Town sets hearing on proposed cigarette tax

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

WHITE STONE—The town council will conduct a public input court meeting on a proposed 15¢ cigarette tax on White Stone.

Council voted unanimously, 5-0, last Thursday to receive public input on the tax, which it plans to vote on without further discussion at its Jan. 5 meeting. A current cigarette tax of 65¢ per pack would result in about $120,000 in annual revenues, said town manager Patrick Frick.

Frick presented a cigarette tax of 15¢ per pack based on an estimated 4,000 packs per week sold in White Stone, which, he estimated, would yield the town an estimated $13,200 per year. After an estimated $9,000 in administrative fees, the tax could net about $4,200. At that rate, Frick said, the town would take the tax over just over 15 years.

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The town council voted unanimously, 5-0, last Thursday to use reserve funds to pay off the cigarette tax at its January 5 meeting.

The payoff and possible tax were recommended to the council by Hudson, Hodges, Joe Steptoe, Elvin Trenholm and related activities are scheduled Friday.

The 33rd annual Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9.

The theme will be “Sights and Sounds of Christmas.”

The parade will begin at Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center and proceed along Main Street to Irvington Road and end on School Street, said assistant town manager/community development Susan T. Irwin.

Kilmarnock Main Street Business Development Board's Aaron Cuckler.

Pre-parade activities will be held throughout the Steptoe's District and Santa will visit with children at the Kilmarnock Preschool on School Street from 5 to 6 p.m.

The parade is sponsored by Dominion Virginia Power and the Lancaster by Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Mason Steptoe III of Morgantown, W. Va., will represent the Steptoe family as grand marshal.

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Habitat to dedicate house number 13 on December 11

WEEMS—Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity recently announced the completion of its 13th house.

The house on Greenwood Court in Weems is being purchased by Kimble Rush, who will serve as the Habitat homeowner. The dedication ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, December 11. The Rev. Tom Cox of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will deliver a sermon, dedicatory remarks, and lead the prayer service.

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BURGERS—At 4:30 p.m. December 29, Virginia State Police responded to a burglar alarm at a Bonefish Dip restaurant on Virginia Dam Memorial Highway. A quick investigation revealed that a Glade Point Road resident, traveling northbound on Route 200, observed while driving his vehicle down the southbound lane and then a 1966 Toyota pickup, reported Virginia State Police Sgt. 5, 34, of Milford, was struck by a 1991 Chevrolet blazer, reported Virginia State Police Cpl. 29, 29, of Montross. The driver of the Chevrolet, Howard S. Jones, 20, of Montross, was driving the vehicle with his driver’s license and was not wearing a safety belt and was not injured in the crash. Jones was charged with reckless driving, said Sgt. Molnar. The driver of the Toyota, Howard Smith, 61, of Montross, suffered serious injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Kilmarnock General Hospital where he later died. Sue Carter, not wearing her safety belt, was not injured in the crash.

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

School bus driver is charged in bus crash

MONTROSS—At 7:30 a.m. December 2, Virginia State Police responded to a bus crash on Route 3 at the intersection of Opal Lane and Main Street. The crash occurred when the driver of Westmoreland County bus #20 was attempting to make a left turn onto westbound Route 3 from Opal Lane and was struck by a 1991 Chevrolet blazer, reported Virginia State Police Cpl. 29, 29, of Montross. At the time of the crash, the bus was carrying 20 students and two passengers, ages 9 to 20. The bus was involved in a head-on crash with the driver of the Chevrolet, Howard S. Jones, 20, of Montross, who was driving the vehicle with his driver’s license and was not wearing a safety belt and was not injured in the crash. Jones was charged with reckless driving, said Sgt. Molnar. The driver of the Toyota, Howard Smith, 61, of Montross, suffered serious injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Kilmarnock General Hospital where he later died. Sue Carter, not wearing her safety belt, was not injured in the crash.

CRIME SOLVERS

Head-on collision claims man’s life

Lancaster County Crime Solvers is soliciting information related to three recent equipment thefts. Between November 19 and 19, at 4:30 a.m., a black, 20-foot, flat-bed utility trailer was taken from D&B Construction, 990 Little Bay Lane, at White Stone. At the time of the theft, the trailer was carrying 20, 2 x 4s and rungs for a 30-foot hunting blind. Between November 18 and 20, a 20’ KGW Generator was taken from a house under construction at 75 Farm Lane in White Stone. The generator had been installed at the residence and power and gas lines were cut during the theft. On October 27, a black, homemade trailer with motor gate on the side and back for a 12 x 24 cottage was taken from 284 Little Bay Road in White Stone. At the time of the theft, the trailer carried license tags with the number 256649.

If you have useful information to low law enforcement, you could receive a reward up to $1,000.

November 20: Staff reported to a residence on North Main Street and to a report of the theft of property from a state game warden to a deer on State Game Warden Road, as Towboat US did not respond. The captain refused assistance and on December 1 returned to the boat house. Time on call, 3 hours.

November 21: Sea Rescue notified of a 48-foot sailboat that called on the radio for Towboat US with a net in their propeller off the entrance of the Great Wicomico River. The 20-foot US Coast Guard boat to Bay Shore was able to get to the boat and by 2:00 p.m. the vessel was able to get to the entrance of the Great Wicomico River, as Towboat US did not respond.

November 22: Sea Rescue notified of 20-22 foot Sea with electronic ignition caused by running short in Smith Point Light. The boat was towed to Shell Landing. Time on call, 2 hours.

November 22: Rescue I responded to a call for a 30-foot catamaran on the water with a four-person crew that experienced an emergency themselves. The boat was towed from the GW1 mark to the owner’s dock on Creek’s Point. Time on call, 2 hours.

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November 25: State Police responded to a call from the owner’s dock to the Lake Monticello Marina. The boat was running aground on the reef. Time on call, 40 minutes.

November 26: Sea Rescue notified of an 18-foot Carolina skiff with one person on board. The boat was a called in to the Great Wicomico River, as Towboat US did not respond. Information on the stolen items or the properties during these times to Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 426-7441, or Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office at 462-5111.

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November 20: Rescue I responded to a call for a 40 1/2 foot Carolina skiff with the radio for Towboat US with a net in their propeller off the entrance of the Great Wicomico River, as Towboat US did not respond. The captain refused assistance and on December 1 returned to the boat house. Time on call, 3 hours.

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The Agenda

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 8, in the courts building at 39 Judicial Place in Heathsville. A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m. to consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance to redefine "tourist home" as an owner-occupied dwelling having rooms for lease on a temporary basis and which may provide meals to its transient guests.

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The board also will hear reports on county roadways and schools. A closed session is scheduled for 5:55 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

IRVINGTON—Town council members will hear updates from zoning administrator Bob Hardesty on demolition of the Thomas house on Chesaapeake Drive tonight, December 8. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

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Happy Holidays from

State Police offer tips on charitable giving

In the spirit of the holiday season, many charity use this time of the year to raise funds. With economic challenges lingering, Virginia can report increased competition for each and every charity dollar.

With this in mind, the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Information offers the following tips to help Virginia protect themselves by ensuring their donations go to legitimate organizations and individuals truly in need, and not to scams or fraudulent organizations.

• Give to charities you know.

Knowing a charity takes the guesswork out of giving. If the charity is new, then research its cause, mission and plans for spending donations.

• Do not rush into giving.

It is unlikely that a legitimate charity will say “donate now” or “your money is needed now.” Request the caller of online solicitations to mail information about the charity. Read the information online, or at a public library. Information on many charities is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at www.orgcharityhms.org.

• Ask questions.

Ask the person requesting a donation what the charity does with raised funds. What is the donation between: administrative costs and actual money necessary to reach its goals? Will the charity report your information to unknown organizations?

If personal information is provided, how is secured within the organization’s record-keeping system?

• Check donation tax deductibility.

If seeking a tax deduction for contributions, ensure the charity qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Always request and keep a receipt in the record of the contribution.

• Be wary of telephone and internet solicitations.

Do not give credit card numbers or bank account numbers.

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The Christmas Cart & Carol Parade was held last Friday in Irvington. Some 20 golf carts participated in the event, reported Diane Cook-Tench. Entries ranged from the infinitely simple to the extravagantly outrageous, from the gingerbread man to the reindeer float.

The parade started at Chesapeake Academy, stopped off at the Irvington Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and continued down King Carter Drive to the Talos Inn, where a celebratory award ceremony and marshmallow roast were enjoyed near a massive cedar Christmas Tree. Everyone is already planning their entry for next year’s parade, said Cook-Tench.

The grand prize winner was a cart entitled “Blue Christmas” with Santa Claus and Elvis Presley. Klaus Schaschek portrayed Santa and Elvis was Robert McKay. Second place was a float entitled “The Monas” by Gleen Tignor. Third place was a float entitled “Tropical Christmas” by Keith Kopcsak.

Glenn Tignor.

Santa lands on the rooftop of the Bugg family cart. Photo by Audrey Thomasson

Kelly is recognized by officers association

KILMARNOCK—The Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Order of the Combat Veterans of America recently presented the annual MAOA Leadership Award to retired U.S. Army Col. William F. Kelly to recognize his outstanding contributions to the Northern Neck Chapter and the community. Col. Kelly has been an active member of the chapter for the past five years as the treasure and three years as treasurer of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship Fund. The presentation was made by incoming commander Lt. Col. David L. Skeens.

As a result of his leadership, attendance at the chapter’s monthly meetings has increased from three to four members in attendance to over 40 per meeting. A notable achievement is the chapter’s success in raising funds from area businesses and individuals. The chapter currently has over $150,000 in funds available for area veterans of all minority citizenship believed to be over 70 years of age and who are at least 100 chest compressions per minute, according to Waddy.

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Lloyd Hill speaks at veterans celebration

MERRYPRFIT—Retired U.S. Army Maj. Lloyd Hill served as guest speaker for a Veterans Day celebration sponsored by the Delta B, Springfield, Post 121, American Legion, at Holy Tabernacle.

The introductory speech captured the audience and kept them sitting on the edge of their seats, reported Ann Spencer. There were many requests for him to return.

Other guest who honored the event were the local Praise Dancers; Jonathan Smith; Crockett; Doree Parker; and Pearl Walth-Buss, said Spencer. “We are grateful for all who attended from far and near who helped to make this service a success,” she said.

NAAACP president notes growth

In Jeffersonville

KILMARNOCK—The year 2011 was a very good year for the Jeffersonville Branch of the NAACP, thanks to growth in numbers and increased participation in activities, reported Col. Kelly, according to president Lloyd Hill.

At the November meeting, Hill noted membership increased four times over 2010 numbers and meeting attendance is up 400 percent. At the next monthly meeting, the branch also sponsored several voter registration drives and asked citizens alleging discrimination in housing and employment to meet monthly with the Lancaster schools superintendent. The branch also sponsored several voter registration drives and asked citizens alleging discrimination in housing and employment to meet monthly with the Lancaster schools superintendent.

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