In Session One, Dennis Tucker will share the back-ground and history of the pipe organ, and give dem-onstrations on the only such instrument in this area. In Session Two will consider the bagpipe with Christo-phery Taylor and Neil Smart. This instrument is found in many nations and cultures, but remains a symbol of Scotland wherever the sons and daughters of that land are found. Session Three, with Lyn Conley, will explore the history of English handbells and different techniques for playing them, through demonstrations and hands-on ringing.

Dennis Tucker holds master of music and master of sacred music degrees from Southern Methodist University. He has served several churches in Florida, Michigan, and Massachusetts as organist and choir director, and has taught at the college level in Michigan and Missouri. Christopher Taylor, a founding member of the Kilnarmock and District Pipe Band, and its only native Scot, has lived in the Northern Neck since 1986. Neil Smart is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Now retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, he builds and performs on replicas of early harpsichords and pianofortes. Lyn Conley started playing handbells in 1974. In 1994, she helped to start the Rappahannock River Ringers at Kilnarmock United Methodist Church.

#167: “The Overland Campaign”
Founding Fathers of the Northern Neck
February 21 and 28, and March 7 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Kilmarnock Center, Room #100
Instructor: Phillip Greenwalt

The Overland Campaign, which began west of Fred-erickburg on May 5, 1864, ushered in a new age of fighting and destruction in the American Civil War. Union commander Ulysses S. Grant led the Army of the Potomac against the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee. The desolation of the coming campaign was magnified by the changes that had taken place since the previous summer's victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, and the war's fourth spring would be fateful for the two armies. On the eve of the 150th anniversary of these battles, "The Overland Campaign" will present the people and stories of the Civil War, and tell how this campaign changed its course and style.

See Course #165 for information about Phillip Greenwalt.

#168: Slippery Slopes: An Overview of International Financial Arrangements
April 2, 9, and 23 (Wednesdays); 1-3 p.m.
Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury, Irvington
Instructor: Dr. David G. Davies

International financial arrangements have been criti-cal in creating a stable world economy. Conversely, a failure of these arrangements brought on the Great Depression as countries competed to devalue exchange rates, and to reduce their own unemployment as countries competed to devalue exchange rates. Dr. Gregory Haugan is an engineer with advanced architecture, the role of the Church of England, and the church-state debate point to the beliefs and writings of historical figures as evidence for or against their positions. But what did those men really believe? This course will explore the religious experiences and views of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Ben Franklin, James Madison, George Washington, and others, as well as religious concepts and how they can be applied in the new nation.

For further information, or inclusion on the RILL mailing list, call or e-mail the RCC/EFI office.

For full course descriptions and pricing information, visit the website for the RCC/EFI program at www.rillcfei.org.
RAPPAHANNOCK INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (RILL)

A program of the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation, RILL was designed by a group of volunteers to be a life-enriching and thought-provoking learning experience for adults who wish to keep their minds active. 

MISSION: Recognizing that a vigorous mind is as necessary to a full life as are physical exercise and social relationships, RILL offers educational opportunities and intellectual enrichment for adults of any age. In a stimulating classroom study environment, participants can acquire new knowledge, explore thought-provoking ideas, and share their interests and experience with like-minded community members. 

CLASSES: RILL’s noncredit college-level courses are held in several convenient locations within RCC’s service region, and usually meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Some instructors may suggest specific preliminary reading material to prepare students to get the most from the course; this information will be sent to registered students. The courses will include neither prerequisites nor tests. Evaluations by participants will provide feedback for future offerings. 

REGISTRATION: Completed registration forms (see tear-off panel in this brochure), with the appropriate tuition, must be received before the first class meeting. As class size may be limited, early registration is strongly advised. Tuition is neither tax-deductible nor refundable. Separate charitable gifts to the Foundation, designated for RILL, will help to defray program costs. These gifts are tax-deductible.

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Northern Neck Courses

#171: Fighting for the Cross: A Short Overview of the Crusades
May 9, 16, and 23 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Warsaw Campus, Room (the)
Instructor: Jon Stallard
In 1095, Pope Urban II called the First Crusade to retake the Holy Land from Muslim rule. For the next two centuries, thousands of Europeans, from peasants to kings, answered the call. This class will consist of a historical and military examination of the crusading movement within the context of the period, and will lay particular emphasis on the personalities involved in the first three crusades.

Jon Stallard is a native of Richmond, Virginia. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science, history, and education from Virginia Commonwealth University. As well as being an author, lecturer, and genealogist, he is a co-owner and morning show co-host on WRAR Radio.

#172: Environmentally Sensitive Landscaping (cont.)
May 14, 21, and 28 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
Gloucester County Public Library, Gloucester
Instructor: Dr. Greg Boeshaar

Carlton H. Hershner, Jr., director of the Center for Coastal Resources Management and Associate Professor of Marine Science at VIMS, received his bachelor’s degree from Bucknell University and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Karen A. Dubbing of the VIMS Wetlands Program received her bachelor’s degree in environmental studies at New College of the University of Southern Florida, and her master’s in coastal zone management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Middle Peninsula Courses

#173: Far Horizons—The Universe of Stars and Galaxies
March 14, 21, and 28 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
Gloucester County Public Library, Gloucester
Instructor: Dr. Greg Boeshaar

Like our own Milky Way, galaxies are huge collections of stars, gas, and dust, varied in form and lying in clusters that map out an ever-expanding universe.

Greg Boeshaar holds a Ph.D. in astronomy from Ohio State University, and has published several articles on the topic. He has worked in the fields of optical imaging and spectroscopy, and radio interferometry, at many national observatories in the United States. His space science engineering experience includes the development of the Hubble Space Telescope, atmospheric data archives, and NASA planetary exploration mission assessment.

Spring 2014 Course Offerings

#174: The Enduring Genius of Flannery O’Connor
April 8, 15, and 22 (Tuesdays); 1-3 p.m.
Middlesex County Library, Delaplane Branch
Instructor: Gail Kenna

Flannery O’Connor is named among the 100 exemplary creative minds in Harold Bloom’s book, “Genius.” Fifty years after O’Connor’s death at age 39, interest in this Southern storyteller has not faded. To understand why, course participants will read and discuss O’Connor’s final short story collection, “Everything That Rises Must Converge.”

See Course #169 for information about Gail Kenna.

#175: Courthouses of the Lower Middle Peninsula
May 6, 13, and 20 (Tuesdays); 1-3 p.m.
Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex County
Instructors: Dr. David Brown, Thane Harpole

The courthouse at the center of every Virginia County often evolved into a complex of private and public structures housing local government, with support buildings ranging from jails and clerks’ offices to taverns, stores, and other businesses that served the public on court days. In some cases vibrant towns—home to infamous trials, hangings, military skirmishes, and more than a few fires—grew up from these court-house villages, while others have disappeared completely. Students will visit three important courthouses, and examine archaeological and historical records that reveal the nature of these villages. The course will also survey the documentary resources for those who wish to use the county records for their own research.

Both Brown and Harpole received their undergraduate degrees, and Brown his doctorate, from the College of William & Mary, and have conducted archaeological research in Gloucester County since 1994. They are co-directors of the Fairfield Foundation and founding members of the Werowocomoco Research Group.