been touched by this tragedy. We can not continue to bury our babies.

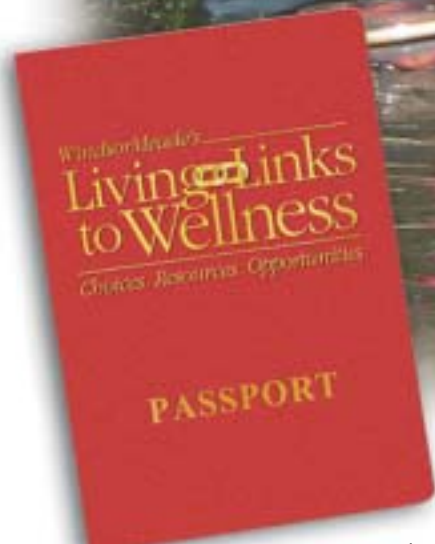
To Emma and all of the other babies we have lost due to lack of OB care in this community, I have made a pledge that I will do everything within my ability to support the community and my fellow board members of The Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck. Prenatal and OB services will be restored in our community.

Phyllis Byrd Reynolds  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
The Family Maternity Center  
of the Northern Neck

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# Several new laws take effect today

by C. Jeffers Schmidt Jr.  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Lancaster County

As has been my custom for the 21 years I have served Lancaster County as Commonwealth's attorney, I will survey some of the 1,500 new state laws passed by this year's General Assembly, many of which take effect on July 1.

Because the Commonwealth's attorney deals primarily with the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, I will point out some of the changes in laws in those areas, as well as make brief mention of some other new laws of general interest.

The so-called "21-day rule" was amended to establish a procedure for a convicted felon to petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of actual innocence based on non-biological, previously unknown or unavailable evidence, a process similar to that which already exists for previously unknown or untested biological evidence. The procedure is available only to felons who plead not guilty and may be used only once. The Court of Appeals may summarily dismiss the case or order the circuit court to conduct a hearing to certify findings of fact on certain issues.

One of the most powerful tools in federal law to punish organized criminal behavior is the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO). Virginia has created a RICO Act under which violations of the alcoholic beverage, banking and criminal law become racketeering if conducted by persons in concert for the purpose of racketeering. A first offense is punishable by confinement from five to 40 years in the penitentiary and a fine of not more than \$1 million. Penalties increase for second or subsequent offenses.

A person who maliciously, willfully, deliberately and unlawfully kills the fetus of another is guilty of a class 2 felony, punishable from 20 years to life in the penitentiary. The General Assembly failed to pass a bill that would have restricted the death penalty to those who are 18 years of age or older at the time of the capital offense. Currently the age is 16 or older. The General Assembly passed over until next year a bill said to comply with the United States Supreme Court decision in Lawrence v. Texas, concerning crimes against nature. It prohibits same-sex civil unions performed in other states from being recognized in Virginia.

Increased penalties will be assessed for conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or other self-administered intoxicants. For a second conviction within 10 years, 10 days in jail will be required; for a second conviction within five years, 20 days in jail will be required; for a third conviction within 10 years, a jail sentence of 90 days will be required; and for a third conviction with five years, a jail sentence of 180 days will be required.

There is a presumption against bail for certain repeat DUI offenders. Persons with elevated blood alcohol content will receive an additional mandatory jail sentence when the blood alcohol content is .15 or greater. There is also a mandatory mini-

mum fine of \$250 for a first offense DUI, not just for those with elevated blood alcohol content.

Refusal to take a blood or breath test will become a separate crime. For refusal within 10 years of a prior offense, a six-month jail sentence and \$1,000 fine may be imposed along with a three-year license suspension. For a third offense of refusal within 10 years, a 12-month jail sentence, \$2,500 fine and three-year license suspension may be imposed.

The administrative license suspension upon arrest for a second drunk driving charge has been increased to 60 days and until the date of trial for a third or subsequent charge. Driving on a DUI restricted license with a blood alcoholic content of .02 or greater will be punishable by 12 months in jail and a \$2,500 fine. A vehicle may be forfeited when operated by an individual convicted of a third or subsequent drunk driving offense.

Most bills having to do with abortion did not pass this year. An election bill that would have required voter registration by political party in primary elections did not pass. A bill authorizing the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to convey an easement to the City of Newport News in the Mattaponi River to establish a reservoir did not pass.

The General Assembly carried over until next year a provision making seat belt violations primary offenses.

A bill that would have provided that no person shall possess an alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of a motor vehicle in other than the manufacturer's unopened, original container failed.

A bill was passed authorizing limited over-the-road operation of golf carts and utility vehicles. A bill was passed allowing certain ABC stores in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads to open on Sunday. A new law was enacted to prohibit price gouging for necessary goods and services during times of disaster.

As Commonwealth's attorney of Lancaster County, I frequently contact our legislators to make comments about existing or proposed laws, and any of our citizens may consider doing the same. Those with internet access may reach the state legislative website at [www.legis.state.va.us](http://www.legis.state.va.us). Most libraries have a free internet connection. There is a toll-free number at the General Assembly where messages may be left for legislators. The number is 800-889-0229. There is also a searchable database for all legislative information, including texts of bills, at [www.legl.state.va.us](http://www.legl.state.va.us).

Those persons who have questions about new legislation, or other criminal and traffic matters, may contact me at the Lancaster Courthouse at 462-7240, or [cjeffers@crosslink.net](mailto:cjeffers@crosslink.net); or consult a licensed Virginia attorney-at-law.

The Commonwealth's attorney has placed the directory of lawyers who are members of the Northern Neck Bar Association in local banks, the library and other public places.

## Letters to the Editor

### Taxpayers must organize

To The Editor:

Real estate taxes were raised 11.7 percent on July 24 by a 3-2 vote of the county supervisors. Supervisors Palin, Geilich and Frere voted for the increase after two public hearings in which over 30 people spoke against the increase.

Such an increase in one year, a year when re-evaluation will increase evaluations disproportionately for many residents and a year where overall inflation has been less than 2 percent, is, in a word, wrong.

It is not as if there have been no tax increases in the past five years and 11.7 percent is a "catch up" increase. This 11.7 percent is an increase on top of the increases of the last five years.

An attempt to justify this increase in our county because we would still be lower than Middlesex County, as stated by one supervisor, is irrelevant. The two counties are much different in regard to school population, area and services, to name a few.

Increasing taxes to satisfy the desires of certain interest groups within a supervisor's constituency fails to recognize the supervisor's concurrent duty to all of the residents of the county, particularly the workers and those with either fixed or COLA adjusted incomes.

In my view, the "tax and spend" philosophy of these three supervisors is based on one of two things. Either the individual is bent on making our Lancaster County into something like Loudoun, Prince William or Fairfax County with their excessive and expensive county services, or it is a result of an inability or unwillingness to make those hard choices necessary to arrive at a fair and balanced budget.

Anyone can add up all the funds requested by the various county departments and instrumentalities and divide by the assessed value of the real estate to arrive at a tax rate. The real trick is to determine the actual needs of the county, separate out the nice, but unnecessary, and the wasteful, to arrive at a budget that is fair to all residents.

It is past time for the taxpaying residents of Lancaster County to organize a Lancaster County Taxpayers Association to better insure that this interest group (tax payers) exerts its appropriate influence on local government to see that this kind of excessive tax increase does not occur in the future.

E. P. Hopkins  
Weems

## NAPS seeks nominations for annual citizen award

Each year at its annual social, the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) honors a citizen of Northumberland County with a Distinguished Northumberland Citizen(s) Award.

The award is given to honor an individual, team, organization or business that advances the goals of NAPS. These goals include improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, fostering and preserving the county's rural atmosphere, promoting and monitoring land use policies, encouraging economic growth to promote jobs, and cooperating with others through educational programs to target these goals.

Previous recipients are Meade Hinton, Col. Mickey Cochran, Miriam Williams Haynie, Mary Lou Butler, Porter and Mary Kier, The Rev. Thomas Wright Morris, Albert Fisher Jr., Warren Stansbury, Bob and Martha

Robinson, The Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Ralph and Isabel Rose, Michael and Adele Harwood, the Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Foundation including the Tavern Rangers and Quilt Guild, and Luther Welch.

The NAPS board of directors is requesting its members, friends and interested citizens to make nominations for the 2004 award. To submit nominations, call Dick or Janet Steelman at 529-5404, Bob or Sloane Kane at 529-6124, or Anne Olsen at 580-8004. Include specific information about what the individual or organization has done to foster the goals described above.

NAPS welcomes all citizens of the community to join in its efforts to encourage the orderly development and preservation of county land, water resources and rich heritage. To join, call Karen Culp at 580-4153.

### ACT NOW TO INFLUENCE A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Transportation funding is scarce and it's important that Virginia adopt a more strategic approach to transportation planning. Join aviation, transit, rail, freight, highway, and port representatives to review and comment on a new transportation plan and a new way of selecting projects for funding.

**Why should you attend?** Because you can influence policies that drive future funding, project priorities and decisions. Don't leave your transportation future, or that of your children's chance - get involved!

**Where:** Caroline County Community Center  
**When:** Wednesday, July 7, 4-8 p.m.

Four state transportation agencies have spent three years crafting a statewide, multi-modal 20-year long-range plan called VTRANS2025. The first of this magnitude in the state's history, the plan proposes priority consideration for projects that connect modes of travel.

You'll also have an opportunity to review and comment on long-range plans from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and see the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) and Department of Aviation's (DOAV) plans.

If you cannot attend, visit [www.Vtrans.org](http://www.Vtrans.org) to review the statewide multimodal plan and provide your comments.

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## Animal Tails

By Audrey Thomasson

### Ajax, the sailor dog.

Among the boating community, finding a dog that loves to cruise around all day with the family is quite unusual. Most dogs prefer solid ground to the motion of the ocean. But in the case of the Schipperke (pronounced 'sheep-er-key,' Flemish for 'little captain'), these compact little dynamos are an important part of the crew. At about 15 pounds, the dogs were bred to work on the canal barges of Belgium and Holland, keeping them free of pesky rats and warning bargemen of potential intruders.

Avid sailors Glenn and Linda Jurczyk were looking for a boating dog and when they discovered Schipperkes, they fell in love with Ajax. At three months old, their bundle of fur started developing his sea legs on trial runs to such places as Catalina Island off the California coast. For safety, Ajax is always harnessed to the sailboat whenever they are underway. As soon as they anchor, he has the run of the ship. And when the fishing starts, watch out. This is one dog that loves the excitement of a freshly caught fish flopping around on deck because he knows they'll soon be grilling his favorite dinner.

The Jurczyks sold their residence in the San Francisco Bay area to set sail for parts unknown, a two-person, one-dog crew. Traveling down the west coast of California and Mexico to Central America, their leisurely cruise took them to parts of South America, through the Panama Canal and included the western and eastern Caribbean. During the four-year journey, Ajax blossomed into more than a family member and guard dog. He became their best travel companion, ship's jester and sometimes marriage counselor. In seas rough enough to frighten the most experienced sailor, the Jurczyks had to remain calm for the sake of the dog. And when the occasional lover's quarrel erupted, Ajax would fret between them until they kissed and made up.

Their biggest problem with Ajax was teaching him to do his "business" on the ship's deck. When they were days away from landfall, there was no possibility



Ajax

of taking the dingy to shore for the all-important pit stop. Everything was tried—from potty pads to seaweed—but Ajax wouldn't budge. A sandbox proved to be great fun as he dug out the contents onto the deck. Eventually, necessity prevailed and he was forced to relieve himself on deck. Lots of praise was all it took for Ajax to start catching on. A bucket of sea water to wash it away and they set sail once again.

But when it came to guard duty, Ajax took his responsibilities very seriously. One night he and Linda were on the midnight watch. The stillness of the black night was broken only by the sounds of the wind in the sails and the craft cutting through the deep, endless sea. There was an eerie moment when Ajax got up and began barking out at the empty ocean. Much to Linda's relief, she discovered he was chatting with a group of dolphins and the big mammals were chattering back.

On another occasion, anchored near Guatemalan waters, a Mexican patrol boat approached. Tension mounted when a stern voice came over the radio demanding they prepare for boarding by an inspection team. Linda held her dog as the naval vessel drew near. Suddenly, Ajax jumped from her lap and ran the length of the boat, barking for all he was worth in an attempt to scare off these "pirates" or anyone else attempt-

ing to board. The little dog was so engrossed with his work that he failed to take into account the 40-foot length of the deck and barked his way right off the stern and into the Pacific Ocean. Although it was not one of his finer moments, it did the trick. The hilarious laughter of the Mexican sailors eased the tension all around.

Today, Ajax and his family have settled into a new home in Clarksville, where Ajax chases squirrels instead of pirates and chats with birds instead of dolphins. And while his enthusiasm for gardening isn't what it was for fishing, every so often he gets his favorite meal—grilled fish.

Every animal has a special story. Log on to [www.animaltails.org](http://www.animaltails.org) to read other tales or to submit your pet's story.

### Lancaster County Animal Welfare League:

435-0822 or 462-0091.  
Dogs: Purebred husky, Cocoa, M, 18 mos, all shots, heartworm neg. 3 mix breed, 2 yrs, M, F. Candy, shep-Lab, 1 yr, spayed, all shots. Shepherd-Lab, 4 yrs, spayed, 80 lbs. Pit bull, 4 yrs, neutered, all shots, brindlet. Poochie, mix breed, 3 yrs, M, tan/wh, 1 yr. 2 Lab puppies, 6 wks. M. Beagle, tri-color, M. Tricksee, 8 mos, Lab-mix, spayed, all shots, heartworm neg.  
Cats: AWL has 29 cats and kittens available for adoption including all colors, sexes.  
Pigs: two pigs M, F.  
Rabbits: two rabbits, M, F, 7 mos.

Lancaster Animal Shelter: \$20. 462-7175.

Dogs: Mixed breed, blk, 4 yrs, 35 lbs, M. Black, Lab, M, 1 yr, 40 lbs.  
Kittens: Calico, F, 7 wks. Orange tabby, 7 wks, F. 1 Calico, F, 3 mos.

Friends of the Shelter: 435-0737

Animals First: 462-5067.

### Northumberland County Friends of the Shelter:

435-2597.  
Dogs: 9 puppies. Rusty, bk/red Airedale-terrier mix, M. Cassie, tri-colored hound, spayed, all shots. Beagle, M. Sampson, yellow Lab, 3 yrs, neutered, all shots. Big Boy, husky-mix. Jack, collie-mix, 5 mos. Lab pup, blk., 3 mos, F. Sheba, 7 mos, husky-mix, F, all shots. Alice, spitz-Lab mix, 3 yrs.

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# Celebrate independence



The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band.

## July 4 festivities to open with a concert

Independence Day activities begin in Irvington tonight, July 1, when the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band performs a free concert on the Irvington Commons.

Sponsored by the Irvington Chamber of Commerce and Village Improvement Association, the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Folks are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics.

Under the direction and command of Major Larry H. Lang and 2nd Lt. Michael Murray, assistant conductor, the band will present an evening of traditional classics, rousing marches, contemporary tunes, and of course, patriotic music. This year marks

the USAF Heritage of America Band's 14th appearance in Irvington.

Just before the concert begins, the Southeastern VA Ultralight Flyers' Club will make an appearance, flying over the commons.

Chesapeake Bank will provide free hot dogs, sodas and chips beginning at 5 p.m. while supplies last.

## Farmers' market, parade to highlight Irvington gala

The Town of Irvington will host a Fourth of July Hometown Parade on July 3 following a farmers' market.

The parade will start in the field next to Crockett's Landing and follow King Carter Drive east, ending at Route 200.

Participants include veterans, the mayor of Irvington, town council members, the Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band, the American Legion Adams Post 86 color guard, Boy scouts, Cub Scouts, riders on horseback, YMCA twirlers, children on bicycles, antique cars and floats.

A vintage car show will follow the parade in the Irvington Commons. Refreshments will be available at the commons during and after the parade.

There will be kids' games

during the market and bicycle decorating for those who want to ride in the parade.

The decoration of bicycles and line-up for all parade participants begins at 1 p.m. The parade starts at 2 p.m.

"During this year's parade, we would like to salute the local men and women of the Armed Forces who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq," said chairman Thomas Richardson.

Veterans, or those who know of veterans who will be in the area July 3 and are willing to participate in the parade, call Richardson at 435-4145.

All participants need to contact the Irvington town office. Call Jackie Burrell at the town office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 438-6230.



The Atlantic Fleet Jazz Ensemble

## Reedville plans all-day celebration

Music will add to the excitement

The schedule is set and count-down has begun for Reedville's community Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 3.

The day begins with a 7 to 7:30 a.m. registration for the 8 a.m. start of the second annual 5K Firecracker Fun Run/Walk. The start/finish line is at the Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department.

At 9:30 a.m., the Reedville Fishermen's Museum will open its doors with free admission to all until 5:30 p.m. Special features include the annual Small Craft Boat Show and open houses in the model and boat building shops.

At 10 a.m., the Artists' Arena in front of Bethany United Methodist Church will open. Children's activities will be on the church and museum grounds. Food vendors and local restaurants will offer a variety of goods along Main Street.

As part of Reedville's Independence Day celebration, musical performances will be staged under the Reedville Fishermen's Museum pavilion. Entertainment begins at 1 p.m., breaks for a parade and resumes at 4:30 p.m.

Visitors are requested to bring their own folding chairs or blankets for seating.

From 1 to 1:45 p.m., The Ad Hoc perform, featuring Don

Bassett, Todd Barnes, Bill Duvall, Alice Hershiser, Gayle Sterret and Carol Towne.

From 1:45 to 2:30 p.m., The River Song Quartet of the Northern Neck Bay Tones barber shop chorus performs, featuring Cal Boyd, Mike Broderick, Dick Goertemiller and John Harnsbarger.

From 4:30 to 6 p.m., The Atlantic Fleet Jazz Ensemble performs. The 19-piece jazz group offers dynamic and energizing Big Band entertainment. Based in Norfolk, the ensemble is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band and is known for combining the best of jazz and popular music into high quality entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Reedville's hometown parade, coordinated by the fire department, begins at 3 p.m.

A fireworks display will commence at dark - around 9:00 p.m. To participate as a vendor, call Linda Hixon at 453-4151. To enter the parade, call Danny Haynie at 453-3127.

Registration forms for the Firecracker Fun Run/Walk may be obtained at the church hospitality center, or by calling 453-3282.

Donations are accepted to assist with the cost of the fireworks. To contribute, call Ed Rice at 453-6529.



Robert J. "Brooke" Bowen

### Bowen named grand marshal

Robert J. "Brooke" Bowen, formerly of Reedville, is the grand marshal for the annual Reedville Independence Day community celebration and parade on Saturday, July 3.

Bowen is a charter member of the Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department and was inducted as a life member in 1952.

He and his wife, Lois, have been married 53 years and reside in Glebe Point. They have two grown children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Ophelia celebrates on July 3

An Independence Day parade will be held July 3 at 6 p.m. in Ophelia.

The parade will start at Cockrell's Railway and end at Afton United Methodist Church.

To reserve a space in the parade, call 453-3689 or 453-7245.

Refreshments will be served at the church. All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Urbanna festivities 'low key'

The July 4th celebration in Urbanna is going to be very low key this year.

There will be no activities at Upton's Point Marina on Urbanna Creek because of the damage caused by Hurricane Isabel.

The activities in Taber Park will be at the pool with extended hours to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 4. A dunking booth, water slide and food will also be available.

There will be a fireworks display on the waterfront beginning at dark.

## Fireworks cruise to set sail on bay

The 18th annual fireworks buffet dinner cruise aboard the Capt. Evans leaves the Chesapeake Bay KOA/Smith Island Cruise dock at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 3.

Patrons will enjoy a buffet dinner as the boat cruises down the bay to view the fireworks at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, weather permitting.

The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required; call 453-3430.

## Lewisetta parade is open to all

Lewisetta will host its annual Fourth of July parade at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 4.

Participants will include lawnmowers, strollers, wagons, bicycles and just about anything that moves. Everyone is invited to participate. Just be there when the parade assembles at 3:30 p.m.

Following the parade, the village will gather for a picnic at The Pond.

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# Local News



Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Gowski

## Gowski-Geier nuptials spoken

The marriage of Muriel Virginia Geier, daughter of Kathleen Kauffman of Topping and William Geier of White Stone, to William Frederick Gowski, son of William and Jean Gowski of Madison, N.J., took place June 19, 2004, at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County. The Rev. Hal White officiated.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She is the granddaughter of Patricia O'Shaughnessy of White Stone and Helen Moon of Irvington. The groom is the grandson of Frederick Cambria of Chatham, N.J.

Mary Geier of Denver, Colo., sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Stephanie Gowski of Red Bank, N.J., sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid. Cecilia and Ilsa O'Rollins of Seattle, cousins of the bride, served as flower girls.

Douglas Gowski of New York City, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Jack Geier of White Stone and Billy Geier of Lancaster, brothers of the bride. Ansel Sanders of Baltimore, Md., stepbrother of the

bride, acted as an usher.

Program attendants were Nicole and Brittany Cambria of Ridge-way, Utah, cousins of the groom, and Alexandra Sonnenberg of Purcellville, cousin of the bride. Susan O'Shaughnessy of White Stone, cousin of the bride, sang "Ave Maria" during the waterfront ceremony. Readers were Andy Mitchell of Alexandria and Peggy Hathaway Spiak of Waynesboro, friends of the couple. Mistress of ceremonies was Lucy Walker, aunt of the bride.

A bridesmaids' luncheon, hosted by Mary Geier and Stephanie Gowski, was held at the Golden Eagle. The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at the home of Bill and Julie Geier in White Stone. Dinner and dancing after the wedding ceremony took place under tents at Belle Isle, followed by a post-reception party at The Tides Inn. Scott and Kathy Kauffman hosted a farewell brunch for the couple the day after the wedding at their home at Regent Point.

The couple will live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ticer were Mrs. Lisa Daniel and daughters, Katie and Rebecca, of Ophelia, Mrs. Ticer's daughter, Sharon Estabrooke of Annapolis, Md., and friends Trish Carvana and Donna Register of White Marsh, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce spent the weekend with their daughter, Ms. Carolyn Bruce, in Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keyser were in Baltimore several days last week for a business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. Helen Hoffman was in Chesapeake over the weekend to attend the dance recital of Koble Donahue, granddaughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Larry Adams.

Mrs. Alma Cutler accompanied a son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cutler and Brian of Richmond, to Oriental, N.C., where they visited another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Cutler, for several days.

Friends are happy to know that George Wright has returned to his volunteer duties at Rappahannock General following foot surgery several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Christopher and family have moved from their home on Oak Ridge Drive in Kilmarnock to the home they recently purchased on Dymmer Creek in Ocran.

Mrs. Ed Kidwell and her father, Mr. John Fader, have returned from Buffalo, N.J., where they attended the reunion of servicemen who served aboard the battleship, the USS Alaska, in World War II. Mr. Fader had served aboard the U.S.S. Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blankenship on Jarvis Point enjoyed having their children, Sara, of Ridge-wood, N.J., and David of Kettering University in Flint, Mich., and his friend, Miss Christine Fry of Naperville, Ill., as house guests last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barbour

of Hampton were recent weekend guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dize. While here they enjoyed attending the Bluff Point Community League picnic.

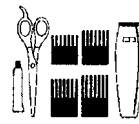
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Keyser and all of their immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Keyser and sons, Patrick and Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Keyser and daughters, Halle and Kelsey, all of Burgess, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bost of Quinton, have returned from an 8-day vacation in Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole in Wyoming, where they stayed in condos.

John Keyes, U.S. Navy Reserve, on leave from service in Iraq, visited his grandfather and uncle and aunt, John Fader and Ed and Pam Kidwell in Kilmarnock several days last week.

Mrs. Nancy Blankenship left on Tuesday for Avalon, N.J., where she will join a longtime friend, Mrs. Lyn Johnson of Naperville, Ill., for a week of fun and reminiscing.

Paul Taliaferro and young son, Will, of Richmond were with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taliaferro, on Monday. Their other son, Jack Taliaferro, and Sharon Tulloh of Richmond are spending the week here.

The White Stone United Methodist Church picnic was held on Sunday afternoon on the lawn at the home of Ms. Maxine Somervell.



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## Births



Kayleigh Elizabeth Self

Tim and Stephanie Self of Irvington announce the birth of their daughter, Kayleigh Elizabeth Self, born on April 29, 2004, at Riverside Hospital in Newport News. Kayleigh weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The maternal grandmother is the late Donna Treakle of White Stone.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Martin of Irvington.

Kayleigh was welcomed home by four brothers, Justin, Ryan, Matthew and Brandon.

## Area Events

### Register to vote

A voter registration drive will be held at Sharon Baptist Church in Weems on Saturday, July 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Now serving

On Saturday, July 3, at 10 a.m., the Fairfield's United Methodist Men will begin serving their annual 4th of July North Carolina barbecue at the church.

The barbecue is sold by the pound, platter or sandwich. Baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverages come with the platter. Call ahead for carry outs at 453-2631.

### Sale is July 3

Victory Temple Church at 1252 Morattico Road will hold a bake and yard sale on Saturday, July 3. The sale begins at 7 a.m. and will move inside the church if it rains.

### Yard sale is set

A yard sale to benefit the Northumberland County animal shelter medical fund will be held July 10. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school board office in Lottsburg, rain or shine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alan Chambers

## Chambers-Hudson vows exchanged

The marriage of Leigh Anne Hudson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hudson of Hudgins, to Howard Alan Chambers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Chambers of Foster, took place at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gloucester on May 22, 2004.

Werlie A. Hendrix, pastor of the couple's church, Macedonia Baptist, officiated.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hudson Jr., of Weems, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis of Ottoman. The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chambers of New Jersey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sadler of Foster.

The bride, escorted by her father, was given in marriage by her parents. Attendants included the bride's cousin, Gentry VanLandingham, as maid of honor; brides-

maids Frannie Stubbs, Mandy Ransone, Michelle Goode, and junior bridesmaid Amanda Slater.

Howard A. Chambers, the groom's father, was best man. Groomsmen were Payne Marks, Mason Edwards, Mike McGee, and junior groomsman Andrew Slater.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Shery VanLandingham, the bride's aunt; Joel Lewis, the bride's uncle, and soloist Carol Slater, family friend of the groom.

Patricia Gordon, aunt of the bride, served as mistress of ceremonies.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

Following a honeymoon in the mountains of North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. H. Alan Chambers will reside in Mathews County.

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Mrs. Justin F. Koehler

## Koehler-Haynie wed

The marriage of Ms. Insley Elizabeth Haynie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Haynie Jr. of Lottsburg, to Justin F. Koehler, son of Volkmar Koehler of East Northport, N.Y., and Mrs. Homa Koehler of Florham Park, N.J., took place June 26, 2004, at "Farneffold" in Lottsburg. The Honorable J. Maston Davis officiated.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. The maid of honor was Ms. Courtney Virginia Smith of Glen Allen. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Meredith Withers-Gable of King George, friend of the bride, Ms. Kimberly Horn of Burke, friend of the bride, and Mrs. Tiffany Koehler of Florham Park, N.J., sister of the groom. The flower girl was Miss Erika Amodeo of Jefferson Valley, N.Y., cousin of the groom.

The groom's best man was Dave Georges of Florham Park. The groomsmen were Roger Liu of East Hanover, N.J., Joseph Niedziela of Fort Worth, Texas, and Edward Rakovsky of Springfield, N.J. Jack Amodeo, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Ushers were Jeffery Sedor and Michael Flaherty of Edison, N.J., friends of the groom. Miss Mariel

Tavakoli of Montclair, N.J., was program attendant.

Members of the families serving as readers were Mrs. Memory Haynie Chronik, Nathan C. Haynie, Mrs. Helen Amodeo, Mrs. Rose Martin, Mrs. Evelyn Filosa, Mrs. Beata Baum, Nader Tavakoli, and Dr. Homayon Tavakoli.

The mistresses of ceremony were Mrs. Louis T. Whittaker Jr. of Reedville, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. James Montefusco of Florham Park, N.J., friend of the groom.

The bride graduated from the University of Virginia and received a master's from George Mason University. She has been employed by Fairfax County Public Schools. The groom graduated from Rutgers University and has been employed by EagleRock Capital Management of New York.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the father of the groom, was at Bamberg's Restaurant in Heathsville. The wedding reception, hosted by the bride's parents, took place immediately after the ceremony at their home.

After a honeymoon in Barbados, the couple will reside in Chesterfield County.



Jacquie Colligan (left) and Peggy Patteson plan for an upcoming exhibit at The Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington.

## Local inn to host Colligan art show

The Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington will host an exhibit by local artist Jacquie Colligan on Saturday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Colligan will exhibit paintings and jewelry.

"The weekend of the fourth at The Hope and Glory is the most desired weekend of the year by our guests; and, we are especially pleased to have Jacquie add her magic," said co-owner and managing partner Peggy Patteson.

A "come here" from Northern Virginia, Colligan retired to Irvington to reconstitute an acre of sand dune. The resulting garden is in its ninth year. Included in the plan was a prematurely aged island-contemporary home now enhanced to reflect decorative tastes, floral experiments and, especially, her paintings.

The daughter of a State Department architect, Colligan has been a world traveler since childhood. Her father taught indigenous natives bridge construction, village aqueduct and sanitation engineering techniques all over the world. One assignment was a cartography expedition to map the then-uncharted Amazon River in Brazil for all future generations to behold. Colligan's collection of memories, exotic art and artifacts make

up the tapestry of an eclectic, provocative style emanated in her captivating artwork and jewelry design.

Colligan's avant-garde style has been inspired through her studies and tutors Barbara Nechis and Canadian artist Brian Ateyo. Also contributing to her training are Al Stine, Joe Mayer, David Daniels, Carol Barnes and local artist Jane Stouffer. Colligan is a regular each year at the Hudson River Valley Workshop in New York. She is a student under artists such as Pat Dews and Gerry Brommer. She has been inducted into Hudson River Valley's semi-annual Painter's Week where she will paint with artists from all over the country.

After many requests from friends, Colligan has recently started designing jewelry. Using beads, coins and gems from her travels and that of others, she uses her many talents of design, balance and texture. Every jewelry item is designed as an original and has created a cult following of collectors.

Delighted to be part of this Northern Neck community, Colligan has embraced the essence of its incredible history, ethic and deep culture. She believes her artwork personifies that essence.

## Colonial Dames posts calendar

The Lettice Lee Chapter Board met June 19 at the home of president Doris Lackey in Irvington to plan for the new year.

A budget was presented by Emily Ellis and adopted with revisions. Fees for supplemental ancestor applications has been increased due to the increase in postage. If any members are considering filing supplemental papers, they should contact registrar Mary Stewart.

The September 11 meeting will be in Lancaster. Fern Walker-Bernhardt will act as chairman and the tentative plans are for the meeting to be at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Patsy Underhill, Bette Jo Covington and Jean McKenney will honor some of their ancestors at the September meeting. Underhill is planning to tell of one of her ancestors who was responsible for building the first courthouse in Westmoreland County. There will be a notice to members mailed in August.

Richmond County will be the location for the November 13 meeting. Lackey will chair and the Richmond and Northumberland members will be in charge. The location is Menokin Plantation which is under restoration. Members will hear of the progress of that undertaking. Menokin is a large five-hundred-acre property and is a National Historic Landmark. It was the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee and his wife, Rebecca Tayloe.

He was the grandson of Lettice Lee for whom the chapter was named.

He and his brother, Richard Henry Lee, were signers of the Declaration of Independence. It is hoped that the ongoing construction will be completed this fall.

To reach the landmark from Warsaw, take Business Route 3 to Menokin Road. It is four miles northwest of Warsaw. The program will be on DNA. All members are asked to have suggestions ready for the new nominating committee which will be elected at this time.

The March meeting will have a different date for the meeting which should be noted. Since the State Conference will be held on the second weekend (March 12) Lettice Lee will meet on March 19. The Essex members will be hostesses and Underhill, Betsy Ware and Hannah Schmidt will co-chair for organizing the meeting. Plans are under way for an interesting program and lunch in Tappahannock.

The Westmoreland members will be in charge of the May 14 meeting. Again there will be a change in the meeting date since Mothers Day will be the day after the usual meeting date. The State President will attend and install new officers.

Members are pleased that the essay contest at Aylett Country Day School was a success and the papers were so well researched.

## Eastern Star ladies plan baked spaghetti dinner

Once again the ladies of King Carter Chapter #5, Order of the Eastern Star, are planning a baked spaghetti dinner.

The dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. July 16 at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Kilmarnock. The menu includes baked spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$6.

There also will be carryout for those who cannot stay and visit. The lodge is open to the public, and the ladies who prepare the meal look forward to

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## 'Second Saturdays' to explore history

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church last week released its summer program schedule.

The first event is an ice cream social on July 10 as part of the "Second Saturdays" programs. On the "Second Saturdays" of summer months, children of all ages and their families are invited to explore colonial history, games and crafts at Christ Church.

"Second Saturdays" events are free and open to the public. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Besides sampling tasty ice cream treats and enjoying colonial games and crafts on July 10, visitors can tour the church, take a museum artifact hunt, or explore the gallery's new, digital interactive exhibit, "The Houses of Robert Carter."

The next "Second Saturday" is August 14. Lemonade and cookies will be served and colonial games, crafts and museum exhibits will be available as well.

Christ Church also will hold its annual "Hands-On History Day" Thursday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can explore the history of colonial Virginia through hands-on activities with archaeology, 18th-century brickmaking, grave rubbings, and other exciting lessons.

The event is free and open to children ages 6 to 12. All participants must pre-register. Space is limited to the first 25 children to register. Lunch will be provided for all registered participants. Contact education director Robert Teagle at 438-6855 or fhcc@crosslink.net to register.

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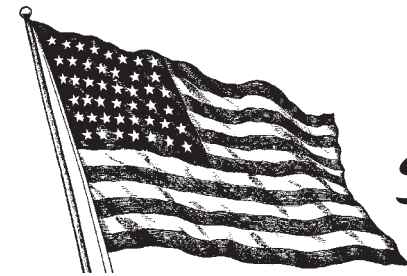


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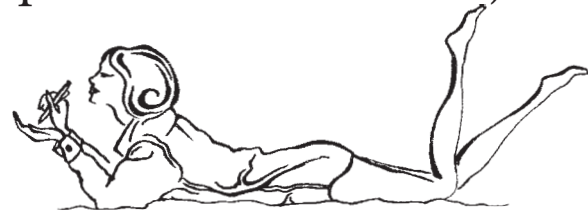
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Robert "Bob" Butler

## Bob Butler to discuss Mrs. duPont at RW-C

At the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Books and Conversation on July 8, Robert "Bob" Butler will tell the story of Jessie Ball duPont based on family biographies and local reminiscences of a hometown girl who made good.

Social time begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Rappahannock Room of the Chesapeake Center. The presentation starts at 11 a.m.

As evidenced by the thousands of dollars given annually from her foundation to this area, Mrs. duPont cared deeply about her roots. She was related to Butler's wife, Marjorie (Marjie) Hurst Butler.

"I did not know Jessie, but she was the cousin of my wife's father," said Butler. "She would come to visit Marjie's mother and father - first as Jessie Ball in her father's pickup truck, and later as Jessie duPont in a chauffeured limousine. She would always tour around and see the relatives."

As background, Butler will use *Jessie Ball duPont*, a biography by Richard Greening Hewlett, as well as biographies of her husband, Alfred I. duPont, and her brother, Edward Ball.

"It's a great story to tell because she has done so much for the Northern Neck and particularly the Kilmarnock area. She's still doing it 44 years after her death, making a profound effect on this area," said Butler.

Butler is a former president of the Northumberland Public Library and of Northumberland Preservation Inc. He was vice chairman of the Northumberland Economic Development Commission and trustee of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

He was vice president of the Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Foundation in 1990 when the structure was given to the Northumberland Historical Society by Mrs. Rice.

A civil engineering graduate of the University of Southern California, he was a shopping mall developer. He is a lifelong model maker and has completed about 20 models for the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

He enjoys modeling historical architecture and has created models of Christ Church and of the Richmond County Courthouse as it appeared in the 1700s. Two of his dioramas are displayed at the new Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington.

The Butlers are active at Bluff Point United Methodist Church and have moved recently to RW-C from Bluff Point. They have three children and three grandchildren.

## Steve Keith to perform 'arts in the park' concert

The Urbanna Arts in the Park concert series will host Steve Keith of Windmill Point at Taber Park in Urbanna on Saturday, July 17, at 7 p.m.

Keith first played professionally in New Orleans with legendary blues man Babe Stovall. Through the 1970s and 80s he played with a variety of artists including Jerry Jeff Walker and the Lost Gonzo Band, Jimmy Buffet, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Steven Young and Jimmie Martin.

After all those years of the "big time," he now performs, writes and sings his own brand of "Americana Music."

His infectious blend of songs and tunes has resulted from his background as an Appalachian fiddle/banjo picker and modern country/bluegrass band sideman. He also plays guitar and harmonica.

The concert is free. Bring chairs or blankets and have a picnic, or buy food and drink at the park.

## Old Courthouse in Urbanna opens for Sunday guided tours

Continuing through September, Middlesex County's 18th-century courthouse will be open to tourists and other guests on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hostesses from the Middlesex County Woman's Club will greet and provide information to those who drop in.

The historic building on Virginia Street in Urbanna was built in 1748, replacing the initial courthouse that stood in the Stormont area. The white brick structure served the county for nearly a century when, by popular vote, the courthouse was moved to more centrally located Saluda.

The Urbanna building survived British shelling during the Revolutionary War, but was damaged when bombarded by the Union fleet during the Civil War when it was used as a hospital for Confederate soldiers. Now owned and maintained by the Woman's Club, the old courthouse is listed on the Virginia and the National registers of historic places.

Among interesting interior features are a hand-painted mural in the alcove of the main room and a handmade Bicentennial quilt in the entry hall, which depicts historic Middlesex buildings and scenes.

## Computer users group to meet

The Northern Neck Computer Users Group meets the second Saturday of each month at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

The next meeting will be held July 10 at 10 a.m. The meetings include a question and answer period for computer problems and a presentation on items of interest to the group.

The Computer Users Group also sponsors a Photoshop special interest group. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the library.

The July 6 meeting will fea-



Childhood friends Dustin Thomason (left) and Ian Caldwell, now adults, recently published their first novel.

## Best-selling authors to participate in Northern Neck Entertains party

Traditionally, The Northern Neck Entertains committee keeps its planning mum, so that the August unveiling of the fall season's events is a surprise to the community. Booklets are mailed, and the lottery for event placement begins.

In this 12th year, however, committee chairman Chris Bresett made an early announcement, breaking NNE rules for *The Rule of Four*, written by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason.

On recent bestseller lists, the book was first in *The Washington Post*, second in *The Wall Street Journal*, and third in *The New York Times*.

The two previously unknown authors will discuss their first novel and its quick ascent at a party at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on October 14. Profits benefit the RW-C Foundation Fellowship Fund.

The idea for the literary event started last fall with Vicki Harding, former NNE committee member who lives across the road from Dr. Janet Thomason and her husband, Ron Feldman.

"Janet was telling me that her son, who was finishing medical school, was writing a novel," said Harding. "All of a sudden there was a bidding war going on among publishing companies. It was phenomenal, and I was living this experience vicariously."

Anticipating the book's success, Harding gathered two dozen Wicomico Church neighbors to host the party, and the authors agreed last fall to the engagement.

Their 368-page story is set

at Princeton, Caldwell's alma mater, and focuses upon two senior students' research and interpretation of an ancient text that had also fascinated a generation of scholars before them.

*The Rule of Four* came out in May and debuted at number six on the NYT bestseller list. Publishers Weekly had given it a strong pre-publication critique, excellent reviews followed in national papers and magazines, and soon the authors appeared on the front pages of *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

"We've been getting phone calls from people we hadn't heard from in ages," said Dr. Thomason. "When the interview and the boys' pictures were on the front page of *The New York Times*, a good friend from elementary school who lives in New York called at about 7 a.m. She asked if my mother had called yet. I thought there was another terrorist attack."

Both 28, the authors grew up together in Northern Virginia, went back and forth to each other's homes, and competed together on the MathCounts team at Glasgow Middle School in Fairfax County.

Thomason was a gymnast and Caldwell a swimmer. They played on the same soccer team, coached by Caldwell's dad. Their first joint writing effort was in elementary school, a play called "The Klutzy Kidnappers."

They co-wrote the speech that Thomason gave at graduation from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, the public high school they both attended in Fairfax County. Thomason then went to Harvard, where he won the Hoopes Prize for undergraduate writing.

"When they started this book in 1998, both had just graduated from college," said Dr. Thompson. "Ian had taken a job at a dot com company in Washington, and Dusty was going to medical school at Columbia. They worked intensely that summer, side by side, writing 12 hours a day for three months."

"Part of writing the book was to maintain their friendship. They have enormous respect and affection for each other and trust in each other. They are both very articulate."

From New York to Washington, the two friends communicated continually. Thomason would have a flash during pathology class and race to call Caldwell when the lecture was over.

In a five-year program, Thomason earned a medical degree and master's in business administration, but his medical career is on hold. He and Caldwell have committed to Random House for two more books and are currently on tour for *The Rule of Four*.

"There are beautifully written passages in the book," said Dr. Thomason. "It really affects you because you get so much into the character development, which is critical to the plot. I saw elements of both Ian and Dusty in the characters."

Attendance at the book party will be processed through the NNE lottery with 12 other events. To join the mailing list, call the RW-C development office at 438-4013.

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## Winning state tournament qualifies 9-year-old golfer for world championship roster

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

While most girls her age are watching Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen or playing with Bratz dolls, 9-year-old Tensley Clowser of Lively is studying the form of Annika Sorenstam.

"It's nothing to come home and see her sitting back in the recliner, watching the golf channel," said Tensley's father, George Clowser.

Eating, sleeping and breathing golf since she was 5 has paid off for Tensley, who last week won the 9-year-old girls division of the U.S. Kids Virginia State Tournament at Glenwood Golf Course in Richmond.

Shooting a one-over-par 36 in the nine-hole tournament, Tensley advances to compete against 50 to 70 girls in her age division at the US Kids World Championship Tournament July 28-31. The 27-hole event at the Golden Horseshoe in Williamsburg will include players from all 50 states plus several from other countries.

Tensley says she was "just a little nervous" about last Tuesday's state tournament but runs her fingers through her short blond hair and hangs her head back to say "I'm really nervous" about the upcoming world event.

A fifth-grade student at Lancaster Middle School, Tensley started playing golf by tagging along with her dad to The Tartan Golf Course in Weems.

"My husband would let her putt and chip and one day he said, 'I think she's got something,'" said Sherry Clowser. "I said, yeah right, but sure enough she's turned out to be quite the golfer."

A regular at The Tartan, Tensley has taken lessons from pro Chad Lynn and just a few months ago started lessons with pro Kenny Clark at The Golden Eagle.

"Don Nelson and Chad and all the guys at The Tartan have been wonderful and just real supportive of Tensley," said George. After playing golf for 15 years, he said he finally started taking the game seriously when his daughter



Tensley Clowser watches her drive on the practice range at the Golden Eagle Golf Course in Irvington.

became interested.

"I like basketball and football a lot," said Tensley. "But I really like golf because I'm good at it and you can't cheat."

Tensley knows that first-hand after watching officials closely following the players at the recent LPGA Michelob Ultra in Williamsburg.

Tensley attended the ladies' pro event last year and received a souvenir glove worn by Sorenstam's sister. At this year's tournament, she returned with the glove in hand and managed to work her way through the crowd to get it autographed by one of her favorite three female golfers, Sorenstam herself.

Tensley hopes that one day she'll be touring the pro circuit just like Sorenstam, who's ranked number one on the LPGA money list.

She may be well on her way. After shooting a career best two-under-par 34 at The Tartan, Tensley had a 180-foot drive, her longest to date, at the tournament in Richmond.

The state event was just her second tournament. She played in the same event last year, taking third in the 8-year-old division.

Tensley lists putting and chipping as her favorite aspects of the game. And she's pretty good at both, admits her father.

"I've seen her hit a 28-foot putt," said George. "She's very good around the green and reads her putts well. I don't even line her putts up for her."

This fall, Tensley will join the LMS golf team, open to students in grades four through eight.

## Free saltwater fishing days announced

July 3, 4, and 5 have been designated as "Free Fishing Days" for Virginia waters by Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner William A. Pruitt. For these three days, no saltwater fishing license will be required to fish recreationally in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay, in the tributary rivers up to the point where freshwater licenses are required and in the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

"This is a great opportunity for family and friends to discover the enjoyment of fishing and boating," said Commissioner Pruitt.

"Fishing is a wholesome recreational activity that provides fun for family members of all ages. Fishing provides quality time for families—away from the distractions of our modern society. A day on the water develops a better appreciation for our natural environment, which helps us become better stewards of our natural resources."

According to the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, fishing and boating ranked as the number one leisure activity for the family, with more than 50 million Americans participating annually. Free fishing days offer an opportunity to discover the leisure activity that creates bonds among families and friends and produces memories that can last a lifetime without the expense of purchasing a license.



Victor Long of Kilmarnock, 84, caught his first citation flounder at the Cell on squid and a minnow rig on June 27. The 7-pound fish was 27 inches long.

## Flounder fishing is hot

By Capt. Jerry Thrash

Spot are available at the Spike in the Rappahannock River and in holes and around the bridge in the Piankatank River. Spot are also biting from piers and off Gwynn's Island in 25 to 30 feet of water. Bloodworms are the favored bait.

Small pan-sized gray trout are showing in the Rappahannock. Bottom rigs with bloodworms and jigs tipped with cut peeler crab are the top baits.

The spadefish are hitting at the Cell and Wolftrap continues to produce fish to 8 pounds and many small fish. The best big fish activity is at slack tide.

Flounder action is hot at Buoy

42 and the Cell with many boats catching limits and many big fish being taken.

The boat Less Stress caught 24 fish including 14 keepers including a citation reeled in by the senior angler aboard, Victor "The Ancient One" Long of Kilmarnock, who, at 84, had not previously caught a citation flounder.

Speckled trout are being caught in significant numbers around Cherry Point on Gwynn's Island. Chris Newsome caught several each day he has fished. His fish came from near the island and from the Rappahannock River.

(Capt. Jerry Thrash owns and operates Queens Creek Outfitters in Mathews.)

## No fluke—it's a monster flounder

Fishing at the Cell last Saturday, Kilmarnock anglers Ryan Conway (left) and Mat Hudson landed three huge flounder. Hudson landed the citation flounder (right) measuring just over 27 inches. Conway is a senior at Longwood University and Hudson is a sophomore at Radford University. They have fished together for several years. Visit the Team Hudson-Conway website at [www.hudsonconwayfishing.homestead.com](http://www.hudsonconwayfishing.homestead.com) and sign up for the Catch-A-Cobia Marathon on July 17.



# The Fishing Line

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

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Many of the same species available during June are also obtainable this month. They include croaker, gray and speckled trout, sport and flounder. Additionally, cobia, shark, bluefish and Spanish mackerel will bend poles during the month.

Croaker are the most abundant summer species. They can be found everywhere from the shallow creeks to the deeper areas of the bay. They prefer locations with a hard sandy bottom with low profile bottom structure like oyster and grass beds. This is an abundant year with sizes ranging from 1 to 4 pounds each. A variety of baits may be used including strips of squid, shrimp, and bloodworms.

Spot fishing is picking up nicely in the Rappahannock River at and above the White Stone bridge. Sizes are running a heavy three quarters of a pound with a few breaking the pound mark for a citation. Other areas holding spot are the mouth of Dividing Creek, Blackberry Hang (just below the Smith Point Jetties) and the Mud Leads off of Smith Island among many others. Although narrow strips of squid will work, bloodworms outperform other baits by far. Due to their small mouths, a #2 or #4 hook is recommended. A standard store-bought bottom rig works just fine for these tasty fish.

Trout fishing consists of both gray and speckled trout. Gray trout can be found in many of the same areas as other bottom feeding species. They love a strip of squid or narrow piece of cut menhaden. When these fish get finicky, I recommend using a monofilament bottom rig without the metal arms. When trout are schooling, jigs such as the Sting Silver, Diamond, Braid Slammer and Deadly Dick will work well.

Speckled trout are inshore fish that seek areas of heavy structure or protection. They can be found in shallow areas where sea grasses are plentiful. The Piankatank River,

Gwynn's Island, Windmill Point and Dameron's Marsh are all traditionally good locations to find these fish. Anglers find that artificial lures like small jig heads donned with a twister tail are productive. Others find that drifting a live minnow under a bobber will attract the attention.

Flounder fishing was tremendous last season and is expected to offer excitement again this year. Flounder feed on small minnows and baitfish which live on the shallow bars leading to deeper channel areas. The Cut channel and the Cell are areas noted for good-sized specimens, but the entrances to every river and large creek also hold fair numbers of them. The entrance to the Little Wicomico river at Smith Point traditionally holds these flaties during the summer months.

These fish can be caught by trolling or drifting. Trolling has become more popular in recent years. Among the many trolling rigs, most of them consist of a slide sinker with one or two baits being suspended and one bait skimming along the bottom behind the sinker. Bucktails, doodle bugs and other jigs dressed with live bait such as minnows or squid are sure winners when slow trolled at a speed equivalent to a fast drift.

A rig that works well while drifting is the "Flounder Pounder." The "Fish-Finder" rig is another that is often used. If you run out of bull minnows and squid, strips of white flounder belly is also very effective.

Cobia are without a doubt the most aggressive fighting fish in the bay during July. Their maximum growth reaches a length of over six feet and a weight of nearly 100 pounds. They can be found in many of the Chesapeake's southern reaches including the bay bridge tunnel and bluefish rock. Local hot spots include the Cut channel, lower Tangier sound and atop channel edges from Windmill Point up to the Southwest Middle Grounds. Many of the edges are the same areas

where bluefish and spanish mackerel are usually found feeding.

Cobia prefer live bait to artificial lures. The baits boasting the best results are soft shell crab, live pencil eels and small live spot or croaker. The best way to present your bait is on a stout hook and strong leader floating freely in the current. Some anglers prefer to float live bait under a bobber when the tide gets slack. Chumming is often incorporated with live bait fishing and produces surprisingly rewarding results.

For using artificial lures, a strong casting rod is preferred. Bucktails and jigs are worked near structure and around buoys such as those along the Cut channel located outside of the Rappahannock River. When cobia are caught by casting, a good time is sure to result.

Sharks are common in the Chesapeake Bay. Each year in the late spring and early summer, dogfish sharks which grow to a length of five feet and dusky sharks which grow to be as much as 12 feet in length are caught by anglers in the lower portion of the bay. In the middle bay area anglers can realistically expect these fish to run in the two- to three-foot range. The mouth of Tangier Sound, the Cut channel, The Cell, and other areas near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel are all good locations to experience the thrill of catching sharks. Because of their growing popularity among anglers, catches are limited to one shark per person each day on all but the dogfish species. Sharks are usually caught while fishing at or near the bottom. In some cases, small sharks are caught while retrieving a small trout or spot on a bottom rig. This results in snapped lines and lost opportunities. When it is evident that sharks are in the area, it is wise to rig up accordingly. Shark rigs consist of two or more of steel leader or extra strong 100# test monofilament line, which leads to a 4/0 to 7/0 hook depending on the size of sharks being found. Sharking has best results when coarsely

ground bait fish is used as chum and large chunks of freshly cut or live fish are used as bait.

Spanish mackerel have become plentiful in recent years on the bay. These beautifully marked fish lend themselves well to grilling, smoking, and even salting. Spanish Mackerel will most likely be our mainstay later this month and into the fall. These sleek swimmers have a potential size of three feet in length and a weight of nearly nine pounds. The local catches average between 16 and 28 inches in length.

Mackerel are schooling fish which in many cases feed along with Taylor blues. As with Bluefish, they can be found feeding along the flats leading to, and atop the edges of channel areas. Top local mackerel

fishing grounds are at the mouths of the Rappahannock, Great Wicomico, and Potomac rivers; Smith point bar, off of Dividing Creek, Near the R2 buoy a few miles east of Buoy "62", and in the lower Tangier Sound.

Spanish mackerel are very fast fish and they prefer a quickly trolled spoon or fast moving jig. Consequently, trolling is the preferred method for catching these speedy predators. Size #0 and #00 Drone spoons and Clark spoons are working well when trolled on an eighteen-foot-long leader at speeds of five to seven knots. For jiggging, a black and chartreuse Gotcha Lure will drive 'em crazy when fished with a quick, jerky retrieve. These fish may be a bit late this year with

the slow rise in water temperature, but with a moderately dry summer we should see good quantities in the area.

When trolling for mackerel a two- to four-ounce sinker will keep your line just below the surface. A six-, eight- or 10-ounce sinker will carry the lure four to eight feet deep respectively. Planers allow a greater depth to be obtained with a minimum amount of line extended. A size 1 planer is the most versatile for mackerel fishing. Downriggers work well in taking your lure to the desirable depth, but in shallow water can become snagged on the bottom.

If you are careful to cut your engine off and drift quietly into a

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White Stone/Grey's Point Tides, Sun, & Moon - July, 2004

| Day     | Phase        | Moonset                        | Sunrise                        | High                           | Low |
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| Fri 7/2 | Full - 7:08  | 5:31<br>5:48<br>8:31<br>9:22   | 6:30<br>12:06<br>6:25          | -0.1'<br>1.5'<br>-0.2'         |     |
| Sat 7/3 |              | 5:49<br>6:45<br>8:31<br>10:13  | 12:39<br>7:23<br>1:02<br>7:22  | 1.9'<br>-0.1'<br>1.5'<br>-0.1' |     |
| Sun 7/4 |              | 5:49<br>8:02<br>8:31<br>10:54  | 1:34<br>8:14<br>1:57<br>8:19   | 1.9'<br>-0.1'<br>1.5'<br>-0.1' |     |
| Mon 7/5 |              | 5:50<br>9:18<br>8:30<br>11:27  | 2:27<br>9:05<br>2:51<br>9:16   | 1.8'<br>-0.1'<br>1.5'<br>-0.1' |     |
| Tue 7/6 |              | 5:51<br>10:29<br>8:30<br>11:55 | 3:20<br>9:54<br>3:46<br>10:14  | 1.7'<br>-0.1'<br>1.5'<br>0.0'  |     |
| Wed 7/7 |              | 5:51<br>11:37<br>8:30          | 4:12<br>10:43<br>4:40<br>11:12 | 1.6'<br>0.0'<br>1.5'<br>0.1'   |     |
| Thu 7/8 |              | 12:21<br>5:52<br>12:41<br>8:30 | 5:05<br>11:32<br>5:35          | 1.5'<br>0.0'<br>1.5'           |     |
| Fri 7/9 | 3rd Q - 3:34 | 12:44<br>5:52<br>1:43<br>8:29  | 12:12<br>5:58<br>12:20<br>6:30 | 0.2'<br>1.4'<br>0.1'<br>1.5'   |     |

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| Piankatank River, Cherry Pt. | -1:42 | -1:44 | 86%    |
| Great Wicomico River Light   | 0:30  | 0:20  | 76%    |
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**Deltas to host the Tides July 3**

From left, members of the 2004 Deltaville Deltas baseball team are (front row) Sam Smith, Rick Griffin, Mike Walsh and Dwayne White; (next row) Spencer Crittenden, Brad Booth, Eric Gentry, Bruce Perjera, Scott Bourdner, Larry Mothershead, Johnny Mothershead and Rico Godinez; (back row) manager Fred Crittenden, Ben Lawrence, Zac Salisbury, Steven Blue, Tommy Crittenden, Jay Moore, Terry Emerson, Matt Leak, Brian Larson, Justin Creel, Brad Booth and coach Jerry Crittenden. The Deltas will play the Tappahannock Tides at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Deltaville Ball Park.

**Deltas post remaining schedule**

The Deltaville Deltas semi-pro baseball team play home games at Deltaville Ball Park and compete in the Virginia Baseball League. Following is the remainder of the schedule for 2004.

- July 3, Tappahannock Tides, 5 p.m.
  - July 3, Deltas Old Timers Game, 8 p.m.
  - July 10, Spotsylvania Sun Devils (DH), 5 p.m.
  - July 17, at Spotsylvania Eagles (DH), 4:30 p.m.
  - July 23, at Richmond Red Sox, 8 p.m.
  - July 24, Richmond Red Sox, 7:30 p.m.
- Virginia Baseball League Tournament, dates, place and times to be announced.

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**Mariners to play Red Sox**

The Middle Peninsula Mariners on Friday, July 2, will play the Richmond Red Sox at Deltaville Ball Park. The game starts at 8 p.m.

A prize will be given to the person with the most patriotic attire. The event is being called "Red, White and Blue Night." There also will be door prizes given away at the ballpark that have been contributed by county businesses.

**Youthful umpire earns big league respect**

At age 11, Patrick Keyser is the youngest certified District 15 umpire to put on a mask and shield and take a position behind home plate for the Northumberland County Little League. Here, he's calling balls and strikes for batter Sarah Kelly of the Athletics and catcher Megan Brent of the Orioles in major league softball action. He also worked the field in minor and major boys games.



Officiating Little League ball games runs in the family. Patrick Keyser (left) joins ranks with his father, Philip Keyser (right), who was instrumental in organizing the Northumberland County Little League program some nine years ago, and his grandfather, Warren Keyser.

Patrick Keyser (right) will see action in an upcoming 19-game District 15 major girls tournament hosted by the Northumberland Little League at the ball field complex in Claraville. The tournament begins July 16 and will continue seven to nine days. "Patrick knows the rules," said head umpire Danny Haynie. "He's a crowd pleaser. They even clapped for him following a major girls game, he did such a good job." For the tournament, he'll be eyeing the rightfield or leftfield foul line and supplying the other umpires with balls and plenty of water. "It's amazing to see a boy his age who wants to do nothing but umpire ball games. He gave up playing the game to concentrate on becoming an umpire," said Haynie. "In the future, he'll move up the ladder to state, college, international leagues and the majors-that's his goal."



**Body champ**

Jeanne Colesanti, the daughter of Lee and Carole Harrison, owners of Higher Health Foods Inc. in Kilmarnock, won first place in the Mid-Florida Figure and Body Building Championship. The contest was held June 20 in Orlando.

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feeding school, casting jigs with light tackle can be good entertainment. A quick, jerky retrieve should prove effective in that situation. Gotcha plugs give good results.

Bluefish are usually settled into the area by July. Two methods of catching these fish are chumming and trolling. When chumming, the best results can be found outside of Ingram Bay along the channel edge above Buoy 62 and on the S.W. Middle Grounds located west of Smith Island. Both areas will hold two- to five-pound fish this month.

Trolling is a more popular method this month as many schools of surface feeding fish will run through the area. The stretch of water from the mouth of the Rappahannock up to Point Lookout is a thoroughfare for their travels. The flats below Tangier Island are productive as well. Bluefish are often mixed with mackerel this month. The same baits and lures may be used.

You will enjoy your time on the water even more if you share your knowledge with a child.

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**Boys' of summer gather**

About 75 people attended the opening of the Middlesex County Museum baseball exhibit June 18. Several area baseball legends were there to recount hardball stories of yesteryear. From left are Bobby Henkel, who signed with the Cleveland Indians in 1950; Fred Crittenden, a former minor leaguer and longtime coach and player with the Deltaville Deltas; Syd Thrift, former minor leaguer and general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Ed Figg (seated), one of the original Middlesex Little League coaches who also played for numerous semi-pro teams in Middlesex and Mathews counties. The exhibit, which includes a variety of baseball memorabilia, will be on display all summer. (Photo by Larry Chowning)



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Junior Rangers at Belle Isle State Park pick minnows out of a fishing net.



Graham Shivers shivers when he faces a large water beetle.



A minnow is placed back in the water.



Monty Hurst (left) and Justin Lewis enjoy a break.

# Jr. Rangers explore nature's creepy crawlies



Emily Shrader (left) and Fawn Rost haul a fishing net to shore.



Belle Isle State Park interpreter Fawn Rost reads a book about the Chesapeake Bay.



Rangers sit quietly, patiently waiting on the turtle to emerge.

Photos by  
Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Maddie Simpson inspects a crab.

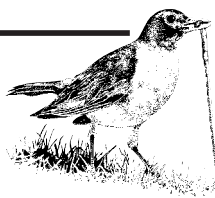


Rangers practice their fishing skills.



**Model workshop set**

Cyrus Jett, 10, (right) is building a boat model under the tutelage of George Frayne at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum model shop. The museum will sponsor a workshop for beginning and intermediate model makers July 12 through 16. Participants will build a diorama of a waterman's pier, shack and Chesapeake Bay deadrise. Students should bring a sandwich. The fee is \$5 to cover drinks for lunch. To register, call 435-6529.



**WINDOW ON WILDLIFE**

by Joyce Fitchett Russell

"Do you have a snake trap?" she asks or "Do you know if there is such a thing?"

I tried not to laugh. Instead I asked her what had happened?

Coming in from shopping, she said she had seen this four-to five-foot-long black snake sunning himself in front of the garage door; she slammed the door to keep him outside.

A little later when she was weeding her flower bed of mint, she looked back to see her progress and spied a shiny black head in the empty space. He was watching her.

Most recently, she saw the reptile on the neighbor's porch, which was far enough away for her.

Can anyone help us find a trap?

Another request for help came from Fran Ware. In her flower garden, she has a decorative toad house which she decided to move a little. When she picked up the clay pot, a small brown bird flew out, leaving seven eggs in the nest. What should she do?

I assured Fran the mother will probably come back to the original location, but I don't know the bird's identity.

Does anyone know? Please let me know too.



Briefly attached to a screen door, this minute nest of some sort, possibly belonging to a mud dauber, left homeowner Wayne Smith and columnist Joyce Fitchett Russell scratching their heads.

Another request for help came from Wayne Smith. He brought a picture of a strange nest attached to his screen door, then gone the next day. It was only the size of his fingernail, made of sand, with an entrance that looks like a trumpet.

Fortunately, K.C. Troise recognized the nest as a mud dauber's. Inside the nest are lots of paralyzed spiders to feed the baby wasps, he tells us. Thanks, K.C.

Now who knows about snakes and traps?

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**Club Golf**

**Quinton Oaks ladies**

The Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association met for low gross/low net play on June 23.

Flight A winners were Carol Reese, first low gross; Darlene Bean, second low gross; Sarah Hayes, first low gross; and Bettye Garner, second low gross.

Flight B winners were Rosie Carnahan and Gloria Smith, (tie) first low gross; Sara Goodwyn, first low net; and Marian Spurlin, second low net.

Goodwyn had low putts and Smith had a chip-in. Reese, Smith, Betty Lou Dunn and Hayes had birdies.

On June 22, the ladies traveled to Cameron Hills Golf Course. The format for the day was Bingo, Bango, Bongo.

The winners were Joan Frie, Terri Sartori, Bean and Reese.

PJ Kienast won the low putts competition with Frie in second, Judy Wise in third, and Maggie Dennett in fourth. Wise had a chip-in.

**ICYCC 9-holers**

On June 24, the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-hole lady golfers played a scramble match.

The winning foursome of Betty Penley, Margaret Livesay, Pat Brewer and Edna Forshaw shot a 39.

Second-place went to Dee Ross, Anne Alston, Alexa McGrathand Alice Kelley with a score of 42.

Four teams tied for third-place at 44.

Penley had a chip in

**Piankatank ladies**

Piankatank River Ladies Golf Association winners for June 24 were low gross field, Monico Seo, 84; low net field, Eva Mullins, 63; low net first flight, first, Kelly Lowe, 66; second, Kim Walthall, 69; third, Sue Silberhorn, 73; second flight, first, Chong Hudgins, 67; second, Ann Padgett, 68; third, Pat Olson, 70; and third flight, first, Ruth Wallace, 69; second, (tie) Adele Pogue, Carole Elliott and Nancy Simmons, 72.

**ICYCC 18-holers**  
The final round of the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 18-holers Member-Member Tournament was played June 22.

Winners were first flight, Seale George and Gail Aines; second flight, Page James and Thelma Wood; and third flight, Mary Ellen Swats and Jody Kirtland.

Daily low net winners were Jean Hagen with a 64; Jean Kenny and Yoko Buswell each with a 65; and Rachel Jackson



Seale George and Gail Aines topped the first flight field in recent ICYCC 18-holer Member-Member Tournament play.



Mary Elen Swats and Jody Kirtland topped the third flight field in recent ICYCC 18-holer Member-Member Tournament play.

and Kay Inskip with a 66. Chip-ins were made by Nancy Ranc, Ginny Alm, Buswell, James, Vivian Graham, Mikey Kirby, Judy Baensch, Kay Inskip and Nancy Hall.

**Tartan course**

Men's play day winners at the Tartan Golf Course for June 28 were first, Arthur Abbott and John Woodard; and second, Pete Gilleece and Tony Blackstone.

Play day ladies' winners were first, Betty Brand and Claudia Holmes; and second, Sandra Aman and Rosi Carnahan.

ICYCC results  
The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club announced results for a recent mixed scramble.

First flight winners were Dr. John Parod, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Jim Worth and Kay Inskip with a 63.

Second flight winners were John Halley, Caarl Johnson, Herb Vaughan and Linda Price with a 65.

In other results, Dr. Parod is the men's match play champion and Reid Nelson is the runner-up.

In the men's mid-week two best balls match, low net winners were Gene Atkins, Bob Chambers, Joe Forshaw and Bill Durham with a 114.

**Belle Isle State Park posts July interpretive schedule**

Belle Isle State Park manager Tim Shrader recently posted the park's interpretive schedule for July.

The park is on the Rappahannock River, Mulberry and Deep creeks at the end of Belle Isle Road, off River Road, in Lancaster County.

Call ahead to confirm activities at 462-5030. For all canoe trips, arrive 15 minutes early at the park office.

Advance reservations are required for all junior ranger programs.

**July 1**  
Early Morning Canoe Trip, 7 to 9 a.m. \$5.

**July 3**  
Wildlife Hike, 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
Sunset Canoe Trip, 6:30 p.m. \$6.

**July 4**  
Fun Day, games and crafts, 1 to 3 p.m.

Independence Day Sunset Canoe Trip, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$6.

**July 12, 13 & 14**  
"Animal Adventures Week," a Junior Rangers program for ages five to eight, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day, \$3; reservations required; 462-5030.

**July 17**  
Creepy Crawly program, 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunset Canoe Trip, 6:30 p.m. \$6.

**July 18**  
Marsh March, 12:30-2 p.m.  
Canoe Trip and Hayride, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$5.

**July 19, 20 & 21**  
"Water Works Week," a Junior Rangers program for ages nine to 12, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day, \$3; reservations required; 462-5030.

**July 23**  
Explore Belle Isle Bicycle Tour, 3 to 4:30 p.m. (cost of bike rental).

**July 24**  
Children's Craft Program, 2-4:30 p.m. \$2.  
Sunset Canoe Trip, 6:30 p.m. \$6.

**July 25**  
Canoe trip, hayride and campfire, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$6.

**July 26**  
Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7 to 9 p.m. \$6.

**July 28**  
Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7 to 9 p.m. \$6.

**July 29**  
Birds of Belle Isle Hike, 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7 to 9 p.m. \$6.

**July 30**  
Eagles Extravaganza program, 4 to 6 p.m.



**Bobby's Marine supports CAPINNE**

Bobby's Marine Service in Burgess has donated a 2004 13-foot Boston Whaler 130 sport with a 40-horsepower ELPTO Mercury engine, Bimini top and galvanized trailer to the annual CAPINNE auction. The auction will be held July 17 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Call 435-4169 for reservations. Seating is limited.



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### Mariners study GPS

Several local mariners attended a class June 19 on using GPS at the Lancaster Community Library. From left are Lamont Keyes, Archer Dabney, Don McClean, Ruth McClean, Richard Thompson, Fran Davis, Tom Geisler, Warren O'Brien and Robert Rouleau. The GPS class was offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33, Kilmarnock. A Basic Coastal Navigation course will be offered September 21 through October 7 followed by an Advanced Coastal Navigation course October 12 through November 4. To enroll, call S. Wallace Dawson Jr. at 462-7701.

## Adm. Collins congratulates auxiliary

In a message to all Coast Guard units, Adm. T.H. Collins noted that June 23 marks the 65th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"I would like to thank and congratulate America's premier Volunteer Lifesavers for their unwavering around-the-clock support of Coast Guard missions," said Adm. Collins.

The auxiliary is the civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard participating in all missions except direct military and law enforcement duties.

"During the past few years, our Coast Guard Auxiliary has consistently and significantly grown in size and responsibility," said Adm. Collins.

"Auxiliary forces now include nearly 36,000 members, more than 5,000 surface vessels, and nearly 300 aircraft. This impressive array supports Coast Guard resources across the board—on the water, in the air and in ever-expanding back-fill capacities at shore units," continued Adm. Collins. "They are our recreational boating safety experts. Through steadfast commitment to the principles of Operation BOATSMART and by partnering

with states and other organizations, auxiliaries have made the maritime environment safer for our nation's 75 million recreational boaters. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for the dedication and devotion to duty displayed by our auxiliaries every day, year after year."

Many individuals may think of 65 as retirement age, but the 65-year-old auxiliary is ever growing in its duties and responsibilities. One of the newest undertakings is in maritime domain awareness initiatives, including the America's Waterway Watch program. Through this program, auxiliaries are teaching tens of thousands of recreational boaters how to properly identify and report suspicious maritime activity for the benefit of national safety and security, he explained.

"They are an effective volunteer force multiplier that is being incorporated into the Coast Guard's ports, waterways and coastal security mission," said Adm. Collins. "Auxiliaries are also answering our calls for administrative and logistical support by helping in all Coast Guard venues ranging from medical clinics to Coast Guard training

center classrooms to foreign language interpreter services aboard deployed cutters. Our auxiliaries have again proven to be most trusted, valuable and respected shipmates. Please join me in congratulating them for their exceptional accomplishments this past year and for their many years of proud service."

He encouraged all Coast Guard units to celebrate with their local flotillas and to recognize the volunteers for all they do.

At Station St. Inigoes, station personnel and auxiliaries from Flotilla 3-10 and others from Division 15 in Maryland recently joined for breakfast and then stood tall together at morning colors.

The officer in charge, Boatswain Mate Chief John Brady, echoed the commandant's sentiments and thanked those who attended for their patriotism, their steadfast mission support, and their many acts of friendship towards individual members of the Coast Guard at St. Inigoes.

To join the auxiliary, call Ollie Knight at 529-6093, Joe Riley at 472-4521, Jerry Hawley at 436-1030 or Matt Wood at 435-9773.

## Bridge Results

Six-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play June 22, at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, (tie) Kate Frayne and Ronnie Gerster and Norma Drinnon and Barbara Hubbard; and third (tie) Arden Durham and Jane Hughes and Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Cynthia Birdsall and Dianne Monroe; second, Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger; and third, Tot Winstead and Liz Hargett.

The next bridge for this group is July 13 at 1 p.m.

Eight tables of duplicate bridge were in play June 24 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe; second, Bill and Nan Summers; and third, Norma Drinnon and Barbara Hubbard.

Winners east/west were first, Marilyn Reed and Ginger Klapp; second, Shirley Crockett and Liz Hargett; and third, Margaret Livesay and Mary Andrews.

The next bridge for this group is July 1.

Nine-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play June 28 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Ginger Clapp; second, Al Jodrey and Charlie Smith; and third, Beverly and Joe Oren.

Winners east/west were first, Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger; second, Elvira Plumb and Verla Burgess; and third, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair.

The next bridge for this group is July 14 at 1 p.m.



From left, John Bentley, Larry and Betty Taylor of the Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club display punctured bowling pins and ribbons after the recent match.

## Bentley wins RPRC bowling pin match

John Bentley of Weems captured first place with a 199 in a bowling pin match June 26 at the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club Inc.

Betty Taylor of Ditchley was second with a 186 and Larry Taylor, also of Ditchley, took third with a 156.

Competitors used hand guns to knock down regulation bowling pins set up as in bowling lanes, except the pins were set up on triangular boards on the ground. Shooters fired two shots

at pins for the usual 10 frames. The results were scored as in a regular bowling match.

Since there were no pin setters, competitors went down range and set up their pins for each frame.

On July 17 at 9 a.m., there will be a match using military-issue rifles, iron sights, military ammunition, 20 shots for group (in a tight configuration anywhere on the target) at 50 yards. All shooting will be in the off hand (standing) position.

# Smith and Bare post wins in VMS Summer Showdown

The All Star Circuit of Champions 410 sprints visited Virginia Motor Speedway last Thursday for the Summer Showdown event.

Danny Smith of Danville, Ind., powered his way over current points leader Chad Kemenah of Findlay, Ohio, to take home a victory in the spring series.

Meanwhile, Booper Bare of Rockbridge Baths won the super late model feature race in a tight battle with Jeremy Miller of Gettysburg, Pa.

### Sprints

Kemenah set a new track record of 16.087 seconds at a speed of 111.892 mph. Kemenah also won the Haulmark Dash picking up a few more points in the chase for the championship. But being fast qualifier only got him a sixth-place starting position.

Smith, who set a fast time in hot laps with a 15.710-second lap started from the third spot and used a strong inside pass of Bill Rose out of turn 4 on lap 20 to take the lead and the victory.

Rose and rookie Jeremy

Campbell led the sprint field to green with Rose taking command. On lap 17, Paul May went to the outside to take the second spot from Campbell with Smith following to third out of Turn 4. On lap 22, Smith put a slide job on May to take second with Kemenah following to third. The only caution came out on lap 25 as Ryan Conaim looked to get by May as he was passing lapped traffic. The two touched sending Conaim flipping end over end into Turn 3.

On the final restart, Smith got a huge jump on Kemenah and pulled away to take the victory. Rounding out the top five were Kemenah, Rose, Jeremy Campbell and Greg Wilson.

### Super late models

Bare and rookie Matt Hubbard of Seaford led the field to green with Bare getting a great start to take the lead until the first caution came out on lap 5 for a spin in Turn 2.

On the restart, Bare took the field to green with Rick Eckert

trying to get by Hubbard in Turn 1, the two touched sending Eckert spinning to bring out the second caution of the race.

On the restart, Jerry Foster tried to get a jump on the outside of Bare, but could not make the pass. As the field exited out of Turn 2, a spin by Brian Staton brought the field back to caution.

When the field went back to racing, Bare got a great restart on Jeremy Miller who was closely followed by Foster, Chuck Finch and Kenny Pettyjohn. Bare held a three-car length advantage until another caution closed the field.

Back under green, Bare and Miller continued to pull away from the rest of the pack. Now Miller was sticking with Bare in every corner as they pulled away from Foster and Pettyjohn, battling for third.

With ten to go, Miller pulled to the bumper of Bare as the two worked slower traffic. With four to go, Pettyjohn got by Foster on the outside in Turn 3.

Under the white flag, Bare

held off a last lap effort by Miller to take home the \$3,000 prize. Rounding out the top five were Miller, Pettyjohn, Foster and Finch.

### Upcoming races

The speedway will host Fan Appreciation/Pack the Track Night on Saturday, July 3. All tickets are \$5 each, children 6 and under will be admitted free.

Races feature late models, modifieds, chargers and all-Americans. The all-Americans will compete in an extended 25 lap, double point feature. Holiday festivities include a fireworks display.

The speedway will also continue with its SwitchMe. net Race 2 Riches promotion, where one lucky fan will have a chance to win \$25,000.

Competitor gates open at 3 p.m.; spectator gates open at 4 p.m. On track activities will begin at 6:15 p.m. For directions to the track, call 758-1867 or visit [www.vamotor Speedway.com](http://www.vamotor Speedway.com).

## Schreyer and Riley win ICYCC golf tournament

The team of Dick Schreyer and his guest, Tom Riley of Alexandria, emerged as champions of the 2004 Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club (ICYCC) Men's Member-Guest Golf Tournament.

Some 106 members and guests hotly contested the 54-hole tournament June 17 through 19. Players were organized into two-man member-guest teams and placed in eight flights, by handicap.

The tournament theme was "Flight" in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight. The registration area was decorated with several large airplane models, including a four-foot replica of the Wright brothers' plane, and a golf maintenance cart decorated as a bi-plane complete with working prop.

Michael Kuhnert of Icarus Aviation flew in with a fixed-wing ultra light and landed on runway 3. Kuhnert's plane remained on the ground during the tournament until Saturday when he took off and performed a farewell flyover.

Each of six, 9-hole rounds was played against a different team, and each of the days used a different

format. Day one competition was better-ball of the twosome, day two was a scramble, and day three was a Scotch twosome with alternate shots. Teams played with handicaps; a modified Stableford scoring system was used.

After 54 holes, the winners of each flight, followed by 100 spectators, contested in a playoff, in scramble format, with three teams eliminated on each of holes 1 and 2. The final two teams proceeded to hole 3 where Schreyer and Riley took on the team of Glenn Rowe and Sonny Thomas. After both teams made par, Schreyer and Riley won the sub-challenge "chip-off."

Head professional Kevin Aines, assistant professional Jimmy Poplin and their staff insured that the tournament ran smoothly. Greens superintendent Pete Stephens and his crew had the course in excellent playing condition. Lady golfers organized by Ginny Alm skillfully handled registration, raffles and photos.

Chef Todd and staff prepared fine meals. Table decorations included over 100 World War II fighter and bomber models, as well as small passenger aircraft. Carol Williams



Dick Schreyer and Tom Riley won the 2004 Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club Men's Member-Guest Golf Tournament.

coordinated all decorations with lots of help from several ICYCC members and guests.

Tournament chairman D. F. Williams and Aines presented trophies to the tournament champions, flight

winners and runners-up, and prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin and a variety of raffle prizes.

Williams thanked the member-guest committee, the ICYCC staff,

## Eurotech Soccer Camp is coming to Middlesex

The Middlesex Family YMCA will present Eurotech International Soccer Ltd, America's #1 Soccer Camp geared for boys and girls ages 4 to 18. The camp is August 9 through 13.

Programs include Magic Micro Soccer, \$60, ages 4 to 6, 4 to 5:30 p.m.; Performance Soccer 1, \$75, ages 7 to 9,

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Performance Soccer 2, \$75, ages 10 to 14, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuition includes a camp T-shirt, water bottle, certificate and professional instruction from European coaches and trainers.

Eurotech Soccer Camp brings instructors from Eng-

land, Holland and Slovakia to teach soccer skills. Eurotech Soccer has been teaching soccer skills to children for 12 years and teaches various soccer ages at camps east of the Mississippi and in Europe.

All campers will be taught ball coordination, technical skill development, goal scor-

ing and fundamental tactics. Campers also utilize their skills in small-sided games and competitions.

For a free brochure and registration information, call program director and local camp coordinator, Tammy Barton at 776-8846, or call Eurotech Soccer at 800-679-9830.

## Pit Stop

### Virginia Motor Speedway

**June 26 results:** Sprints- Danny Smith, first; Chad Kemenah, second; Bill Rose, third.

**Super late models** - Booper Bare, first; Jeremy Miller, second; Kenny Pettyjohn, third.

**Points Leaders:** Super late models - Booper Bare, 343; Kenny Pettyjohn, 338; Chuck Finch, 331.

**Late models** - John Staton, 368; Billy Hubbard, 366; Junior Carter, 360.

**Sportsmen** - Roger Jamerson, 384; Jerry Scott, 374; Mike Latham, 342.

**Modifieds** - Bret Hamilton, 283; Roger Jamerson, 282; Mark Clarr Sr., 271.

**Chargers** - Davis Lipscombe, 314; Shawn Otey, 309; Brian Maxey, 303.

**All-Americans** - Davis Lipscombe, 246; Mitch Smith, 241; Donald Payne, 222.

**Upcoming races:** July 3 (VMS is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda. Pit gates open at 3 p.m.; spectator gates at 4 p.m. Track activities begin at 6:15 p.m.)

**Late models, modifieds, chargers, all-Americans**

### Hampton Roads

#### Kart Club

#### June 27 results:

#### Restricted junior-

Tara Fontaine, tenth.

#### Stock medium-

Thomas Fontaine, fourth.

#### Sr. champs winged-

Thomas Fontaine, third; Madison Fontaine, fourth; William Conrad, tenth.

#### Upcoming races:

#### July 11

(The HRKC races at Langley Speedway on Armistead Avenue in Hampton. Gates open at 8 a.m.)

#### Colonial Beach Dragway

(Colonial Beach Dragway is off Route 205, some 1.7 miles north of Oak Grove.)

#### Upcoming races:

#### July 2

- Test, tune, fun and grudge matches, street racing, gambling races. Gates open at 6 p.m., racing until 10:30 p.m. First round of gamblers races, 9:15 p.m.

#### July 3

- Quick 16, nitro cars, blower cars, pro-mods, pro-stocks, super pro, foot-brake, bikes and junior dragsters. Gates open at 2 p.m. Qualifying for Quick 16 begins at 6:30 p.m.

#### July 4

- Super pro, foot-brake, junior dragsters. Gates open at 11 a.m. Qualifying begins at 2:15 p.m.

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## ▼ Teenage pregnancy rate is alarming . . . . (continued from page A1)

from Richmond for prenatal visits.

The Resource Mothers Program helps to educate pregnant girls under 20 about prenatal care, breastfeeding, childcare, assistance programs, high school diploma programs and career choices.

"Unfortunately, most girls that have babies at 17, 18 or 19 stay at the poverty level. We're trying to help break that," said Hankinson.

Pagan is one of the fortunate ones. Her parents have stood by her, providing financial and emotional support. Her boyfriend, Alexander, will be moving into her parents' home with her this week.

"We went to an abortion clinic and saw the little thing on the ultrasound," she said. "Then I couldn't go through with it. I have some friends who have had abortions and all of them regret it to some degree."

Marriage right now is not an option.

"That's a big enough step in itself. We're not ready to be married. We're probably not ready to be parents either," said Pagan. "If we are still happy together in a few years we want to get married, maybe in our early 20s. I know statistically we probably won't make it because we're so young."

Alexander says he wants to wed. "Hopefully we can work out any problems we have because there is a baby involved."

The two said they were using protection when Pagan became pregnant.

"We're a prime example of what not to do," said Alexander, who was planning to go on to college and leave the area this fall. He'll stay in the Northern Neck now, take some night classes at Rappahannock Community College and work during the day.

"One thing I've noticed as I look back nine, eight, even seven months ago, I'm not the same person I was," he said. "I worry more. I think like an adult."

"I think we've scared the hell out of our friends," said Pagan, who says now that she's pregnant she has separated from



Teenage girls are getting pregnant in the Northern Neck at a higher rate than the state average.

former friends.

She knows several girls who have had abortions this year and some others who have quit school to marry and have their babies.

"I'm not saying girls get pregnant to be popular, but some people think all the attention pregnant girls get is neat," she said. "I know a lot of girls that are younger than us, getting pregnant for attention."

Pagan plans to take home school courses next year and wants to one day earn a bachelor's degree, then a master's.

"What these girls don't realize is you have to give up everything," said Melanie Hathaway. "People sit around and talk about college and parties and I have nothing to say."

Hathaway was raising her son while her friends were going to college. She graduated from Lancaster High School in June 1995 and in October was expecting.

"I had every intention of going to college but once I found out I was pregnant all that changed," she said.

She and her boyfriend decided not to get married, which was a good decision. The two split. And although he helped to support their son and still takes an active role, Hathaway says raising a child as a single mom is not easy.

She worked two jobs and did not follow her dreams of college.

"I'm not ashamed," she said. "I spent nine months holding my head down but now that I look at my son, I've done a damn good job."

Being 18 years old and pregnant was hard enough, said Hathaway, "then I found out my baby had a birth defect."

She was receiving prenatal care from local obstetrician Dr. Matthew Vogel, who detected the problem and sent Hathaway to a specialist in Richmond.

"When Dr. Vogel told me we had a problem, he originally thought my tests revealed twins or spina bifida. So here I was 18 and praying for twins. How crazy was that?"

Hathaway's son actually had a hole in his stomach and some of his intestines were outside of his body. He was whisked away for surgery just an hour after being delivered.

"If I had not had the prenatal care I had with Drs. Hamilton and Vogel and they hadn't detected the birth defect, he would have died," said Hathaway. "A lot of these young girls are not getting prenatal care. I did and I still had problems."

Many of the young girls Reeves counsels would not receive prenatal care if not for the Resource Mothers Program.

Some, she says, "have all the support anyone could ever ask for. But some are homeless and living with friends because they have nowhere else to go."

## ▼ Maternity center options discussed . . . . (continued from page A1)

ter died before she got there," said Reynolds. "This should not happen. We do not want to bury our babies because we didn't have the care in this community."

Reynolds and Long were among seven speakers at last week's meeting, held to solicit public input concerning a proposed maternity center for Kilmarnock.

Although details have yet to be finalized, Dr. James Hamilton told the gathering the board hopes to locate the 15,000-square-foot facility near Rappahannock General Hospital. Preliminary plans include six labor and delivery rooms, an education center, an operating room for cesarean births, pediatricians' and obstetricians' offices and overnight rooms for fathers and siblings.

"This has not been done before and how it will work financially and logistically has not fully been worked out, but it can be and will be," said Dr. Hamilton, who serves on the board.

The initiative to build a local maternity center began in early March after RGH suspended its obstetric care after 27 years. Some 4,000 babies have been delivered at the hospital since 1977, many of those by Dr. Hamilton, who came to RGH 21 years ago out of residency.

He and Dr. Matthew Vogel were the only two private obstetricians practicing in the Northern Neck and had delivery privileges at RGH. Last October, Rappahannock OB/GYN Inc. learned that it would lose its malpractice insurance. That, along with the high-cost and low-reimbursement surrounding obstetric care, prompted the hospital to close its labor and delivery unit.

Since then a group of concerned citizens and local medical personnel formed the non-profit group, The Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck. Its vision is to create a community-based, non-profit facility which offers cost-effective maternity services predominantly for expectant families living in Lancaster, Northumberland and Middlesex counties. However, the facility could serve others in the Three Rivers Health District area as far away as King William, Westmoreland and Essex counties.

An application for a certificate of public need, which assures that the area served is in fact in need of such a facility, is due to

the State Board of Health today (July 1). The application goes through a local, regional and state approval process.

The board must raise \$20,000 by August 1 for a six-month investigative process by the state.

Although most speakers last week voiced concern for expectant mothers and families in the area, Ray Funkhouser of White Stone also voiced his concern over the financial losses that result from the lack of labor and delivery services in the Northern Neck.

This "is a quality of life issue," said Funkhouser. "When one evaluates quality of life issues, medical services availability is a cornerstone of the foundation of a high quality community."

"The unavailability of prenatal and delivery services seriously erodes that medical cornerstone," Funkhouser added. "The unavailability of those key services is a huge factor that would discourage working middle class families from locating here."

Funkhouser cautioned that other medical services would suffer and eventually some would be lost.

"The erosion of services would not only be restricted to medical services, but all areas of services and businesses. This community would not be able to support the number of professionals and businesses it currently has, let alone expand goods and services offered," said Funkhouser.

According to Dr. Hamilton, the maternity center would cost an estimated \$2 million to build and could be up and running in as little as two years with community support.

A more immediate solution could be the use of RGH's current obstetric ward. The unit could be rented by the maternity center as a temporary location.

"That is one option on the table," said Dr. Hamilton. "That wasn't popular at an earlier meeting and may still not be. But we don't have to build anything right away."

Dr. Hamilton told the group that the trend to close hospital obstetric units is growing.

Within the past year, four Virginia hospitals have suspended labor and delivery services. "Now there's talk that a very large hospital in the western part of the state that does 2,000 deliveries a year may close its facility in the next few months," Dr. Hamilton said.

## Supervisors 'dole out' \$22.8 million

LANCASTER—Following the adoption of a \$23.8 million budget for 2004-05 and a related tax levy, Lancaster supervisors last Thursday appropriated some \$22,884,653 in local, state and federal funds.

The remaining \$925,128 of the \$23,809,781 budget represents an end-of-year fund balance.

Appropriations include:

- \$12,776,369 for Lancaster public schools.
- \$1,194,329 for social services.
- \$962,123 for the sheriff (law enforcement).
- \$947,517 for indoor plumbing/rehabilitation.
- \$777,808 for refuse disposal.
- \$718,786 for the sheriff (corrections).
- \$566,560 for the school cafeteria fund.
- \$539,932 for long-term debt service.
- \$400,000 for the Comprehensive Services Act.
- \$354,925 for the enhanced emergency telephone system.
- \$295,107 for short-term debt service.
- \$268,526 for the clerk of circuit court.
- \$240,838 for the commissioner of the revenue.
- \$229,252 for the treasurer.
- \$220,555 for county administration.
- \$217,266 for paid rescue services.
- \$201,598 for the Common-

- wealth's attorney.
- \$178,700 for the health department.
- \$160,000 for volunteer fire departments.
- \$159,845 for general properties.
- \$146,706 for land use administration.
- \$114,543 for animal control.
- \$105,729 for rescue services.
- \$94,142 for dispatchers.
- \$93,748 for information technology services.
- \$75,000 for the YMCA.
- \$74,431 for the voter registrar.
- \$60,000 for the library.
- \$50,037 for building inspections.
- \$50,000 for landfill closure management.
- \$46,072 for the juvenile probation office.
- \$45,448 for Bay Aging.
- \$44,391 for the board of supervisors.
- \$40,000 for the free health clinic.
- \$38,594 for the school resource officer.
- \$36,125 for Extension service.
- \$34,032 for wireless 911.
- \$32,335 for the department of housing.
- \$30,000 for the Community Services Board.
- \$25,225 for victim/witness assistance.
- \$22,421 for the electoral board.
- \$22,000 for the planning district commission.
- \$21,200 for the independent audit.
- \$20,000 for the county attorney.

- \$17,304 for the group home commission.
- \$14,937 for circuit court.
- \$11,452 for the planning commission.
- \$10,988 for the wetlands board.
- \$10,000 for the law library fund.
- \$10,000 for Virginia Quality Life.
- \$8,220 for local emergency services.
- \$7,500 for the Northern Neck Travel Council.
- \$6,770 for general district court.
- \$6,488 for the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- \$6,000 for the Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay Partnership.
- \$5,000 for the Soil & Water Conservation District.
- \$5,000 for Mary Ball Washington Museum.
- \$5,000 for Rappahannock Legal Services.
- \$5,000 for electronic monitoring.
- \$4,962 for Rappahannock Community College.
- \$4,000 for litter control.
- \$3,500 for the Potomac Gateway Travel Center.
- \$3,275 for juvenile and domestic relations court.
- \$2,602 for forest fire service.
- \$1,000 for The Haven.
- \$1,000 for the Rappahannock River Basin Commission.
- \$750 for the medical examiner.
- \$600 for the magistrate.
- \$600 for the Resource Conservation and Development Area.
- \$500 for the historic resources commission.

## ▼ Board adopts budget, raises taxes . . . . (continued from page A1)

year we have a reassessment is appropriate," said Beauchamp.

Jenkins expressed his disappointment with the budget deliberations by the board and warned that the tax increase against property owners is not justifiable.

"We are getting ready to make a big mistake," Jenkins said. "This tax increase will not go away."

With local revenues totaling \$11.9 million from property taxes, including \$1.4 million from personal property taxes at a rate of \$1.52 per \$100 of assessed value, and other local funds, including \$990,000 in sales and use taxes, 67 percent goes to the biggest recipient of local funding. The Lancaster County school division will receive \$8 million.

Frere emphasized the return on the county's investment in public education.

"All three of our schools—the primary school, the middle school and the high school—are accredited as far as the Standards of Learning passed by the state of Virginia," said Frere.

However, Jenkins remarked that the tax hike was not justified based on that accomplishment.

"We gained that accreditation on taxes without this increase," Jenkins said.

He said Lancaster schools have consistently ranked among the top 10 in the state for local funding per pupil, and in the top 20 statewide for per pupil funding with combined local, state and federal revenues.

"We have never cheated the school system in our county," said Jenkins.

### Opposition

Most of the 20 taxpayers who opposed the tax hike during the public hearing commented on the effects of the reassessment and tax rate upon waterfront property.

Pete Ginocchio of the White Stone area said the impact upon residents with fixed incomes is

compounded by other exorbitant cost of living increases like gas prices and medical costs.

"This tax rate is a hard thing to accept with the revaluation when you're living on a fixed income or trying to," Ginocchio said.

Like several other residents who spoke in opposition to the tax hike, he indicated the increase could influence whether or not he remains a county resident.

"The option for me is to move out of here," Ginocchio said, "sell my property and go somewhere else."

Walter Fadeley of Laurel Point said one of the biggest businesses in the county is attracting retirees to relocate. He urged the board to "think about what driving the tax rate too high and making people uncomfortable will do."

The sentiment was echoed on behalf of working families by waterfront property owner Linda Benson, who said her 32-year-old house and property increased 91 percent in value due to the reassessment and will require her family to pay 33 percent more in taxes. Benson noted the impact that the tax hike could have for her and her husband as a couple in their 30's who work for their livelihood.

"Why shouldn't we leave here and go make more money?" Benson asked.

The burden of paying the tax hike this year was voiced by John Parker, who said he owns five waterfront lots that are now valued at \$150,000 each.

"I don't know where in the world I'm going to get the money to pay the taxes on them," Parker said.

Bruce King of Westland questioned the fairness of forcing significantly more in taxes to be owed so soon after reassessment. He said he could be paying as much as 100 percent more in taxes in too short of a time.

"I've got to come up with that

money in five and a half months time," King said.

Dave Peresluha said his tax increase would be much greater than the 11.7 percent effective tax rate increase and urged the board to put a ceiling on how much of an increase a taxpayer would have to pay.

David Greenbaum of the White Stone area said his taxes would be more than 26 percent higher and questioned the reliance of the board to place the tax burden on property owners.

"Maybe the re-sell value is no longer an equitable way to distribute the tax load for the citizens of the county," Greenbaum said.

Another waterfront property owner and longtime resident of the county, James Chase, questioned the excessiveness of the tax hike in relation to how tax increases have been handled by past boards.

"We can stand an increase, but not to that extent," said Chase.

Other issues that surfaced during the hearing included the appeal of relocating to other waterfront localities that do not levy personal property taxes on boats and the failure of tax revenues to be used for potential county services such as water and sewer service, street lighting, garbage collection and full-time emergency medical service.

The high cost of funding the school system at the expense of providing other county services was also addressed. Charles Costello of Merry Point encouraged residents to provide public input at school board meetings and scrutinize the school operating budget.

"We need to scrub, and we need other people to help scrub it," Costello said of the school budget.

Howard Kyzer of Ocran challenged the board to vote based upon the comments of residents.

"If you guys are truly representatives of the county, here you are," Kyzer said with a sweep of his hand toward the audience.

Two county residents supported the increases.

Roger Donaldson of the Windmill Point area called the supervisors' support of the increase "a courageous thing to do." He noted that he would have to pay 71 percent more in taxes because of a 133-percent increase in the reassessed value of property he owns.

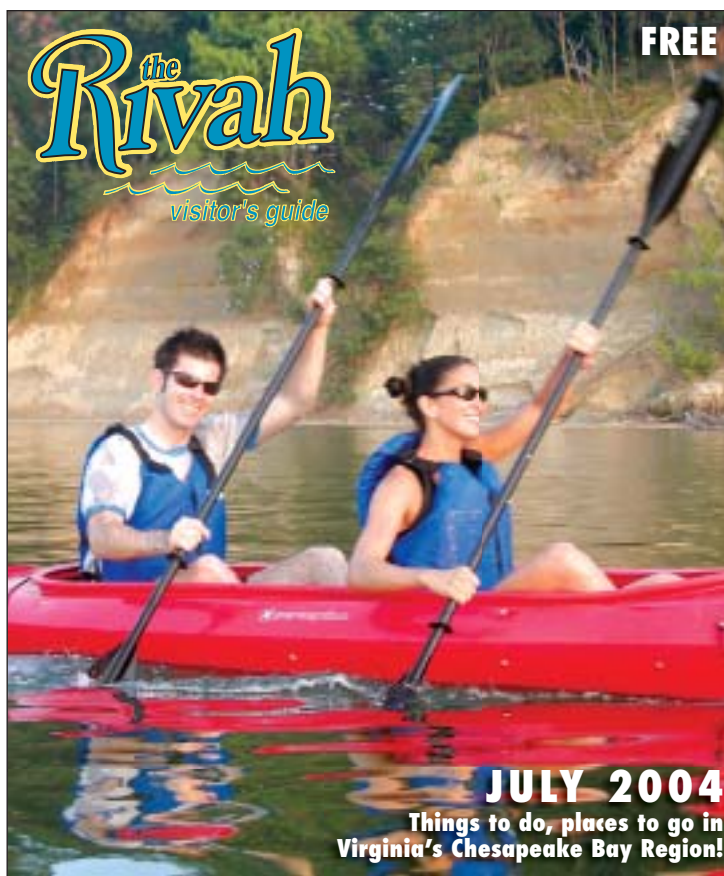
His wife, Sue Donaldson, questioned why residents who relocated from elsewhere would object to school funding if they were willing to pay taxes for public education before they relocated.

"They need to pay for the services that this county needs," she said.

She said the operations of county administration and the sheriff's department should also be scrutinized, however.

County administration categories requiring more than \$100,000 in local funds are \$777,808 for refuse disposal, \$220,555 for county administration, \$157,243 for general properties maintenance, \$146,706 for land use administration and \$114,343 for animal control.

Of the \$1.8 million budgeted for the sheriff's department categories of law enforcement, corrections, dispatchers and school resource officer, \$656,363 is provided in local funds.



### The Rivah Visitor's Guide hits newstands

The July 2004 Rivah Visitor's Guide hits local newstands this week. Published by the Rappahannock Record and the Southside Sentinel, the guide highlights things to do in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Features this month showcase kayaking at Westmoreland State Park and the Deltaville Maritime Museum. Record reporter Reid Pierce Armstrong took the cover photo.