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Kilmarnock council approves boundary adjustment; criticizes newspaper; keeps town manager

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Monday night's town council meeting was anything but dull as council members approved compromise changes to the controversial boundary line adjustment (BLA), handed town manager Lee Capps a three-year contract and criticized the Rappahannock Record on its reporting.

Speaking out against the BLA during public comments was a newcomer to the issue. Tom Harris of Harris Farm called the recent addition of a clause proposing a 200-foot building setback along Harris Road as "arbitrary" and "premature."

The setback was a result of a negotiation between council and the Lancaster board of supervisors in order to win county approval.

"We were concerned when we read in the local paper that the town was going to acquire part of our property and place a setback restriction…" Harris said, asking why this would be done without talking to the property owners.

After several council members laid the blame on the supervisors, Harris claimed he spoke to them and they denied it was their proposal. Councilman Fletcher Brown assured Harris that the request came from supervisor chairman F.W. Butch Jenkins. But Harris persisted, wanting to know why he wasn't contacted and had to find out by reading it in the paper.

Councilman Les Spivey said, "The paper doesn't always explain it so it's really understood." Then turning to the Record reporter, he added, "I said that nicely."

When the reporter attempted to object, Spivey's levity evaporated and he yelled, "You can't speak now. If you want to talk, get over there to the podium and talk for three minutes and then sit back down."

Banging the gavel, Mayor Curtis Smith called for "Order. We are not going to have that. We will not have local reporters coming in here and speaking out whenever they want to."

While the outburst occurred in the public session, during the regular meeting which is closed to public comments, council allowed several citizens to speak out, even chatting back and forth with them on issues.

The BLA passed over the dissenting vote of council member Carmen Kilduff. The proposal must now be approved by the board of supervisors.

The newspaper took another hit when Smith said council must now deal with a state code violation issue "which was brought up by the newspaper" regarding councilmen Brown and Spivey. Both have been voting on the planning commission for the past three months in violation of state

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Goblins' night out

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31. Be prepared for ghosts and goblins to come trick-or-treating. For more fun Halloween activities, see the Upcoming calendar on pages A2-3. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

A Silver Celebration

The Callao Volunteer Fire Department held its 25th annual Callao Fireman's Festival and Parade October 21. Festival Queen Abby Long waves to the crowd as she heads to her seat for the parade. More parade photos appear on page B11. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Residents are reminded to set their clocks back officially at 2 a.m. this Sunday, October 29, as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Hearing to address another data antenna

LANCASTER—The public will be asked to tell the Lancaster board of supervisors at tonight's October 26 meeting if there might be too much of a good thing in Lively.

At the 7 p.m. meeting in the general district courtroom, opinions from the public will be heard on an application for a special exception by R. Eddie Headley, Jr., to place a data antenna on property on White Chapel Road in Lively.

According to information from director of planning Jack Larson, although the placement of data antennas extending high-speed internet access to county citizens has been supported in the past, this particular proposal would place an additional antenna within a quarter mile from a competitor's antenna at the Upper Lancaster Rescue Squad building.

In other internet-related business, the "readily available" legal information accessible through the internet has caused the board of trustees of the Cooperative Law Library housed within the library of Rappahannock Community College to unanimously vote to cease operations on or before December 31.

The board of trustees will request the supervisors to consider the "immediate suspension" of the collection of the $4-per-case fee paid at the beginning of each civil case filed in Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland counties since costs are going up and the use of the facilities is going down.

Among other applications set for public hearing, James Christopher Felthouse seeks authorization to place an individual manufactured home on property on Norwood Church Road near Morattico.

Donahue Properties LLC, requests a continuance to the November 30 board meeting of its petition originally to be heard tonight for expansion of a non-conforming use (the Lancaster Landing restaurant) to a 27-unit hotel.

The Northern Neck Family YMCA will present a slide show of programs and answer questions prior to a budget review by the board.

Also, the school board will ask the supervisors to reallocate additional state revenues to purchase a bus.

Lancaster Middle School sixth-grader Bradley Hudson takes a bite of cheese pizza.

This package of stories, photos and report cards represents the second installment of a three-part series critiquing school lunches. This week, hungry reporters visited Lancaster and Northumberland middle schools. Next week, they will visit the high schools. Previous stories presented an overview of the school lunch programs in both school systems and critiqued lunches at the Lancaster Primary and Northumberland Elementary schools.

Choices abundant at LMS

By Joan McBride and Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

So many tasty treats, so little time.

Pizza, chicken filet sandwiches, cheeseburgers, soft tacos, tossed salad, applesauce, bananas, and taco chips plus Snapple, warm chocolate chip or macadamia nut cookies, baked potato chips and two flavors of slushies.

Students at Lancaster Middle School got their pick of seven different entrees last Friday, when reporters from the Rappahannock Record stopped by for a taste test.

"Some children are confused by all the choices," said 24-year veteran cafeteria worker Betty Walters. "So they want pizza every day."

Indeed, Walters said 35-40 pans of pizza cut in eight large, hot and delicious pieces are cooked daily.

"It's good, really good," said nine-year-old Justin Washington. His friend Marquis Smith, also nine, likes the pizza, too, but said that for a change he chooses the chicken bacon meltdown sandwich.

Principal Craig Kauffman offered a fast and emphatic endorsement of the pizza made by Aramark, the school division's new outside food service company.

"I love their pizza!"

Both Record reporters thought the pepperoni pizza was extremely good, but agreed the addition of some whole grains to the tender and thick crust recipe would be a great nutritional boost.

Two side dishes were taste-tested that day. As green bean lovers, the reporters loved the rich flavor, but felt the beans were too salty even for adult palates, and definitely too salty for kids.

The soft taco was another popular lunch entree, with flavorful meat and accompanying salsa and shredded lettuce

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Northumberland Middle School seventh-graders line up for lunch.

Rolls define lunch at NMS

by Reid Pierce-Armstrong and Audrey Thomasson

When a child enters middle school, the world divides itself into two classes: cool and uncool.

Apparently, eating a well-balanced meal falls into the uncool category for many middle schoolers in Northumberland.

Entire tables in the cafeteria last Thursday were filled with tweens using their lunch period to socialize; they just rolled their eyes at us when we asked them why they weren't eating lunch.

"It's bad for you," said eighth-grader Trevor Renton

For those who were too hungry to be cool and unlucky enough to end up at the end of the line, a well-balanced meal was a 15- to 20-minute wait away. We timed one seventh-grader from the time she first queued up to the time she sat down with her tray of food. After 15 minutes in line, she had exactly seven minutes left to eat her meal before the bell rang.

"There are about 125 seventh-graders so the line is much longer than the other grades," said assistant principal Debbie DeVivi, who brought her lunch from home. "We encourage them to wait at the tables until the line becomes shorter, but they don't always do that."

Lunch time is about 25 minutes, but students can stay to finish their meal and, sometimes, administrators will wait until everyone is done eating to send the kids back to class.

Hungry boys said they struggle sometimes with the portions and the quality of the food.

"The homemade pizza yesterday wasn't enough—and it wasn't cooked enough," said eighth-grader Travon Thompson.

There was some discussion about how the kids missed the old, frozen pizzas which have

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Upcoming

October 26 Thursday

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
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 per person. 438-4152.
No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.
The Youth Club of Lancaster will serve a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hayden Building at Dream Fields. $6 students, $8 adults. Take-out available.
The Democratic Committee for Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland County Library in Heathsville to finalize plans for the upcoming elections.
The Board of Supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
An After Hours Lecture on jellyfish will be held at 7 p.m. at the Freight Shed at Riverwalk Landing in Yorktown. Virginia Institute of Marine Science jellyfish expert Rob Condon will lead the diisucssion.Reservtions required, 684-7846.

27 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7 p.m.
Alice Hershiser plays the piano from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock.
A Square Dance with a Halloween theme will be sponsored by the Square Pegs at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess at 7 p.m. Costumes optional.
Ghost Stories will be featured at the Old Jail in Lancaster from 6 to 8 p.m. Storyteller David Lustwig will share scary tales.
Movie Night, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Family Ministry Program, will feature Akeelah and the Bee. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.,m. in the church fellowship hall at 435 East Church Street in Kilmarnock. Free.

Monster Mash Bash

Commodores at The Tides Inn will host a Monster Mash Bash Saturday, October 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is $10. There will be a costume contest with prizes, ghouls' grub and dancing. For more information, call 438-4457.

27 Friday

Movie Night at Irvington United Methodist Church will feature RV. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.

28 Saturday

Alice Hershiser plays the piano from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock.
OminOtagO will be featured at Cafe Mojo in Urbanna, begining at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Fever: A Salute to the '70s will be featured at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.
Market Days will be held on the town commons in Colonial Beach from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Casino Night, to benefit the Steamboat Era Museum, will be held at the White Stone events center from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. $45. For tickets, call 438-6888.
The Northern Neck Food And Harvest Festival will be held at Stratford Hall Plantation in Westmoreland County. Crafts, tradesmen, games, hay rides, antique cars, food. Noon to 4 p.m.
A Golf Cart Halloween Parade will be held in Colonial Beach. 224-2443.
The Bay Window in Irvington will host an ornament class from 1 to 3 p.m. $40 plus supplies.
The Community Crusaders will hold a pre-Halloween cabaret October 28 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Lilian. D.J. Charlie Buggins and crew will provide the music.

28 Saturday

The Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Third Annual Regional Disability Awareness Day will be held October 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at T. Ray's Banquet Hall in Warsaw.
A Shrimp Dinner will be served at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call 462-5790 or 462-0520. $15 adults, $7 children.
An Oyster Taste-Off will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Cowart Seafood Corp. near Lottsburg. $15. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets at EVB banks in Heathsville, Burgess and Callao, or the Northumberland County administrator's office.
Flu Shots will be administered by the Three Rivers Health District at Rapppahannock Community College campuses in Glenns and Warsaw, beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Dinner at Seven will meet at 6:45 p.m. at Rose's Crab House and Raw Bar in Kilmarnock.
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29 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at T & T's in Burgess immediately following church services.

29 Sunday

Raymond Curry's Famous Fried Chicken will be served from noon to 3 p.m. by The Mid-County Rescue Squad Auxiliary at the squad building at 7590 Northumberland Highway east of Heathsville. $10 adults, $5 children ages 4 to 12, children under age 4 eat free. Menu includes fried chicken, sweet potatoes, string beans, mashed potatoes, apple rings, dessert and beverage.
A Big Top Circus Extravaganza will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Walmsley Road in Lottsburg from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Participants are asked to come dressed as a circus performer. For those ages 12 and under there will be games, prizes and candy.

30 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.
The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
Open Mike Night is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gables Coffee and Ice Cream Shop on Main Street in Reedville.

31 Tuesday Halloween

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 Bridge Discussion Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.
The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the VMRC headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Habitat permit applications are considered during the morning session, followed by fisheries items. Hearings are set at noon.

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Your guide to the most delicious food & tastiest treats in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

THE BLUE HERON PUB & GRILL: 37 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Casual dining with a diverse menu. Full bar with an excellent selection of specialty draft and bottled beers and extensive wine list. Open for lunch and dinner from 11 am-10pm, Tuesday-Saturday. 804-435-7005.

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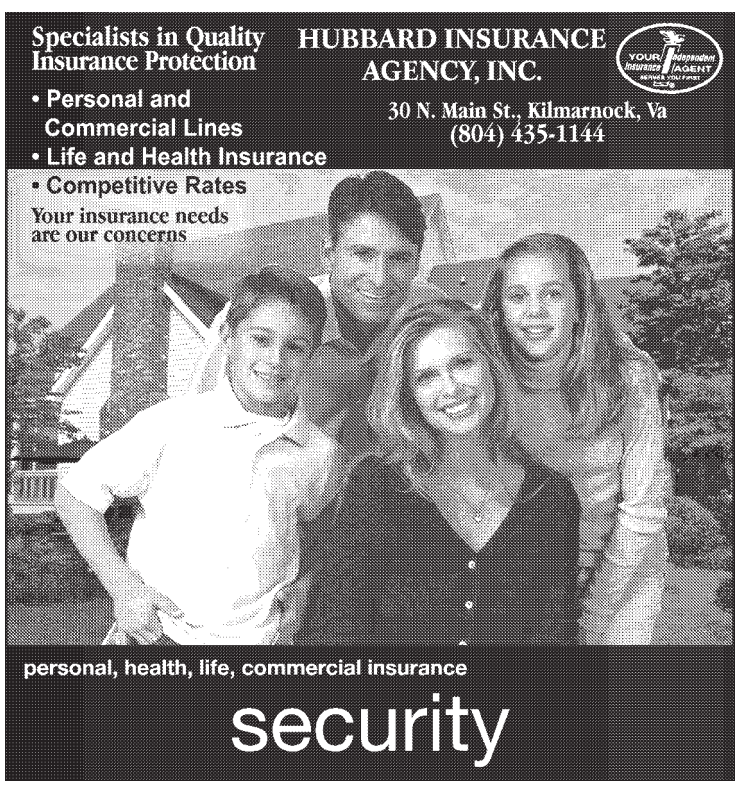

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THE GUARDIAN (PG) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
OPEN SEASON (PG) 5:15, 7:15, 9:20
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

SAT. OCT 7
THE DEPARTED (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55
JACKASS NUMBER 2 (R) 1:45, 3:35, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35
THE GUARDIAN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
OPEN SEASON (PG) 2:45, 5:15, 7:15, 9:20
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

SUN. OCT 8
THE DEPARTED (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
JACKASS NUMBER 2 (R) 1:45, 3:35, 5:25, 7:30
THE GUARDIAN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
OPEN SEASON (PG) 2:45, 5:15, 7:15
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20

TUES.-THUR. OCT 9-12
THE DEPARTED (R) 7:00
JACKASS NUMBER 2 (R) 7:30
THE GUARDIAN (PG) 7:10
OPEN SEASON (PG) 7:15
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 7:20

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Lindsay family to perform with orchestra

The Northern Neck Orchestra will open its 2006-07 season October 28 with "Ages of Notes," at the Lancaster Middle School Theater. The concert also will feature the Lindsay family of Virginia Beach, who are rehearsing with the orchestra above. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students. They may be purchased at Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock, the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, and by calling 436-9027.

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31 Tuesday

An Annual Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Irvington Commons. Judging will begin at 5 p.m. There will be various categories for children ages 12 and under.
A Harvest Festival will be sponsored by the White Stone Church of the Nazerene at the Family Life Center on Route 3 north of White Stone from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The community is invited for a night of family fun with food, games, contests, races and candy. Harvest costumes are optional.
A Halloween Costume Contest will begin at 5 p.m. at Northern Neck Solutions at 72 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. First prize is a $100 savings bond; second, a $75 savings bond; and third, a $50 savings bond. At 5:30 p.m., the movie Ghostbusters will be shown in the backyard. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. These Steptoe's Hollow activities are cosponsored by 101.7 BayFM and EVB.
Kandy for Kids, sponsored by the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, will be held among participating main Street Merchants. Trick-or-treating will begin at 5 p.m. on Main Street. At 6 p.m., there will be games and activities at Augusta and Main. At 6:45 p.m., there will be a magic show there and at 7:15 p.m., there will be ghost stories on a haunted trolley.

1 Wednesday

The Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District will meet at 7 p.m. at the NNPDC building in Warsaw.

2 Thursday

Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
The Airport Club of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.
The White Stone Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the town office.
The Wetlands Board for Northumberland County will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The Marine Corps League Detachment will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao firehouse. 462-7868.
Auditions will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. November 2 at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock for a variety show December 1 to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Northen Neck. Call Joan at 462-0034 for more information.
Pete Atkinson will be featured at Cafe Mojo in Urbanna, beginning at 7 p.m.

November

1 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 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
A Grief Support Group will meet at White Stone United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.
An Art Jam And Open Mike will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sunrise Studio Gallery at 197 Whittaker Lane near Hughlett Point. 435-2880.
The Woman's Club of White Stone meets at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch; drinks and dessert furnished.
The Bay Consortium Workforce Board Inc. quarterly meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Richmond County YMCA at 74 Main Street in Warsaw.

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5 p.m.	**Trick-or-Treat on Main Street with Main Street Merchants**
6 p.m.	**Treats, Goodies & Games with Buzzie the Clown. Corner of Augusta & Main Street (between Nobletts & Hometown Lighting)**
6:45 p.m.	**Magic show with Monroe the Magnificient**
7:15 p.m.	**Ghost stories on the Kilmarnock haunted trolley.**

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Excerpts *by Henry Lane Hull*

The pre-Socratic Greeks were not without their own levels of wisdom. Many of their pithy expressions have been with us now for over 2,500 years, and remain as applicable today as then. My favorite is the Sophist observation, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder"; however, over the years I have noticed that some eyes behold more beauty than others.

In that vein the person who comes to mind most readily is Cindy Pittman, who for over 25 years has provided others with the opportunity to experience beauty as she does, always knowing what goes where, how colors meet and mix, and what the esthetic value of proportion really is.

Cindy comes from southwest Virginia; due to her marriage to John she might be termed a "brought here." A quarter of a century ago she recognized a need in the community for a framing shop and art gallery, and she took the initiative to go into business for herself. She knew she had a flare for design, and the past quarter of a century has witnessed her many talents commanding the respect and appreciation of hundreds of veteran art lovers and novices as well.

Instinct is a large part of Cindy's talent. She can take a piece of crumpled refrigerator art by a first-grader, and turn it into a work worthy of gallery exhibition. She has a stock in trade covering every conceivable permutation of colors and shapes. She likes to lay out the ones which she thinks might go together, then let the customer make the decision. If the latter is going in the wrong direction, she speaks up, sometimes gently, sometimes forcefully, to suggest that the customer's bent is not going to work. I, for one, have never found her judgment to be in error.

Soon into business, Cindy found that people wanted more from her than merely framing and she began selling art on consignment. People innately appreciated the quality of her taste and wanted to acquire pieces to hang on their own walls with the thought that the objects would look as well there as on Cindy's walls. Today the art aspect of her business is a treat to behold for anyone visiting her business.

Framing remains Cindy's most basic artistic expression. It is where she pulls diverse elements together in a flash, giving them new meaning, a purpose, a sense of direction, and that ineffable quality of panache. With all of her abilities on the line for the past 25 years, she happily has not lost touch with her delightful southwest Virginia accent, directness, and most importantly, sense of humor.

Her shop's radio ads from Thanksgiving until Christmas merit inclusion in any anthology of such works. She calmly announces the terms, i.e. dates, under which it is possible for her to have items ready to give as Christmas presents. The cut-off date is set in stone and she gives ample warning that once passed, it is like Caesar crossing the Rubicon. There will be no going back. I do not know if her method works, but I do know that I should not take her a picture to be framed on December 23rd and say I wanted to place it under the tree unless I were referring to Christmas next year.

As of yesterday, Cindy has been in business for half of her life. Kilmarnock should be shutting down in celebration for one of its finest citizens, business leaders, and gifted artists.

She is sufficiently important to merit a two-day celebration, thus with all of her many other admirers, friends and customers, I say "Happy Birthday, Cindy!" You deserve all the praise you receive, for indeed, you have made the beauty in your eye "beholdable" to all of us. "Ad multos annos!"

Delegate's Report

by Robert J. Wittman

As many of you may be aware, the Mid Rivers Cancer Center, owned and operated by Dr. Christopher Walsh in Montross, has been facing problems getting reimbursed for their Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) treatments from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. In December of last year they were notified that Anthem would no longer be covering IMRT treatments for breast and lung cancer, effective April 2006.

Before going any further it is probably necessary to explain what solid compensator IMRT is. At Dr. Walsh's facility, they use machined blocks of brass (solid compensators) to direct a higher dose of radiation to the tumor while shielding the healthy tissue. This increases the success of the radiation treatment while also cutting down on potential damage to surrounding organs and tissue.

In an effort to combat Anthem's decision, I introduced legislation that would make it mandatory to cover IMRT, specifically solid compensator IMRT which is what is used at the Mid Rivers Cancer Center, for various types of cancer including breast and lung cancer. Whenever this type of legislation is introduced, it is referred to the Mandated Health Benefits Commission. On October 17, this legislation went before the commission.

While a decision on this legislation will not be made until the commission meets again in November, I am hopeful that it will do the right thing and mandate the coverage. The presentations in favor of the bill were strong, and visuals and expert testimony were provided to enable the Commission to better understand the nature of this treatment.

Speaking for the legislation at the meeting was Dr. Christopher Walsh, MD FARCO, Mid Rivers Cancer Center; Dr. Gregory W. Cotter, MD FACRO, Chairman of the American College of Radiation Oncology; Dr. Michael Mills, PhD MSPH FAAMP FACMP, Editor and Chief of Applied Clinical Medical Physics, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Louisville, Chief of Physics at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, and the immediate past Chairman of the American College of Medical Physics; Dr. William Walker, Jr., PhD CHP, formerly with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, also formerly with the Radiation Safety Branch of the National Institutes of Health; and Arne Able, MS DABR certified in Radiological Physics by the American Board of Radiology. There were numerous others from the medical community and local governing bodies who were either in attendance and unable to speak due to time constraints or had submitted letters of support. A letter of support was also read from Rep. Jo Ann Davis, who was unable to attend.

There were only two people present to speak against the bill: Anna Healy of the Virginia Association of Health Plans and Dr. MaeEllen Terrebonne of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

It is now up to the Commission to make a recommendation as to whether or not this legislation should become law. I will be certain to report once a decision has been made. To look at this legislation more in depth, visit www.delegatewittman.com, and follow the legislation link to HB 1405.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone, 804-493-0508, or email, robwittman@verizon.net.

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Letters to the Editor

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Supporting Allen and Davis

From **Bill Blocher,**
Lancaster

The voters of Virginia have a clear choice to re-elect American leaders who understand that the most important responsibility they have is to protect and defend the people of the United States and its economy.

We have enjoyed continuous prosperity that since 2003 has created more than 5.5 million new jobs while keeping taxes low. The tax cuts allow us to continue to have more of our money to spend and invest as we see fit.

Today's American prosperity is a result of the tax relief measures enacted in 2001 and 2003. In spite of dire warnings of massive deficits by tax-and-spend liberals, America stepped forward to strengthen its terrorist defenses and to improve homeland security.

These expenditures were essential at the time. The resulting deficits were necessary and have already been cut in half years earlier than originally expected, thanks to the prosperity the tax cuts generated.

The Democratic opposition and its candidates do not understand that our economy is stronger when it is left alone. The tax cuts of the past four years have increased tax revenue from the wealthiest individuals and they, in turn, have invested their funds creating more businesses and jobs.

Building a stronger economy leads to increased tax revenue. The national Democrats have pledged to roll-back the tax cuts; that will cripple economic growth. I endorse the re-election of Republican Senator George Allen and Republican Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis on Election Day, November 7.

We are involved in a difficult war in Iraq. We, as a nation, determined that the Iraqi regime under Saddam Hussein represented a serious threat to the world. We took military action that had to be taken. We were told it would not be easy, and it has not been. Nevertheless, it is not time to send a message to the terrorists that we will cut and run when things look difficult. America needs to finish the job in Iraq and protect the Iraqi people while they build their democracy.

Of course we are annoyed and embarrassed by foolish and criminal actions by individuals, such as at Abu Ghraib military prison and the corruption of some elected officials. We corrected and are still correcting the mistakes and punishing those who are guilty. America and Americans sometimes do the wrong thing, but America and its people are quick to correct the situation.

We face new nuclear threats for the first time since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union. The other major question Americans should ask before voting is whether they feel a divided Congress would be able to assist President Bush in providing the critical deterrence to counter the recent acquisition of nuclear bombs by North Korea and those certain to emerge in Iran.

To paraphrase an old truism, "A house divided against itself cannot stand" and a nation torn apart by illogical liberal philosophical viciousness cannot prevail without serious consequences.

A divided Congress is not a good solution. Re-electing Sen. Allen and Rep. Jo Ann Davis will make the accomplishment of what America wants and needs easier and quicker.

Losing our rights

From **Dana Smith**,
Urbanna

In 2006, the controversial Patriot Act of 2001 was renewed and signed by George W. Bush. This act makes search, seizure, and arrest legal without being told why.

In 2006, the Department of Homeland Security awarded a $385 million contract to KBR, a subsidiary of Haliburton, to build civilian detention facilities within the United States.

In 2006, George W. Bush approved the Military Commissions Act which makes permanent detention and torture legal and renders the Geneva Conventions optional.

In 2006, Michael Chertoff, secretary of Homeland Security, stated that disaffected people on the internet pose a threat to U.S. security.

And now in 2006, we are to vote on an amendment to the Virginia Constitution which is purposely conceived to create second-class citizens. People will be legally dehumanized, then the process of isolation and ostracism from society will be perfectly fine.

Doesn't anyone see a trend here?

If the so called "marriage amendment" is approved by popular vote, what will be the next law or amendment designed to marginalize or invalidate rights of a legal U.S. citizen? The color of one's skin? Your political affiliation? Maybe your religion.

What type of society do we want for America? What is happening to our egalitarian ideals that have been defended and gallantly fought for by people of dedication and courage throughout U.S. history? Please, think before you vote.

Fearing ACLU-dominated courts

From **Doug Monroe,**
Irvington

If we do not re-elect Senator George Allen, we may face having a new Supreme Court judge who supports the liberal, anti-American American Civil Liberties Union.

The Supreme Court and other federal courts could easily gain the strength to overpower the legislative responsibilities of the U.S. Congress by overruling laws passed by our elected representatives. Many future decisions might be based on world secular precedents that have no relationship to our life and heritage in the United States.

It is clear that our forefathers based much early legislation on their religious beliefs. Our work ethic also came from those early settlers. While many of us came to this country in the past century, we went to school, we adopted free enterprise and a system of private ownership. We worked hard. We freely worshiped and were not afraid to speak or show our religious beliefs while holding public office.

Many of our federal judges who received lifetime appointments and subsequent confirmations by the U.S. Senate under Presidents Clinton and Carter have taken it upon themselves to legislate from the bench by partially overturning laws that have been passed by state legislatures and the U.S. Congress. This totally usurps the balance of power within our federal governing bodies.

The trend continuing enormous legislative power rests in the hands of a small appointed Supreme Court majority, only five of the nine judges. The judges are not elected by the people, yet they can inflict their will on the country.

Put aside all of the personal political bashing, the scandals of both parties, the economy, the price of oil and focus on where we might be if the likes of the ACLU dominate the Supreme Court or other federal courts and continue to try to tie the hands of elected representatives. Soon we would not recognize our country. A Supreme Court composed of members of the ACLU would be a national tragedy.

A vote for Senator Allen is a vote for a practical, pragmatic Supreme Court.

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Supporting same sex marriages

From **Lesney Anderson,**
Wicomico Church

Until a friend inquired of me what my 'stand' on the rights of same sex couples to marry and have the same benefits heterosexuals enjoy, I was taken aback somewhat because I realized I didn't have an opinion on the subject, which I admit makes me a rare bird.

But the question stayed with me and I was left with the feeling I should have an opinion and I should state it, especially since I will be voting on the subject very soon.

So for the record, I believe each of us were given a life to live as we wished. If two adults of the same sex want to solidify their union by calling it a marriage, what could possibly be wrong with that?

And I certainly feel they are entitled to receive the same benefits given "normal married people."

Only a person just walking out of life in a cave would fail to know couples of the same sex have 'joined together' since time immortal and these unions have produced great family units and many children have benefitted from such.

Dump the tax and spend Republicans

From **Jeff Donley,**
Colonial Beach

If you depend on Social Security and Medicare, this is what is going to happen to you.

My wife and I are both in our 80s. This past January, she fell and broke a shoulder. After the bone had knit, her orthopedist prescribed physical therapy.

We were aware that Medicare Part B premiums had increased 17 percent, deductibles had increased and, now we learned that benefits had been reduced. This reduction in coverage had been labeled "deficit reduction."

The only way the deficit can be reduced is by raising taxes. So our taxes had been raised so that the billionaires and big corporations could continue their lower taxes. Sixty of the Fortune 500 companies paid zero taxes last year.

Remember the kid who hurt his arm? "I used to raise it up to there; now I can only raise it up to here?" With a lot of pain and perspiration, my wife can raise her arm to almost here, and that is after therapy was cut off.

Her orthopedist, family doctor, and therapist all wanted her to continue, but their appeals to Medicare were turned down.

You should know that the big tax cuts to the wealthy, these tax increases on the poor and senior citizens in the name of "Deficit Reduction," the increases in Medicare premiums and deductions, all received yes votes from our representatives George Allen and Jo Ann Davis.

They still call Democrats by the "tax and spend" label, yet the Bush Administration, with support of a rubber-stamp Congress has spent us into the largest deficit in history. They want to wipe out Social Security—which Bush labels "entitlement payments." Davis and Allen back him 100 percent.

Social Security is paid for by the f.i.c.a. deductions from our paychecks. This is our money, not George's or Jo Ann's or Dubya's to play with. Let's dump these tax and spend Republicans and get our future back.

Davis doesn't know Shiites

From **Norm Mosher,**
Irvington

In a New York Times Op Ed piece on October 17, Jeff Stein, the national security editor at Congressional Quarterly, reported on a conversation with Jo Ann Davis.

"Rep. Jo Ann Davis, a Virginia Republican who heads a House intelligence subcommittee charged with overseeing the C.I.A.'s performance in recruiting Islamic spies and analyzing information was.... dumbfounded when I asked her if she knew the difference between Sunnis and Shiites.

"'Do I?' she asked me. A look of concentration came over her face. 'You know, I should.' She took a stab at it: 'It's a difference in their fundamental religious beliefs. The Sunni are more radical than the Shia. Or vice versa. But I think it's the Sunnis who're more radical than the Shia.'

"Did she know which branch Al Qaeda's leaders follow?

"'Al Qaeda is the one that's most radical, so I think they're Sunni,' she replied. 'I may be wrong, but I think that's right.'"

Five years after the attack on the World Trade Center, and Mrs. Davis is uncertain about the nature of the enemy. How can she possibly do her job on the Intelligence Committee?

Aren't you embarrassed that the world now knows our Representative really isn't up to the demands of her job, to put it politely?

We need a change, Vote for change. Vote for Shawn O'Donnell.

Opposing Allen and Davis

From **John Holmes,**
Weems

Sen. George Allen and Rep. Jo Ann Davis have consistently supported the war in Iraq and parroted the call by the administration to "stay the course."

We need people with good intellects and open minds to admit mistakes and find better solutions. The war in Iraq is lost and we must stand up and find an honorable way to "change the course."

Allen and Davis also have allowed big oil companies to enjoy obscene profits at the expense of the citizens. We expected some strong opposition to help solve the drain on our wallets, but there has hardly been a peep from them.

It's time for a change.

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Do you remember?

This ariel photo of downtown Kilmarnock was taken in the early 1960s. Notice that School Street, adjacent to Main Street, ends at what was then the new school. The old school served as a Virginia Freight truck terminal. (Courtesy of the Kilmarnock Museum)

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Webb 'gets it'

From **Mary L. Lay,**
Kilmarnock

The president is now dropping the slogan "stay the course" because the majority of Americans now want a change. This is a desperate pre-election attempt to get swing votes. It is a moot point if a change in slogan will lead to a change on the ground that will help much.

Allen has done the same thing to get votes. He has had no independent thoughts about this and has continued to parrot Bush. Jim Webb saw this quagmire coming long ago and spoke out against it.

Webb is a candidate who will be strong on terrorists but be careful about getting us into messes like the present one. He also "gets it" that the present administration and much of Congress has been more interested in power and greed than any common good.

It is time for a change and we have a good candidate to vote for in Jim Webb. He is thoughtful, moderate, and independent in thinking.

Endorsing Allen

From **Kit Monroe,**
Irvington

Last week, I had the distinct pleasure of attending a luncheon for Susan Allen, the wife of George Allen, Republican candidate for Senate. It was delightful. Susan had a jam-packed day, functions in northern Virginia, then the Northern Neck and finally the Eastern Shore, but when she arrived, you never would have known she had been going all morning. Her attention was complete. There was no bashing of the "other side," just enthusiasm for her state, and her wonderful years in the Governor's Mansion when she promoted tourism in Virginia, and her enthusiasm for what George Allen did as Governor of Virginia and in the U.S. Senate.

I blush to say that I had almost forgotten the many breakthroughs George Allen achieved while serving as governor. Let me quote from the Richmond Times-Dispatch article of Sunday, October 22 endorsing Allen for Senate, because I couldn't possibly say it as well, "As governor, Allen ranked as one of Virginia's most estimable—and revolutionary—of the 20th century. He persuaded a Democratic legislature to abolish parole, dramatically reform both welfare and the juvenile justice system, and—to raise academic performance—establish a Standard of Learning program emulated nationwide." And these were just the highlights.

Just as you haven't heard much about Allen's years as governor in the liberal media, you won't hear much about his years as Virginia's junior Senator either. Again let me quote from the Sunday Richmond Times endorsement article, "Allen exceeded expectations for a first term senator with, for instance (a) his successful support of Roger Gregory for a permanent seat on the Richmond based 4th Circuit Court of appeals, (b) a measure for federal funding of next wave nanotechnology, and (c) a bill to block taxes on Internet access."

He was so effective as a first term senator that in 2004 he was named head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, and the Republicans gained a stunning four seats—including that of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

George Allen is a staunch supporter of our efforts in combating terrorism, and has said, "I know that the war in Iraq has been tough, but it is a major theater in this war on terror, which we can and must win...We must demonstrate to the world that America keeps its word to those who are yearning for security and freedom".....he goes on, "Iraq---an oil rich country---(must) not become a safe haven for terrorists."

It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse George Allen for a second term in the United States Senate.

Iraq war has not made us safer

From **Michael Morchower,**
Irvington

It cannot be disputed that President Bush and Mr. Cheney misled the public in order to justify the invasion of Iraq. As a matter of fact, their goal was really to humiliate radical Islam and send a message to the Middle East. Tragically, Bush and Cheney further radicalized Iraq and the entire Middle East. Not surprisingly, it will allow Republicans to continue their "politics of fear."

To make matters more bizarre, Bush and Cheney have been seeking advice from one Henry Kissinger, the former Nixon aide who prolonged the Vietnam war in an attempt to rescue Nixon's presidency during Watergate. The common denominator among Bush, Cheney and Kissinger is that none of them have war time combat experience.

Our military has tried to work miracles in order to accomplish an impossible goal in Iraq. At the same time, it's hard to understand why our U.S. soldiers were furnished inferior body armor and vehicles along with an insufficient troop level. "Staying the course" has meant let American soldiers die in order to prevent Shiites and Sunnis from killing each other.

We have spent $400 billion on Iraq which has 61 percent of its people believing that it's justified to kill Americans.

Bush is preoccupied with making political decisions in hopes of avoiding a total loss in the mid-term elections. Therefore, no firm deadline will be imposed on the Iraqi government until after November 7.

There is an abundance of pessimism that the Bush Administration will be unable to achieve its goal of a stable democracy within Iraq anytime soon. As a result, our soldiers are sitting ducks and voters should consider that 23,000 American troops have been injured or killed in Iraq.

Suddenly, voters are more confident in Democrats handling the Iraq war than Republicans, according to polling statistics. Why? Because Bush and Cheney have stretched the truth too many times.

Fifteen intelligence agencies recently offered the opinion that the war in Iraq has not made us safer. It was also unprecedented when a number of retired U.S. Generals publicly advocated a new approach in Iraq.

Not only has our strategy in Iraq failed under the Republicans, but they are also responsible for ballooning government spending, creating an unethical political environment, denying embryonic stem cell research for the physically infirm, opposing a woman's right to choose and capitulating to the "Christian right."

How dare Mr. Bush suggest that the war in Iraq will be "just a comma" in history books.

Goodbye Republicans, Hello Democrats.

Stakes are high

From **Ned Crockett,**
Irvington

We have a critical decision to make November 7th. Do we show support of our president by voting to keep a Republican controlled Congress, or do we vote Democrat to show that we do not support our president?

The stakes are extremely high and will determine how we are protected against enemies the likes of which we have never faced. We must not be swayed by the political rhetoric flooding our airways. There are four critical concerns we must consider when deciding for whom to vote.

Iraq: Right or wrong we are committed to be there. Members of Congress of both parties, with a few exceptions, believed at the time that we should have invaded Iraq and believe now that we should not cut and run. Do you believe the president's plan to begin pulling out of Iraq once it is stabilized is a realistic plan? Do the Democrats have a better plan?

Terrorism: Is President Bush being tough enough in his efforts to prevent acts of terrorism from taking place on American soil? Do the Democrats have a more effective plan?

North Korea: Is President bush sending the correct message to Kim Jong-Il. Do you believe President Bush is correct in his attempt to have China apply pressure to North Korea? Do you think the Democrat's plan to negotiate with Kim Jong-Il, a pathological liar, is a better plan?

Iran: Do you approve of the approach President Bush is taking in dealing with what may be our greatest threat? Do the Democrats offer a better plan?

Simply voting for what one hopes may be a better plan for dealing with these real threats to our nation is irresponsible and dangerous. The stakes are too high. We need strong proven leadership.

Negotiating with the thugs is a sign of weakness and only allows them to become stronger. Our enemies applaud the Democrat's attempts to discredit President Bush. We must come together in support of our president and face our enemies united.

Strong leadership is vital to keeping us safe. To be effective, our president needs the support of Congress. Every single vote is important. Let your vote be based on substance and concern for the future of our great country, not on emotions and hollow promises of a better way.

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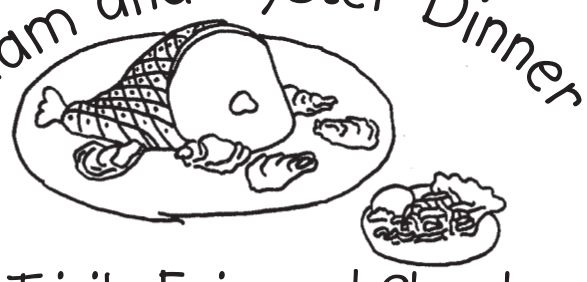

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Letters to the Editor

Notice

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Time for a change

From **Richard B. Culp**, Heathsville

As the national election approaches, it's prudent to review the actions of the current Congress and Administration before selecting our representatives. To me, the country's major problems include Social Security, Medicare and Medicaide, and deficits.

The Social Security trust fund has been used for years as a supplement to tax revenue and we now have less than three workers to support each retiree. As Baby Boomers retire, the ability to pay benefits will evaporate. What has been done after six years of Republican control: nothing.

According to experts, the ability of the Medicare and Medicaide fund to continue to pay will run out in this decade. The Republican Congress passed a bill to assist payment for medicine which was unfunded and cost double the original estimate while the "doughnut hole" severely hurt some families. The unfunded bill places even more strain on the over stressed program. What has been done to redress the problem: nothing.

Cutting taxes while indulging in unconstrained spending to include funding a conflict whose post-war management has been badly bungled has created a huge deficit. The incompetent architects of the war, Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz, have respectively been retained in office and promoted to the World Bank. While Bush trumpets that tax relief has expanded the economy, the Congressional Budget Office finds that other than benefiting corporations and the very rich, the Bush tax program had little to do with economic expansion. What has been done is to rob funds needed to fund Social Security and Medicare and Medicaide.

Sen. Allen and Rep. Davis have followed lockstep with the deficit producing policies and supported the failed architects of a war, which will likely cost a trillion dollars and produce many more American dead and severely crippled.

I say it's time for a change.

Webb saw Iraq quagmire coming

From **Frank Mann**, Lancaster

Whoever thought that our invasion of Iraq would turn into the current quagmire? One person soon did. According to the Washington Post, Jim Webb "was prescient in warning, back in 2002, that the war in Iraq risked stranding the United States in a long-term occupation without an exit strategy."

The Post describes Webb as "an intelligent man with a record of integrity." That's a welcome change for Congress. One can see his integrity at work when he acknowledged his error in disparaging women in the military when he was young. He has since shown a record of support for women in responsible positions in the armed forces.

He certainly never sent a message to a minority that George Allen sent when he displayed a Confederate flag in his college dorm room with a noose. Considering that Allen was known to frequently use derogatory terms about blacks back then, which he denies, one wonders what Allen was really trying to say with those room decorations?

Allen has the record of a very compliant, go-with-the-flow, lobbyist-connected, rewarded-with-stock-options politician. He uses a totally false claim in his TV ads that Webb will raise taxes $2,000. Webb's never said a thing about raising taxes.

I can't help being impressed with Jim Webb's military background. After graduating from Annapolis, he chose service in the Marines in Vietnam. He holds the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. His youngest son is a marine in Iraq which will guarantee his genuine concern for the troops.

Webb and Sen. John Warner would make one of the most qualified teams on military issues in the Senate. Webb deserves your vote.

Oil rules

From **Jerry Peill**, Lancaster

President Bush inherited from his predecessor a North Korea whose nuclear program was imperfectly frozen but at least inspected. The new policy he created has resulted in a real nuclear threat, while non-nuclear Iraq is in undemocratic turmoil and Iran does whatever it wants.

How are we safer?

Can such dysfunctional White House policy implementation imply that Bush's plan actually has goals for which spreading democracy is only a cover? Most Iraqis now believe this to be the case. For example, consider Cheney's secret energy industry meetings. Could the participants have fretted about the insecurity of their oil sources? Why not examine the logic of President Bush's moves from this starting point?

First, brand Iraq, Iran and North Korea as nuclear threats. Then ignore the latter's existing nuclear capability. North Korea has no oil. Instead justify invading Iraq, remember how, arriving in Baghdad we secured only the Oil Ministry? Then build Rumsfeld's "enduring" bases to provide permanent Iraqi oil-field security. How do these bases spread democracy? Such bases represent our sole unmitigated success in Iraq.

Secondly, pressure oil-rich Iran. Won't we need "enduring" bases there too? But with no troops to spare, Cheney and Rumsfeld planned an air attack on Iran. Our top military leaders opposed it, so Bush and Cheney urged a pre-emptive strike by Israel on Hezbollah long before their incursion. Why? So Israel could prove how American aerial weaponry can defeat a convenient proxy equipped with Iranian missiles, and likewise dug in deep. It couldn't.

So why, as in Iraq, do Bush and Cheney persist in ignoring all but best-case scenarios, and yet again rejected IAEA on-the-spot inspection findings? Why continue to control all intelligence, having it sent directly to them, bypassing analysts, and violating NSA ground rules? Does oil rule all?

Without genuine supporting intelligence on Iran, what allies will we have left? Our Chiefs of Staff unanimously rejected the bunker-busting nuclear attack mooted by Cheney's office. Who needs radioactive oil fields? But how can their conventional bombing plan for Iran fare any better than their failed air and ground invasion of Iraq? Why multiply the risk to our troops in Iraq? Why complete the destabilization of the Middle East? Did not Bush's management of Iraq create a huge risk premium in the oil market?

The oil companies are richer by far. Will not a U.S. attack on Iran only boost their all-time record profits even further? Will it not also unleash the increasing danger to American citizens confirmed by the latest NIE report?

Will history repeat?

From **Lloyd N. Hill**, Weems

Will history repeat? On October 19, 1781, a ragtag army of patriots under the command of Gen. George Washington, with the help of the French, accepted the surrender of the British forces at Yorktown. The British were one of the most powerful military forces in the world at the time. Yet they were defeated by a determined group who were fighting for their freedom. The United States is now a superpower much as the British forces were 225 years ago.

Have we grossly underestimated the will of the enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan? I think we lost the war in Vietnam, even though we never lost a major battle, because of our profound underestimation of the determination of the North Vietnamese to stay the course no matter the hardship on its people. I believe we are making the same mistake again. When I see news accounts of what is happening in the war zones and when I talk to my son, daughter, and son-in-law who are serving in the military, I am more convinced than ever that a classic military victory can't be achieved with the current strategies.

It is clear that the most powerful army in the world with great technological advantages, has been neutralized by the enemies' Fabian strategies. A Fabian strategy avoids pitched battles in favor of wearing down an opponent through a war of attrition, harassing the enemy and causing loss of morale. The weaker side believes time is on its side. The enemy is worn down by continuous losses in personnel and materials and eventually loses the will to continue. This is the enemy strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Time is not on our side. Time will only bring more casualties and embolden the enemy as he adapts to our changing strategies. We can't win a war of attrition. We must stop giving back hard won territory only to have to take it back another day. The time has come to either fight to win or to come home.

YMCA will produce swimmers

From **Mike Harwood**, Wicomico Church

It was a beautiful still morning about 25 years ago. The sun was just coming up. There I was on the beach in Duck, N.C., surf fishing for bluefish. There was not another soul in sight.

I had been fishing for about 30 minutes when a huge rogue wave blind-sided me, knocking me down, sweeping my fishing bucket and stool, some 30 feet behind me, into the Atlantic Ocean.

I was assessing my losses when a second big wave knocked me off my feet. This time, it took my prescription sun glasses and my favorite fishing hat. Now that made me mad. The hat was floating out to sea. I decided to go in after it.

The next thing I knew, I was over my head in a rip tide and floating in the wrong direction. I grabbed my hat and tried to swim back to the beach. No such luck!

I remembered my surf swimming etiquette and let the tide take me parallel to the beach in the hopes it would drop me off sooner rather than later. As I was treading water, I remembered the time in Washington, D.C., when I was 10 years old and learned how to swim at the nearby YMCA. It was a good thing it was nearby. There was a war on and our family had no car.

I stayed as calm as possible. Then I spotted a young man jogging up the beach with a surf board under his arm. I waved and yelled at him. He saw me and rescued me.

I certainly had a lot to be thankful for that morning, not the least of which was that my parents had sent me to the Y where I leaned how to swim. I really hope that we in Northumberland County will make this skill available to as many of our citizens as possible by building a nice YMCA facility here.

Do readers have any positive YMCA experiences to share? If so, send them to me at P.O. Box 206, Wicomico Church, VA ..22579, or at mikehar26@juno.com.

Regatta success reported

From **Allen Young**, Regatta chairman, Weems

Although out in force, Mother Nature did not seriously interfere with the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta. Local hospices that depend on the regatta as a source of funds will receive more than the $33,000 raised last year.

While high winds and waves on October 6 and 7 prevented arrival of many of the 104 boats registered, festivities Friday and Saturday night were well attended and, following cancellation of Saturday's race, 67 boats raced Sunday.

The desire to support hospice care in the community was evident in the good spirits of the sailors and many volunteers helping at the event. The desire to support the hospices extends well beyond the sailors and weekend volunteers. Altogether, the event involves close to a thousand persons and businesses on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. These include those who provide financial and in-kind support, skippers and crews, spectators aboard the Miss Ann, and volunteers who help on the weekend and raise funds throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. They all deserve the community's thanks for their contribution to the event.

Most of the funds will be provided to Northern Neck Hospice Support Services. They will be used to provide supportive care to those with life-threatening or terminal illness. Such care includes hospital beds and other medical equipment and supplies, assistance and support to the patient's family, assistance with errands and household tasks, and transportation for the patient or family member. The services are provided free to Northern Neck residents.

Funds raised on the Middle Peninsula will be given to the Middlesex Hospice Support Care and to the volunteer program at Riverside Hospice Agencies in Tappahannock and Gloucester.

Sponsors, advertisers and other supporters are featured in the Regatta Program, with information about the hospices. The information is also available at www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com, or by calling 333-0084.

Main Street of obstructions

From **Debbie Selph**, Burgess

As I was driving through Main Street in Kilmarnock seeing the newly paved and bricked sidewalks and the "obstructions" in the middle of the street, I was wondering if anyone had given any thought as to the many parades coming through the town.

The school bands with LHS's 200 members, packs of cub scouts, the dancers that usually perform trying to march downtown, I am assuming they will have to split up to march. And what about the huge floats? Then there are the Shriners in the little cars.

With all the talk about Wal-Mart coming and the "more" traffic that people claim it will be creating, Main Street has been cut by the turning lane to turn onto Route 200. People are still confused about the one-way streets. I've passed several cars turning from Augusta to Main Street, there's not enough room where the "obstructions" are and the sidewalks, noticing people having to wait for car doors to close before driving through. Parking seems to have been cut as well.

I just hope that none of the children and participants trip during the parades.

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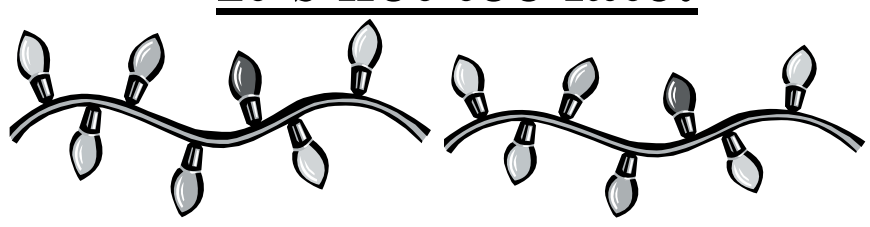

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Area Events

■ Farmhouse concert

Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy will be featured in a Farmhouse concert at the home of Mary Beane in Miskimon. Their music is the result of two established artists versed in many styles and traditions combining complimentary talents, skills, and personalities. Whether they are drawing from their large body of original work, singing a jazz ballad, or spinning out an Irish jig, they use their formidable musical skills to give an audience a complete, memorable musical experience.

Dessert and coffee will be served at intermission. There is a $15 donation per person. All proceeds go to the musicians. To reserve a space, e-mail Farmhouseconcerts@hotmail.com, or call 804-761-0103 and leave a message. Advance reservations are required.

■ Mathews Halloween

Mathews County Visitor & Information Center will sponsor an annual Halloween costume parade and old-fashioned trick or treat Saturday, October 28. The parade will begin at noon around the courthouse green followed by trick or treating among the downtown merchants. Children, parents, merchants and all are invited to dress up and join the parade. There will be prizes for best costumes, raffles, contests and surprises.

■ Flu shots

Three Rivers Health District will offer free flu shots on a first come, first serve basis, to people over the age of 18 Saturday, October 28. Clinics will open at 9:30 a.m. at the Rappahannock Community College campuses in Glenns and Warsaw. For more information, contact the local health department.

Chef to speak

Hatley Bright, Chef/owner of Time to Cook in Irvington, will speak at the Woman's Club of White Stone on Wednesday, November 1. Come hear her most secret holiday entertainment tips and ideas for putting on that perfect feast for family and friends—ideas that will leave you stress-free and ready to party.

A graduate of the Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, Colo., Hatley lived and worked in Jackson Hole, Wyo., before moving with her husband, Duncan, to the Irvington area six years ago and opening Time to Cook.

Bring a pad and pencil along with a sandwich and arrive early for the best seats. Tips begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by the regular meeting at noon. Dessert and beverage provided.

■ Awareness day

The Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck third annual Regional Disability Awareness Day will be held October 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at T. Ray's Banquet Hall in Warsaw. The keynote speaker will be Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services Commissioner James Rothrock.

The expo will include free health screenings, speakers, children's activities, door prizes, vendor booths and an educational session on how to access RappahannockConnect. The event is sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Virginia.

■ Bay Tones show

The "Publick Times" Sweet Adeline Chorus of Newport News will be featured at the Bay Tones second annual show November 11 at Lancaster Middle School. This group was such a hit with the sold-out audience at last year's show, they have been invited back.

Tickets are available at the Bank of Lancaster main branch and Foxy's in Kilmarnock, at the Northern Neck State Bank in Burgess, or by calling Sonny Harper at 453-2633.

■ NAACP banquet

The Northumberland County Branch of the NAACP will hold its annual Freedom Fund Banquet November 11 at the Northumberland County Community Center at 579 Browns Store Road.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles Bates, pastor of Galilee United Methodist Church in Edwards. The fee is $20. For reservations, call 580-2764, or 580-2477.

■ Ghost stories

Children and adults may enjoy stories of ghosts and other hauntings at the Old Jail at the Mary Ball Washington Museum Friday, October 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Old Jail is on Route 3 across from Lancaster courthouse.

Storyteller David Lustig of Lewisetta will relay the scary tales of ghosts past and present. Hot mulled cider and spice cookies will be served as well as sold. Donations are welcome.

■ Serving spaghetti

The Ladies Auxiliary of White Stone Volunteer Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner November 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the White Stone Firehouse. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children 12 and under.

Tickets can be purchased from any auxiliary member or from Big L Tire, Anchor Pharmacy, Kilmarnock Planing Mill, Hair Design Studio, Kilmarnock Body Shop, or at the door.

■ Holiday wreaths

The Northern Neck Court Appointed Special Advocate organization is taking orders for 22-inch Frasier fir holiday wreaths at $25 each.

The wreaths must be ordered by November 1. Wreaths may be picked up in the Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center in Kilmarnock November 30 and December 1 and 2. To order, call 462-0881.

■ Ham and oyster dinner

Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster will host a ham and oyster dinner November 11.

The menu will include fried oysters, Virginia salt ham, homemade rolls, green beans, cole slaw, sweet potatoes, homemade apple pies and cakes, and coffee and tea. The cost is $15 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under, and free for children two and under. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and serving will continue until 7 p.m., or until the food runs out. Take-outs will be available.

Proceeds will be donated to community outreach. For more information, call the church at 462-5908.

■ Spaghetti dinner

The Youth Club of Lancaster County will hold a spaghetti dinner October 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hayden Building at Dreamfields on Irvington Road. Take-out is available. Tickets are $6 for students and $8 for adults.

■ Rosenwald tribute set

The Tribute to Rosenwald Committee will hold it's next reunion at Shiloh Baptist Church in Burgess in 2007.

Plans are in progress for an event November 2, 2007, that includes published works recognizing the faith influence in the Rosenwald Phenomenon. T. Wright Morris, pastor of Shiloh, is researching that connection. He expects to profile his work as a part of the 140-year celebration of The Shiloh Baptist Church in 2007.

It is the local committee's desire to excite the community about the historical treasure that yet stands as a powerful reminder of a prominent past.

As previously announced, there will be no reunion in 2006.

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Conleys celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Weston F. Conley Jr. of Morattico celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 22, 2006, with a cocktail buffet and dancing at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club given by their daughter, Connie. Many friends and family, some from out of town, attended. The Conleys appreciate everyone who helped make the occasion festive.

Local News

Guests of Mrs. R.D. Baskerville of RW-C at the Baskerville home on Prentice Creek have been her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rose Flannagan of Henderson, N.C., nieces, Kathy Brooks of High Point, N.C., and Chris Barnes of Beaufort, N.C., a grandson, Carlos Covarrubias of Santa Barbara, Calif., daughter, Ms. Parke Covarrubias of Colorado, friends, Mrs. Joetta Miller of Washington and John Hollstein of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Goodwin of Suffolk visited Mrs. Eunice Thrift last weekend and accompanied her mother, Mrs. Delman Thrift, to her home in Whaleyville. Mrs. Felton spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Robert Thrift, in Heathsville.

Mrs. Betty Jones of Kilmarnock and daughter Ms. Carolyn Prescott of White Stone, have returned after attending a Roberson family reunion at the Savannah Inn in Carolina Beach, N.C. Family members came from Tampa, Orlando and Miami, Fla., Georgia, North Carolina and Bellize City, Central America.

Sandra Hughes of Roanoke was the weekend guest of her father, Innis Wood, and Mrs. Wood. Her son, Ryan, visited on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Butler of RW-C are happy to announce the arrival of their first great-grandchild, Thatcher Wells Fahbush, born October 16 in California. The parents are Chad and Aimee Fahbush.

Mrs. Leah Flaherty has been a patient at Rappahannock General Hospital since last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Philpott have returned to their home in White Stone after a pleasant hiking trip in Vermont.

Col. and Mrs. Eugene Small have just returned from Ellicott City, Md., where their newest (of 19 grandchildren between them) was baptized on Sunday. The baby is Quinn Joseph Farrell, son of Dennis and Susan, and brother of Jacob Brandt and Kevin James Farrell. While in the area, Gene and Linda also visited with another son, Kevin Farrell and his wife, Kristin, and children, Katie and Jay.

Tom and Carole Fletcher joined six family members in southwest Virginia where five states meet for a scenic and colorful week together.

Tanner and Benji Mullins were guests of their grandparents, Wayne and Karen Mullins, last weekend. While visiting, they attended the Grand Opening of the Indoor Playground at White Stone Church of the Nazarene. The two-story structure is built inside the church and houses a floor-to-ceiling playground complete with slides, climbing apparatus and a special area for children 4 years and younger.

Happy 91st birthday

Bradley Sisson celebrated his 91st birthday on October 21. Friends gathered for a surprise birthday breakfast at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock. From left are Anna Jo Sanders, Fleda Deirks, Sisson and Jenny Abbott.

Births

David and Katie Dew of White Stone announce the birth of their son, Leyton Edward Dew, at Henrico Doctor's Hospital in Richmond July 27, 2006, at 7:48 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Leyton Edward Dew

His maternal grandparents are Nelson B. Horsley Jr. of Indian Creek and Amanda Sikorsky of Richmond.

His maternal great-grandparents are Nelson and IsaBell Horsley of Urbanna, and Tom and Anne Jones of Richmond. His maternal uncles are Bailey Horsley of Indian Creek and Christian Horsley of White Stone.

His paternal grandparents are Charles and Diane Dew of Richmond. His paternal great-grandparents are Walter Wilson of Crewe and the late Beulah Wilson, and the late Leo and Vickie Dew formerly of Richmond. His paternal aunt is Angela Dew of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Barrett Hawkins

Hawkins-Lumpkin wedding held

The marriage of Hilary Lumpkin and Matthew Barrett Hawkins took place September 30, 2006, at Irvington Baptist Church. The reception was held at The Homeplace, originally the home of the bride's paternal great-grandparents, Viola Hayden and Mason Henry Lumpkin, now the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Frances and Wayne Nunnally.

The bride is the daughter of Nita Byrd Lumpkin and William Latane Lumpkin Jr. of Standardsville.

The groom is the son of Linda Dixon Hawkins and Stephen W. Hawkins and the grandson of Ervel and Randolph Dixon, all of Madison.

Heather Lumpkin of Fort Worth, Texas, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor.

Aaron Hawkins of Schuyler, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride graduated from William Monroe High School in Standardsville and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. She is employed by Actus Lend Lease at Cherry Point and Camp LeJeune, N.C.

The groom graduated from Woodberry Forest in Orange and Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He is employed by East Hardwood Company in Beaufort, N.C.

The couple resides in Emerald Isle, N.C.

The great pumpkin returns

A very big pumpkin has appeared on the Irvington Commons just in time for Halloween. It had disappeared for a year or so but is back to preside over the annual Halloween Costume Contest Tuesday, October 31.

Bags of goodies and surprises will be given away.

Judging will begin at 5 p.m. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: Creepy Crawlies, ages 2 and under; Terrifying Tots, ages 3 and 4; Menacing Munchkins, ages 5 and 6; Awful Offspring, ages 7 and 8; Chilling Children, ages 9 and 10; and Intimidating Tweens, ages 11 and 12.

New categories are the Most Gruesome Grown-up and the Most Bewitching Pet.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Samuel Rogers

Rogers-Griffin nuptials held

Miss Jessica Lynne Griffin, daughter of Mrs. Pamelia Thrift of Reedville, was married August 5, 2006, to Ryan Samuel Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Rogers of Ophelia. The candlelight ceremony was performed by the Rev. Brant Hayes at Afton United Methodist Church in Ophelia.

The bride, escorted by her grandfather and given in marriage by her mother and grandparents, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hillman Sr. of Ophelia. The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William S. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Raborg.

Mrs. Laura Shackleford of Heathsville was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Leslie Garland of Callao, Miss Kelly Near of Burgess, Mrs. Virginia Barnes of Wicomico Church, Mrs. Rachael Gano, Miss Caitlin Rittenhouse and Mrs. Emily Williams, all of Reedville, and Captain Jessica Mullen of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. Miss Hallie Shackleford and Miss Elle Williams were flower girls.

Ernest L. Rogers of Ophelia was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Sergeant Bryan Thrift, currently stationed in Iraq, brother of the bride, Thomas Moore of Reedville, Chris Beatley of Richmond, David Fisher of Heathsville, Jonathan Gano, Joseph Biddlecomb and Charles Williams IV, all of Reedville. The ring bearer was Bowe Griffin Rogers, son of the bride and groom.

Music was provided by Mrs. Olivia Cockrell and Miss Christian A. Blydenburgh. Mrs. Linda Ketner of Britt's Garden was the floral designer.

Mrs. Madeline Gough and Mrs. Nancy Near, both of Burgess, and Mrs. Dottie Rittenhouse of Reedville were mistresses of ceremony.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents and held at the Crazy Crab Restaurant in Reedville. The reception with dinner, and dancing provided by the "Strictly Business" band, took place at Festival Halle in Reedville.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple and their son, Bowe, reside in Ophelia.

Mrs. Brent Houston Arbogast

Arbogast-Stanley exchange vows

The marriage of Margaret Brent Stanley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Clark Stanley of Halifax, to Brent Houston Arbogast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Arbogast of Harrisonburg, took place September 9, 2006. The outdoor ceremony was held at Trails End in Ocran, the summer home of Ms. Stanley's late great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sergeant Brent of Kilmarnock. The Rev. Kerry Willis of Harrisonburg officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Brent VanElls of Encampment, Wy., and the late Dr. L.A. Van Ells, the late Dean Samuel Chambers of North Vernon, Ind., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed Stanley formerly of Coeburn. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Getz, the late Bobby Harpine and the late Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arbogast, all of Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Mary Helen Stafford of Vernon Hill served as her sister's matron of honor. Miss Charlotte McDannald of Halifax, childhood friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Caitlin Senkel of Annapolis, Md., and Kim Welk of Virginia Beach. Berkley and Jessica Conner served as flower girls and West Conner was ring bearer, all of Halifax.

Mr. Arbogast was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Brian Arbogast, brother of the groom, Donnie Smith and Todd White, friends of the groom, all of Harrisonburg, and Edward Reed Stanley II of Halifax, brother of the bride.

Serving as reader was C. Dale Stanley of Coeburn, uncle of the bride. Mrs. Kathy Sherowsky of Wytheville, friend of the bride's family, chimed the hour on a ship's bell. The bell was a gift from the bride's grandmother in memory of Mrs. Margaret Muir of Reedville, great-aunt of the bride.

Mei Li Beane, soloist, sang the Lord's Prayer and wedding music was provided by Nina Buzby, Laura Rowe, and Mei Li Beane. Program attendants were April Foltz and Lindsay Hess, both of Harrisonburg, friends of the bride and groom. Aunts of the groom, Debbie Armentrout, Susan Fanella, and Penny Edwards, all of Harrisonburg, served the wedding cake. Mrs. Patricia Bruce of White Stone and Mrs. Sheila Irby of Halifax were mistresses of ceremony.

A rehearsal barbecue dinner by Willaby's, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at Trails End. Mrs. Patricia Bruce hosted a bridesmaids brunch at Pigge Point on Dymer's Creek, the home of Mrs. M.B. Lamberth, the morning of the wedding.

A dinner reception, dancing, and fireworks overlooking the Chesapeake Bay followed the ceremony.

After a stay at the Tides Inn and a cruise of the Hawaiian Islands, the couple will reside in Harrisonburg.

Variety Show auditions will be held November 2

Whether it's magic, music, dance or reciting poetry—the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck is looking for a few talented youngsters, oldsters, and everyone in between to share their talents with the community in a December 1 Variety Show fund-raising event.

Auditions will be held Thursday, November 2, at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock between 4 and 8 p.m. or by special appointment on another day. Bring rabbits, music, costumes or props.

Here's a chance for solo performers to entertain in their own style or pay tribute to an idol like Ray Charles, Madonna, Elvis, Pavarotti, or David Copperfield.

Those who like to work in groups can dream up their own routines or offer an homage to the Flying Wallendos, the Smothers Brothers or the Pointer Sisters.

Proceeds will go toward establishing a local Boys & Girls Club to serve kids ages 6 to 18 after school, on Saturdays, and during school vacations. Character development and leadership is a major emphasis of the nationally-known program and special emphasis locally will be paid to education and career issues.

The Boys & Girls Club wants to bring the community together to see that all local kids have a safe, happy, enriching, and fun place all their own.

Call Joan McBride at 462-0034 for more information on the Variety Show.

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From left are Dick Saxer and Candy Manuel

'Love Letters' to play November 2, 3 and 4

"Love Letters" will be presented by The Center for the Arts on the stage of The Eubank Building, Thursday, November 2, for members only, and Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, for the general public. Curtain time is at 8 p.m.

Candy Manuel who will portray "Mellissa" in the play was born and educated in London, England, and was a "stage child" who wanted to perform as early as she can remember.

"I started taking ballet at age six and the now lost art of elocution at seven." When she was eight, the London Shakespeare Festival needed a boy to play Prince Arthur in "King John" and when no suitable boy could be found, she was cast.

For 11 years, Manuel was a Bermuda resident working in theater and radio. She was vice president of the Bermuda Ballet Association and on the board of Film Group Bermuda. Shortly after moving to Lancaster County, she was asked to direct a play for The Lancaster Players. She has been directing, teaching speech and drama, acting professionally now and then in Richmond and Canada, and doing voice-over work.

Dick Saxer, portraying "Andrew" in the play, has been directing and acting for 40 years. He has directed for The Lancaster Players and appeared in their productions. He founded the Northumberland Players in Reedville and directed many plays and melodramas. He starred in "Finian's Rainbow" and seven other productions.

He also directed "A Midsummer's Night Dream," an outdoor presentation in Heathsville, which raised more than $11,000 for the Northumberland Woman's Club Scholarship Fund.

To reserve seats for "Love Letters," call 435-2400.

Miami String Quartet to give Nov. 6 concert

"On Stage" will bring the Miami String Quartet to Kilmarnock Monday, November 6. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater.

The performance is sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts.Those who are not season subscribers may call the box office for tickets at 435-0292.

Praised in the New York Times as having "everything one wants in a quartet: a rich, precisely balanced sound, a broad coloristic palette, real unity of interpretive purpose and seemingly unflagging energy," the Miami String Quartet has quickly established its place among the most widely respected quartets in America.

The ensemble features Ivan Chan on violin, Cathy Meng Robinson on violin, Chauncey Patterson on viola and Keith Robinson on cello. Their diversity in programming, poise in performance, keen sense of ensemble and impeccable musicality has made the Miami String Quartet one of the most sought after quartets in chamber music today.

The quartet has appeared extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Highlights of recent seasons include performances in New York at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, engagements in Boston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Paul, and its own concert series in Palm Beach, Florida. International highlights include appearances in Bern, Cologne, Istanbul, Lausanne, Montreal, Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong, Taipei and Paris.

The quartet has recently toured with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and they appear annually with the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society.

The Miami String Quartet is in demand at many of the country's great festivals such as the Kent/Blossom Music Festival in Ohio, Chamber Music Northwest, Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, Rutgers Summerfest, Music from Angel Fire, and the Virginia Arts Festival where it is the resident ensemble.

The ensemble's interest in new music has led to many commissions and premieres. In 1992, the Miami String Quartet became the first string quartet in a decade to win First Prize of the Concert Artists Guild New York Competition.

The Miami String Quartet has also won recognition in competitions throughout the world: as laureate of the 1993 Evian Competition, 1991 London String Quartet Competition, and as the 1989 Grand Prize Winner of the Fischoff Chamber Music Competition.

Purchase oyster taste-off tickets in advance only

A taste-off—with classic native Virginia oysters and imported Asian oysters—will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 28, at Cowart Seafood Corp.

The event, organized by the Northumberland County Economic Development Commission in cooperation with Cowart Seafood, is co-sponsored by Vision 2048, Northumberland Partnership, the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

"We want Virginia's tried and true oyster lovers, with their experienced palates, to taste our beloved native oysters and the Asian variety," said Lee Allain, chairman of both the Northumberland County Economic Development Commission and Vision 2048.

The Asian oysters (Crassostrea ariakensis) are believed to be resistant to diseases that are attacking Virginia's native oysters (Crassostrea virginica). Reproductively sterile Asian oysters are being tested under strict controls for possible introduction into the Chesapeake Bay to supplement the estuary's declining oyster population and to bolster the seafood industry so vital to the watershed's economy.

Tickets for the taste-off, priced at $15 each, will be limited to 150 persons. They can be purchased at EVB Banks in Heathsville, Burgess and Callao, and at the county administrator's office and the courthouse in Heathsville. Checks should be made payable to "NAPS." There will be no ticket sales at the gate. Soft drinks and fried chicken will be available. Beer will be sold. There will be drawings for door prizes.

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Fitness center celebrates life

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Judy Otis, owner, prepared and served a luncheon consisting of oriental chicken salad topped with homemade won tons and fresh fruit; desserts and beverages were contributed by members.

Each table was decorated with pink roses and tiny baby footprints to honor Maria Louise Stallings who is due to arrive on November 11. Numerous gifts and a gift certificate were presented to Stallings.

Lisa Stallings and Judy Otis enjoy baby shower.

Trumpet-piano duo to give concert

The Rappahannock Concert Association will present a trumpet-piano duo in concert November 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond County Elementary School.

Rex Richardson and Russell Wilson will perform works from the classics to jazz, with special emphasis on American composers.

Soloist, jazz and chamber musician, Richardson is professor of trumpet and jazz trumpet at Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds degrees in anthropology and music from Northwestern University and Louisiana State University.

As a jazz and classical soloist, he has appeared as guest artist with dozens of important ensembles throughout the world, including China, Japan, Turkey, Australia and Greece.

Wilson received his bachelor's and master's of music from Memphis State University. He serves as principal pianist for the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and the Richmond Symphonia. In addition to teaching at the University of Richmond and at Virginia Commonwealth University, he performs throughout the country with his own group and as a pianist with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra led by composer-conductor David Baker.

The November 4 performance represents the second in RCA's 2006-07 five-concert series. Season tickets are $60 per patron. Single concert tickets are $20, or $10 for students.

To purchase a subscription or ticket, call Betsey Fountain at 493-9522, or visit www.rappahannock-concerts.org.

Forum to help explain Medicare D

The Northern Neck Aging Network will sponsor a free Medicare D Forum November 8 from 9:15 to 11 a.m. at the Northern Neck Family YMCA on Harris Drive in Kilmarnock.

Guest speakers will include Caroll Throckmorton from Main Street Pharmacy, and Lisa Walker from Bay Aging. The forum will focus on revisions and changes during 2006, and new provisions for the Medicare D program in 2007.

New participants can sign up for Medicare D from November 15 to January 1. Current participants may make any desired changes for 2007 during the new enrollment period.

Refreshments will be served. Transportation and respite care will be available. Parking will be limited.

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Lancaster's Nick Gibson pushes through the line to gain ground before he's hauled down by Rappahannock's Grayson Packett.

Lancaster wins homecoming game in front of 1,000 fans

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster sure didn't look like a team that had just come off a Northern Neck District opening loss to Washington & Lee.

Instead, the Devils put together one of their best defensive efforts of the season—forcing four turnovers and not allowing Rappahannock a first-half first down until the last 58 seconds of the second quarter— to beat the Raiders, 41-6, before a homecoming crowd of 1,000.

And although it wasn't a particularly flashy victory— indeed, it had its sloppy moments— it was a win the Devils could be proud of. And it was just what Lancaster needed before a decisive duel with Essex tomorrow night (October 26).

LHS heads into the Northern Neck game in Tappahannock with a 5-12 overall mark and a 1-1 district record. The Trojans, who enjoyed last week off, come into the contest with an 7-0 overall record and 1-0 district mark.

An upset of Essex could mean a return trip to the Region A, Division 2 playoffs for Lancaster.

"If we were to win," said LHS coach Billy Jarvis. "That would sure give us a pretty good shot points-wise. If we win, I believe we control our own destiny and if we lose, we have to get help from someone else."

Lancaster played like a playoff-bound team Friday, taking a 21-0 halftime lead off a couple of Nick Gibson touchdowns and a Larry Brown sneak.

Gibson, who'd been out since the second week of the season with an injury, made his return known.

Nick Beale sports his team pride: a Red Devil temporary tatoo. Many of the varsity players wore them on their cheeks for Friday's homecoming game against Rappahannock.

He carried the ball 12 times for 48 yards and two rushing

touchdowns, plus caught three passes for 56 yards and a score.

In fact, Lancaster had three starters back from the injury list including junior tailback Gibson, junior receiver Travis Baker and senior lineman/ linebacker Cleon Rice. Baker also made his presence known, catching a 25-yard TD pass on offense and making six tackles and an interception on defense.

Two of Gibson's three TDs came in the first quarter off runs of 12 and 1 yards.

A lot of miscues and some sloppy ballhandling made for a back-and-forth second quarter which started with Omar Scruggs picking up a Rappahannock fumble deep in Raider territory. Then Lancaster coughed up the ball on the first play from scrimmage on the ensuing possession. And although Rappahannock went four and out on their next possession, Lancaster again lost control, this time on a fumbled pass behind the line of scrimmage.

Another fumble— the fourth of the quarter— set up Lancaster's third TD of the first half. Rappahannock dropped the ball at midfield and Lancaster recovered at the Raider 41. The Devils ran six plays before Brown kept the ball for a 3-yard TD. Luke Saunders kicked the third of his five PATs of the night to lift Lancaster 21-0 at the half.

Rappahannock held Lancaster scoreless in the third and ended a Devil threat when Jordan Brown landed on a LHS fumble at the Raider 6-yard line.

The Raiders marched down the field with an 84-yard, seven-play drive that included a Keith Parr 15-yard run and Carey Towles 25-yard burst and ended with a 1-yard TD run by Parr.

Lancaster opened up the two-score lead with three, fourth quarter touchdowns including a 25-yard pass from Brown to Baker and a 32-yard pass from Brown to Gibson.

Devin Tiggle set up the Devils' final TD with only seconds on the clock by intercepting a Raider pass at midfield and returning it to the 21-yard line. Marcus Betts took the handoff on the next play and went the distance.

Up by 21 in the final quarter and the Devils were still passing the ball, not for practice, but out of necessity, according to Jarvis.

"They kept rolling corners and we didn't have enough up front to block what they were throwing at us. They were coming with nine guys," said Jarvis. "It didn't make sense to keep running into the pile."

Lancaster had about 175 yards rushing and another 101 passing for nearly 300 yards offense on the night.

Marcus Betts led the ground game with 61 yards rushing and one TD on nine carries.

Brown and Gibson had 48 yards rushing each. Brown carried the ball 21 times and Gibson 12. Brown also completed 6 of 13 passes for 101 yards and two TDs.

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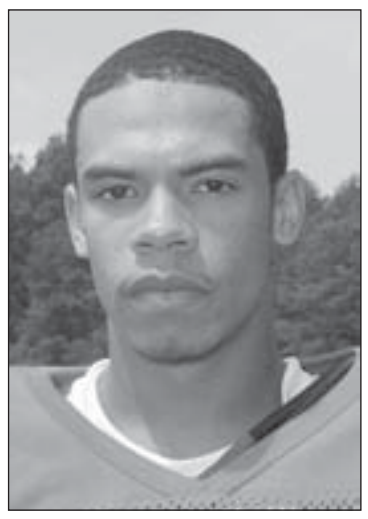
L — Gibson 12 run (Saunders kick)
L — Gibson 1 run (Saunders kick)
L — Brown 3 run (Saunders kick)
R — Parr 2 run (run failed)
L — Baker 25 pass from Brown (kick failed)
L — Gibson 32 pass from Brown (Saunders kick)
L — Betts 21 run (Saunders kick)

Player of the week



For Lancaster

Junior Travis Baker came off injured reserve Friday to spark Lancaster on both sides of the ball in a 41-6 homecoming victory over Rappahannock. At wide receiver, Baker had one catch for a 25-yard touchdown. Playing at free safety and strong safety, he made six tackles and had an interception.

Around the District

Washington & Lee 48, Northumberland 6

Washington & Lee opened up a close game with 21 points in the third quarter to remain unbeaten in the Northern Neck District and rout the winless Indians, 48-6.

The Eagles improved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the district, while Northumberland continues to search for its first win at 0-7 overall and 0-2 in the league.

"We're still within our range of trying to win at least two games," said NHS coach Ricky Riddick. "The kids' attitudes are still pretty positive."

Riddick's goal of winning two games, which is one more than last year's team, may be even more of a challenge, since the Indians will play King & Queen in this week's homecoming game minus at least three starters, two because of injuries and one due to academic ineligibilty. Northumberland is down to a 22-man roster.

Orry Harrison, a two-way starter and the team's kicker, broke his collar bone and suffered a concussion against the Eagles.

"When [Orry] got hurt, that was a big loss," said Riddick.

The Indians scored first in Friday's loss after recovering an Eagle fumble in W&L territory in the second quarter. Northumberland had punted away possession, backing the Eagles up deep. But W&L was driving when the Eagles lost the ball at their own 40. After a couple of ground-gaining runs and two incomplete passes, the Indians scored off a four-yard quarterback keeper by Dalton Keyser. With Harrison already injured, NHS went for two, but couldn't get into the end zone.

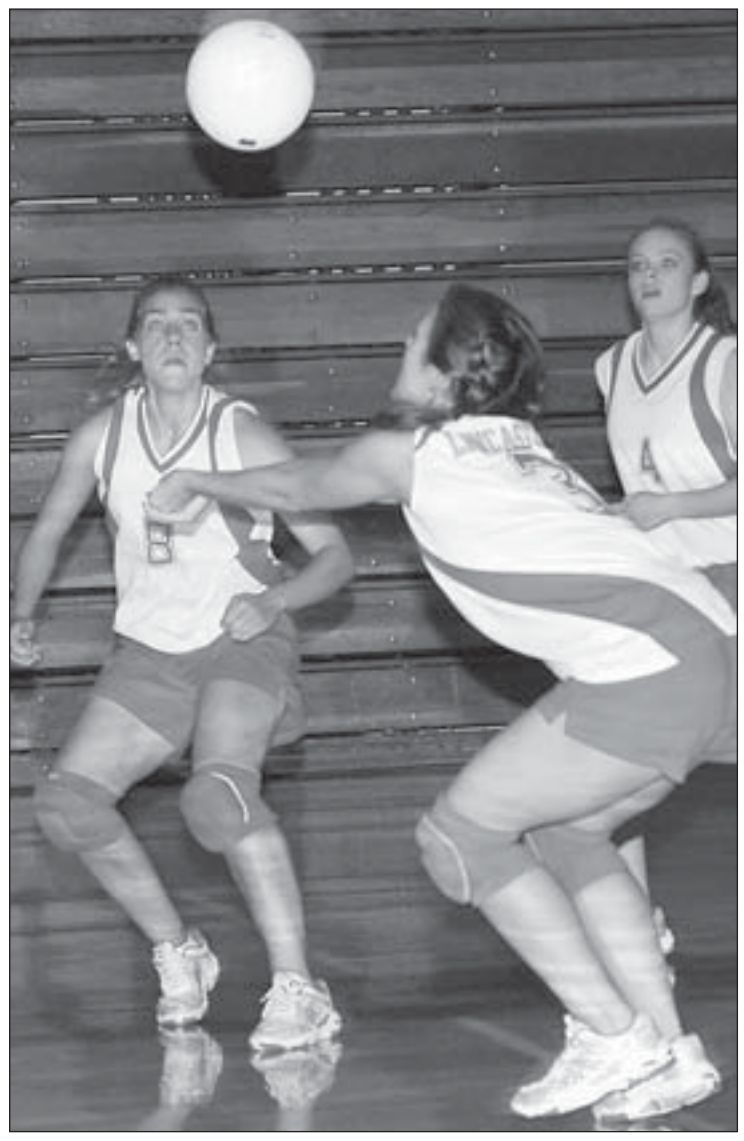
The Eagles answered with two touchdowns in the second quarter for a 14-6 lead at halftime. W&L blew the game open with three scores in the third period and another two in the fourth.

Northumberland has three chances remaining to pick up a win and hopes to get its first Saturday, October 28, when the Indians host the Royal Tigers in a 2:30 p.m. homecoming game, which follows a noon parade and an alumni field hockey game.

Player of the week

For Northumberland

Freshman Kyle King, a halfback, cornerback and punt returner, earned his first player of the week honor for Northumberland in the Indians' loss to Washington & Lee last Friday. Although King only had 22 yards rushing, coach Ricky Riddick said "it was his performance on defense that made the difference. He was in on a lot of tackles and showed a lot of leadership."



Sarah Robertson bumps up a serve as teammates Lucy McCann (left) and Tabitha Rinehart rush in for the second hit.

Volleyball teams enter final week tied up in knots

Lancaster will enter next week's Northern Neck District varsity volleyball tournament as either the first or second place seed.

The exact spot was likely decided last night (Wednesday, October 25) when the Lady Devils played unbeaten Northumberland in the regular season finale.

Lancaster entered the season ender with an 11-5 overall mark and a 5-1 district record, with its only loss in the league coming to Northumberland two weeks ago. If the Devils upset the Indians last night, there would have to be a tie-breaking match before the start of the district tournament next Wednesday, November 1, at Essex. The number two team would play the number three at 5:45 p.m. and number one verses number four immediately following.

Right now, there is a three-way tie for third place in the league between Essex, Washington & Lee and Rappahannock. That tie should be broken when those teams wind up regular season play tonight (October 26).

Lancaster got by Essex last week, 2-1, and swept Washington & Lee, 2-0.

Madison Smith scored 11 points and Abby Robbins 10 to lead Lancaster's servers in the 25-12, 10-25, 25-13, match win over Essex. Sarah Robertson added nine service points.

Smith also helped lead Lancaster at the net with three kills and two blocks. Tyesha Harvey got up for three kills and five blocks and Tiffany had three kills.

In the middle, Brandy Gilbert had six assists and Tabitha Rinehart had four.

Robertson sent over 10 service points, Kori George eight and Sara Caudle six in the 25-15, 25-20 win over W&L.

Smith led the front line players with four kills and a block. Harvey had three blocks and a kill, Lucy McCann had two kills and Rayna Randle had a kill.

Rinehart led the setters with seven assists.

Scoreboard

Varsity football
Lancaster 41, Rappahannock 6
W&L 48, Northumberland 6
West Point 32, King & Queen 22
King William 42, Mathews 7
Franklin 28, Charles City 8
Sussex 54, Windsor 8
Nandua 9, Surry 8
Christchurch 52, Trinity 16

JV football
Rappahannock 36, Lancaster 12

Varsity Volleyball
Lancaster def. Essex, 2–1
Lancaster def. W&L, 2–0

JV Volleyball
Lancaster def. Essex, 2–0
Lancaster def. W&L, 2–0

Cross country
Boys meet
Lancaster 31, W&L 34, Essex 72
Girls meet
W&L 23, Lancaster 32

Upcoming Games

Varsity football
(7:30 p.m.)
October 27:
Northern Neck District:
Lancaster at Essex
W&L at Rappahannock
Tidewater District
King William at Middlesex
Mathews at West Point
Tri–Rivers District
Sussex at Charles City
Northampton at Franklin
Windsor at Surry
October 28:
King & Queen at Northumberland (2:30)

JV football
(6:30 p.m.)
November 1:
Lancaster at Mathews

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Sports Shorts

■ Football contest

Ella Davis of Kilmarnock missed only one game last week to claim the top prize in the Rappahannock Record Football Contest. She picked Richmond over Delaware, but the Spiders lost.

Rusty Curle of Sandston missed two games, as so many others did. He also picked Richmond to win; and in the North Carolina State verses Maryland game, he fell to Maryland. In the tie-breaker, he picked Lancaster over Rappahannock, as so many others did. On total points scored, his guess of 42 was the closest to the actual 47.

■ Riparian buffers

The Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends will host a "Nature of Learning" program Thursday, November 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. The guest speaker will be May Sligh, a watershed field coordinator with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Sligh will speak about riparian buffers and their benefits for water quality.

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

Fri	**10/27**	Sunrise	7:26	High	3:06	1.3′
		Moonrise	**12:53**	Low	9:24	0.3′
		Sunset	**6:13**	High	**3:37**	1.6′
		Moonset	**9:58**	Low	**10:31**	0.3′
Sat	**10/28**	Sunrise	7:27	High	3:57	1.3′
		Moonrise	**1:42**	Low	10:17	0.3′
		Sunset	**6:12**	High	**4:33**	1.6′
		Moonset	**11:05**	Low	**11:28**	0.3′
Sun	**10/29**	Sunrise	6:28	High	3:57	1.3′
		Moonrise	**1:23**	Low	10:21	0.3′
		Sunset	**5:11**	High	**4:35**	1.6′
		Moonset	**11:17**	Low	**11:27**	0.3′
Mon	**10/30**	Sunrise	6:29	High	5:05	1.3′
		Moonrise	**1:58**	Low	11:32	0.3′
		Sunset	**5:09**	High	**5:42**	1.6′
Tue	**10/31**	Moonset	12:29	Low	12:27	0.2′
		Sunrise	6:30	High	6:13	1.4′
		Moonrise	**2:28**	Low	**12:45**	0.2′
		Sunset	**5:08**	High	**6:46**	1.6′
Wed	**11/1**	Moonset	1:42	Low	1:23	0.1′
		Sunrise	6:31	High	7:17	1.6′
		Moonrise	**2:55**	Low	**1:52**	0.2′
		Sunset	**5:07**	High	**7:47**	1.6′
Thu	**11/2**	Moonset	2:55	Low	2:16	0.0′
		Sunrise	6:32	High	8:15	1.7′
		Moonrise	**3:22**	Low	**2:54**	0.1′
		Sunset	**5:06**	High	**8:43**	1.6′
Fri	**11/3**	Moonset	4:09	Low	3:06	0.0′
		Sunrise	6:33	High	9:09	**1.9′**
		Moonrise	**3:50**	Low	**3:51**	0.0′
		Sunset	**5:05**	High	**9:36**	1.6′

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From left are judges Dianah Babcock and Joan Humphrey with Paige Nuckols aboard Morning Glory at the awards ceremony in the Virginia Horse Center.

Morning Glory is dressage champ

Morning Glory, a Northern Neck horse trained and ridden by Paige Nuckols of Merry Point and owned by Carol Dawson of Morattico, won a regional championship in dressage at the Virginia Dressage Association fall competition October 21 in Lexington.

The mare, an eight-year-old thoroughbred Percheron-cross, had the high score in the first level, senior rider, A Division of the Col. Bengt Ljundquist Memorial Championship finals.

Nuckols trains horses at Claiborne's Farm. This is the second year of showing for the horse and Nuckols.

The championships are named for the late Swedish cavalry officer who won many international dressage competitions. He retired to train and teach dressage in the United States in 1970. He is known as the coach of the U.S. 1974 World Championship Dressage Squad, the gold-medal-winning Pan American Team in 1975, the bronze-medal–winning Olympic Team in 1976 and the fourth-place finishers at the 1978 World Championships.

President Samuel Barish of the U.S. Dressage Federation founded the BLM championships in 1983. The Region 1 championships are sponsored by the USDF group member organizations within District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the eastern part of West Virginia and Virginia.

Competitors must earn qualifying scores in BLM classes at dressage shows in the region throughout the year in order to compete in the finals.

Twenty-six horses competed in the first level won by Morning Glory. The judges were Dianah Babcock and Joan Humphrey. The horse's score was 70.286 percent. The mare and Nuckols were honored at an awards ceremony held at the Anderson Coliseum at the Virginia Horse Center with an honorary victory gallop with the other horses and riders who placed. The pair also was awarded cash and a quarter sheet embroidered with the BLM logo,

Morning Glory will continue competing in dressage in 2007, Dawson said.

JV Raiders triple Red Devils, 36-12

Rappahannock built a 27-0 halftime lead en route to a 36-12 win over Lancaster in a JV football contest last Wednesday.

The Devils dropped to 0-2 in the Northern Neck District with only one more league game remaining. Lancaster was scheduled to play Essex earlier this week in the final district matchup and will host Mathews in a non-district game Wednesday, November 1.

Anton Veney, stepping in for injured quarterback Malcolm Carter, scored both of Lancaster's touchdowns against the Raiders in the second half. Veney broke loose for a 60-yard run late in the third quarter for the Devils' first score, then went two yards on a quarterback sneak for a TD on the last play of the game. Veney set up his second TD with a 12-yard carry and finished with four rushes for 76 yards.

Carter, who came out with an injury midway through the second quarter, carried the ball six times for 35 yards.

LHS running back Michael Newton gained 40 yards on 10 rushes.

LHS boys take first, girls second, at home

Lancaster's Aaron Holzbach and Ashley Ransome paced a pack of Northern Neck District runners from Washington & Lee and Essex in a home tri-meet last Wednesday.

Behind the 17:55 first-place time of Holzbach, the host Red Devils beat W&L for the first time in two years in boys competition. The Eagles are the defending district champs.

Lancaster's men captured five spots in the top 10 for a team score of 31. Washington & Lee was second with 34 and Essex third with 72.

Clinton Bennett of Lancaster was fourth in 18:43 and Justin Stewart took seventh in 19:21. Chris Bennett was ninth in 20:05 and Andre Lee was tenth in 20:50.

Ransome ran a 22:49 race to win the girls meet and JV runner Emma Hand of Lancaster was second in 23:14. However, Ransome and ninth-place finisher Jenny O'Shaughnessy (27:51) were Lancaster's only two runners in the top 10.

Washington & Lee's girls took four of the top 10 spots to edge the Lady Devils by nine points. The Eagles won the meet with team score of 23. Lancaster was second with 32. Essex had only four female runners; five are needed for a team score.

Lancaster girls and boys teams were scheduled to run in the district meet October 25 at Northumberland.

JV Lady Devils remain undefeated in volleyball

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The JV Lady Devils picked up a pair of wins over Essex and Washington & Lee in girls volleyball last week to remain unbeaten in the Northern Neck and perched to repeat as the district's regular season champion.

Lancaster is now 6-0 in the district and 13-2 overall.

The Lady Devils and Lady Indians were scheduled to meet last night (October 25) in the season ender for both teams.

Lancaster continued to dominate its district opponents last week with a 26-25, 25-13 win over Essex and a 25-8, 25-10 rout of Washington & Lee.

Ariel Grulkowski led from the service line against the Trojans last Tuesday. Grulkowski had eight service points with an ace. Kimberly Crockett served for seven points with an ace, Danielle Shelton had six with an ace and Takeia Jones had five. Jones also had one kill and a block.

Also at the net, Kati O'Brien, Lauryn Turner and Crockett each had a kill. Shelton, Turner and O'Brien also had one block apiece.

Grulkowski put over 13 serves for points in the sweep of W&L last Thursday. Jones had nine service points and a block.

O'Brien served for three points with an ace and Shelton had two service points with an ace.

Sports Shorts

■ Therapy dogs

The Northern Neck Kennel Club will sponsor its annual Canine Good Citizen Program and Therapy Dogs certification to honor the American Kennel Club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day November 4 at the Irvington Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.; testing at 9:30 a.m.

All dogs are welcome, purebreds and mixed breeds. At registration, owners must present a current rabies certificate, any other state or locally required inoculation certificates or licenses, and bring with them their dog's brush or grooming tool. For details, call 435-0737.

■ Micro Chip clinic

Animals First will hold a microchip clinic November 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Irvington Farmers' Market. A microchip that contains a personal, one-of-a-kind identification number is implanted under the skin of the animal.

Call Kathy Juron at 435-0799 to make an appointment. The cost will be $30.

■ Volksmarch

The 36th International Germanna Volksmarch will be held at U.S. Marine Corps Base, Quantico, November 4 and 5. Choices are a 3- or 6-mile self-guided walk at Lunga Park Recreation Area.

Sign in from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and finish by 4 p.m. Free to walk. Adults 18 and older must show a valid picture ID.

■ Game raffle

The Church of Francis de Sales in Mathews and the Church of Visitation in Topping are raffling two "Joe Gibbs Club Seat" tickets to see the Atlanta Falcons verses the Washington Redskins at FedEx Field December 3 at 1 p.m. The prize includes $200 and free stadium parking. The package is donated by Hutchens Chevrolet in Newport News.

Two autographed professional football helmets, one signed by members of the Washington Redskins and the other signed by Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons, also will be raffled. Tickets are $20 each. To purchase tickets, call 758-5160 or 725-2776.

Rappahannock River Yacht Club hangs on to Rappahannock Cup

The Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC) kept the Rappahannock Cup by besting the Yankee Point Yacht Club (YPYC) as sailboat racing on the river concluded for the season October 21 and 22.

The Rappahannock Cup Regatta is staged once a year by Rappahannock River clubs with sailboat racing programs, including the RRYC in Irvington and YPYC at Yankee Point.

After many years, RRYC wrested the cup from YPYC in 2005 and sought to retain possession this year.

The races were held between Towles Point and the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge at White Stone. After three races over the two days in varying weather, RRYC kept the cup by the narrow margin of 50 to 44 points, as calculated by a mutually agreed upon formula.

Ten boats raced in the non-spinnaker class. The top three finishers were, first, Salute sailed by Peter Knight of RRYC; second, Cygnet sailed by Jack Renirie of YPYC; and third, Silver Fox sailed by Dwight Timm of YPYC.

Six boats raced in the Spinnaker class. The top three were, first, Old School sailed by Ron Mihills of RRYC; second, Aerwana sailed by Bill McCarty of YPYC; and third, Play It Again sailed by Sam Marshall of RRYC.

Additional non-spinnaker boats and their captains from YPYC were Silver Hokie and Taz Whitley, Ruthless and Ruth Bush, On Eagle's Wings and Charles Costello, and Evenly with Michael Sachen. The spinnaker boat Stephanie was sailed by Anker Madsen.

Additional non-spinnaker boats from RRYC were Moya and Tommy Asch, Bodacious Too and Bill Broaddus and Bobby Cone, and Joe Cinque with Dick Sisson. In the spinnaker class were Catitude with Lew Thatcher, and Twilight with Franz Baichl.

Jerry Latell was the principle race officer. Carl Gerster brought his Dymer Girl for use as the committee boat. Craig Akers, Andy Anderson, Coleman Brydon, Blaine Liner and Doug Power also were on the race committee.

Jim Young piloted his Dwindle Down as the mark boat, assisted by Gary Fricke.

Aeronautical group meets

The Northern Neck Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society met at the Pilot House October 19.

President Cary "Doc" Broadway stated the chapter needs a replacement for program chairman Marvin Register who retired due to personal responsibilities. Register will give all the help he can to the new program chairman. If willing to take this chairmanship, call Broadway at 462-0319.

Plans are being made for chapter trips for the future, one to Virginia Beach to the old airplane construction operation, and later to the new Marine museum at Quantico.

The meeting speaker was David Vuich, a public/customer relations executive for the B-1 Division at North American Rockwell, Los Angeles Division. He spoke about the development of the B-1.

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He told of the fast replacement of engines if needed, the various placement of its tanks, forward and aft, and wings, and various metals, aluminum, titanium, plastic, and steel used in its construction.

His program was accompanied by a video showing the subjects he discussed, as well as the facilities for the crew.

The next board meeting will be November 9. The next general meeting at the Pilot House will be November 16 at noon. Anyone interested in aviation is urged to attend and join.

▼ *Scoreboard . . . .*

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Volleyball
(JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.)
October 26:
Northumberland at Lancaster
November 1:
Northern Neck District
tournament semifinals at Essex
1 vs. 4 (5:45 p.m.)
2 vs. 3 (7:30 p.m.)

Field Hockey
(JV 5:30 p.m.; varsity 7 p.m.)
October 26:
Lancaster at Northumberland

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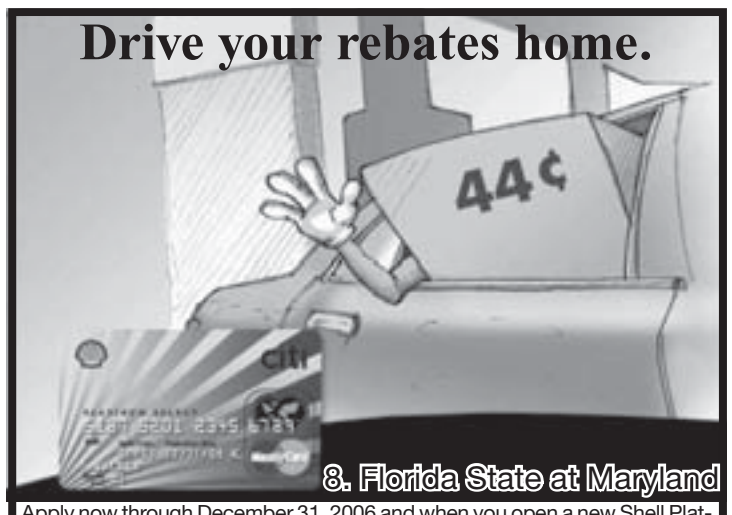

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Persons picking the most correct winners will win $25 and the runner-up will win $15. In case of a tie, the first tiebreaker game will decide the winner. If there is still a tie, the second tiebreaker game will decide the winner.

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Fishing with Capt. Fisher

Wicomico Church Cub Pack 215 went fishing recently with Capt. Al Fisher Jr. aboard the Bay Tide. From left are (front row) Brandon Kline, Tavon Thompson, Ryshon Curry and John Abbott; (next row) A. J. Sutton and Isaih Palmer; (next row) Mary Clegg, Capt. Fisher, assistant cubmaster Walter Priest and Webloes leader B.J. Olmstead.

Draft outdoor plan due public review

A new draft of the state's outdoor recreation, conservation and open space plan, including local recommendations, will be the focus of two public meetings in Warsaw Monday, October 30.

Planners from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will present the draft Virginia Outdoors Plan at 3 and 7 p.m. meetings at the Northern Neck Planning District Commission Office at 457 Main Street. These are among more than 40 meetings to be held statewide through December.

The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the state's official conservation, outdoor recreation and open space guide. All levels of government and the private sector use it in determining and meeting land conservation, outdoor recreation and open space needs. Recommendations in the plan are also used as one of the tools in ranking projects for Virginia Land Conservation Foundation funds.

"The VOP has long been an important tool in meeting Virginians' outdoor recreational needs," said DCR Director Joseph H. Maroon. "With Gov. Kaine's commitment to land conservation, this plan takes on added significance."

The plan is revised every five years. As part of its revision, DCR staff have updated the outdoor recreation resource inventory, conducted a statewide Virginia Outdoor Survey with assistance from Virginia Commonwealth University and last fall held a series of 40 public input meetings statewide. Among the topics brought up in those meetings were trails and greenway linkages, water trails and scenic waterways, urban greenspace, eco-tourism, and nature deficit disorder. Local outdoor recreation and conservation recommendations also surfaced. Recommendations found in the draft plan include for Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster counties:

• Incorporate the National Park Service's Capt. John Smith National Historic Trail in local comprehensive plans as a way to further heritage and eco-tourism in the region.

• Support the National Park Service's Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail along the lower Potomac region to create connections by water by developing water trails and making appropriate land connections for vehicles and bicyclists to key tourist destination sites.

• State agencies should work with the Northern Neck Public Access Authority to obtain funding for additional public access sites, especially at previous ferry landing locations.

The draft VOP is available for review at www.dcr.virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted through December 15 and can be sent to Vop@dcr.virginia.gov.

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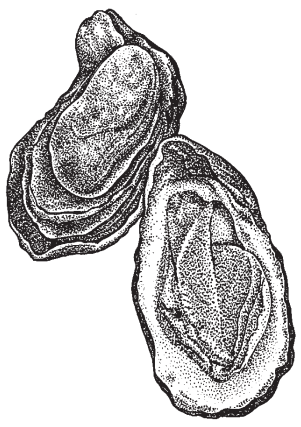

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Annual Turkey Trot set for November 23

The seventh annual Irvington Turkey Trot will be held Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

The event includes a two-mile run/walk, a five-mile run, and a 100-yard tot trot. As in the past two years, participants are asked to bring contributions of dog or cat food to benefit local animal shelters.

The course will begin and end at the Irvington Commons. The two-mile race will begin at 9 a.m., the five-mile run at 9:45 a.m. and the tot trot at 10:45 a.m. All pre-registered runners receive a t-shirt. Shirts will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis and sizes are not guaranteed. Those who participate in both races will receive one shirt.

Entry fees are $12 for the two-mile and five-mile races if postmarked by November 9; fees increase to $18 after that date and on race date. For those running in both events, the fee is $5 for the second race. There is no charge for the tot trot. Age group divisions for events are 1-7, 8-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over.

Refreshments will be available to all participants on the commons after the race. An awards ceremony will be held on the commons at 11:30 a.m. The top three finishers in men's and women's divisions in both races will receive plaques. Medals will be awarded to the first three finishers in each age division in both races. All tot trot participants receive a medal.

Pre-registered participants can beat the Thursday morning rush and pick up their race number and t-shirt at the town office in Irvington on Steamboat Road on November 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Race day registration will be at the commons off King Carter Drive beginning at 8 a.m. Registration closes at 8:45 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, course directions, splits, water tables, timing and refreshments. To volunteer, contact Michelle Lybarger at 438-6391.

Golf tourney seeks players

Team spots are still available in the Lancaster Middle School Athletic Department eighth annual golf tournament Sunday, October 29, at the King Carter Golf Course near Kilmarnock.

The cost is $240 per four-man team, including cart and dinner. Competition will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Registration forms are available at Lancaster Middle School or team captains may register by calling the school at 435-1681. Registrations will also be accepted the day of the tournament based on availability. Registration begins at noon and an awards ceremony will follow tournament play.

Door prizes and prizes for the straightest drive, closest to the pin, longest drive and team trophies for first and second place in each flight will be awarded.

The tournament will benefit LMS athletic teams including softball, baseball, wrestling, golf, track and field and cheerleading.

Club Golf

ICYCC 9-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-holers on October 19 played a scramble. Winners were first, Mary Hoerneman, Louise Petralia and Donna Swinney; and second, (tie) Elaine Bentley, Betsy Chambers, Sharon Rowe and Shelia Stepko, and Patty Doyle, Karen Mullins, Robin Perks and Pat Willett. Doyle had a chip-in.

Tartan club

Men's playday winners at the Tartan Golf Club were first, Coy Best; second, Les Cashwell; third, John Burton; fourth, Charlie Armfield; fifth (tie) Dick Huffman, and Ron Silver.

Memorial member/member tournament winners were first gross, Coy Best and Ron Hugate; second gross, Chappy Wake and Art Neal; first net, Butch Miller and Bucky Deihl; second net, Sandy McKelway and Charles Talley; third net (tie) Barbara Armfield and Isabelle Bumch, and Susan Burch and Susan Troubetzkoy.

Piankatank

The Pankatank River Golf Club ladies on October 19 played "3 clubs and a Putter Plus Beat the Pro." Club pro Jimmy Poplin won the challenge. First flight winners were first, Kelly Lowe (73); second, Sue Silberhorn(73); and third, Carole Lloyd, 74). Second flight winners were first, Ann Stanley (69); second, Sharon Dunaway (73); and third, Betsy Ripley (74). Third flight winners were first, Betty Dunn (69); second, Paige Ashby (70); and third, K. Fenstermacher (73).

Bridge Results

The Woman's Club of Lancaster held its regular sandwich bridge October 18. After a lunch amid Halloween decorations, guests played bridge and mahjong.

The bridge winners were first, Louise Mohardt with 4,120 points; and second, Millie Jodrey with 3,920 points. The next sandwich bridge will be November 15.

Call Betty Thornton at 462-0742 for reservations or to be placed on a waiting list.

Five and a half tables of duplicate bridge were in play October 19 at the White Stone Woman's Club.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe; and second, Terry Carter and Al Jodrey.

Winners east/west were first, Tot Winstead and Liz Hargett; and second, Margaret Livesay and Mary Andrews.

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Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Babs Murphy; and second, Mary Andrews and Al Jodrey.

Winners east/west were first, Norma Drinnon and Charlie Smith; and second, Tot Winstead and Liz Hargett.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, October 31. There will be a Halloween pot luck lunch at noon followed by bridge at 1 p.m. Those in costume play free.

Eight tables of duplicate bridge were in play October 17 at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.

Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Babs Murphy; second, Ginger Klapp and Judy Peifer; and third, Shirley Crockett and Elaine Weekley.

Winners east/west were first, Virginia Adair and Jim Hazel; second, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and third, Carolyn Reed and Alice Slember.

The next bridge for this group will be November 7 at 1 p.m.

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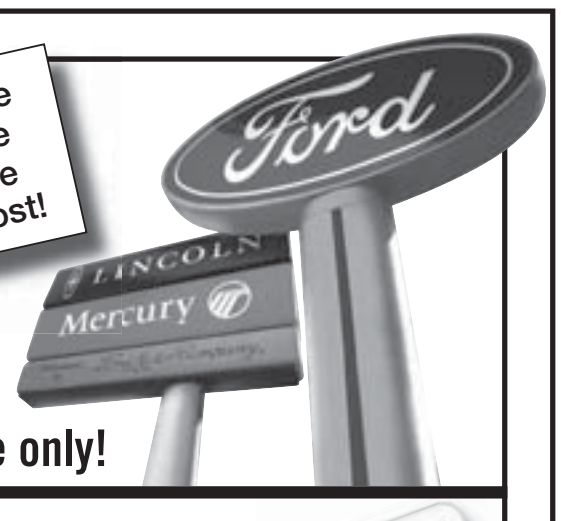

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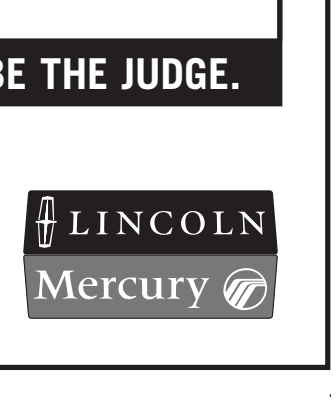

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Northumberland

Total number of students.....1,548
Students eligible for free meals.....585
Students eligible for reduced meals...161

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been replaced this year by the healthier, homemade variety.

A few kids had discovered that the best way to get through the day without their 'third square' was to just take the extra large serving of french fries and a small carton of chocolate milk.

While most of the food on the menu evoked little more than a shrug from the middle schoolers, one item earned glowing reviews: the rolls.

Seventh-grader Kyle McYoung said: "They're the best… except for my grandmother's. My grandmother's rolls are excellent."

Apparently, some things haven't changed. Alumni Ashley Douglas, 23, recalls that she "lived off the rolls" during her 13-year tenure in Northumberland public schools.

Today, the homemade rolls aren't on the menu every day, but they are still a favorite.

Noodles and fajitas also got winning votes among the middle schoolers.

After the line finally died down, we headed in for our own taste of the kibble.

On the menu were ham and cheese wraps, fruit cocktail, a vegetable medley, curly fries and milk.

A couple boys showed us the best way to eat the wrap, by adding a helping of lettuce and tomato and topping the whole shebang with some ranch dressing.

The girl to my right said she prefers to just eat the tortilla wrap itself and leaves the filling on her tray.

In all honesty, it wasn't bad. It wasn't going to win any awards in Gourmet, but it was completely edible. The fruit cocktail was the standard, canned affair. The vegetables were frozen but surprisingly flavorful. The curly fries – baked in the oven – were a bit chewy.

All-in-all we agreed that this meal probably wasn't worth a 15-minute wait in line, but it did meet the state's basic nutritional requirements.

Eighth-grader Spencer Hall investigates the contents of his lunch tray.

The salad option, on the other hand, was delicious. The little helping of chicken salad served on top would have done Gourmet proud, and we agreed that we would buy it in a restaurant.

DeVivi said the administration keeps an eye on who's eating lunch and who isn't. Snack foods, drinks and desserts are only offered to kids who are buying a full meal or have brought one from home. While students are encouraged to eat at least one thing, if skipping lunch consistently becomes a problem, DeVivi said the school notifies the parents.

But, in the end, she said, you can't force kids to eat.

Middle school is considered to be the most awkward age for children. And as any parent who has survived the experience knows, getting a pre-teen to like anything can be a real challenge. All anyone can do is strive to tempt their palates.

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and cheese.

However, the baked (not fried) cheeseburger was small and tasted like a fast-food burger.

The variety of fruit choices in the form of juice, canned applesauce, and the fresh offerings of a whole banana or apple for dessert were encouraging.

And the price of a LMS lunch meal, at only $1.85, can't be beat.

For that price, students last Friday, could have picked pizza and two sides, which were either two fruits, two vegetables or a combination or a soft taco, a chicken sandwich or cheeseburger and two sides. The health-conscious students could have also gone with a chef salad, juice, applesauce and milk for that same price or a turkey and cheese sub and sides.

With Aramark, there's definitely variety. Last year, students at LMS chose from only two daily lunch entrees. This year, there are two varied items daily, while staples like cheeseburger, pizza, subs and salads are offered daily.

Although some faculty members, like Carl Oliver, miss the homemade rolls and other traditional schoolhouse offerings no longer available, others like Sue Forrester seem to think the new Aramark food service offers an improvement on the previous in-house menus.

"Last year, the eighth-graders used to get only a couple of cookies and milk [for lunch]," she explained. "We don't have that problem any more. They all buy lunch."

"All" may be an exaggeration. There are still packers out there, the kids that no matter what is offered would rather have a PB&J sandwich and a bag of chips from home.

Sam Friday, 11, and his buddy Keith Montminy, 12, both had sandwiches but different reasons for bringing lunch from home.

Friday, who packs about half the time, said he hopes his mom "packs something good." And "usually she does," he added.

Montminy expressed some doubt about the healthfulness of the cafeteria fare.

"I don't think this stuff is good to have every day," he said, muttering something about fattening and greasy.

He explained he "trusted" his lunch from home.

Michelle Crowell, was the only non-packer at a table of six 11-year-old girls. She was finishing off a cafeteria soft-shelled taco, which she said was one of her favorite things.

"We beg my mom to have tacos every night, but she won't," she complained. "It's not good for a person," to have them every day, she added, but didn't appear quite convinced.

Meghan Frere was enjoying a large slice of pizza that for all the world appeared to be from behind the counter across the room, but the plastic wrap underneath told the tale. It was pepperoni pizza from a local restaurant left over from dinner the night before.

Cheyenne Cooke and Skylar Kellum both brought Lunchables, prepackaged crackers, chicken nuggets or lunch meat, and sometimes cheese.

Natalie Whay went the traditional route with a peanut butter but no jelly sandwich, while Hannah Smith ate a turkey wrap. Many kids polished off their meals with a green watermelon or fruit punch slushie.

At $1.25 for eight ounces, the slushies are among the favorite additions to the snack bar items this year.

Whether the kids buy lunch or not, they all seemed to agree with the reporters that one of the best items on the menu was the warm chocolate chip cookies, not exactly a good-for-you-item but good to eat, nonetheless.

Green watermelon slushies are a favorite treat at LMS.

Lancaster

Total number of students.....1,385
Students eligible for free meals.....597
Students eligible for reduced meals...126

School Lunch Report Card
Lancaster Middle School
October 20, 2006

Subject	Grade
Lunch	
Main dish	B
Vegetable	C
Whole grain	I
Dessert	A
Drink	A
Variety	A
Affordability	B
Food Appeal (hot/cold)	A
Food Preparation	
Cleanliness	A
Friendliness of staff	A
Snack Food Service	
Variety	B
Affordability	B

Overall Grade ---------B+

Grading Scale:
A=Excellent B=Above Average C=Satisfactory D=Unsatisfactory
F=Failing I=Incomplete

School Lunch Report Card
Northumberland Middle School
October 20, 2006

Subject	Grade
Lunch	
Main dish	B
Vegetable	B
Whole grain	I
Dessert	C
Drink	B
Variety	B
Affordability	B
Food Appeal (hot/cold)	A
Food Preparation	
Cleanliness	A
Friendliness of staff	A
Snack Food Service	
Variety	B
Affordability	B

Overall Grade ---------- B

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code which allows for only one councilman to serve on the commission.

Despite giving credit to the Record, the violation was actually brought to light by planning commissioner Steve Bonner during last week's planning commission meeting and reported in the Record.

However, in researching the violation, the Record also reported that Spivey's term on the planning commission ended prior to the September meeting and that he had continued to participate for the past two months in violation of commission By-laws.

When council members questioned town attorney Chris Stamm over the violations, Stamm repeatedly informed them that state code always takes precedence over town codes.

Spivey was reappointed and Brown will serve as his alternate.

With Lee Capps' contract as town manager expired since last August, he has been operating under an interim 60-day arrangement while council took it under review. Prior to council going into closed session for consideration, Capps made a statement declaring his desire to continue on as town manager but was critical of what he called "the public negotiation of his contract."

In past weeks, Capps has expressed his disapproval of newspaper coverage of renovations to his office at taxpayer expense in light of plans to relocate town hall. Last week, in its town council advance story, the Record reported that Capps would make a decision on acceptance of a new contract and that council would then have to ratify it.

Council awarded Capps another three-year contract, over the dissenting vote of councilman Paul Jones.

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