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Beauty or beast?

Residents, county officials weigh benefits of boathouses

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—A handful of vocal Tipers Creek residents are leading an initiative to ban boathouses in Northumberland County.

The same group of activists successfully opposed several boathouse applications in recent years. But this time the board of supervisors approved, 3-2, David Shaffer's application to build a 15-foot by 36-foot boathouse at the top of the creek.

The decision caused outrage among some of those who attended last Thursday's board meeting.

Tipers Creek residents Sandy Sperry, Bill McGee, Ilona Duncan and Nancy and Eugene Brand opposed Shaffer's application on the grounds that all boathouses impact navigation, the environment and the view, and that both Lancaster County and Maryland have laws prohibiting boathouses.

"We in Northumberland have a chance to save our waterways from the ugly and cumbersome boathouses that other states, specifically Maryland, and other counties in Virginia have prohibited," said Nancy Brand. "Boathouses can be a real navigational nightmare as well as destroying the beauty of our waterways."

"It is principally a matter of aesthetics," said McGee. "Boathouses present an inherently industrial or commercial facade; they resemble barns or warehouses.... additionally many boathouses are found to be abandoned or in a state of disrepair."

A motion from District 4 supervisor Pamela Russell to deny the boathouse request failed by a 2-3 vote.

District 1 supervisor Joseph Self then moved to approve the application, stating that in the past the board has approved applications when a boathouse didn't block the neighbors' view. He further mentioned that boathouses provide much needed protection for fiberglass boats, which have become very expensive.

During the public comment period following the decision, several people chided the board for not listening to the constituents.

"When you have a movement from that many people, you need to listen to it," said one upset man who did not identify himself.

Chairman Ronald Jett of District 5 said the board is listening to its constituents and that the people who regularly attend meetings do not represent the entire county.

Self said banning boathouses would be akin to banning garages.

The Tipers Creek group asked if the county would consider a ban on boathouses and if the public could have an opportunity to voice its opinion on the matter.

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Piers and boats are plentiful on Tipers Creek. Residents worry that open-sided boathouses like this one will clutter this narrow creek and impede navigation.

While some people see old waterfront structures as beautiful and practical, others fear that they harbor harmful chemicals and are left to rot and fall apart. Some Tipers Creek residents are seeking a ban on boathouses on their creek and in Northumberland County. Meanwhile, the county processed roughly 15 applications for boathouses in 2005.

Irvington to seek hearing on RW-C sewage proposal

by Robb Hoff

IRVINGTON—At the urging of residents, town officials agreed last week to request a public hearing on a proposed sewage wastewater discharge into Old Mill Cove, which flows into Carters Creek.

Mayor Alexander Fleet directed the town administrator to formally request a hearing with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on the pending request by Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

RW-C proposes to discharge up to 80,000 gallons per day of treated sewage wastewater into the headwaters of Old Mill Cove.

Fleet said numerous calls had been received about the proposed wastewater discharge and recommended action by concerned residents as well.

"I think individual citizens ought to write anyhow," said Fleet.

The DEQ is receiving public comments about the RW-C proposal until 5 p.m. Monday, January 23.

Planning commission chairman Robert Morrison added that individuals can email or fax their requests for a public hearing.

The email contact for DEQ public comments is Diane Cook at docook@deq.virginia.gov. Faxes can be sent to 527-5106.

Written statements should be mailed to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Diane Cook, Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Statements may be sent by Irvington residents and anyone else wishing to comment.

The DEQ legal advertisement for the request specifies that those comments must include:

- the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and all of the people represented by the person.
- the reason for holding a hearing, if requested, and include concerns that might be had over the request.
- a brief, informal statement regarding the extent of the interest of the person commenting, including how the operation of the facility or activity would affect the person commenting.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Cook at 527-5044.

Irvington resident Tom Colligan said Cook had only notified property owners within a half-mile of the facility about the RW-C sewage treatment plans and not property owners along Old Mill Cove or Carters Creek.

"It just didn't occur to her to go any farther than that," said Colligan.

He suggested that those submitting comments to DEQ ask for an environmental impact statement since the project could affect wetlands and dredging of Old Mill Cove. The cove could be further subjected to siltation that could impact water depth unless rip-rap were installed along the banks leading up to the discharge, added Colligan.

The timing of the request was also mentioned at the council meeting. Morrison said awareness about the request could have been diminished because the DEQ notice was advertised just before Christmas.

Irvington resident David Cheek said the timing caught people off guard.

"This is something that was sprung upon us," said Cheek.

He urged council to formally notify DEQ about the town's request for a public hearing and said RW-C officials should publicly address what their plans are and explain what they're trying to do.

"It's something we don't need in this town and don't need in Carters Creek," Cheek said of the wastewater discharge.

RW-C currently has a sewage treatment system through which treated and disinfected wastewater is sprayed on a 14-acre hay field.

Irvington resident Frances Simmons said RW-C has more acreage to further accommodate the sewage treatment needs at the facility.

She noted this is not the first attempt by RW-C to discharge treated wastewater into Old Mill Cove.

"And the town council, with the citizens' help, was able to stop them," said Simmons.

No-shows force special meeting

by Robb Hoff

IRVINGTON–Three Irvington council members and Mayor Alexander Fleet last week called for a special meeting on February 1.

The special meeting was set after council failed on January 12 to field a quorum of four members to conduct a legal meeting.

The special meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Irvington town office at 235 Steamboat Drive.

Agenda items will include consideration of contract estimates for repairing the drainage ditch that borders the Commons property by the Steamboat Era Museum, contract estimates for regrading the entire Commons property to improve stormwater drainage, and a funding request for replacement of playground equipment at the Commons.

Council will address an agreement between the town and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department for additional police presence in the town at a cost of $15 per hour.

Council also will act on the proposed purchase of an emergency generator to ensure continued pumping of town water during a power outage.

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Supervisors chart annual course for Northumberland

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—Northumberland County government began its new year last Thursday as it always does, with the election of officers and setting of priorities.

The board of supervisors again elected District 5 representative Ronald Jett chairman and Richard Haynie vice chairman. With officers elected, a calendar adopted and bylaws set, the board turned to setting priorities.

Sewers, studies and services top Northumberland County's "to do" list for 2006.

The Callao Sewer Project is set for completion and the county is looking for grants to pay for a sewer system to serve Indian Creek residents.

Northumberland will continue to study a ferry service to Crisfield, Md.

Both the schools and the fire departments are demanding attention. The high school and middle school need remodeling or replacing, and citizens are asking for a new fire station in Heathsville. Construction of a burn building near Brown's Store to train firefighters will resume.

The board is seeking to make improvements at the county's trash collection sites and to complete the remodeling of the courthouse's west wing. It is also planning to work with the YMCA, which wants to build a facility on county-owned land near the schools.

Wireless broadband is due to arrive in the area in the summer, and cellular towers should be available at four new locations around the county by April.

The comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance revisions continue. The new comprehensive plan is set for adoption in June.

With the reassessment complete, the county also needs to set a new tax rate this year.

Planning commissions to meet in Lancaster, Heathsville

The planning commissin for Lancaster County will conduct a hearing on a five-year capital improvement budget tonight, January 19, at 7 p.m.at the courthouse in Lancaster.

The budget addresses capital improvement projects costing more than $10,000.

Proposed projects include the addition of county office space and renovation or replacement of the school bus garage in Lively.

The planning commission for Northumberland County will meet at the courthouse in Heathsville at 7 p.m. tonight, January 19.

In addition to electing officers and adopting bylaws, the commission will review a year-end report by assistant county administrator Luttrell Tadlock.

Members will hear reports from the board of supervisors meeting and an update on the comprehensive plan, which was presented to the board for the first time last week.

Facilitator Greg Haugan walked the board through the process the commission has followed over the past year. He named key members of the community who contributed to various sections of the plan and he revealed new maps and charts put together by Stuart McKenzie of the Northern Neck District Planning Commis-

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January

19 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The RFM Photographers meet at 2 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.
The Rappatomac Writers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Chinn House at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Those working on the mystery, meet at 1 p.m.
The Planning Commission for Lancaster County meets at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Planning Commission for Northumberland County meets at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society meets at 12:15 p.m. at Wicomico Parish Church in Wicomico Church. Donna Ware is the featured speaker. Bring a brown-bag lunch.
The Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Society meets at noon at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping.
Auditions will be held by the Westmoreland Players for "The Art of Dining" and "Driving Miss Daisy." Prospective actors and technicians are urged to attend the auditions from 7 to 9 p.m. at West Side Hall in Callao. 529-9345.
Rest is the topic for The Basics of Healthy Living Workshop at Northern Neck Family YMCA at 6 p.m. $20.

20 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
A Spaghetti Supper will be served by the eighth-grade class at Chesapeake Academy in Irvington from 5 to 7 p.m. $8 adults, $4 children.

21 Saturday

A Bluegrass Show to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. 725-3495.
Dinner at Seven meets at 6 p.m. at Yesterday's in Montross. To attend, email grnponds@aol.com, or call 462-5430 by January 20.

21 Saturday

The Annual Meeting of The Genealogical Society of the Northern Neck of Virginia begins at 10 a.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church at 118 Methodist Church Road, off Route 3 between Kilmarnock and White Stone.
"Re-inventing Your Image 2006," a seminar featuring Maria Boren, begins noon at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock. Proceeds will benefit The Haven. $10 adults, $8 for high school girls. For tickets, call 443-5060.
A Recital featuring Ibby Roberts on bassoon, Mary Ann Archer on flute and piccolo and Frank Archer on piano begins at 4 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington.

22 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Donegaler's Irish Pub at the Village Green in Callao immediately following church services.
Albert C. Pollard Jr. will discuss Chesapeake Bay pollution at Sundays at Two at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m.

23 Monday

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.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.
The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazerene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
The Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Local Human Rights Committee meets at 1 p.m. at The Brambles at 20 Plantation Road in Mathews.
The Kilmarnock Town Council meets at 7 p.m. at the town office on North Main Street.
The Democratic Committee for Lancaster County meets at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.

24 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
The Lancaster Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.

24 Tuesday

Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Board of Supervisors for Lancaster County meets at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club will host a garden design workshop January 24 at Festival Halle in Reedville from 9:30 a.m. to noon. A craft session will follow from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a lunch.
An Organizational Meeting for an American Cancer Society Relay for Life campaign begins at 6 p.m. at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess. 453-7614.
An Organizational Meeting for a Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group begins at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Whitechapel near Lively. 462-0431.
Books Alive meets at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. Peggy Patterson Garland will review her book, *Ask Peggy: Free Legal Advice for Virginians.*
The Virginia Marine Resources Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC Headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Fisheries hearings begin at noon.

25 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
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.
A Grief Support Group meets at 4 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.
The RFM Quilters meets at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
A Winter Clearance Sale will be held at the Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men's warehouse on Route 201 near Lively from 3 to 6 p.m. All items are 50 percent off.

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The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Exercise is the topic for The Basics of Healthy Living Workshop at Northern Neck Family YMCA at 6 p.m. $20.
Mahjong will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert provided. Tables of three or more. $2 pr person. 438-4152.

(Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor.)

Youth needed for 'Oz' cast

Children are needed for The Court House Players production of the musical "Oz."

Auditions will be held February 5 at 1 p.m. at Apostles Lutheran Church at 7092 Main Street in Gloucester Court House.

The production calls for an all-youth cast with up to 60 members.

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CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

SAT. JAN. 21
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:40
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LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

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LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00

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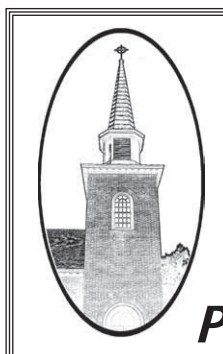
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Ibby Roberts, in her fifth year serving on the performance faculty in the music department at the University of Virginia, is principal bassoonist with the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra and the UVA faculty woodwind quartet.
Mary Ann Archer, a flutist and piccoloist, was a 26 year member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City.
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Area Events

■ Bluegrass show

On Saturday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., the Gwynn's Island Civic League will host a bluegrass jam to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum. Bands include Dragon Run Bluegrass Band and Made From Scratch.

Donations accepted. To perform at future shows, call Richard or Diane Callis at 725-3495.

■ Relay for Life

There will be a meeting to get plans under way for an American Cancer Society Relay For Life campaign at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess on Tuesday, January 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Margaret Goheen at 453-7614.

■ Serving spaghetti

The eighth-grade class at Chesapeake Academy will host a spaghetti supper Friday, January 20, to raise money for a science trip to Florida. The supper will be held in Academy Hall on the campus at 107 Steamboat Road in Irvington from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $8 for adults and $4 for children 14 years and younger. Meals also may be purchased to take out.

Former delegate to speak at Sundays At Two Series

On Sunday, January 22, the Hon. Albert C. Pollard Jr, will speak at Sundays At Two at the Lancaster Community Library. His topic is "Bay Pollution Sources: Our Best Guess."

Former Gov. Mark R. Warner, in his recent State of the Commonwealth address, noted that more funding will help reduce nitrogen discharges by almost two-thirds of the 2010 goal.

"The bay is a national treasure and restoring it must be a basic obligation," said Warner.

Pollard will address this problem and the sources of the pollution.

Pollard was elected in 1999 to represent the Northern Neck and Caroline County in the House of Delegates. He served the District 99 for three terms, a seat held by former Secretary of Natural Resources W. Tayloe Murphy Jr. for whom Pollard was a legislative aide. Pollard chose not to run for re-election for a fourth term in November 2005, citing the need to spend more time on personal business, and family obligations.

From 1995 through 1998, Pollard served as director and lobbyist at the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club. As a delegate, he continued his passion for protecting the environment. Pollard earned a lifetime average score of 97 percent from the League of Conservation Voters and was a recipient of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's 2004 Legislator of the Year Award.

The Hon. Albert C. Pollard Jr.

While a delegate, Pollard worked hard to serve as an independent voice in Richmond, working across party lines. He has been recognized by the National Federation of Independent Businesses for his support of the small business community and has received an award from the Virginia Rural Health Care Association for his efforts to improve healthcare, particularly obstetrical delivery in rural areas.

Pollard and his wife, Mariah, have three young children, Mears, Sarah Wells and Albert C. Pollard III. They live on a working farm near Mollusk and manage a small business.

The Sundays at Two program is free. Attendees are invited to stay for coffee, cookies and discussion with the speaker at the conclusion of the talk.

The series will continue February 12 when Phyllis McClure discusses "Rosenwald Schools in the Northern Neck." On February 19, the program will be "Bill Gurley and Friends: Bluegrass Fiddling, Rhythm & Roots." The series will conclude March 5 with Margaret Devinney and "Mythology: How the ancients explained the world."

Pipe band to host annual Burns dinner

The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band will host its seventh annual Burns Night Supper and Concert at the White Stone Event Center in White Stone February 4.

Doors will open to guests at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30, the band will begin ceremonies with the presentation of the colors and anthems of England, Scotland, and the United States.

The first half of the evening will feature bagpipe music, Celtic dancing and songs by Burns. The menu will have a Scottish flair. There will be the traditional taste of haggis.

Following a "Toast to the Immortal Memory of Burns," presented by Ron Murray of Charlottesville, the concert will continue with Celtic tunes played by the Celidh Band made up of members of the pipe band and friends.

Tickets are $30. Proceeds benefit the pipe band. A limited number of tickets are still available at the Bank of Lancaster in Kilmarnock and White Stone, Chesapeake Bank in Kilmarnock and The Local in Irvington. Reservations may be made for tables of 10 by calling Reed Johnson at 462-7409.

Great Decisions policy groups to organize

The Great Decisions foreign policy discussion groups will hold local organizational meetings in January.

The non-partisan, non-governmental, Foreign Policy Association sponsors Great Decisions. Participation in the discussions increases an understanding of eight current issues facing the nation. Anyone is invited to join the discussion groups. Participants are not expected to be experts in the fields, only interested in the events.

A well researched, highly readable briefing booklet is provided to offer background on each of the subjects.

There are three discussion groups in the area. Groups will organize January 24 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Whitechapel near Lively, (Roger T. Fortin at 462-0431); January 27 at 10 a.m. at Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock (Thomas A. York, 435-0088); and January 27 at 10 a.m. at Deltaville Library (Preston F. Philyaw, 776-9443).

Topics for 2006 include UN reform, the U.S. and Iran, energy, Brazil, China and India, human rights in the age of terrorism, Turkey and global health pandemics and security.

Waterfowl show to land in White Stone March 17-19

The 27th annual Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show will be held March 18 and 19 with a preview night gala March 17.

Over 80 artists are registered for the show, all with wildfowl related art in a variety of forms including original paintings, decorative wildfowl carvings, bronze sculpture, folk art carvings, gunning style decoys, prints, jewelry and antique decoys.

The Artist of the Year is Ed Hatch of Spring Grove. Hatch has painted a special painting of a heron in marsh grass for the show and color prints will be given out both days. Guests at the preview gala will receive signed and numbered prints. The show print is sponsored by W.F. Booth Inc. of Kilmarnock.

The weekend door prize is an original painting by Ann Holloway of Salisbury, Md. The preview gala door prize is a songbird carving by Vince Ciesielski of Harrisburg, Pa.

The preview gala is a special evening for guests to enjoy the artwork and make purchases. Advance tickets are required. For more information on the gala, call 435-6355, or email info@rrws.org.

The Rappahannock Carvers and Collectors Guild will hold its annual carving competition March 18 next door to the firehouse.

To date, several businesses have contributed to the show in a number of ways. They include Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust, W.F. Booth and Son Inc., Connemara Inc., Rappahannock Rentals and Fest Catering. Businesses interested in sponsorship may call 435-6355.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 19. Admission is $7; children under 12 are free.

The Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show will be held at the White Stone firehouse. Proceeds benefit the operations of the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information, call 435-6355, or visit www.rrws.org.

Reviewers to bring local books to life

The winter Books Alive program, sponsored by the Friends of the Northumberland Library, will get under way in January on a new day at a new time.

Sessions will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. The first review, January 24, will address *Ask Peggy: Free Legal Advice for Virginians* by Peggy Patterson Garland. Garland, an attorney in Montross, will be the reviewer.

"The book began as a newspaper column to answer questions about Virginia law," she said. "The purpose of those articles and of this book is not to substitute for hiring a lawyer, but to help you know whether you need a lawyer, and if so, what kind of lawyer you need."

The chapters range from divorce, custody, support and visitation to real estate to wills, estates, and powers of attorney. There are also chapters devoted to contracts, liens, liability, judgments and criminal cases.

Garland, who has practiced law in Virginia for 18 years, will field legal questions from the audience.

The day and time change was made to avoid conflicts with other meetings, said Books Alive chair Earline Walker.

"We also want to attract people who work full time and would be able to attend an evening review," said Walker.

Light refreshments will be available during and after the reviews.

Other upcoming reviews include *The First Emancipator* by Andrew Levy and *Israel on the Appomattox* by Melvin Patrick Ely to be reviewed by Robert Crown February 28, and *A Reluctant Rebel*, by John H. Harding Jr., reviewed by the author on March 28.

The Northumberland Public Library is on Route 360 in Heathsville.

School superintendent to speak at NAPS annual meeting Feb. 4

The Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) will hold its annual meeting February 4 in the Parish Hall of St. Stephens Church in Heathsville. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and cookies.

The keynote address at 10 a.m. by Northumberland school superintendent Clint Stables, will highlight issues surrounding the future replacement of Northumberland Middle School and the potential that a "campus" environment could provide.

Stables will discuss the budget and tax implications of the project, the process that has already begun for selecting a contractor, community input into the process, the timetable for the project and what this project will do to improve instructional programs. Following his comments there will be a question and answer period and the annual business meeting.

NAPS also will discuss the need for planning and preparation of future development.

For the year 2006, NAPS will receive a $3,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay License Plate Fund to help restore marsh grasses and eliminate invasive Phragmites. Each year NAPS recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to plant marsh grasses along eroding Northumberland shorelines.

NAPS also donated $500 toward the purchase of a computer and projector for the Northumberland Public Library and bought a VHS tape, "Community of Choices," narrated by Edward T. McMahon.

Last fall, NAPS provided $500 grants to five Northumberland High School students. Another $1,000 donation recently was presented to Stables to be used at his discretion. The schools used the money last year to refurbish and purchase band instruments and to improve the nature trail.

Among other news, president Dr. Lynton Land continues to write his "Stewardship Tips" column for local publications, informing people of topical and useful ways to protect and improve the environment.

For more information, visit www.napsva.org.

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

When I was growing up, bagels were only available at Jewish delicatessens in New York City, and known in concert with smoked fish, called lox. I do not think I ever saw bagels and lox until the 1970s and bagels as a bread food by themselves in the grocery store did not exist. The thought of chains of bagelries one day being in places outside of Manhattan and Brooklyn was inconceivable.

With that background I should appear to be a highly unlikely bagel connoisseur, but in all modesty I can say that I am on the right path for such an encomium. In part, my course had resulted from trips back and forth to Washington and New York, as well as the culinary refinements with which I became familiar through the efforts of my good wife.

I have found that short of being in mid-town Manhattan, the best concentration of good bagels lies along U.S. 301 in Waldorf, Md. There one can find several good shops, each with its own specialties, but the largest offerings and selections are at the chain known as Einstein Bros. Bagels. I also have visited the Einstein's at Fredericksburg and in Georgetown in D.C. Their quality is uniform, and with all the varieties of bagels and smears, the permutations of mixes are virtually endless. In addition, each location is immaculately clean, which in my mind makes the food taste better.

The crown jewel is the "everything" bagel, which as its name suggests has a topping of all that one can imagine from poppyseed, sesame, onion, you-name-it, with an interior which is equally delicious. Another favorite I have found is the sun-dried tomato bagel carried to the second power with a smear of sun-dried cream cheese. As I prefer savory foods in the morning, I get these as breakfast, but later in the day, the blueberry and cranberry varieties are equally tasty, and require their own smears, such as honey walnut. Unlike what I remember from my first introduction to bagels in New York City, the tops are no longer salt-encrusted, and there are low-carb ones as well.

To compliment the right bagel, it is necessary to imbibe the right tea. Here the Einsteins' offerings are as limitless as their bagels. A routine bagel might call for a routine cup of tea, but a gourmet bagel demands more. Also, gone are the days when tea varieties were simply black and green. Today, the old standbys are joined by many others, both with and without caffeine. Here again, the combinations with the different bagels make each visit an experiment in "haute cuisine."

The Waldorf bagelries are oriented towards the carry-out trade, as well as those planning to sit and eat a leisurely meal. There are no tablecloths, china cups, silver cutlery, or chandeliers. The food is the ambience. The culinary treats to the palate make up for the simplicity of the settings.

If the 1940s and 1950s were the Age of the Donut, and the 1960s and 1970s were the Age of the English Muffin, from the 1980s until the present we have experienced the Age of the Bagel. It has in common with the donut only the round shape. It is healthier to eat, less messy to the fingers, shirts and neckties, and properly prepared, it is less fattening and more nutritious.

Whereas the donut represented the spread of urbanized tastes to the country as a whole, the English muffin came as a back-handed suburban return to a more elegant and refined form of dining.

The bagel, on the other hand, is and always has been for everyone, from its ethnic origins to its present role as a gourmet treat for the masses. It is a reasonably priced delicacy, which comes as a reward to locals and travelers as well.

In closing I only can say, "Viva la Bagel!"

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

The 2006 General Assembly session has finally begun. After being sworn in on Wednesday, January 11, I was appointed to three committees: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; Transportation; and Militia, Police and Public Safety.

Now that the session has officially begun, the pace around the office has definitely quickened. I have been trying to get bills, resolutions, amendments and such in before their deadlines. I have also been fortunate enough to get visitors from the district.

Thursday was Bankers Day, so I was visited by representatives from Union Bank and Trust, Northern Neck State Bank, Bank of Lancaster, Bank of Essex and Chesapeake Bank. They stopped by to discuss legislation that could have an impact on the banking industry. I also got to see people from the district that were in town to discuss agricultural needs. It was great to see so many familiar faces.

On Friday, my bill to increase penalties for a second stalking offense within a two-year time period had its first sub-committee hearing. Other bills have been assigned to committees; however, hearings have not yet begun.

Although we have been working hard to file legislative proposals designed to preserve the environment, promote economic growth and protect local business, we took time to attend the 2006 inaugural festivities. Saturday began with the inaugural ceremony, with Speaker Howell, from our neighboring district, presiding. The title of the event represents what the General Assembly plans to do with its time this session: honor "The Promise of Virginia."

The 2006 inauguration was held at Virginia's original state capital, which was in Williamsburg. Gov. Tim Kaine is only the third governor in history to be inaugurated there. The first two were names everyone should recognize: Thomas Jefferson in 1779 and Patrick Henry in 1776.

After the inauguration, there was a parade in which the officials rode in horse-drawn carriages, escorted by an old-fashioned fife and drum corps. The parade was much like taking a step back in time because there were no motorized vehicles allowed. Following the inauguration and parade, there were two inaugural balls; one in Williamsburg and one in Richmond. The inauguration was certainly an event to remember.

After a very exciting weekend, I returned to Richmond Monday and began sitting in on my committee meetings and going over legislation.

I can best be reached by phone at 698-1099, or email at delrwittman@house.state.va.us. I can also be sent mail at General Assembly Building, P.O. Box 406, Richmond, VA 23218.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the January 19, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen.)

Some boat news

The two-masted schooner, Samuel Russell, Baltimore to Norfolk, was wrecked last week in the Middle Ground, Chesapeake Bay, her Captain, Lang, and all the crew being lost.

The large two topmast schooner, Nicholson, Capt. Grace, of New Jersey, came into Eastern Branch last week to finish loading, but the Captain being a hustling yankee, left without the cargo, after waiting a day or so for it.

The people of Carters Creek and those of the tributary country round about are again very much indebted to the management of the Md., Va. & Del. R'way Co. for what is only a slight change in the advertised winter schedule of Rappahannock steamers. Up to the present week the winter schedule sent only two boats direct from Baltimore to Irvington and Weems every week - Saturday and Monday - leaving a great gap when there was "nothing doing" in that line. Upon request of the CITIZEN'S Editor and other interested parties Manager Thomson and Traffic Agent Mudoch arranged to let us have a boat in here on Wednesday morning. So on last Wednesday the familiar and early whistle awoke our people as in the days of spring, summer and fall. Thanks.

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Letters to the Editor

Ban boathouses

To The Editor:

The Northumberland board of supervisors met January 12 to consider, among other issues, another request for construction of a boathouse on one of our tidal streams.

The boathouse in question was approved, despite the objections of several nearby property owners, because the current county statutes all but mandate approval even despite the objections of adjoining property owners.

However, following statements made by several county residents opposed to the construction of boathouses, District 4 supervisor Pamela Russell made a motion for the board to request that the county planning commission review boathouse construction policy. That motion was immediately seconded by District 3 supervisor James Long and approved by the entire board.

This is very good news because it means that all Northumberland County residents will have a voice in determining our future direction on this issue. Over the next couple months, the planning commission will solicit public comments, formulate a recommendation, hold a public hearing, and then provide the board of supervisors with a, hopefully, modified county statute on which to vote.

Each Northumberland County resident has an opportunity to be heard on whether our county should continue with business as usual or look to the future. Regardless of whether one lives on waterfront property, this issue is important to all.

Twenty years ago when development was slow and spotty, no one cared if an occasional boathouse was erected, although most of them were slab-sided plug-ugly monsters, many of which still blight our waterways.

Now, with development occurring at a fast pace, we potentially could have, according to existing statutes, a boathouse every 200 feet on both sides of every creek and river in the county.

Those who are not waterfront property owners may say, "So what?" Yet think of this. Adjoining Lancaster County banned the construction of boathouses several years ago, as have many other Virginia counties and the entire state of Maryland. They did so because of the visual and environmental effect on their waterways.

We are in competition with those places for tourist revenue. The more appealing our waterways and lands are, the better off we are in terms of making our county a desirable place to be.

One may strongly support a property owner's right to do anything to his property that he deems fit regardless of the effect on his neighbors or the public at large. Or one may feel that we each bear some responsibility for maintaining a reasonable accommodation with our neighbors while also protecting the natural beauty of our mutually shared resources.

I urge Northumberland County residents to move our county forward by supporting this initiative to ban additional boathouses by sending letters to the planning commission, calling one's district supervisor and attending the public hearings.

R. J. Norman
Wicomico Church

Service support is appreciated

To The Editor:

Many thanks to the 10 churches of Kilmarnock who made Sunday's "Unity in Christ" worship service a glorious success.

To the pastors, musicians, choirs, participants and everyone who attended this inaugural event, deepest gratitude.

Very special recognition is offered to Robin Blake for her help at the Lancaster Middle School, Sign Designs for the Unity Banner, Connie's Florist for the beautiful flowers, Wilaby's catering for the fantastic fellowship meal and to Church Resource Services Inc. for its vision and sponsorship of this ground-breaking community celebration.

Bill Sigler
and the Unity in Christ
Worship Service
Planning Committee

Bush is no different

To The Editor:

A recent letter makes it sound as if President George W. Bush has uniquely usurped a new presidential authority. Every president, beginning with Jimmie Carter and including Bill Clinton, has maintained that the executive has the power that Bush is now using for wiretapping. Some of these have also used that power, but none had more justification than Bush has.

Consider that when a terrorist in some country picks up his cell phone and dials (and the U.S. happens to know about that cell phone) there is at most a few seconds before an action (wiretapping) must begin. FISA takes days, at best, to make these kinds of decisions. Responsible use for such power rests with the executive.

If it's not used responsibly, congress can withdraw the war powers it authorized for Bush, or it can impeach him. The responsibility and the accountability should rest with the commander-in-chief, not some judge or group of judges who, in turn, are not responsible for our safety and are not accountable to anybody.

The fact that Bush earlier made claims that wiretapping must be authorized is no different, for example, than Jimmie Carter claiming he could balance the budget. Reality sets in after one has been saddled with presidential responsibilities.

Denis Ables
Vienna

Christians gather

To The Editor:

We gather together to worship with one another, to pray, sing praises and read God's holy word. With those words as a backdrop, I was very honored January 15 to observe one of the most historic Christian events to take place in our community in recent years.

The event was the Unity in Christ worship service that brought together 10 churches in the Kilmarnock community for a combined service of spiritual teachings and praise-filled songs.

The churches that participated with their choirs and ministers were Calvary Baptist, Grace Episcopal, Kilmarnock United Methodist, Kilmarnock Baptist, Living Water Lutheran, Morattico Baptist, New St. John Baptist, River of Life-Assembly of God, St. Andrews Presbyterian and St. Francis de Sales Catholic.

From the very start of the program at Lancaster Middle School, it was immediately obvious that Christians come in all sizes, shapes and colors. It also was obvious that good music and scripture lessons are loved and appreciated by all. We were blessed with some great music by the groups as all of them made joyful noise unto the Lord. The ministers' comments were timely, concise and enlightening. The highlight of the messages for me was the "Meditation On Unity" by the pastors of St. Andrews Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist.

I hope that this is the first of an annual affair. I also hope that this unity concept will spread to other communities and will encourage them to worship together sometimes.

"Though his name was never mentioned, to have a unity service on the birthday of Martin Luther King was the icing on the cake for me. Here is a man that gave his life for inclusiveness. I am sure that this would please him greatly.

Kudos to all who helped to make this a great worship experience. I look forward to seeing you same time and place next year.

Lloyd N. Hill
Weems

Elves thanked

To The Editor:

Most folks agree that Santa Claus just couldn't complete his Christmas duties without the help of his unseen, unsung elves whose efforts are largely confined to Santa's workshop. The same is true of the Deputy Santa Program.

Thanks to the service of two hard-working dedicated elves, hundreds of gifts were collected, wrapped, sorted and delivered to the intended recipients. Doris Kidwell and Margaret Teal performed this almost magical task for the second year of the program and for the second time, the Deputy Santa Program was completed without a glitch.

Many generous contributors and hundreds of happy children join the Lancaster County Sheriff's Advisory Council in a salute to Mrs. Kidwell and Mrs. Teal, the elves who helped complete a very successful community Christmas program.

Carroll J. VanLandingham
Sheriff's Advisory Council

Incorrect reports

To The Editor:

I am writing in reference to Crime Solvers reports in the Rappahannock Record in previous weeks about two wanted persons, Purcell Owens and Kevin Harcum. It was stated that they work for Glen Pinn Roofing Company of Merry Point. I am the wife of the owner and secretary of Glen Pinn Roofing Company. We haven't received any requests from these sources asking who works for this company or if someone could use this company's name in these reports. The information printed was incorrect.

I am asking that any information about this company be verified with the owner before making it public. Whenever information about a crime investigation is printed, such as this, it puts negative thoughts in the minds of the public. It is also a setup for discrimination. What other businesses have been mentioned in these reports?

In January 1974, a county sheriff shot and killed my father, George Belle Sr., at his home in White Stone. That incident has left a lot of wounds for my family. Even though I was four, I still remember seeing how my father had fallen to the ground after the trigger was pulled. I have very few memories of him, but people who knew him always talk about how good of a person he was. There was nothing done about this; the murder charge against the sheriff was dropped.

It appears some people still think they can do whatever they want to others. I was unable to do anything about my father's issue, but today I am voicing my opinion for my husband. I grew up without knowing my father because of this county. Now they are trying to destroy my husband by printing information for public use about crime solving issues. I would appreciate my husband getting a public apology.

Lynette Pinn
Merry Point

Lancaster Democrats to meet

The Lancaster County Democratic Committee will meet Monday, January 23, at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock. This will be its first meeting with new chairman Donna Thompson.

The agenda will include the approval of new by-laws and a discussion on goals, objectives and work assignments for the year. The November U.S. House and Senate election will be previewed as well as ways to better coordinate the work of the Lancaster Committee with the other Democratic groups in the Northern Neck.

Other business will include a report and observations from committee members who attended the recent inauguration of Gov. Tim Kaine. Outgoing committee officers will be recognized for their work.

Putting prices on mobility

by Geoffrey F. Segal

Debates about tolling our highways traditionally focus on the potential revenues they'll raise and how the money will be spent once it is raised. While this is an important piece of the overall equation, it falls short of detailing the full benefit tolling can bring.

To begin, we must understand that a toll is no different from any other service charge we pay. It is nothing more than a price. Second, technology is moving us rapidly away from the traditional toll collection model with long lines of commuters waiting to pay their toll—Smart Pass and EZ Pass systems are already utilized by many of the Commonwealth's toll road users. However, cutting-edge technologies enable us to monitor traffic flows and make real-time price adjustments based on those flows. A simple concept—as demand increases, so does price and vice versa.

As consumers we're generally willing to pay a little more for something that is a little better. The same is true for the added convenience or virtual guarantee of being on time or not sitting in traffic.

Following that line of thinking, one of the most often overlooked benefits of tolling is that it encourages economic thinking. Variable pricing enables us to put a price on time—allowing those that are willing to pay to avoid congestion. If we can appropriately price the cost an urban driver puts on the system during rush hour, the incentives for that driver change significantly. Faced with options, that driver will either pay the cost, find someone to share the cost by carpooling, commute during non-peak hours, find other means to get to work by bus or train, or arrange to telecommute.

Congestion will decrease almost immediately. Economic factors and decision making will lead to greater use of each option—at a minimum, some drivers will no longer commute alone in their car during rush hour.

A recent national road pricing study in the United Kingdom produced a stunning conclusion—using road pricing to achieve just a 4 percent reduction in traffic reduces congestion by 50 percent. So not many people need to use toll roads in order to significantly reduce congestion on today's main thoroughfares.

One of the biggest arguments against tolling or road pricing is that it isn't "fair," since the lanes would only be open to those that can afford to use them. This argument is flawed since users of the "pay" road free up space on the "free" road thus reducing congestion and improving the average speed there as well.

Two variable pricing projects in California show that pricing really keeps traffic flowing. For example, the priced lanes on SR-91 carry twice as many vehicles per lane as the unpriced lanes at speeds three to four times faster. In addition, the free lanes are experiencing shorter commute times and less congestion than before. We don't object to different levels of service for other commodities including our airlines and rail service and there is no reason to believe we would with toll roads.

Pricing, however, is itself more equitable. Those who use the network during peak periods should pay more than those who do not. This is the same type of pricing we use for telecommunications, electricity, movies, time-share vacation homes, airline tickets, and virtually any other business that experiences higher demand periods.

There is no justifiable reason why highways are any different. Why should a driver on Sunday pay the same charge to use the toll road as a commuter driving to work at 8 a.m. on Monday morning?

The third most overlooked benefit of road pricing is that it creates customers and encourages innovation. Toll authorities in America tend to be more customer-focused because their revenues are directly tied to the number of drivers using their facility. While the Virginia Department of Transportation has made dramatic strides and improvements in its operations, it falls well short of being labeled customer centric.

We must not lose sight of the purpose of our transportation network. It is to move people in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Pricing as a model must be part of the future solution to our transportation needs. Americans are always willing to pay more for quality or convenience.

We're willing to pay upwards of $5 for Starbucks even though our offices provide free coffee. The U.S. Postal Service will deliver a letter for 37 cents, but we are willing to pay $15 for guaranteed service by FedEx and UPS.

Our highways should be no different. Drivers will pay to get where they're going in a shorter period of time when it is convenient to do so.

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Letters to the Editor

In praise of the oncology staff

To The Editor:

An article that recently passed across my desk reminded me of why I'm proud to be a doctor at Rappahannock General Hospital.

The author, Joseph V. Simon, MD, clinical director emeritus of Huntsman Cancer Institute and professor emeritus of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Utah, writes about a very special oncology practice.

Having worked as a hospital-based physician at RGH for nearly 12 years, I have developed a deep appreciation for the quality of work performed by our nurses and ancillary staff who provide direct patient care.

We all work hard to provide the best in medical therapies in a safe and efficient manner, but, what really makes the difference is the passion demonstrated by our staff to look beyond the medical issues to the emotional, economic and community impact of illness. This commitment to caring for the whole patient is exemplified by the excellent staff of our outreach oncology clinic.

As Dr. Simon writes: "A friend and colleague recently described an oncology practice he has dealt with as follows: 'I am sure it is one of the best places in the country to get chemotherapy treatment and have cancer. They have some of the best nurses I've seen. One was voted Oncology Nurse of the Year by the Oncology Nursing Society about 8 to 10 years ago. They know where all the patients live [and] what their means are. They deliver food and clothing around Christmas to the poorest ones. They have finagled all sorts of behind the scenes [legal] ways for patients to get the medicines they need. They have regular support groups, educational sessions, programs—about different cancers—all much more than any practice I've encountered in bigger cities. A palliative care unit started this summer.'

"This description would be remarkable enough—and any practice would be delighted to receive such kudos from an experienced and keen-eyed oncologist—except for one thing: The practice he described is in a rural area and has no full-time oncologist. An oncologist visits for one day three to four times a month.

"How can this be? Has my colleague portrayed the practice from an emotional point of view out of his friendship with the staff there? If he is accurate, how can such a structure work so well?

"The colleague who told me this is Dr. Chris Desch, a medical oncologist in Richmond, Virginia. In 1988, one of his first jobs after fellowship training was at the Massey Cancer Center of the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond, now Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where he was supposed to develop a "reach out" program for oncologically underserved areas within a 100-mile radius of Richmond.

"Desch and his colleague, Dr. Tom Smith, gradually built the program to help patients and communities in the area, but also with an academic component so they could learn from and report on their efforts. Here is a description of the rationale for the program from a paper written by Desch.

"'The Rural Cancer Outreach Program (RCOP) is an effort to bring the best available cancer treatment and prevention to rural Virginia. Rural patients and physicians sensed a need for cancer services based on the perceived prevalence of cancer, the reluctance of patients to travel to the urban treatment centers, and the inability of some to pay for their care.'"

Dr. Simon also noted "The program was designed to support the rural hospital, so all the care including chemotherapy was and is given in the hospital....

"Medical oncologists from Richmond and radiation oncologists from VCU visit to see patients on a regular basis (three to four times a month in this case), and provide phone consultation as needed. For special needs or tests, a VCU van is available to transport patients to Richmond and back. ...

"The success of the RCOP has been documented in the large number of patients cared for locally, the earlier referral of patients suspected of having cancer ...

"Examples: the percentage of patients receiving chemotherapy locally rose from 0 to 100 percent. Breast-conserving surgery rose from 20 to 70 percent. Breast cancer that was Stage 1 or 2 at diagnosis rose from 59 to 79 percent. Oral and intravenous morphine use for cancer pain was 0 percent; after the RCOP was established, prescriptions increased dramatically.

"The program has been recognized in several ways: it received line-item support from the Commonwealth of Virginia; it received the national Jesse Ball DuPont Award; it was featured on a PBS special on rural medicine; and it has received additional funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, religious groups, and private donors to enable the continuation of its work. (Patient care dollars could never cover the cost of travel and time.) ...

"The site that Desch was describing in the first quote above is one at which he has been the visiting oncologist from the start to the present day, even though he left VCU for private practice at the Virginia Cancer Institute (VCI) seven years ago. His practice supports this effort to some degree. ...

"His 17-year relationship with the community at Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock, Virginia, has played a key role in its development. But as all oncologists know in their bones, any successful program has terrific nurses behind it. In this case it is Connie Deagle, RN, and her staff.

"The 'oncologists who make me proud to be one' described above are mostly not trained oncologists, but include nurses and primary care doctors—anyone who cares for cancer patients. In this sense an 'oncologist' includes anyone who cares enough about cancer patients to learn about them personally and about their diseases, and invests time, energy, and emotion in their care.

"In my mind, some parents of my childhood leukemia patients were sufficiently knowledgeable and engaged in their child's care to be 'oncologists.'

"And in my years at St. Jude, we had a widespread cadre of pediatricians and internists who gave chemotherapy provided by us in their offices. We trained and supported them, we had annual seminars for them to bring them up to date, they liked being involved, and the families appreciated not having to travel to Memphis so often.

"What the efforts of the staff at VCU, the oncologists at VCI, and their local partners teach us is that determined leadership at both ends can improve the care of underserved cancer patients. And it shows us that the care of rural cancer patients can be as good as one can receive anywhere, and that it can be delivered with warmth and concern in a familiar environment by members of the patients' own community, a key determinant of the quality of life for many patients."

The dedication and steadfast commitment of the staff at RGH to caring for patients in our community all too often goes unnoticed. Those who dedicate their lives to the direct care of the sick do so with little fanfare and recognition. I'm glad to have this opportunity to express our gratitude for the wonderful work done by the nursing staff at RGH.

Gregg A. Shivers, MD
medical staff president
Rappahannock General Hospital

Two thanks to the community

To The Editor:

In October, River Towne Properties held a Christmas yard sale to raise money to send phone cards to our troops in Iraq so that they could be connected with their families during the holidays.

It took a great deal of time and effort, but the results were more than worth it. We sent 260 phone cards to our troops and have received many letters from the troops thanking us for remembering them.

We thank all those in our community who helped support this effort. A special thanks goes to U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Richard LeBaron for working with us and personally distributing the cards to the troops, Ann Asbury for letting us use her commercial building for a workshop and sale location, Northern Neck Office Supply for the free supplies, and most of all, the people in this area who donated their Christmas decorations to us for the sale and those who came and purchased or gave donations.

In December, River Towne Properties held our third annual mitten tree collection for primary school children in Lancaster, Northumberland and Middlesex counties. Again this year, it was a huge success. There will be many little hands and heads in our primary schools covered due to another great response from the community.

We thank all those who contributed to our efforts over the holidays. It's truly gratifying to live and work in such a wonderful community.

Realtors and staff at
River Towne Properties

Nix 'Made in China'

To The Editor:

Until recent news reports of China's activities in the southern hemisphere, I passively avoided goods made in China and did not consider their economic impact on our country. Now, I am aggressively avoiding any item marked "Made in China."

It appears that our president is unconcerned with what Chinese actions and imports are doing to our economy. Yet, as American citizens, we can hopefully do something to curb the activity.

Inspect labels and when catalogue shopping, ask if the item is imported and from where. If it is imported from China say "No thank you."

Tell family, friends, merchants and manufacturers you don't want items made in China.

If this seems an inconvenience to us now, and the alternatives possibly more expensive, it is a small price to pay compared to what will happen to the U.S. economy down the road if we do nothing.

Ann B. Rau
Mollusk

Little Miss Muffet
sat on a tuffet,
thinking of things
she could buy
she picked up the
paper , and found
50 acres
and said, "I'm
kissing this
tuffet good-bye."

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Virginia Forum

Virginia Needs a Raise

by Phil Wilayto

The year 1964 was a momentous year in U.S. history.

In response to the strength of the rising Civil Rights Movement, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act. That same year, it also passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon Johnson a blank check to pursue the war in Vietnam.

In a less historic footnote, I applied for my first job, painting cottages on Cape Cod. When I met with the boss, he asked how much I expected to get paid. I told him I heard the minimum wage was $1.25 an hour. So he said, "OK."

From that experience I learned two things: first, I needed to seriously work on my negotiating skills; and second, that without a minimum wage, I probably would have been painting cottages for much less than $1.25 an hour.

Today, 42 years later, both the federal and Virginia minimum wage are just $5.15 an hour. That wage hasn't gone up since September 1, 1997. Since then, inflation has eroded its value by 17 percent. In fact, the federal minimum wage, adjusted for inflation, now has its lowest buying power in 50 years.

Minimum-wage earners in Virginia now earn a third of what the average U.S. worker makes, the biggest gap since 1949. For an unmarried worker without dependents, that translates to about $9,900 a year after deductions for Social Security and medicaid. That's just $300 above the federal poverty line.

Bottom line, you can't live on $5.15 an hour.

This is an economic issue, but it's also a political one, tied to the history of slavery and racial discrimination. For example, 16 states, plus Washington, D.C., have minimum wages higher than the federal minimum—but just one of those states, Florida, is in the South. And of the six states that have no minimum wage, all but one are in the South.

Virginia is one of 26 states whose minimum wage is tied to the federal minimum. Some people may not think that's a big issue here, because Virginia has a reputation as being a relatively wealthy state. The average weekly wage in Virginia is $841, the 10th highest among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

But that's a very deceptive figure. This is a state with enormous income gaps between the wealthy suburbs in Northern Virginia and areas of deeply engrained poverty in urban areas like Richmond and Norfolk and rural areas like southside and the southwest Appalachian counties.

In terms of wages, Arlington and Fairfax are among the top 10 counties in the country. Arlington has the highest average weekly wage level in Virginia, at $1,291, followed by Fairfax at $1,239. But Virginia Beach has the lowest average weekly wage level, at $643. That's because there are a lot of people making beds in hotels and serving food in restaurants for just above the minimum wage.

One good piece of evidence that Virginia's minimum wage is not keeping pace with the rising cost of living is the increasing enrollment in food-stamp assistance. Nearly 486,000 Virginians received food stamps last year, up 41 percent since 2001.

There are 1,720,000 workers who are paid by the hour in Virginia. Of these, 42,000 are paid at or below the minimum wage. That's 2.3 percent of the total hourly workforce.

There's a proposal that would raise the Commonwealth's minimum wage $1 a year for three years and then index the wage to the rate of inflation. Proponents of this proposal argue that it would guarantee an increased income to more than 450,000 Virginia workers and their families.

Some people argue that we should wait for the federal government to raise the minimum wage. But the last time the country went this long without raising the minimum wage was the period from 1980 to 1989—the two administrations of President Ronald Reagan.

We can't wait for Congress to act. Virginia must raise the state minimum wage now. We must demand that more resources be put into enforcing the existing minimum wage. Virginia needs a raise.

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(Phil Wilayto is editor of The Richmond Defender and an activist with the Virginia Alliance for Worker Justice.)

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury

VIEWPOINTS 2006

An Eclectic Seminar Series sponsored by Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury for our residents and the greater community. We welcome you to one or all of the events and invite you to be our guest for buffet luncheon following each presentation.

Donna Grigsby
Engineer, NASA Langley Research Center
"Space Exploration"
Monday, February 6, 2006, at 11 a.m.

Ada K. Jacox, Ph.D., R.N.
Professor of Nursing, University of Virginia
"Developing Clinical Guidelines for Pain Management"
Monday, March 6, 2006, at 11 a.m.

Helen C. Rountree, Ph.D.
Cultural Anthropologist and Author
Specialty: Powhatan Indian Tribes of Virginia
"So What If They Didn't Leave Written Records?"
I'll Find Out About Them Anyway."
Monday, April 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Betty Booker
Columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch
"Rx: Humor"
Monday, May 1, 2006 at 11 a.m.

Reservations are required due to space limitations and will be taken one event at a time. Call (804) 438-4000.

Mrs. Scott Dillard II

Dillard-McFerren nuptials held

Mary Anne McFerren and Scott Dillard II were married December 17, 2005, in Wicomico Parish Church in Wicomico Church. A reception at the Rappahannock River Yacht Club followed the service.

The wedding ceremony was officiated by the Very Rev. Scott Dillard, rector of Wicomico Parish Church, assisted by Rev. Norman Hull-Ryde, deacon of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Mary Margaret McFerren of Christiansburg and retired Col. Carl Davis McFerren II of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carl McFerren of Hampton and Mrs. Munro Rateau of Charlotte, N.C.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Anne Wood Hull-Rye of Gastonia, N.C. and the Very Rev. Scott Dillard of Wicomico Church.

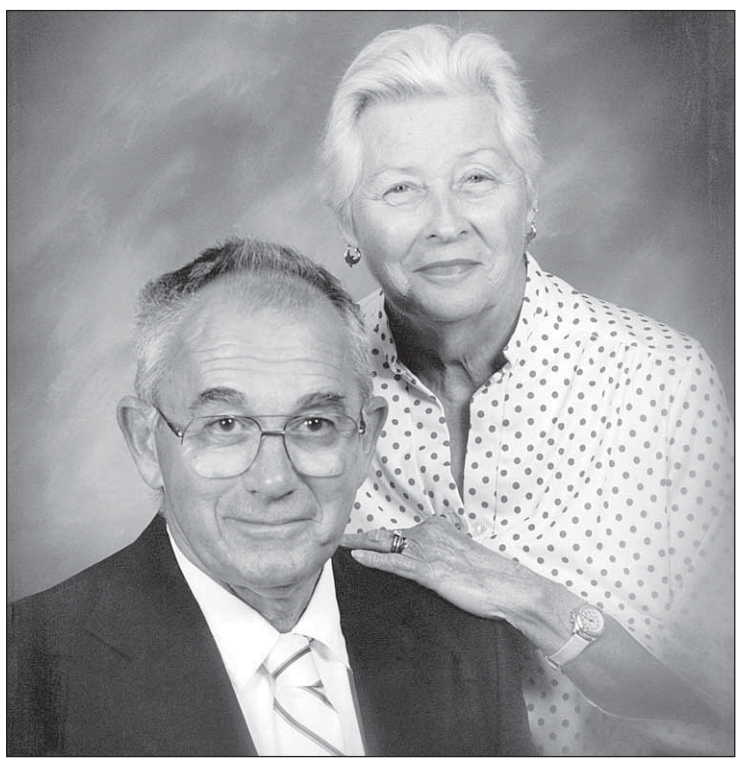
Mrs. Colleen Duffy, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and Jeffrey Wise, cousin of the groom, served as best man. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Lea Smith, sister of the groom, Mrs. Kristin Lynn Elliott, Mrs. Nancy Fabian, Mrs. Jean Hill and Ms. Bridget Elizabeth O'Connell.

The Misses Emma Caroline and Mary Claire Smith were flower girls. The groomsmen were Jon Bridges, Andrew Fenstemacher, Thomas Griffin, William Spencer and Carl Davis McFerren III, brother of the bride.

The bride is a physician's assistant on the staff of Crossover Ministries, an intercity medical facility serving the disadvantaged in Richmond. She is a graduate of James Madison University.

The groom is employed by the James River Title Company in Richmond. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, to which he transferred from the University of Virginia.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Richmond.



Wed 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. "Teddy" Haynie of Reedville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 30, 2005. The Haynies have three children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with two more expected soon.

Celebrating 50 years

Margaret and Emory Rice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 23, 2005. They were honored at a reception given by their daughters at Lebanon Baptist Church with family and friends sharing their memories. They have two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Billy Lewis of Lively, and Emily Sue and Wayne Jefferson of Mechanicsville, and three grandchildren, Jeremy and Joshua Lewis and Brittany Jefferson.

Local News

Chic and Barbara Michael of Huntingtown, Md., spent several days last weekend at the Holiday Inn Express while visiting relatives in the vicinity, Mrs. Mike Fisher at the Mayfair House, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Mattingly in Irvington and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sherridan in Ditchley.

Aaron and Shaune Colliver and son, Braydon, of Charlotte, N.C., were here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Proctor, on Jarvis Creek. While here, they celebr ated Aaron's birthday. Guests this week were their other daughter and her family, Shannon and Brad Lipsteuer and children, Bradley and Ella, of Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Chewning have moved from Richmond to their home on Taylors Creek.

Friends and family are glad to know that Mr. John Fader is home after being hospitalized at Rappahannock General and in Richmond.

Jessie H. Dize hosted the Bluff Point Sunday morning Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Group at his home on Dividing Creek with 20 members present.

Col. and Mrs. Eugene Small have moved from their Kent Cove Road home and are settling into a new cottage at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. Shortly before their move, their Kent Cove neighbors honored them with a party at Ethel and Ron Bolles' home. The hosts were Ethel, Ron, Lucy and Tom Spafford and former neighbors Rose and Emil Ortolani, Jean Dize, Vincent Bolle and friend, Patsy, Virginia and Tommy Kelley, and Fred and Susan Anderson also participated.

This past week, Gene and Linda gave a small catered dinner party in the RW-C dining room to thank their former hosts. The guests were Lucy and Tom Spafford, Rose and Emil Ortolani, Ethel Bolle (Ron was in Florida), Jean Dize and W.R. and Ray Lee Keyser, as well as new RW-C neighbors Margie and Bob Butler. Kudos to the dining staff, headed by Director David Coontz for an outstanding meal.

Ed Kidwell was guest of honor on Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express in Kilmarnock on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Approximately 60 guests were present including his daughter, Valerie Kidwell of Indianapolis, Ind., his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kidwell and daughter, Sarah, and her friend of Asheboro, N.C., Mr. and Mrs. Warren Melhorn of Williamsburg and Phil and Judy Johnson of Richmond.

Michael and Ursula Forrester and children, Caroline and Henry, of Rocky Mount, N.C., spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Forrester, on Dividing Creek.

Lancashire Lines

by Joan M. Foster

Fitness club was held last Monday at Lancashire. Dorothy Jones was the best student and demonstrated some excellent exercise movements for our group. Eleven residents enjoyed lunch at Lee's Restaurant. Those residents back home laughed at the antics of Whoopi Goldberg in the movie "Sister Act," while those on the outing took in the sights on a scenic tour following lunch. Many good memories were shared about old home places and fun gathering spots while traveling through Lively and other areas of Lancaster County.

Jay Jarvis and Herbert Carter blessed us with gospel music performed Tuesday. We are very thankful to have Jay back with us after his recent surgery and recovery. Bea Jett and Virginia Pitman tied for high scorer in bingo.

Jim Conley hosted Bible study Wednesday. He will begin leading the Mnday night Bible study group in the new residents' lounge within the next couple of weeks. Residents are excited about this additional opportunity for Bible study and many of them look forward to participating. Residents challenged one another in an afternoon bowling spree. Herman Gaines won first place; Linda Atkins, second place; and Bea Jett and Louise Dunaway, tied for third.

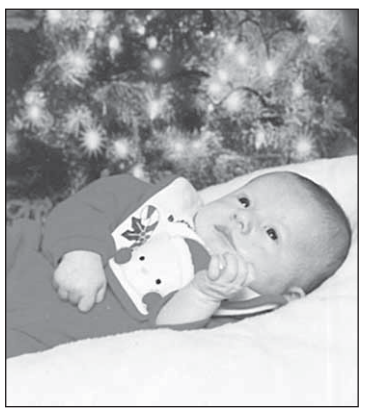
Miss Emma led a fun sing along Thursday with favorites such as "I've Been Working On the Railroad" and "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain." Gaines was the big bingo winner. Thanks to our canine friends and their terrific owner for pet visits later in the day.

Residents delighted in a hymn sing Friday, then enjoyed music by Celeste Gates and some of her students playing guitar, flute and piano. Folks also enjoyed some nice vocal presentations during this special music feature.

Jett and Jeannette Angevine were the high bingo scorers Saturday. We thank all the volunteers who helped to make this a fun event. Jones Ministries hosted a praise and worship service.

Thanks to Rev. John Durkovich, pastor of Irvington United Methodist Church, for leading a Sunday afternoon worship service.

Births



Collin Kenneth Darrall

Wayne and Dawn Darrall of Lively announce the birth of their son, Collin Kenneth Darrall, born October 23, 2005, at Riverside Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Kenny and Sylvia Vanlandingham.

His paternal grandparents are Tommy Lee Towles and the late Linda Darrall Towles and the late Clinton Darrall.

His maternal great-grandmother is Naoma Vanlandingham.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Eric.

David Ethan Parks

David and Ann Parks of Lively announce the birth of their son, David Ethan Parks, born December 12, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds, 1½ ounces and was 20 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are E.M. and Elizabeth Jackson; his paternal grandparents are Roger and Virginia Parks.

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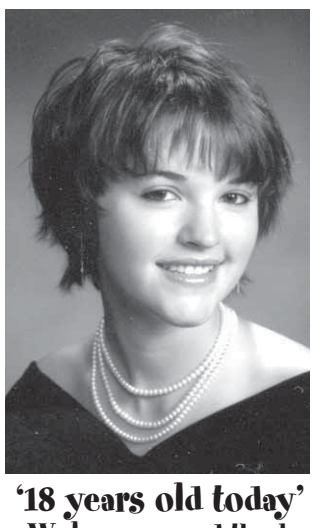
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Viewpoints announces slate

The fifth season of Viewpoints at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury will begin February 6 with a presentation titled "Space Exploration" by Donner Grigsby, an engineer with the NASA Langley Research Center.

The free sessions begin at 11 a.m. and are followed by buffet luncheons. Reservations are necessary. Topics for 2006 include space, medicine, Indians and humor.

A frequent speaker for NASA, Grigsby is a computer security official for the Airborne Systems and Flight Research Services Competencies. He was a Navy air traffic controller before joining NASA as a civilian in 1986.

Grigsby received a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Old Dominion University and has completed coursework for a master's in applied physics and computer science at Christopher Newport University.

Dr. Ada K. Jacox, R.N., a professor of nursing at the University of Virginia, will speak March 6 on "Developing Clinical Guidelines for Pain Management." After earning her doctorate in nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, she pursued a post-doctorate in pain management at the University of Iowa. *Pain: A Sourcebook for Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals,* which she wrote in 1977, became a classic in its field.

Jacox spent 18 years in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, co-chaired the federal government's multi-disciplinary group that developed standardized clinical guidelines for pain management, and founded and directed the Clinical Practice Guidelines Program for the American Pain Society.

Dr. Helen C. Rountree, cultural anthropologist, will speak April 3 on her research of the Powhatan Indian Tribes of Virginia and her commitment to "do" Indian history from an Indian viewpoint. Her talk is titled "So What If They Didn't Leave Written Records? I'll Find Out About Them Anyway."

An advisor to the Jamestown settlement, and retired as a full professor after 31 years at Old Dominion University, Rountree is the most published expert on Virginia Indians. Her latest book, *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown,* was published last year and is available at the Lancaster Community Library. Rountree earned her doctorate in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Betty Booker will close the season with the second version of "Rx: Humor." She regaled the audience in 2002 with a barrage of jokes about growing older.

A graduate of Sweet Briar College, Booker joined the Times-Dispatch in 1973 and began reporting on issues of aging in 1975. She has been the reporter, planner and columnist for Monday's Prime Living section since 1990 and started the "Answer Granny" column in 1993.

Call 438-4000 for reservations.

Men welcome

An opportunity now exists for men to join the United Daughters of the Confederacy as associate members. Above, Ann Carter welcomes Ralph Baylor to a recent meeting of the Lancaster County chapter of the UDC. Baylor is the chapter's first associate member. For membership information, call Carter at 435-2416.

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From left are Friends of Lancaster County environmental committee chairman Barbara Dietz, Northern Neck Land Conservancy president Mary Louisa Pollard and friends president Charlie Costello.

Pollard speaks to friends group

Northern Neck Land Conservancy president Mary Louisa Pollard spoke to members of the Friends of Lancaster County January 11.

Pollard described the conservancy's mission to preserve the rural heritage of the Northern Neck by conserving its lands, waters, economies and culture for future generations.

The two-year-old conservancy helps landowners preserve open spaces in perpetuity by creating conservation easements through land preservation agreements.

The voluntary legal agreements restrict future development of open spaces while allowing the landowners to continue using their properties. Several Northern Neck parcels have land preservation agreements.

Antique show set in Norfolk

The 18th annual Norfolk Winter Antiques Show and Sale will be held January 28 and 29 at the Norfolk Scope.

The show presents East Coast dealers showing 18th- through early 20th- century antiques and collectibles. Furniture, estate and antique jewelry, textiles, glass, silver, porcelain pottery, art and other items will be offered by exhibitors.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. January 28 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. January 29.

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Sam Frere (top) of Lancaster placed third in the 119 weight class at Christchurch's tournament.

LHS grapplers place second in tournament

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Eleven Lancaster wrestlers placed in the top five in their respective weight classes last Saturday at the 16-team Christchurch Tournament, leading the Devils to a second-place team finish behind Mathews.

Lancaster produced two gold medalists in 140-pound Thomas Frere and 145-pound Robert Lally. Frere and Lally went undefeated in the two-day tournament, which consisted of Group A, Group AA and private schools from around the state.

"All but one of our wrestlers placed at least fifth place or better," said LHS coach Craig Oren. "I was impressed by the team's effort and the individual efforts throughout the tournament."

Gary Wardlaw (160) and Ross Kellum (112) each went 3-1 to place second in their weight classes, while Sam Frere (119), Patrick Oliver (125) and Daryl Doggett each went 4-1 to finish third.

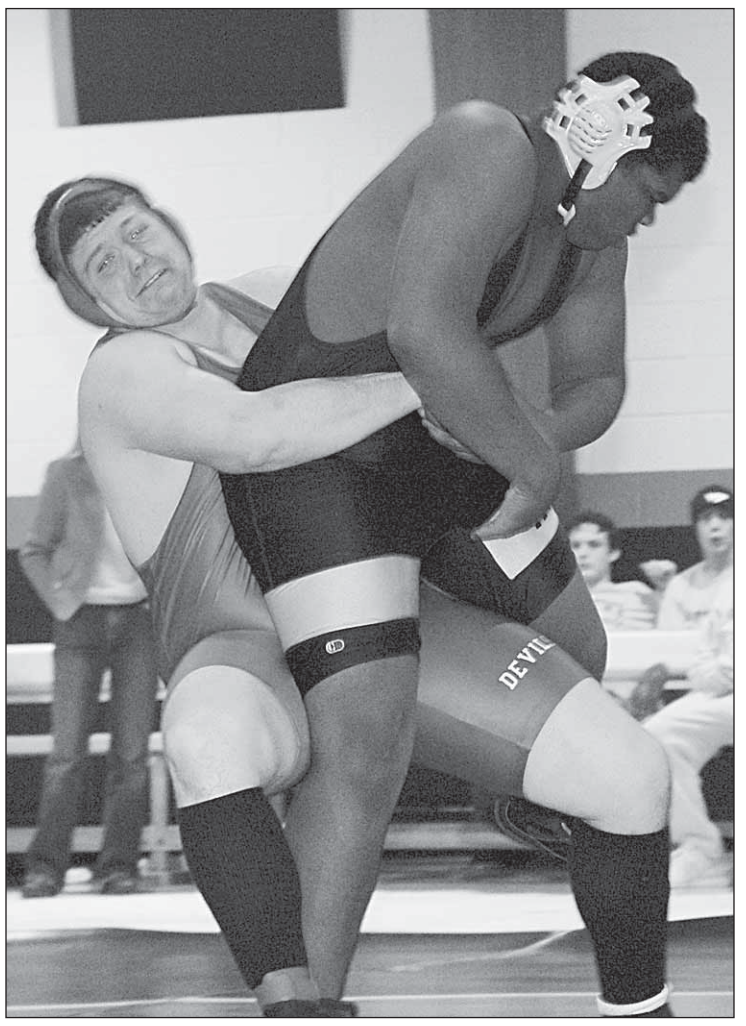
Oliver is nearing his 100th career win, picking up his 96th victory at Christchurch. A four-year veteran, Oliver "should reach that milestone soon," said Oren. "It's a very big deal."

Lancaster had two wrestlers place fourth at Christchurch: Ibraheem Bullock (135) and Justin Culpeper (heavyweight).

Daniel Robertson took fifth in the 152-pound division.

Lancaster defeated Mathews, Northumberland and Christchurch in a quad last Wednesday.

"The Mathews match was a big win for us," said Oren. "Mathews has always been good and they continue to be. We only lost three individual matches to them."



Justin Culpeper of Lancaster takes down his King William opponent at Christchurch. Culpeper was fourth in the heavyweight division.

The Devils finished sixth in the 12-team Bison Duals at Buffalo Gap January 13-14.

Lancaster lost to Strasburg and the host Bisons, but beat Northwood, Clarke County and John Battle.

"This was a dual tournament made up of some of the best teams in single A," said Oren. "It let us know how we measure up to some of the best teams and what we have to improve to beat them."

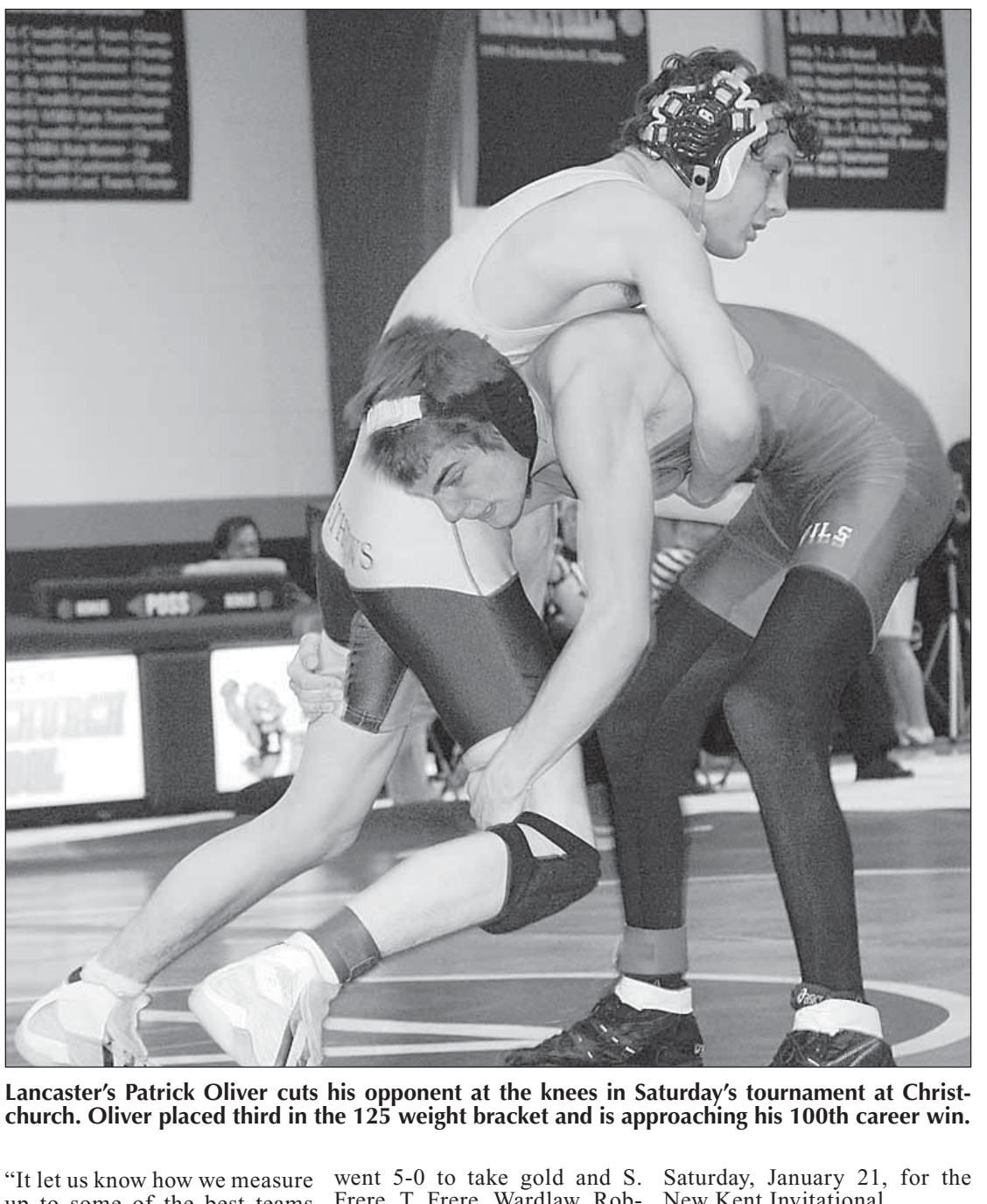
Lancaster's one-point loss to Strasburg kept the Devils out of the winners' pool and allowed LHS a fifth-place finish at best.

Among individuals, Oliver went 5-0 to take gold and S. Frere, T. Frere, Wardlaw, Robertson and Louis Santangelo each went 4-1 to bring home silver medals.

Bronze medalists included Culpeper, Lally and Bullock, who went 3-2 each.

Lancaster is 11-2 overall and will travel to New Kent this Saturday, January 21, for the New Kent Invitational.

"We are wrestling well, both physically and mentally," said Oren. "There are many things still to improve on, but we have six weeks to get the improvements made before the state tournament."



Lancaster's Patrick Oliver cuts his opponent at the knees in Saturday's tournament at Christchurch. Oliver placed third in the 125 weight bracket and is approaching his 100th career win.

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White Stone/Grey's Point Tides, Sun, & Moon – January, 2006

Fri	**1/20**	Sunrise	7:18	High	2:56	1.2′
		Moonset	10:25	Low	9:25	0.1′
		Sunset	**5:16**	High	**3:06**	1.2′
		Moonrise	**11:17**	Low	**9:41**	0.1′
Sat	**1/21**	Sunrise	7:17	High	3:38	1.2′
		Moonset	10:47	Low	10:13	0.2′
		Sunset	**5:17**	High	**3:48**	1.1′
Solstice 8:17				Low	**10:22**	0.1′
Sun	**1/22**	Moonrise	12:18	High	4:26	1.3′
		Sunrise	7:17	Low	11:08	0.2′
		Moonset	11:11	High	**4:37**	1.1′
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Mon	**1/23**	Moonrise	1:21	High	5:21	1.3′
		Sunrise	7:16	Low	**12:09**	0.2′
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		Sunset	**5:19**			
Tue	**1/24**	Moonrise	2:28	Low	12:04	0.1′
		Sunrise	7:15	High	6:23	1.3′
		Moonset	**12:13**	Low	**1:15**	0.2′
		Sunset	**5:21**	High	**6:38**	1.0′
Wed	**1/25**	Moonrise	3:38	Low	1:05	0.0′
		Sunrise	7:15	High	7:27	1.4′
		Moonset	**12:57**	Low	**2:19**	0.1′
		Sunset	**5:22**	High	**7:44**	1.0′
Thu	**1/26**	Moonrise	4:48	Low	2:07	0.0′
		Sunrise	7:14	High	8:30	1.5′
		Moonset	**1:52**	Low	**3:19**	0.0′
		Sunset	**5:23**	High	**8:46**	1.1′
Fri	**1/27**	Moonrise	5:52	Low	3:09	-0.1′
		Sunrise	7:13	High	9:28	1.6′
		Moonset	**3:00**	Low	**4:13**	-0.1′
		Sunset	**5:24**	High	**9:45**	1.2′

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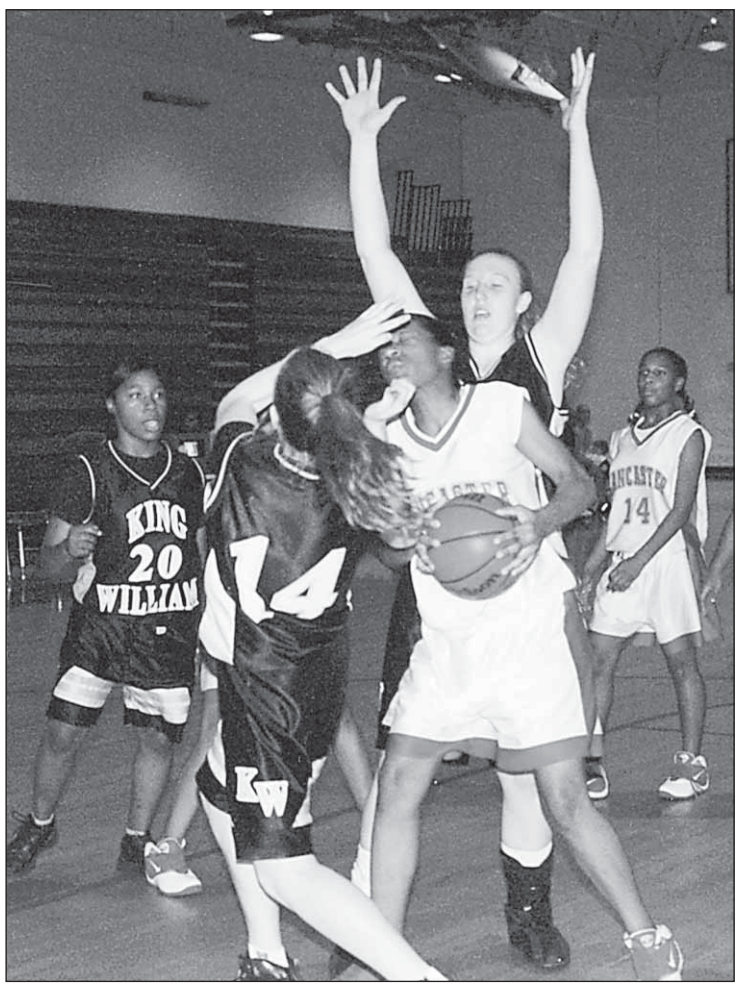
Harvesting rockfish out of Virginia Beach

It was a successful day of fishing for some local sportsmen aboard the Spider Webb at Virginia Beach January 11. All of the fish were in the 30- to 37-inch range. Lewis Shelton hit the jackpot with the largest. From left are Chuck Penrod, Capt. Carroll Webb, Jerry Smith, Lewis Shelton, Larry Kight, Carrington Burgess and Bob Longshore.



Above, Lancaster's Rayna Randle and King William's Katie Payne (14) collide as Randle goes up for a shot during last Thursday's varsity game. At right, Tyesha Harvey of Lancaster drives by King William's Tamera Knight (24) in a non-district game last week.

King William, Essex girls claim a piece of Lancaster

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The varsity Lady Devils lost twice last week, once in Northern Neck District play and once in regional competition, to fall to 1-2 in the league and 2-6 overall.

After sticking close to Tidewater's King William in the first quarter last Wednesday, Lancaster gave up 14 unanswered points and the Lady Cavaliers rolled to a 44-30 non-district win.

Brooke Davis had the game-high 17 points and paced seven scorers for King William, which opened up a two-point first-period lead with a 16-2 run in the second quarter.

Lancaster's only goal in the second quarter came from Amber Smith and the Lady Devils hit just twice from the field in the second half, scoring 13 of their 17 points at the free throw line.

Tyesha Harvey and Madison Smith led Lancaster with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

King William 13 16 9 6 —44
Lancaster 11 2 8 9 —30

King William — Johnson 4, Gaines 2, Rogers 2, Jones 8, Davis 17, White 9, Payne 2, Borkley 0, Price 0, Knight 0. Three-point goals: Jones.

Lancaster — T. Jones 0, Crockett 2, Crippen 2, Harvey 11, Wiggins 3, M. Smith 10, Randle 0, D. Jones 0, A. Smith 2.

Essex 55, Lancaster 22

LaToya Rich, Megan Wind and Arlice Baker combined to score more than Lancaster's entire team last Thursday as the Lady Trojans routed the Devils, 55-22.

Rich nearly equalled Lancaster's effort, pacing eight Essex scorers with 16 points. All but one Lady Trojan put points on the board in the district outing.

Wind and Baker scored 10 points each.

Harvey and Smith scored six points apiece to lead Lancaster, which trailed by 15-8 at the break and gave up another 11 unanswered points in the third.

Lancaster 2 6 4 10 — 22
Essex 15 10 15 16 — 55

Lancaster — T. Jones 2, Crockett 0, Crippen 0, Harvey 6, Wiggins 1, M. Smith 3, A. Smith 6, Randle 4, D. Jones 0. Three-point goals: A. Smith 2.

Essex — Wind 10, Green 4, Robinson 0, Baker 10, L. Rich 16, S. Rich 4, Roane 1, Smith 2, Holmes 8.

Scoreboard

Varsity boys basketball
Lancaster 78, Essex 34

JV boys basketball
Lancaster 53, Essex 26
Rappahannock 55, W&L 41

Varsity girls basketball
Essex 55, Lancaster 22
King William 44, Lancaster 30

Upcoming Games

Boys basketball
(JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.)
January 20:
Lancaster at Rappahannock
January 24:
Northumberland at Lancaster

Girls basketball
(JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.)
January 24:
Lancaster at Northumberland
January 26:
Northumberland at Rappahannock

Wrestling
January 21:
Lancaster at New Kent Invitational
Northumberland at Northampton Quandrangular
January 25:
Middlesex at Northumberland Triangular

Sports Shorts

■ **Annual tourney set**

The 22nd annual Open Golf Tournament to benefit the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Fellowship Fund will be held April 5 at the Golden Eagle Golf Course.

There will be flights for men and women. For a brochure, contact the RW-C development office at 438-4013, or foundation@rw-c.org.

Devils trounce Trojans, 78-34

Andre Henderson put up 16 points to lead four double-digit scorers for Lancaster last Friday as the varsity Devils improved to 2-0 in the Northern Neck District with a 78-34 win over Essex.

Lancaster put the game out of reach early, going up 15-9 in the first quarter then outscoring the visiting Trojans 26-8 in the second quarter for a 24-point lead at the break.

A. Henderson did most of his damage in the first half with 11 of his total. He canned five of six free throws in the half and hit 8 of 10 on the night.

Trevor Henderson and Kenny Wilson contributed 12 points each with all of T. Henderson's coming from three-point range. He hit three treys in the second quarter.

Jamie Veney added 10 points for Lancaster, which improved to 5-6 overall.

Marvin Holmes, Maurice Gaines, Ryan Lowe and Arthur Grinage each scored five points for Essex.

Lancaster will play its third district game of the year tomorrow night (January 20) at Rappahannock.

Essex..... 9 8 11 6 — 34
Lancaster..15 26 14 22 — 78

Essex — Holmes 5, Gaines 5, Newton 4, Lowe 5, Ball 3, Grinage 5, Veney 4, Dille 3. Three-point goals: Lowe.

Lancaster — T. Henderson 12, Mitchell 6, Veney 10, C. Henderson 0, George 0, Segar 6, Saunders 9, A. Henderson 15, Rice 5, R. Laws 0, Wilson 12, M. Laws 2. Three-point goals: T. Henderson 4, Rice.

JV Devils double Essex, 53-26

Quenton Henderson scored 13 points to pace 11 Lancaster scorers last Friday as the JV Devils used a balanced attack in a 53-26 stomping of Essex.

The Devils improved to 2-0 in the Northern Neck District and 7-2 overall and will go to Rappahannock tomorrow night (January 20).

Henderson was the only double-digit scorer for Lancaster, which jumped to a 21-6 lead in the first quarter. Lancaster put up a 13-8 run in the second period for a 20-point lead at halftime.

Marcus Betts chipped in eight points for the Devils and Seth Christman, six.

Jarel Bundy scored 12 points to lead Essex.

Essex.....6 8 5 7—26
Lancaster..21 13 7 12—53

Essex — Ashlock 4, Carey 3, Sayles 7, Bundy 12. Three-point goals: Carey.

Lancaster — Gibson 4, Carter 0, Veney 4, Christman 6, Betts 8, Moore 0, Tiggle 1, Thomas 2, Henderson 13, Baker 5, Kuykendall 3, Somers 5, Lee 2.

From left, Christchurch school girls basketball team members are (front row) Maddy Ahlborn, Shelby Seitz, Madeleine Przybyl, Kaitlin Edwards, Samantha Bigg and Michelle Chiles; (next row) Coach Jim Pettyjohn, Alexandra Longest, Evelyn Jessie, Sarah Johnson, Ann-Gordon Bennett, Taylor Harris, Laura Ransone and head coach Ken Przybyl.

Seahorse girls are ranked #3 in VCC

The Christchurch School girls basketball team is ranked #3 in the Virginia Commonwealth Conference.

Christchurch VCC scoring leaders are sophomore Madeleine Przybyl of Christchurch, ranked #1, and freshman Maddy Ahlborn of Irvington, ranked #9. Przybyl is ranked #2 in the league for field goal percentage; Ahlborn is #5. Przybyl is ranked #1 in the league for free throw percentage; Ahlborn is #6.

For steals, Przybyl is ranked #1; junior Taylor Harris of Urbanna, #2; and Ahlborn, #3. Harris also is #2 in the league for assists.

The team is coached by Ken Przybyl and Jim Pettyjohn.

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Mitchell and Smith named to All-State Football Team

The Northern Neck District secured two spots on the 2005 All-State Football Team, released last week by the Virginia High School Coaches Association.

Senior Montel Mitchell of Lancaster and senior Colin Smith of Northumberland were named to the first team.

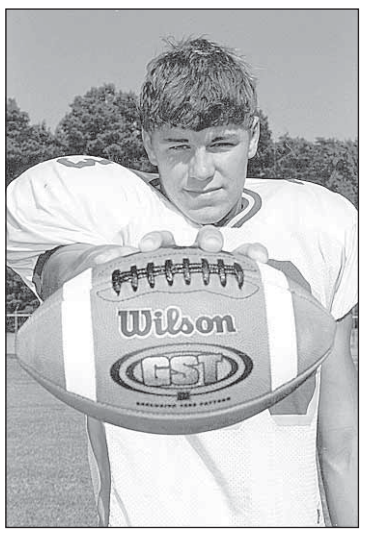
Mitchell, a 5'9", 190-pounder, was named to the honor squad at defensive back, while Smith was chosen as a tight end.

Mitchell made both the all-district and all-region cuts at quarterback and defensive back after leading Lancaster to its first Region A, Division 2 playoff berth in 16 years.

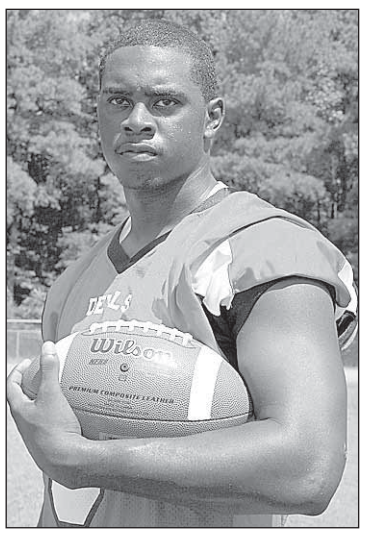
As a quarterback, he was fourth in the district in passing with 41 completions for 687 yards and four touchdowns. He was third in rushing with 1,003 yards, averaging just over 111 yards per game. Mitchell scored 17 touchdowns and three two-point conversions.

Smith, a 6'5", 230-pound end and linebacker, caught the eye of state coaches even though the Indians (1-9) did not make post-season play.

The Washington & Lee Eagles advanced to the Group A Division 2 semifinal, but did not have a player on the state's first team. Two W&L players were named to the second team: sophomore running back Marquis Gray and senior linebacker Mark Jones.



Colin Smith



Montel Mitchell

Senior wide receiver Matt Barbour of William Campbell was selected as the offensive player of the year and defensive back Ricky Cook of Giles was named the defensive player of the year.

The coach of the year from Division 1 was Brad Bradley of William Campbell and the coach of the year from Division 2 was Steve Ragdale of Giles.

Others from around the state named to the first-team offense were Kenneth Waters (OL) and Kenneth Hall (OL) of King William, Daniel Broggin (QB) and Matt Barbour (WR) of William Campbell, Jason Neely (OL) of Powell Valley, Bucky Griffith (OL) of Manassas Park, Ryan Turner (OL) of Narrows, Donielle Babb (RB) of Franklin, Richard Long (RB) of Stonewall Jackson, Casey Hancock (RB) of Gray County, Lorenzo Miles (WR) of J.I. Burton, Bryant Wooden (WR) of Surry, Johnathan Hawkins (WR) of Rural Retreat, Derrick Davis (KR) of George Wythe and Wayne Hailey (K) of Riverheads.

Members of the second-team offense included Eric Wilson (OL), Matthew Heldon (QB) and Aaron Stevens (OL) of Rural Retreat; Josh Yates (OL), Allen Owens (K) and Chad Burton (WR) of Haysi; Jeremy Fox (OL) of Riverheads; Theo Sherman (OL) of Chatham; Brian Barber (TE) of Appalachia; Carter Brown (RB) of Glenvar; Tyler Parks (RB) of Gate City; Raphael Riguad (WR) of Manassas Park; Mark Dockery (WR) of Twin Springs; and Bryant Wooden (KR) of Surry.

The first-team defensive players were Josh Yates (DL) and Ryan Jones (LB) of Haysi; Michael Robertson (DL) and Ricky Cook (DB) of Giles; Trey Smith (LB) and Travis Greene (DB) of George Wythe; Edward Barham (DL) of Surry; Theo Sherman (DL) of Chatham; Toney White (DL) of Manassas Park; Jordon Thacker (DB) of J.I. Burton; Brian Saunders (P) of Nelson County; Chad Lane (LB) of Powell Valley; Lamar White (LB) of Gretna; and Daniel Childress (LB) of Franklin.

Those named to the second team were Keith Jackson (DL), Deon Washington (DB) and Kenneth Hall (DL) of King William; A.T. Kitt (DL) and Ronnie Kitt (LB) of Goochland; Donte Delk (DL) of Surry; Rick Harris (DL) of J.I. Burton; Brandon Vaught (LB) of Narrows; T.J. Graham (LB) of Rye Cove; Jay Terrell (DB) of Manassas Park; Thomas Crowgry (DB) of George Wythe; Kenny Dotson (DB) of Clintwood, and Conley Yates (P) of JJ Kelly.

Seahorse varsity wins two, loses one

From left, Christchurch School varsity boys basketball team members are (front row) Kharling Joyner-Smith, Kevin Anderson, John Williams, Birkir Heimisson, Sam Pounds and Tyler Jones; (next row) manager Trey Conway, Tavon Wiggins, Lawrence Robinson, Collin McCune, Courtney Williams, Patrick Bolen, Jason Miltz, manager Jake Michael and coach Glen Taylor. In Virginia Prep League action last week, the Seahorses beat Trinity Episcipol School, 60-46, and Norfolk Academy, 52-35, and lost to St. Christopher's School, 57-51.

Sports Shorts

■ Little League

Registration for Northumberland County Little League is scheduled for January 29 and February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Little League Ballpark in Claraville.

Boys and girls ages 5 to 18 are eligible. First-time players are required to provide an original or notarized copy of their birth certificate.The registration fee is $35 and $25 for each additional player in the household.

Handgun safety course is scheduled Feb. 3-4

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club Inc. will conduct a National Rifle Association First Steps Pistol Orientation Course February 3 and 4.

Local NRA-certified instructors will teach the basics of safe gun handling and firearms familiarization.

The course is the NRA response to the American public's need for a firearm orientation for new gun purchasers, said club president Bob Berry.

Successful completion of the course is accepted by local sheriffs as a prerequisite for obtaining a concealed carry permit for Virginia.

The course is broken down into two, three-hour sessions. The first three hours is classroom work on the safe and proper handling of firearms, including information on gun parts, safety, ammunition, cleaning and storage.

The second session is held at the club range in White Stone and will put into practice the classroom topics by each student firing their own handgun, under the supervision of the NRA instructors.

To enroll, call Berry at 453-9402.

Bluefish derby early registration ends Jan. 31

Early registration continues for the 23rd annual Reedville Bluefish Derby June 9 and 10. Those who register prior to January 31 will be eligible for a $1,000 early entry drawing.

Applications can be obtained at Jett's Hardware in Reedville or by calling 453-5325. Only 300 entries will be accepted.

Some 27 cash prizes will be awarded along with other prizes totaling over $32,900.

A croaker contest has been added to the derby. Officials hope that by adding croaker to bluefish and striped bass, additional anglers will have a better chance to win some money, said Smith Point Sea Rescue president Andy Kauders.

Proceeds benefit Smith Point Sea Rescue, a totally volunteer rescue unit which serves boaters from the Potomac River south to the Rappahannock River and across the Chesapeake Bay to the Eastern Shore.

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Bowling Results

Ladies League

Northern Neck Surgical Service won two games against TCH Oil when Terry Stillman bowled a 312 set with games of 105 and 112. Elsie Rose rolled a 304 set with a 133 game. Julia George had a 105 game. For TCH Oil, Sandra Evans bowled a 337 set with games of 103, 115 and 119. Marie Piccard rolled a 303 set with games of 104 and 108. Vicki White had a game of 101.

Young Country won three games against R.P. Waller when Betty Steffey bowled a 352 set with games of 128 and 129. JoAnne Paulette rolled a 320 set with games of 101, 105 and 114. Linda Lake had a 308 set with games of 111 and 115. Cathy Savalina bowled a 300 set with games of 100 and 117 and Theresa Davis rolled games of 106 and 134. For R.P. Waller, Dee Atkins bowled a 312 set with games of 104 and 112. Claudette Hames rolled a 301 set with a 116 game and Ola Nash had a 103 game.

Yeatman's Forklift won two games against Callis Seafood when Pat Harris bowled a 334 set with games of 114 and 139. Alma George rolled a 326 set with games of 108 and 120. Corinne Beauchamp had a 322 set with games of 101 and 123 and Heather Hundley rolled a 110 game. For Callis, Gayle Conrad bowled a 382 set with games of 113, 132 and 137. Elsie Henderson rolled a 117 game. Donna Thomas had a 101 game, Mary Savalina a 109 game and Betty Evans a game of 112.

Lively Oaks Girls won three games against Abby when Nancy Carter bowled a 349 set with games of 102, 119 and 128. Debbie Dodson rolled a 342 set with games of 104, 109 and 129. Jean Reynolds had a 330 set with games of 105, 106 and 119. Patsy Headley bowled games of 100 and 104 and Becky Thrift rolled a game of 118.

High team set: Young Country, 1,698; Lively Oaks, 1,601; R.P. Waller, 1,566.

High average: Betty Steffey 115; Sandra Evans, 109; Terry Stillman, 108.

Standings

	W	L
Young Country	38	10
TCH Oil	30	18
Callis Seafood	30	18
Lively Oaks	27	2
R.P. Waller	25	23
Yeatman's	23	25
N.N. Surgical	21	27
Abby	0	48

Men's League

The second half of the season began January 12 when Evans Bowling Center won three games against Sal's Pizza. For Evans, Bunks Mitchell bowled the high set of 397 with games of 122, 134 and 141. Wilson Evans rolled games of 126 and 121 in a 352 set. John Forrester had a 114 game. For Sal's, Wayne Condrey had the high set of 378 with games of 118, 125 and 135. Justin George rolled a 119 game and Garnet Harris had a game of 114.

Cap'n John's won two games and lost one against H&S Printing. For Cap'n John's, Ryan Dawson bowled the high set of 365 with games of 124, 121 and 120. Herbert Hammock rolled a 134 game in a 347 set. Harry Donavon had a 107 game. For H&S, Louis Coates bowled the high set of the week of 457 with games of 158, 145 and 154. George Lee rolled a 102 game. They had two dummies.

D&L Marine Construction won two games and lost one against J&J Construction. For D&L, Doug Hundley bowled the high set of 368 with games of 129, 113 and 126. Steve Hinson rolled a 116 game in a 339 set. Bob Lamkin had a 120 game. For J&J, Curly Lewis bowled the high set of 340 with games of 119 and 120. Frank Perkins had a 124 game and Steve Edwards rolled a 126 game.

High game: Curly Lewis, 179; Herbert Hammock, 167; Bob Huff, 166; Ryan Dawson, 165; Wayne Condrey, 160.

High set: Louis Coates, 457; Wayne Condrey, 413; Curly Lewis, 409; Bob Huff, 404; Bunks Mitchell, 397.

High team game: Sal's, 523; Cap'n John's, 515; D&L, 508; H&S, 506; Evans, 495; J&J, 493.

High team set: Sal's, 1,471; D&L, 1,429; Evans, 1,427; J&J, 1,416; Cap'n John's, 1,413; H&S, 1,365.

High average: Louis Coates, 138; Bill Hendershot and Wayne Condrey, 120; Curly Lewis, 119; Wilson Evans, 117.

Standings

	W	L
Evans Bowling	3	0
D&L Marine	2	1
Cap'n John's	2	1
J&J Const.	1	2
H&S Printing	1	2
Sal's Pizza	0	3

Mixed League

Woodie's Angels won two games against the Untouchables when Betty Steffey bowled a 157 game in a 377 set. Woodie Evans rolled a 353 set. Beverly Benson had a 352 set and Theresa Davis had a 332 set. For the Untouchables, Kenny Kent bowled a 366 set and Raymond Sisson had a 331 set. Gladys Sisson had games of 149 and 123, and Mary Kent rolled a game of 125.

Guys and Dolls won three games against All in Fun when John Forrester bowled a 408 set with games of 117, 134 and 157. Elsie Rose rolled a 132 game in a 314 set. Marie Piccard had a 97 game and Robert Piccard had a 96 game. For All in Fun, Vergil Henderson bowled a 310 set. Harry Donavan had a 105 game. Elsie Henderson had a 101 game and Julia George rolled a game of 96.

High game: John Forrester, 158; Betty Steffey, 157; Gladys sisson, 156; Kenny Kent, 146; Beverly Benson, 142; Raymond Sisson, 140.

High set: Betty Steffey, 409; John Forrester, 408; Gladys Sisson and Kenny Kent, 395; Marie Piccard, 375; Raymond Sisson, 370.

High team game: Untouchables, 512; Woodie's Angels, 503; Guys and Dolls, 499; All in Fun, 480.

High team set: Woodie's Angels, 1,430; Untouchables, 1,401; Guys and Dolls, 1,348; All in Fun, 1,364.

High average: Kenny Kent, 116; John Forrester, 113; Raymond Sisson, 110; Betty Steffey, 109; Gladys Sisson and Theresa Davis, 108.

Standings

	W	L
Guys & Dolls	28	20
Woodie's Angels	25	23
Untouchables	23	25
All in Fun	20	28

Paige Nuckols rides Morning Glory during the 2005 show season. (Photo by Dan Coffee/Java Photos)

Deborah Lang and Paige Nuckols hold awards for Bo.

From left, Carol Dawson and Paige Nuckols hold a trophy plate and three awards for Morning Glory.

Two local horses win state awards

Two Lancaster area horses received awards for their performances over the past season of horse shows when the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA) presented its 2005 high score awards at a luncheon in Richmond January 15.

Morning Glory, a thoroughbred-Percheron cross mare owned by Carol Dawson of Morattico, and Bo, an Andalusian-Arabian cross owned by Deborah Lang of Ditchley, received honors.

Both horses are trained and ridden in the show ring by Paige Nuckols of Claiborne's Farm in Merry Point.

Morning Glory was statewide champion of the training level in schooling shows, in the senior division. The mare also placed third statewide in first level in the senior division in schooling shows, and fourth in training level in the senior division in recognized shows. Recognized shows are sanctioned by the U.S. Dressage Federation and run by its rules.

Bo, a gelding, was homebred by Lang and was sired by her Andalusian stallion Majorio III on an Arabian mare. Bo earned sixth place statewide in the first level in the senior division in schooling shows.

Dawson, Lang and Nuckols were present at the Virginia Crossings Resort near Richmond to receive the rosette ribbons.

The awards are based on a numerical average of the horses' highest scores in five different shows under different judges over the season.

Baseball clinic trains championship players

Baseball players, coaches and parents may still register for an instructional hitting seminar Saturday, January 21, at the Virginia Sports Complex in Ruther Glenn.

Former Major League Baseball manager Syd Thrift of Kilmarnock and players and coaches from several MLB teams will lead the clinic, including Hal McRae, Denny Walling, Jim Thrift, and Ryan Zimmerman.

Thrift noted the facilities are the best in the state with four-regulation-size baseball fields, for softball/Little League fields, and a 40,000-square-foot building for indoor training and teaching.

The seminar is from noon to 4 p.m. The fee is $95 per person. Youth 12 and under are free with a paying adult. Financial assistance is available.

Sessions focus on vision training, preparing mentally and physically for the game, building a perfect swing, improving contact, two-strike hitting, bunting, team management and time drills.

"This is the first seminar of this kind in the state of Virginia," Thrift said.

Thrift, who has served in executive positions with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Kansas City Royals, Oakland A's, New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs and Baltimore Orioles, has developed a comprehensive model for effective hitting at all levels. For over 35 years, he has examined and evaluated the top hitting performers in MLB and is the director of the only research and development program in baseball.

He has been fortunate to have had many championship players come through the program, including Ricky Henderson, Barry Bonds and Frank White, said Thrift.

"We don't teach baseball, we teach people how to play baseball.... how to live with each other," said Thrift.

The seminar teaches individual performance and the team concept, he explained.

"This is the model for championship performance," said Thrift.

Virginia Sports Complex founder John Henry Attkisson said the seminar teaches the "physical, mental and visual aspects of the game" while instilling in players "respect, discipline and the importance of playing with a team.... This is something they can take with them the rest of their lives."

The Virginia Sports Complex is at 22182 Jefferson Davis Highway in Ruther Glen.

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Scouts build step stools

Boys from Cub Scout Pack 235 recently designed, built and finished wooden step stools as part of their advancement requirements. The stools were given to family members as Christmas gifts. Materials for the project were donated by Lamberth Building Supply of White Stone. From left with their projects are Elijah Lewis, Graham Shivers, Weston Schomer, Danny McGrath, Sam Friday and Marques Kelley. Boys interested in joining Cub Scouts can call leader John Friday at 438-5365.

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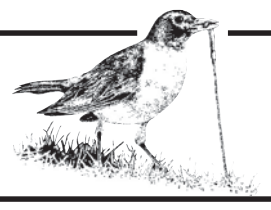
Birding course to begin February 6

Beginning February 6, the Northern Neck Audubon Society will present a free, five-session course, "Improve Your Birding Skills" to residents who wish to identify birds by sight and by sound.

The course will meet at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants will be welcome to stay and attend the regular NNAS meetings immediately following the sessions.

The first session, "Bird Vocalizations, Visual Clues and Behavioral Clues," will be presented by wildlife biologist Sandy Spencer. Sessions will continue on the first Monday of each month through June.

Each session will be convened by education chairman Jim Groff. He and president Peter Saam organized the course. For more information, call Groff at 453-5891.



Window On Wildlife

by Joyce Fitchett Russell

This week, friends have shared many gifts for me to write about. One gentleman brought a wildlife calendar published by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. It will provide much information for me to pass on.

Diane, a new friend, gave me a close-up photo of a pileated woodpecker that comes for food at her bird sanctuary. This crow-sized bird is black and white with a bright red crest. Diane has four of these birds in her yard.

Another photo collection came from Frank Bennett whose subject was deer. Frank is a hunter, but he appreciates the beauty of the creatures.

At home, I got a call from Henry Bashore who is responsible for developing Hickory Hollow Nature Trail near Lancaster. We chatted about the many times we've hiked those trails.

The most unusual gift I received was an insect named an assassin bug from Ann Shabazz. When I was little, we called these creatures stink bugs. I didn't smell this one.

Bridge Results

Five tables of bridge were in play January 10 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first Norma Drinnon and Barbara Hubbard; and second, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and second Rebecca Harger and Carolyn Reed

The next bridge for this group is January 24 at 1 p.m.

Eight tables of bridge were in play January 11 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners north/south were first, Virginia Adair and Judy Peifer; second, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; and third, Norma Drinnon and Barbara Hubbard.

Winners east/west were first, Shirley Crockett and Suzie Winters; second, Margaret Livesay and Lois Spence; and third, Tot Winstead and Liz Hargett.

The next bridge for this group is Thursday, January 19, at 1 p.m.

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Hunter rescues eagle

LIVELY—Dexter Bush of Lively, an avid deer hunter, was hunting in a swamp near Totuskey Creek January 2. He heard the hunting dogs barking and realized they must have cornered something.

He followed the sound expecting to see a raccoon or other small mammal. He found a bald eagle perched on a stump unable to fly. The bird was likely injured in a tussle with another eagle since they often fight over food.

Bush quickly placed his neck-warmer over the bird's head to calm him. He picked him up and carried him about a mile to an area where he could get cell-phone coverage to call the game warden.

Game warden Rich Goszka holds an eagle rescued by Dexter Bush.

Bush said the bird was fairly calm and did not struggle until near the end of his trek. He got away from Bush, but still could not fly. Bush was able to again pick up and calm the bird.

While it is not recommended that people approach or attempt to handle a wild animal, Bush is known for his strength and abilities as an outdoorsman and held the bird's razor-sharp talons away from him.

Game Warden Rich Goszka responded and Bush gave him the eagle.

Virginia Historical Society announces current exhibits

The exhibit "Patrick Henry: His Story" will continue at the Virginia Historical Society through January 29.

Long known for his fiery 1775 speech in which he summed up the spirit of the American Revolution, Henry is an icon of Virginia and U.S. history. The exhibit presents a broad overview of his life and brings to light many facets of his long, public career.

It highlights his days as Virginia's foremost courtroom attorney, his service in state government and as governor, and his role as prominent opponent of federal power. The exhibit features paintings and manuscripts, as well as objects owned by Henry.

"In Jefferson's Shadow: The Architecture of Thomas Blackburn," will continue through May 28.

Based on ink and watercolor drawings and documents of Thomas R. Blackburn, architectural student of Thomas Jefferson, the exhibit provides insight into the little-understood practice of architecture in the early 19th century.

As a younger carpenter, Blackburn engaged in the construction of Jefferson's "academical village" at the University of Virginia. He also began a program of architectural study seemingly guided by Jefferson.

The drawings Blackburn executed in the ensuing decades document his emergence as the mature architect of such important commissions as Western State Hospital in Staunton.

Among upcoming exhibits, "Virginia's Diplomats" will open February 4 and continue through July 30.

The exhibit explores the careers of 31 Virginians who represented the nation's interests as ambassadors or at the Department of State from the founding of the republic.

Among them are Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Monroe, John Marshall, John Young Mason, Thomas Nelson Page, Alexander Weddell, Edward R. Stettinius, Walter S. Robertson, and David K. E. Bruce.

Objects and letters from the Virginia Historical Society, as well as loans from Monticello, the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, the College of William and Mary, National Portrait Gallery, the U.S. Department of State, and other institutions, will illustrate the changing role played by Virginia's diplomats in the arena of world politics and commerce. Also included are gifts to ambassadors from foreign government as well as objects collected abroad by the diplomats themselves.

"Safely Harbored: New African American Acquisitions" will open February 11 and continue through August 2.

The exhibition highlights recent acquisitions. Behind the variety of artifacts and objects are stories related to Virginia's rich culture and history.

In its 175 years of collecting, the Virginia Historical Society has made great strides since the early 1990s to include artifacts pertaining to African Americans. One of the challenges faced when collecting African Americana is that many have not seen these artifacts as a valued piece of history and culture.

Long-term exhibitions include "The Story of Virginia, an American Experience." The 10,000-square-foot exhibition with more than 1,000 objects covers 16,000 years of Virginia history from prehistoric times to the present.

"Silver in Virginia" includes silver produced in major urban centers such as Alexandria, Norfolk, and Richmond, and works crafted in small towns like Dumfries, Fincastle and Waynesboro. Also included are some images of Virginia silversmiths and place settings using silver and ceramics from the society's collections.

"The Virginia Manufactory of Arms Collection" presents weapons made in Richmond from 1802 through 1821. Born of the anti-federalist suspicion of a national military establishment, the state manufactory supplied the Virginia militia with flintlock muskets, pistols, swords and rifles.

"Four Seasons of the Confederacy: Murals by Charles Hoffbauer" features the work of French mural artist Charles Hoffbauer, commissioned by the Confederate Memorial Association in 1914 to paint a series of Civil War murals for the newly constructed Battle Abbey.

"Making the Confederate Murals" is a collection of Hoffbauer's pastel, watercolor, oil, and pencil sketches on paper and canvas, as well as photographs and the clay models that he used to create his famous murals, "The Four Seasons of the Confederacy."

"Arming the Confederacy" depicts the little-known story of the Confederacy's success in building a military-industrial complex to produce its own weapons. It is shown through objects from the Maryland-Stuart Collection, considered the world's finest collection of Confederate-made weapons and accouterments. The collection includes more than 150 Confederate-made rifles, carbines, muskets, pistols and dirks.

"Warwick to Windsor Farms: Building Virginia House" shows the design and building of Virginia House in Windsor Farms, the home of Alexander and Virginia Weddell. The exhibit features vintage photos and architectural plans. The stones and much of the glass were once part of a 12th-century priory in Warwickshire, England, home to the Order of the Holy Sepulcher.

The Virginia Historical Society is a 428 N. Boulevard in Richmond. For hours and admission fees, call 358-4901, or visit www.vahistorical.org.

▼ *Planners . . . .*

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sion. The half-hour presentation was the first of about six similar presentations that will cover the entire revised plan by June.

The commission also will learn about a request to ban boathouses in the county, although there will not be any public discussion on the topic at the meeting.

▼ *Boathouses . . . .*

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The board agreed to send the issue to the planning commission. The first public hearing may be scheduled in February on whether to ban boathouses in Northumberland.

In other decisions, the board approved, 5-0, C. Jacob Keck Jr.'s request for a permit to operate a bed and breakfast in Reedville.

By a 5-0 vote, the board adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow cargo container storage in certain areas with a conditional use permit.

The board also amended the county code to include provisions for property tax relief for the elderly and disabled.

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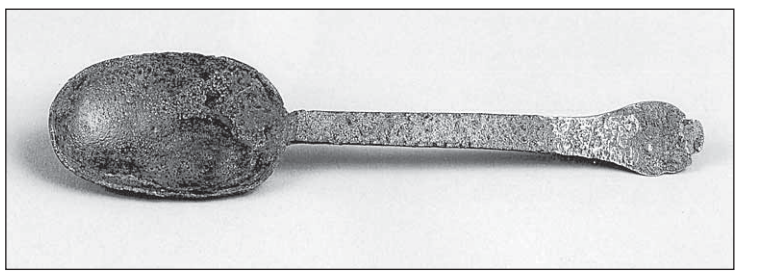
Notes

by Charlotte Henry



This ca. 1680 William and Mary Commemorative spoon is on exhibit at the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library.

In a brief departure from the continuing saga of the buildings and their origins in the Lancaster Courthouse Historic District, an important recent event is this month's subject. The story it tells however, has in essence, a plot that began long before there was a courthouse or any public buildings in the village.

Several months ago, the Mary Ball Washington Museum was the recipient of a remarkable 325-year-old artifact. It is an intricately engraved pewter William and Mary Commemorative spoon, alleged to be the only extant example with a history of Virginia ownership.

The identity of its original owner has been obscured by time. At some point, perhaps marked by the passing of centuries, it was lost and forgotten. That history remains shrouded in mystery. The story of its serendipitous recovery begins about 50 years ago.

Edwin C. "Junior" Barrack has spent much of his life following the time-honored tradition of a waterman. That occupation came naturally to a man whose father once piloted the Merry Point Ferry. Whether fishing, crabbing or oystering, the waterman's livelihood depends upon a successful haul. Barrack still recalls the day, long past, and unbeknownst to him at the time, when he discovered a small treasure beyond anyone's imagining.

Barrack was in his boat off of Towle's Point, when he dug his patent tongs into the riverbed and brought up several old bricks and a spoon shaped metal object. He must have registered momentary disappointment. What at first seemed a substantial yield of oysters, was, when his tongs broke the surface of the water, a worthless effort. The bricks went back overboard and without much thought, he slipped the encrusted artifact into his pocket. To this day, he doesn't know why he kept what seemed at best, just an old spoon.

Barrack was acquainted with the Leo Utz family. While still in high school he worked part-time at the Utz farm. Aware that Alberta Utz was interested in history and was a collector of antiques, Barrack gave her the little oddity. With an expert's eye, and after having the spoon cleaned and reasonably well-documented, Barrack's find became a valued addition to her colleciton.

In the ensuing years, Utz moved to Florida, but her years in Lancaster were not forgotten. Her interest and dedication in advancing and protecting the history of the county is well remembered by those she left behind. She, along with our beloved "Treenie" Chilton, is one of the two surviving founders of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library.

She also made many friends while serving as Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.). When Utz decided that the treasured relic's rightful place was where it was found, she contacted old friend and fellow D.A.R. member Lorena Conner to represent her with a formal presentation. She appropriately designated the Mary Ball Museum as the final repository of the spoon.

As with all worthwhile endeavors, a number of people lent their time and expertise to effect the desired result. In this little scenario, the principals were perfectly cast.Connor contacted fellow D.A.R. member Marguerite, "Dixie" McCaig, who also was secretary and member of the collections committee at the museum, to accept the gift on behalf of the museum. A formal presentation took place at a D.A.R. meeting, b ut McCaig took the venture a giant step further.

With close associations at Colonial Williamsburg, McCaig took the spoon to William Pittman, curator of archaeological collections, for further study and research. Pittman brought the artifact to the attention of John Davis, senior curator of metals at Williamsburg. Davis attributed the spoon to David Herrick, master pewterer of London in the 17th century.

In June 2005, Conner repeated the ceremony of presentation for the benefit of museum members. The spoon is now proudly displayed in the museum's gallery.