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Just dustings

Julia Thompson clears a car windshield in Weems Monday morning after a light snow covered the Northern Neck. The conditions were worse to the north in King George County where a fatal accident on Route 301 was blamed on slippery roads. There were over 100 accidents, mainly fender benders, on Interstate 64. In Northumberland County, schools were closed for the first time this year because of snow. The green and purple leaves of an ornamental cabbage (right) peek out from under a blanket of white. There were snow flurries throughout the area Saturday morning as well but no significant accumulation. (Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

Kilmarnock mayor won't seek re-election

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—Kilmarnock Mayor Mike Robertson won't pursue another term in the upcoming May election.

"The main reason is my business interests have changed," Robertson said. "I don't feel that my interests being in Florida I can do the job as effectively as I've done the last four years."

However, he said his interest in Kilmarnock's future remains.

"I would like to serve four more years because I believe my job is not complete," said Robertson.

He hopes his successor will continue where he left off.

"There's a lot of good people in the community who I believe can continue the leadership and vision set forth," said Robertson.

He recapped some of the accomplishments in Kilmarnock that have taken place during his term, as well as some of the initiatives begun when he served as a councilman from 1988 to 1996 that continue to shape the town.

Kilmarnock Town Centre

Among the unfinished business for Robertson is the future of nine acres on North Main Street that the town bought during his term as mayor.

"What I'd like to see is our town office, our town government complex, in there and enough open space in front of it so the people in our community can enjoy it."

Mayor Mike Robertson

Robertson said the property could be the focal point for the image of the town that he envisions as the "shining light on the hill." He said the property has the potential to be the site of many activities and events, much like the way the Irvington Commons is used.

Main Street

Robertson said he hopes his successor maintains the vision for a revitalized downtown Kilmarnock, including the Town Centre, through a long-range plan.

The most visible component of downtown revitalization under his mayoral administration has been the ongoing $4-million Main

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Candidate deadline draws near

LANCASTER—March 7 is the filing deadline for candidates to appear on ballots in the upcoming town elections on May 2.

In Kilmarnock and White Stone, the office of mayor and three council seats are up for election. In Irvington, three council seats will be decided.

Prospective candidates are required to submit a certificate of candidate qualification to the Lancaster County voter registrar's office. Candidates must have lived in Virginia for a year immediately preceding the election and also must be residents of the town where the office is sought by the time they file for candidacy.

For more candidate information, contact the voter registrar's office at 462-5277.

The deadline to register to vote in the May 2 elections is April 3.

Council sets hearing for comprehensive plan

KILMARNOCK—The town council will hold a public hearing on revisions to Kilmarnock's comprehensive plan Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m. in the town office at 514 North Main Street.

The finalized plan is pending a recommendation from the town planning commission. The planners were scheduled to consider the plan following a public hearing earlier this week.

Drafts of the plan under consideration by the commission show a yet to be developed industrial park along the north side of James Jones Memorial Highway west of North Main Street.

Other last minute changes due commission consideration include a proposal to redesignate the two largest undeveloped tracts on the land use map from low-density residential use to more intensive mixed usage. The change would allow for subdivisions and cluster development through planned unit development, with related commercial uses. Those tracts are west of East Church Street and between School Street and James Jones Memorial Highway.

Another change to the land use

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Wal-Mart to explain plans

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—How the future Wal-Mart "Supercenter" in Kilmarnock will look and what the retail giant is planning to do about some of the site features will be the subject of a presentation next week before the Kilmarnock Town Council.

Mayor Mike Robertson said late Tuesday that the presentation is scheduled for Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m. in the town office at 514 North Main Street.

The mayor's statement corrected information given by town staff earlier Tuesday that the meeting was scheduled for 6 p.m. at either the town office or the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department firehouse.

Town manager Lee Capps said the town has approval to hold the presentation at the firehouse on School Street if a larger venue is needed to accommodate the public, and the outside temperature is above 32-degrees. If it is colder, the town will hold the meeting at the town office or find another venue because the fire trucks would have to remain indoors, said Capps.

If the meeting is moved to the firehouse or elsewhere, notification will be posted at the town office or town staff can provide that information at 435-1552.

Robertson said the presentation will not directly involve any council action. Instead, the presentation is to provide information about the plans Wal-Mart has for the 65-acre site off North Main Street where the company announced it intends to build a store.

"They just want to let everybody know," said Robertson.

The site where Wal-Mart intends to build was rezoned by council in 1999 for large-scale commercial use.

Planners in Northumberland can live with boathouse ordinance 'as is'

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—The planning commission likely sealed the fate of an initiative to ban boathouses in Northumberland County last Thursday when it recommended that supervisors leave the current ordinance "as is."

Open-sided boathouses within a certain size limit are allowed in the county so long as no neighbors object. When objections are raised, or the boathouse exceeds the size limitations, the board of supervisors has the discretion to approve or deny the request.

In the last five years, Northumberland County has permitted an average of eight boathouses per year.

Recently, a small group of vocal Tipers Creek residents requested that the board consider a county-wide ban on private boathouses.

For more than a month, citizens have been writing and calling their representatives on the commission and board to voice their opinions on the issue.

Last Thursday's commission meeting was the first of two scheduled public forums on the merits of changing the county ordinance.

The commission's recommendation to maintain the status quo came after an overwhelming majority of the 60-some citizens attending last week's meeting spoke against any changes.

The handful of people who spoke in support of a ban based their arguments primarily on aesthetics.

"I've never seen a pretty boathouse, but I can show you a number of boathouses that range between tacky and ugly," said Oliver Knight of Glebe Creek,

Those who spoke against the ban noted that Northumberland is a rural county and that people choose to live here so that they do have the option of building boathouses. Many said that boathouses are a beautiful addition to the county's shoreline, and nicer to look at than the deck of a fiberglass boat.

"Northumberland is a rural

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Exercise will allow public to help shape up the county

LANCASTER—As anticipated, five sessions have been set by Lancaster County for the public to provide input on the comprehensive plan, a five-year plan for growth and development.

Public input sessions have been scheduled in each of the county's voting districts. The sessions will be facilitated by the consultant firm LandDesign of Alexandria.

"The more visibility we can get for these meetings, the better," said planning/land use director Jack Larson.

Folks may participate in any of the sessions, regardless of where they live in the county, he said.

"Hopefully we will get people to come out and let us know what they think," said Larson.

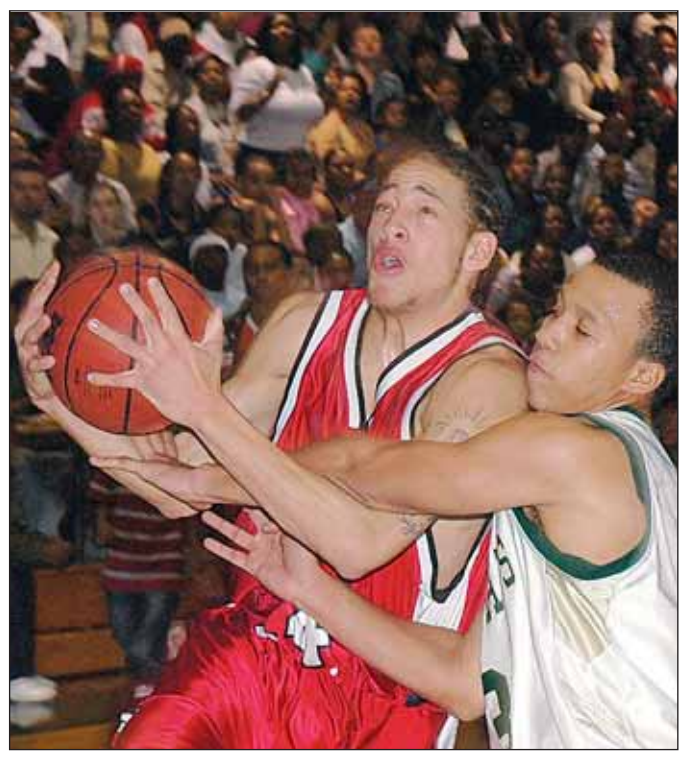
On March 4, the session in District 2 will begin at 10 a.m. at Lancaster High School, 8815 Mary Ball Road. The session in District 1 will follow at 2 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club, 3989 White Chapel Road.

On March 10, the District 4 session will begin at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church, 1413 Lumberlost Road.

On March 11, the District 3 session will start at 10 a.m. at the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department firehouse, 578 Chesapeake Drive. The District 5 session will follow at 2 p.m. at the Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive.

The format for the sessions will consist of a facilitated discussion where people will first form groups to consider four questions:

- What word or phrase best describes Lancaster County?
- What would you most like to preserve about the county?
- What would you most like to see changed about the county?
- What should the county do to preserve what you like about the county and change what you would like to see changed?



Devils claim tourney trophy

Lancaster's Andre Henderson (left) is fouled by Tony Starks of Northumberland during last Saturday's tournament championship game in Heathsville. Although the Indians won the Northern Neck District regular season title, the Red Devils upset Northumberland, 66-52, to claim the tournament trophy. Henderson was later named the district player of the year and shared most valuable player honors for the tournament. Both teams advanced to the Region A tournament being played this week. Details are on the sports pages inside. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

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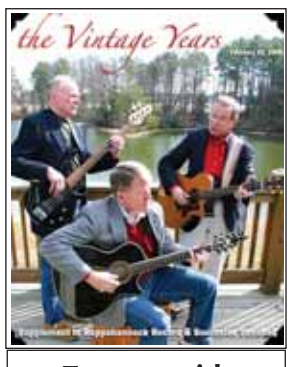

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Commission recommends against commercial zoning for Old Salem Road tract

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The county planning commission last Thursday unanimously rejected a proposal to rezone 15 acres of agriculturally-zoned property on Old Salem Road to commercial use for a 1,000-unit mini-storage business.

By a 5-0 vote, the commission recommended the board of supervisors not approve the rezoning application.

Planning/land use director Jack Larson recommended disapproval of the request in part because the proposed use is more intensive than the land use of the wooded agricultural properties surrounding the site. A rezoning would amount to spot zoning "in the sense that there isn't any other commercial zoning that is reasonably close," he said.

Larson also said the site plan proposed that 78 percent—nearly 12 of the 15 acres of property—would be impervious cover through development.

"That is extremely high in an area that is not already urbanized," said Larson.

Acting commission chairman Donald McCann agreed that the proposed use was inappropri-

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February

23 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
The Board Of Supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
Robert Keyes plays guitar for the dinner crowd at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill at 37 North Main Street in Kilmarnock.
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.
"Grease" will be presented by the Christchurch School drama department at 8 p.m. at Marston Hall. Free. Reservations required; call 758-2300, ext. 144, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
The Hon. John O. Marsh will present a lecture to the Rappahannock Community College government classes at 8 a.m. The lecture will be presented at the Warsaw and Glenns campuses through the college's electronic classroom.
A Reluctant Rebel by Dr. John Harding will be reviewed by the Hon. John O. Marsh at 9:15 a.m. at the Rappahannock Community College Library in Warsaw.
"You Must Remember This..." will be presented at The Playhouse in White Stone. Doors open at 6 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 435-3776.
The Democratic Committee for Northumberland County meets at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.
The Board Of Directors for the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts meets at 10 a.m. at Bay Trust Company at 1 North Main Street in Kilmarnock.

24 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
"Grease" will be presented by the Christchurch School drama department at 8 p.m. at Marston Hall. Free. Reservations required; call 758-2300, ext. 144, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
A Unity Service for Black History Month will be held at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near irvington at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Chauncey E. Mann Jr. will speak.
The Square Pegs will meet for an evening of Plus dancing at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess from 7 to 9:30 p.m. $5.
Robert Keyes will be featured on guitar at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock from 6 to 10 p.m.
A Benefit Auction Gala will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Festival Halle in Reedville to benefit the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. $30. Reservations required. 453-6529.
"You Must Remember This..." will be presented at The Playhouse in White Stone. Doors open at 6 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 435-3776.
Rehearsals for the Grace Episcopal Church choral music workshop begin at 6 p.m. at the church in Kilmarnock. To register, call 435-1285.

How big will they grow?

Jeanette S. Davis (left) and Elizabeth D. Coleman, both of Kilmarnock, were amazed at the size of these turnips grown by a friend. They plan to put them in some potting soil and see how much more they grow, they said. Judging from others they've sampled from the same garden, they expect the turnips to taste good, they added.

25 Saturday

"Grease" will be presented by the Christchurch School drama department at 8 p.m. at Marston Hall. Free. Reservations required; call 758-2300, ext. 144, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
"You Must Remember This..." will be presented at The Playhouse in White Stone. Doors open at 6 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 435-3776.
Robert Keyes will be featured on guitar at The Steamboat Restaurant at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.
A Black History Matinee will be presented at Sharon Baptist Church at 4 p.m.
Rehearsals for the Grace Episcopal Church choral music workshop begin at 9 a.m. at the church in Kilmarnock. To register, call 435-1285.

26 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock immediately following church services.
A Black History Program, sponsored by the Northumberland County Branch of the NAACP, will begin at Shiloh Baptist Church in Reedville.
"Weems, A Community Rich in Spirit" will be presented at 3 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church.
Robert Keyes will be featured on guitar at the Rose's Crab House brunch.
Rehearsals for the Grace Episcopal Church choral music workshop begin at 1 p.m. at the church in Kilmarnock. To register, call 435-1285. The workshop concert begins at 3 p.m.

27 Monday

The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazerene at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
Party Bridge is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. $5. For reservations, call 580-8205.

27 Monday

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.
The Kilmarnock Town Council meets at 7 p.m. at the town office on North Main Street.
The Democratic Committee for Lancaster County meets at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.
A Budget Worksession will be held by the Lancaster school board at 5:30 p.m. at the school board office at Pitman's Corner.

28 Tuesday Shrove Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
The Lancaster Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.
Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Virginia Marine Resources Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC Headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Fisheries hearings begin at noon.
Books Alive! meets at 7 p.m. at the Northumerbland Public Library in Heathsville.
A Pancake Supper will be served at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster from 5 to 7 p.m. donations accepted.
A Pancake Supper will be served by the men at St. Mary's Church in Fleeton from 5 to 7 p.m. $8 adults, $4 children.
A Pancake Supper will be served following a prayer and praise service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville. The service will begin at 6 p.m.
A Pancake Supper will be served at 5 p.m. with an Ash Wednesday service following at 7 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church.

March

1 Wednesday Ash Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meets at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kil-marnock. 438-5127.
A Grief Support Group meets at 4 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.
The RFM Quilters meets at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The Woman's Club of White Stone meets at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch.

2 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
The Marine Corps League Detachment meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao firehouse. 580-3803.
The Wetlands Board for Northumberland County meets at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The White Stone Town Council meets at 7 p.m. at the town office at 433 Rappahannock Drive in White Stone.
The Airport Club Of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.
"The Basics of Healthy Living" will be presented at 5 p.m. at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic in Kilmarnock.

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

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FREEDOMLAND (R) 7:15, 9:35
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 5:10
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 5:30, 7:25, 9:40
THE PINK PANTHER (PG13) 5:25, 7:20, 9:25

SAT. FEB. 25
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
FREEDOMLAND (R) 7:15, 9:35
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THE PINK PANTHER (PG13) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:20, 9:25

SUN. FEB. 26
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FREEDOMLAND (R) 7:15
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:35, 7:35
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:10
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:30, 7:25
THE PINK PANTHER (PG13) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:20

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DATE MOVIE (PG13) 7:35
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 7:15
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 7:25
THE PINK PANTHER (PG13) 7:20

Area Events

■ Square dancing
The Square Pegs will meet Friday, February 24, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess for an evening of Plus dancing. A donation of $5 per person is requested.

■ Gathering items
Grace Church will accept donations Saturday, February 25, for its annual May yard sale. Items may be dropped off at the Alexandria Police Boys Camp at the end of Boy's Camp Road between 9 a.m. and noon.

All items in good repair are welcome with the exception of mattresses, stuffed toys, day beds and exercise equipment. For large items of value suitable for the auction, held in conjunction with the yard sale, call Gordon Nelson at 462-0095.

■ Yard sale
The Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men will hold a yard sale March 4 from 7 a.m. to noon at their building on Route 201 near Lively. The building will be open for additional sales each Wednesday in March from 3 to 6 p.m.

Furniture, appliances, tools, sporting goods, electronics, household items, linens, books and pictures are available. Baked goods, corn dogs and soft drinks are also on sale. there will be free popcorn and balloons for the kids.

■ Hospice training
Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck will begin its next Volunteer Training Class March 11 at 10 a.m. The class will continue for three consecutive Saturdays.

Volunteers are trained to help patients and their families make the time that is left most meaningful.

■ Benefit dance
On March 4, Joey and the Jammers will be featured at a benefit dance for Marion Kay Vest at the White Stone firehouse from 7 to 11 p.m.

Admission is $10 per person. Silent auctions and raffles will be held. Snacks will be provided. BYOB (no glass).

■ Breast cancer
The Lancaster Senior Activity Center will host a breast cancer awareness seminar Monday, February 27 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Holly Court Apartments at 201 Wiggins Avenue in Kilmarnock.

The guest speaker will be Connie Deagle of the Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Center. Refreshments will be served.

■ Revue continues
"You Must Remember This..." continues at The Playhouse in White Stone February 23, 24 and 25. The dinner theater production features a comic revue of skits, monologues improvisations and one-act plays addressing memories, memory and loss of memory.

Dinner theater admission is $30. Play only admission is $15. The Playhouse bar will sell spirits, wine and beer. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The show will start at 8 p.m. Diners should arrive by 6:15 p.m.; others by 7 p.m. For reservations, call The Playhouse at 435-3776.

■ Oyster roast
The annual Smith Point Sea Rescue oyster roast will be held March 4 at Little River Seafood in Reedville from 2 to 5 p.m. The feast will include raw and steamed oysters, bean soup, hot dogs, soft drinks and coffee.

Advance tickets are $20. Advance tickets can be purchased at Lilian Home Center, Jett's Hardware and Noblett Appliances and Propane. Tickets at the gate are $23. Beer will be sold for $2 a cup. The oyster roast is sponsored by Little River Seafood, Purcell's Seafood and Food Lion.

■ Taking lunch orders
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Two separate meal choices will be offered: fried chicken with potato salad, roll and dessert; or chicken salad with potato salad, crackers and dessert. A donation of $7 is requested. Lunches will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To place a lunch order, call vice president Andrena M. Seawood at 435-0504.

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Annual waterfowl show to have nine new artists

The Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show is coming to White Stone Volunteer Fire Department Firehouse March 18 and 19.

Nine new exhibitors are expected. The selection process for new artists involves the submission of photos of their work and a biography. Only applicants whose work is of the highest quality and who will enhance the show are accepted, said Pat Bruce.

William Veasey of Newark, Del., is an award-winning carver of over 30 years. In addition to carving and teaching, Veasey is the author of several books on carving.

Al Dornish of Ridgway, Pa., travels to many parts of the world to study and photograph his future subjects.

Sol Levine of Wake Forest, N.C., is a graduate of the New York Institute of Photography. His award-winning photographs emphasize nature, landscapes and wildlife of all kinds. He presents photography workshops, and has exhibited in special shows at the U.S. Department of Interior Museum and the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

Linda Phillips of Suffolk uses soft pastels to reflect the beauty and calmness of the birds and animals she portrays. She has displayed her paintings in galleries throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

Carver Shannon Dimming of Elkton, Md., will bring carvings. The detailed fish carvings of Cecil Cornwell of Newman, Ga., will add a new dimension to the show. Carver William Cowen of Brown's Mill, N.J., will return after an absence of several years.

Knotts Knives by Cousins from Salisbury, Md., will have a display with carving supplies and knives. The Virginia Waterfowlers Association also will have an exhibit.

William Veasey will be among the new carvers.

In addition to these new exhibitors, the Rappahannock Carvers and Collectors Guild will hold a carving contest March 18 at the Women's Building adjacent to the firehouse.

A Preview Night Gala will be held March 17. To receive an invitation to this evening event, call or email the festival sponsors.

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

The show is sponsored by the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department. Proceeds benefit department operations. For information, call 435-6355 or email info@rrws.org.

Blues duo to return to library

The Friends of the Northumberland Library will sponsor the return March 5 of Judy Louis-Watson and Paul Watson of BluesWorks. They performed at a library fund-raiser last year.

The duo will perform a variety of blues and other music to help raise funds for extra activities at the Northumberland Public Library. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

BluesWorks has appeared in blues, jazz, and folk music festivals and conducted teaching workshops.

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

By no means am I an authority on global warming or other sophisticated environmental subjects. That much proffered, I have observed some interesting changes during the course of this winter. For what they are worth, here they are.

We have had live ticks out on the farm all winter. I question whether they have stopped hibernating or dying off in cold weather. There have not been nearly as many as in summertime, but clearly enough to cause one to notice. Also, they are not inactive, but scurrying around as if the temperature were 50 degrees outside. Can year-round snakes be far behind?

Last week driving through Westmoreland County, near Oak Grove, a huge bald eagle scooped down in front of our car and landed in a flock of buzzards. There was an unidentifiable piece of carrion on the ground, which had caught his eye. The buzzards backed off, recognizing the traditional pecking order, and surrendering their first-come rights to the eagle.

About a year ago, down on Route 3 below Templeman's Crossroads, on this side of Montross, I saw the carcass of another bald eagle, which had been hit by a car. A couple of years ago, I wrote an item about the one who was frequenting our field, also shooing buzzards away.

All of these sightings cause me to recollect that when I was a youngster here in the Northern Neck, we never saw bald eagles, and back then there was much more undeveloped land in which they could nest and trees on which they could roost. I am wondering whether the eagle population has decided that it has to put up with mankind encroaching on its domain, thereby indicating its numbers have reached the point when they are going to be commonplace among us, or whether these are rare occasions upon which we happened to come along at the right moments. That will be my first question the next time I see the Dean of All Wildlife in the Northern Neck, Joyce Russell, whose nature column in the Rappahannock Record is our local encyclopedia on all aspects of flora and fauna.

A few days ago, we had an unexpected, non-dredged crab at dinner. Granted it was a baby, about the size of a nickel, in a quart of oysters. Obviously, the oyster had enjoyed him as his unforeseen last meal, but the oyster had not dredged him up. Rather he had made a bad decision while swimming along the bottom. I was interested to find a crab of that size, even if small, in an oyster at this time of year.

This winter the ladybug population has reached an all-time high. They are ubiquitous and have become much more brazen in their habits. They are on the walls, ceilings, dishware, floors, and even in our cars. Normally, they appear in late fall, and are gone by Christmas, but not this year. The cold outdoor temperatures do not seem to dissuade them from lying and crawling wherever they like at will. Unfortunately, they have been joined by mosquitoes, but in lesser numbers. We give our dog heartworm prevention medicine all year anyway, but the mosquito presence makes doing so all the more necessary. The wood stove remains our favorite means of heating, and as it is in the center of the house, its surrounds serve as a mecca for attracting insects.

Unlike last winter, our chickens are not producing as many eggs as we expected, particularly as they are in their prime, l8 months old. Despite the cold, last year they tried to outdo each other in their levels of production, but this time they seem content to offer only an occasional egg, as if they think that so-doing will keep them away from the stew pot.

Our antique daffodils were late this year, blooming on February l, whereas we have had them as early as mid-January. They are especially long-lasting, the blooms remaining fresh for over a month. When they bloom I know spring has arrived, at least I like to think it has.

So much for my environmental inventory for this winter. I am ready for the real spring, for some pot-caught crabs, spring onions, and seeing the peas popping out of the ground.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

This week we officially crossed over. As of Wednesday, February 15, we are no longer hearing House Bills and the Senate is no longer hearing Senate Bills. Each set of bills has switched to the other house.

This also means that any legislation that was going to come out of the House or the Senate had to do so by Tuesday with the exception of appropriations bills which had to be finished by Friday. I am happy to say that two of my bills successfully made it out of the House. For a freshman delegate that is quite an accomplishment. Now, they will be heard by the Senate. Hopefully, they will be approved by committee and passed by the Senate and then be signed into law by the governor.

The pace has significantly slowed down in the past week. The House dockets are shorter, there are fewer bills each individual legislator has to track, and there aren't as many visitors stopping by.

While I am following the progression of many bills, I have been focusing primarily on the two left that I introduced. The first piece of legislation that made it out of the House was HB 400, which would allow economic development money from the Governor's Opportunity and Development Fund to be used to build high speed or broadband internet infrastructure for new businesses locating to rural or underserved localities within Virginia.

The second piece of legislation, HB 680, that moved to the Senate, would provide for an incentive program for the production of biofuels. It would create a 10-year project to help businesses with the start-up costs associated with biofuels production. To be eligible for this grant, the producer must produce a minimum of 10 million gallons of either biodiesel fuels or ethanol fuels from feed-stock originated in the United States within one calendar year, with a cap placed on the total amount of funds dispersed. It is my hope that this legislation, if it becomes law, will benefit our communities both economically and environmentally.

Like I have said before, the number of folks coming to visit us is dwindling. I started the week by meeting with fishermen from the district at an AFL-CIO reception. On Wednesday I got the opportunity to meet with the board of directors from Mary Washington Hospital.

Thursday I stopped by a reception on my way home for the Virginia School Board Association and I was excited to see representatives there from the Westmoreland school board. The work week concluded with a visit from a Caroline firefighter on Friday.

It has been another great week at the General Assembly. It's hard to believe that the session is over half way through. Now I only have the Senate bills left to vote on. This is where I need help from people of the district. Visit nalitsurvey.state.va.us/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyid=1026 and share your views. The same survey was printed last week in the Rappahannock Record.

Complete the survey by Friday, February 24, to help me get all of the responses before the legislation comes up for a vote.

You also may share your concerns with my office at 698-1099.

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Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the February 23, 1906, Virginia Citizen.)

Weems

A very pleaant evening and one which was enjoyed by the Odd Fellows was last Friday, when Past Chief Patriarch, Geo. P. Squires installed the recently elected officers.

Nothing but chicken talk now. Every lady here has a setting hen, some setting for chickens and some for ducks.

Rev. Harry L. Walton attended the Young Men's Christian Association Convention at Norfolk last week. He will preach here next Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Edith Buck has gone on a visit to her brother at New Orleans, La.; also to take in the Marti Gras, which event is about to be celebrated.

The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church will hold their monthly meeting this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. O. Dameron.

While helping to unload stone from the barge at work on the riprap a few days ago, G. L. Ball had his hand badly mauled and Sylvanus Johnson sustained painful injury to his left foot.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Progressive Farmer honor prompts progressive suggestions

To The Editor:

The Progressive Farmer of February 2006, features its second annual list of "Best Places to Live in Rural America." In Virginia, Lancaster's rank of seventh in the U. S. was both pleasing and puzzling to me as a native of the county.

This ranking is pleasing because it's nice to see one's old home area recognized nationally for the natural aspects that Capt. John Smith, Virginia's first world-class land developer, extolled in 1608.

Lancaster's rank of seventh is, however, puzzling because the Progressive Farmer says that Lancaster rated four stars—the highest—on the criterion "Education," one of six categories measured. The magazine says "Education" is based on "student/teacher ratios and college-bound percentages." Statistics compiled by the county and state boards of education may not support this top ranking. It may be that for years Lancaster public schools have been woefully weak in percentages of high school seniors who go to college.

Many people I've talked with in Lancaster—people of various lifestyles, including a farmer, a postal employee, an accounting executive, and several retired, successful natives—all reported that youngsters who intend to go to competitive, four-year colleges need to attend a private high school to get college preparation.

Official county and state sources have also indicated that a low percentage of students are admitted to four-year colleges from Lancaster's public high school. That's the way it was back in the early 1950s when I was growing up in Lancaster, and people tell me that the situation isn't much different, 55 years later.

Several years ago I tried to promote the idea of a college access program in the public high schools of Lancaster, as a public-private partnership. I had worked with such programs for six years in Norfolk and as a consultant in rural Patrick County, before I retired in 2001. While it's true that college access requires money to operate and to support grants, there must be a way to find new and different sources of funds. It's a challenge in a complex county like Lancaster, where it's feast or famine: some of your residents have among the highest assets in the state, while others have incomes that are seriously below federal poverty guidelines.

Thus, a possible source of operating funds for a college access program might be for the county to assess an annual "college-access-help fee" upon every luxury automobile in the county with a property value above $33,000; of say 1% per annum, that would yield $350,000 a year if there are 1,000 such cars. And there could be an alternative option for the anti-tax crowd: if they wished instead to make a tax-deductible, charitable contribution to the college access program, they could do so and be issued a voucher by the county treasurer, showing that they had made an equivalent or greater gift than the fee to a local nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) college access organization.

Lancaster might also assess a penalty upon real estate developers and landowners who turn farmland into financially exclusive residential developments. This would create another source of funds for college access programs and other projects that would benefit low-income children and families who lack educational opportunity in rural counties.

Surely those who have come here to enjoy Lancaster for rural living, will be agreeable to give back for the benefit of those whose families have held the land in good condition for 400 years.

A bright ray of hope for preserving rural properties in Tidewater Virginia is the formation of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy. The mission of this nonprofit cross-section of citizens, formed in 2004, "is to preserve the rural heritage of the Northern Neck by conserving its lands, waters, economies and culture for future generations."

It's too bad that Progressive Farmer did not include details of the conservation efforts of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy; it's a concept that's gaining wide support in Virginia and across the nation, and it's worthy of public notice.

The conservancy offers a way for well-to-do landowners, especially those who have come in large numbers to Lancaster and the Northern Neck, to give something back to their adopted "land of peaceful living" by protecting their property against further alteration of its natural condition. Protecting significant-sized properties from further man-made changes is a great boon, for recent immigrants and their heirs, as well as for longtime residents such as multi-generation farmers.

I am told that land preservation agreements or conservation easements are also quite beneficial to working family farmers. If farmers cannot use their tax credits, they can sell them. Virginia and Colorado are leaders in helping landowners sell their credits.

It seems to me that the ultimate property right is to have some control over how your land will be used after you die. While Virginia is near the bottom of the 50 states in terms of its spending on conservation, the Virginia conservation easement program is among the most successful in the nation.

Both college access and land conservancy are concepts that deserve wide support and replication. They have the potential to make everyone a winner.

Gerald L. Cooper
Norfolk

Participation requested

To The Editor:

As advertised in the February 16 edition of the Rappahannock Record, all Lancaster county citizens are invited to attend the public input sessions for the 2006 review of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

This opportunity to offer ideas and suggestions for modifications and/or changes to the Comprehensive Plan comes only once every five years.

It is urgent that citizens concerned about the county's future participate in the dialogue at these meetings. Please mark your calendar to attend one or more of the sessions on March 4 at 10 a.m. at Lancaster High School and 2 p.m. at Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church, and March 11 at 10 a.m. at White Stone firehouse and 2 p.m. at Tides Inn.

Although there is one meeting scheduled in each voting district, all citizens may attend as many as they choose.

The meetings will be conducted by LandDesign Incorporated, the consultants hired by the county to provide recommendations for modifications to our 2001 Comprehensive Plan.

These recommendations to our planning commission and board of supervisors will be based on input from those of us who attend the sessions and express our concerns, suggestions, opinions and requests.

If we want Lancaster to have controlled growth in a rural setting, we must attend one or more of these sessions and use these opportunities to be heard.

Please mark your calendar, be present and speak. Lancaster County's future is at stake.

Jan Fadeley
Lancaster

Address boathouses case-by-case

To The Editor:

There should be no absolute banning, or absolute permitting, of boathouses.

I was prepared to support a general ban until reading an excellent letter in the February 16 Rappahannock Record. Each case needs to be looked at, with specifics about dimensions and other plan details. And, the county needs to define "boathouses" better.

As the letter writer describes it, there is no reasonable problem. In some waterways, a glut of uncontrolled structures could easily cause reasonable grief to neighboring property owners. The county authorities need to step up to the plate and do their duty in making prudent regulations which can be discussed and then passed or not passed.

But a blanket, one-size-fits-all approach is the refuge of the lazy, and our beautiful environment should not be in the hands of the lazy.

I think it was Ralph Waldo Emerson who famously said "Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds."

Cary Jones
Reedville

Stop tailgating and slow down

To The Editor:

As I was hauling boats to Richmond today, I was plagued by tailgaters and folks adding their own 20 to 30 mph to the posted limit. I was amazed that I saw no patrolmen on any of the highways, until I realized that no sane policeman would risk his life trying to slow those idiots down.

How about a resolution? Remove the pesky, unabided speed limit signs on Routes 3, 17, 33 and Interstate 64. Remove the yellow and white solid lines in the middle of the roads that meant (in my day, anyway) "NO PASSING."

Take all the signs down to Taylor's Creek Road and make two wide paths to accommodate most car and truck widths. Lay the stripes across the speed limit signs and stake them to the dirt to keep the signs in place.

Taylor's Creek residents can now hold on while the General Assembly decides where the money will come from to pave the road. Drivers who were scofflaws now don't have to worry about that stigma because now there are no posted laws to ignore. The rest of us careful pansies can upgrade to cars with airbags all around the cabin.

Please, folks, slow down. Truckers and kids, stop tailgating. Look at the amount of tire on the road and wonder how that little bit keeps us out of Heaven, or hell.

Grid Michal
Weems

Letters to the Editor

Kilmarnock, meet the baby boomers

To The Editor:

Kilmarnock is 75 years old. We did good for 50 years. Progress will eat this town alive. Welcome to the 21st century.

Baby boomers start retiring in two years. Mass numbers of "weekenders" will be full-timers. Traffic is bad now, just wait.

Take a boat ride. Every creek, river that was once woods and fields are now houses and condos. We made our bed, now lay in it.

Wal-Mart is just the start, who's next..Home Depot, Starbucks, Outback Steak House. I love them all.

I avoid town Friday to Sunday. I'll meet you at Wal-Mart 5 a.m. on Wednesday. Go Wal-Mart. Sad, but true.

Gary Ault
Kilmarnock

Appalled by trash facility

To The Editor:

I moved recently from Middlesex County to Kilmarnock. I thought this was a timely and good move for me.

Today I experienced the facility for trash disposal and recycling.

I was appalled. For a community putting funds into beautification of sidewalks the condition of this facility was disgusting.

The Convenience Center in Middlesex is clean, well run and convenient. One may recycle or not but at least the receptacles are there for your choosing. It is well managed and provides a much needed service.

I won't get started on the quality of the water here.

M. H. Robbins
Kilmarnock

Boathouse concerns beget more concerns

To The Editor:

Letters to the editor last week in the Rappahannock Record on the boathouse issue in Northumberland County prompt more questions and comments.

I do not understand why the "grandfather clause" did not apply to the gentleman on Tipers Creek who wanted to replace a boathouse destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. His situation points out that it may be useful to have a new ordinance that requires boathouse and other property owners to maintain them or remove them.

Other questions arise from the behavior of Pamela C. Russel of the board of supervisors, the representative of the Tipers Creek area, who did not view the property before voting, which is required under the ordinance. She spoke with a number of people opposed to the rebuilding request before the hearing, and voted against. How many people did Russell speak to? What are their names? None of these are shown on a record, petition, or anything that represents most of her constituents.

Another letter writer says that the state owns the river bottom land "up to the mean high waterline." That writer has no more idea of the Northumberland ordinances than he does of the Commonwealth's limits of ownership of bottom land, which is from mean low tide of navigable waters.

There are many comments concerning boathouses degrading the view, but if that is made a primary criterion, then boat lifts, boats and piers could be next.

I have heard that a boathouse owner on Tipers Creek signed a petition to not allow new boathouse construction in Northumberland County. If this is true, it could be self-serving because it would make his property more valuable than those with no boathouses.

Richard "Dick" H. Thompson
Kilmarnock

Dog hit

To The Editor:

I would like to direct several comments to whoever hit my dog and killed him on or about February 14 in the vicinity of Routes 201, 354 and 681. Thanks for the nice Valentine's Day present.

He was a big dog and very docile. I was going to train him to be a pet therapy dog. Don't you know how useful dogs are in our society?

You must have been speeding, driving carelessly, drinking or you are one of those stupid people who think it is great fun to run down animals, or a combination of any of these, not to have seen him and to hit him in the head when he was on the side of the road.

Did it ever occur to you just to stop? If you had bothered to stop and look, like any responsible person, you would have found that he had an ID tag on his collar.

I don't see how anyone can hit any living creature. If you do I would think that you would feel some responsibility or remorse for your actions.

Obviously you have no morals, ethics or compassion for other living souls.

I guess we should be thankful that it was not someone's child that you hit.

You know who you are and if I am ever fortunate enough to find out who you are, I will press charges against you. You have no idea how very hurt and unhappy I am. I will never forgive you.

He was a good dog and didn't deserve to die like this. If only you had been more careful he would still be here. In the future please drive carefully. They are all God's creatures.

Sally Rohlfing
Lancaster

Empower the Coast Guard

To The Editor:

I just read where one of Secretary Chertoff's responses to the Katrina fiasco is to form a full-time response force of 1,500 new employees. That is the typical government solution to any problem—throw money at it and it will go away, just as the administration did as its response to Hurricane Katrina in the first place.

Then they want to create yet another high level government job below the chief of FEMA to oversee actual disaster response. There is already a position in place in such situations.

I suggest the assistant commandant of the Coast Guard is perfectly placed to respond not only immediately, but with years of experience in just such situations. He, or she, could be designated on an ad-hoc basis. Anyone and everyone is well aware of how promptly and professionally the Coast Guard responded during Katrina because that is what they do.

Those people, both surface and air, are highly trained and motivated to come to the aid of disaster victims wherever they may be. Not only are they trained to respond as individuals or as individual units but in the complexities of command and control.

I do not at all denigrate the efforts of our other services. Unfortunately, the rules of engagement tied their hands such that they could not respond immediately, even though many units and commands were ready to go.

I hope that as part of Secretary Chertoff's reorganization of FEMA he will rid the agency of those in the hierarchy who are patently unqualified for their jobs and put people in those jobs who are qualified. That may be difficult under this administration since cronyism has been elevated to a high art form.

I would think the American public has seen enough of grossly incompetent people in charge of running this country. It is not just a question of wasting your tax dollars; it is a question of putting the public at risk.

Retired U.S. Coast Guard
Capt. Alfred T. Miles
Heathsville

Giving blood

To The Editor:

In the process of re-organization, blood services for the Northumberland Red Cross Chapter have been transferred to the Rappahannock Area Blood Center in Fredericksburg. At our blood drive February 14 we welcomed a new staff from Fredericksburg and Charlottesville.

Perhaps the newcomers were trying to make a favorable impression—and they did. The flow of donors was steady and the processing time was minimal. We still find that some procedural requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration seem cumbersome, but it is obvious that attempts are being made to improve.

We had 73 donors come forward to offer their blood, resulting in collection of 65 full and two partial units. Though this may be considered good for February, we think it could be much better. We cannot do it without donors.

We thank all those who came, those who donated, the volunteers and the Northumberland Lions Club members who provided the canteen and Northern Neck Bottling Company for sodas.

A special thanks goes to Shirley Stewart, Odessa Roane, Iris Heissenbuttel, Lisa Lee, Alfred Crockett, Stanley Norris, Ola T. Nash, Elizabeth Cali. John Cali, Warren R. Blackwell, Elwood Ball, George Gerhart, Michael Rahart, Irene Haley, Bobby Edmonds, Pauline Edmonds, Joyce P. Smith, F. Warren Haynie Sr., Robert E. Holley, William A. Bracker, Lance Bennett, Cecelia Fowler, Joe Fowler, Dick Steelman, Leslie Tate, C.E. Williams and Denise Swann.

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We are reviewing our procedures and investigating the possibility of making appointments for donors to speed the process and enable them to set a specific time to meet their busy schedules.

The blood supply remains critical. Only donors can meet the need. In Northumberland, we conduct five blood drives each year. Our next drive will be at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Heathsville April 11 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please come and give the gift of life—give blood.

Charles O. Franck Jr.
Blood Services Chairman
Northumberland Chapter
American Red Cross

Why mess with paradise?

To The Editor:

The Rappahannock Record is a fine example that small town does not necessarily mean unsophisticated or less than top notch. I very much appreciate the detailed reporting and coverage of our community. The paper has done a good job of providing what information is available, including a lot of behind the scenes information, about the coming of the Wal-Mart store to Kilmarnock.

I must admit, however, that I still have unanswered questions. As the president of a national company that reviews real estate and construction projects for all the major lenders, I am perplexed about the following:

It does not appear that there is an adequate number of potential shoppers for a super center in Kilmarnock. I believe Wal-Mart requires a base population of 50,000 in order to support one of their retail stores, the population required to support a super center is larger. The entire population of the Northern Neck is only 51,000 and a portion of that population is being served by the Wal-Mart in Tappahannock. The Gloucester store is within half an hour drive of Kilmarnock so the development of a store here will cut into the economic base of that store too. For it to be worth the company's while to develop a store in Kilmarnock, significant concessions would have had to have been made either by the town council or by the property owner.

Wal-Mart requires approximately 22 acres in order to develop a super center for the building footprint, access roadways, the parking lot and the service bays. The parcel in question is 65 acres. What other uses are proposed for the remaining acreage? Has the town council determined that the entire parcel is to be used for big box retail? If so, then there is adequate space for not just a Wal-Mart super center but at least two additional big box retail centers. If the population of the Northern Neck is inadequate for a Wal-Mart, is this the best use of this land: big box stores that will be underutilized and a significant threat to the viable businesses that support our community now?

Kilmarnock has vacant large retail space. The Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center, a large retail strip center at the north side of town, has had significant empty space for at least four years. If demand existed for large retail, this space would have been considered viable and been re-utilized. My experience has been that the marketplace generally accurately reflects economic need. The empty commercial/retail space in Kilmarnock and vicinity is not appealing to retail giants like Wal-Mart (not big enough) but other smaller retail businesses would have gravitated to the opportunity if it were a real opportunity.

These facts continue to lead me to the conclusion that the town council or the property owner have given Wal-Mart incentives to develop a super center in Kilmarnock that would override the pure economics of the situation. Those incentives could include property tax rebates, free easements or relaxation of other legal encumbrances, utility discounts or other solutions to ease the burden of developing a less than suitable site. I don't believe the entire story has been told.

The citizens of Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, White Stone, Northumberland County, Tappahannock and Irvington will all be immediately affected by the development of this store but the entire Northern Neck will feel its impact. The impact will include–and make no mistake, these will happen—increased traffic, decreased business in the downtown commercial district, perhaps to the point of having some of the smaller businesses dying, increased infrastructure costs, retail income leaving town, changes in the way life is lived.

The changes may not include: more jobs because the new jobs at the Wal-Mart will only replace the jobs at the current businesses; more income for the town because the dying businesses will not be providing the community support or tax income that they are now; increased convenience because increased traffic can undermine any gains in proximity.

I am not a "come here." I am a "come back here." My father's ancestors came to America in 1657 and stayed in Northumberland County. I have returned by boat and found paradise. The residents of the Northern Neck who have lived here all their lives may not realize the preciousness of their land: the unhurried pace, the clear blue skies, the "perfect marriage of land and water."

I love going into Eubanks and getting a hug from an employee who is a friend and a neighbor. I love being able to go into the Tri-Star and finding Pink Lady apples with a fine red Argentinean wine and my favorite crackers and being finished shopping in less than 15 minutes because the grocery store is a human scale. I like knowing where my next door neighbor goes to church and reading about my friends in the Rappahannock Record.

If the town council members want to play big shot with the retail giants why don't they move to Northern Virginia and play the real game there? I believe the Kilmarnock town council members would be eaten alive if they had genuine competition because of full disclosure requirements. Does the property owner want to make a squillion dollars so that he/she can move to paradise, a place that doesn't have a Wal-Mart? We have that now, right here. We can't let them ruin it.

Nan Harvey, RA
Kilmarnock

Off The Beaten Path

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

I have been catching flack for not writing my column lately. I blame this entirely on winter. I have been hibernating, gestating.

Winter is a time for staying in the den or flying south, and humans should be no exception. The weeks following New Year's Day should be spent cloistered in quiet reflection, drinking hot chocolate or something stronger, reading books and watching movies.

Unless, of course, you live in a place with mountains, snow, and extreme ultraviolet exposure in which case winter is a time for playing outside, sliding uncontrollably downhill or gliding on ice.

The rest of us should be content to just live vicariously through the athletes we watch competing in the winter Olympics while we sit on the Barcalounger waiting for the cupcakes to finish baking.

So this is what I have been doing for these last eight weeks: eating, sleeping and curling up with a good book and a warm blanket whenever possible.

Not to overlook the fact that this is one of the most hectic times for reporters around the Record office. Between our regular workload, we are busy preparing writing contest entries and a season of special supplements. Hapless plug: Look for Vintage Years in this week's edition of the Rappahannock Record.

The official end of this human-type hibernation has been celebrated for millennia with parties and festivals, from Mardi Gras to St. Patrick's Day to Easter to May Day.

In the Northern Neck, this celebration comes with the reopening of restaurants. My husband and I personally celebrate the arrival of spring with the reopening of Good Eats, which is still another six weeks off.

So, like the groundhog, and despite some unseasonably warm days, we have peered out of the den and seen our shadows. We won't be coming back out until sometime around the middle of March, when, like any groundhog worth his ruff knows, spring is officially scheduled on the calendar to start.

In the meantime, I will work on getting back into the column writing mode.

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Local News

Gurleys to perform concert

For the discerning acoustic music lover, Farmhouse Concerts will present a show March 11 featuring Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley of Lancaster.

House concerts are a relatively new twist on the old formula of presenting live music to an audience. The venue is a private home, the musicians are up close and personal, and the audience is however many will fit into the living room, comfortably seated.

House concerts are happening all over the U.S. and Canada. Private individuals are hosting outstanding musicians and audiences in their homes for the benefit of both. All proceeds go to the musicians and the audience experience is engaging and intimate.

Farmhouse Concerts will be hosted by Mary Beane in Miskimon.

"When Bill and Pam suggested a house concert, I was intrigued by the idea," said Beane. "I enjoy all kinds of good music but seldom are you able to get close to it. After doing some research on the web, it seemed like something I would enjoy doing if the space was right for them and I could locate enough like-minded individuals in the Northern Neck to help support performances by acoustic musicians."

The more she thought about it, she remembered the farm house had already hosted house concerts, she explained.

"I suppose I'm just reviving a lost art," said Beane. "When I was a kid, before central heating and air conditioning, neighbors raised their windows and put in screens in the summertime. I remember playing in the yard and hearing my step-grandmother playing and singing hymns on the Chickering up-right in the front room. I'm sure most of the neighborhood enjoyed her rendition of 'Rock of Ages.' I don't believe she ever received a donation, but it should be fun to continue the performing tradition."

The Gurleys will perform at Beane's in Miskimon at 7:30 pm. Dessert and coffee by Swank Catering will be served at intermission and compact discs will be on sale. There is a $15 donation per person.

To reserve a space, email farmhouse_concerts@hotmail.com, or leave a message at 703-346-2745. Those who respond will receive a confirmation. Advanced reservations are required.

Depending on response, a matinee performance may be added March 12.

Woman's Club plans luncheon

The Woman's Club of White Stone will meet March 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse in White Stone.

In lieu of a brown bag lunch, members, guests and visitors will be treated to a tea luncheon furnished by club members. During lunch, a presentation will be made by Adele Jones of Ohio regarding the history of "teas" along with a discussion about some of her tea pots which will be on display.

The program for March will feature Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts president Allen Marple. He will speak on his association with The National Ballet of Canada.

Marple has a long and illustrious history in support of the arts. During his tenure in Toronto, Canada, he served as chairman of the board of directors of The National Ballet of Canada. He worked with some of the world's leading ballet artists.

The Woman's Club of White Stone is very supportive of Lancaster County and its civic endeavors. During 2005, members raised enough money to provide $4,000 in scholarships for Lancaster High School students, $1,000 to the Christian Children's Fund, and donations to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department, and Kilmarnock/Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, Interfaith and the YMCA Guardian Program.

Members also donated several bags of groceries to Social Services to be distributed at Thanksgiving and prepared and delivered three meals to The Northern Neck Free Health Clinic to provide for the volunteer staff. This is in addition to smaller projects that continue throughout the year where members provide time and/or money to assist in community projects.

All members and guests are urged to attend. For more information, call Nancy Lee at 435-0398.

Engagements

Tiffany Carlson Fisher and David Troy Vann

Fisher–Vann

Tiffany Carlson Fisher, daughter of Charles and Betty Carlson, of Deltaville, is engaged to David Troy Vann, the son of Larry Vann of Earlysville and Judith Vann of Standardsville.

Ms. Fisher is employed by the Charlottesville Association of Realtors.

The prospective groom is employed by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The wedding is planned for April 29 at the home of the groom's father in Earlysville. A reception will follow at the couple's home in Ruckersville. The couple will honeymoon on a cruise to the western Caribbean.

Historical Society announces activities

Upcoming activities at the Virginia Historical Society include a Gallery Walk March 8 and a Banner Lecture March 16.

The Gallery Walk, "Virginia's Diplomats" by Muriel B. Rogers, will begin at noon. Dr. Rogers will share insights into the careers of Virginia's diplomats through objects they collected abroad and the medals and mementos awarded them by the U.S. and foreign governments. The walk extends through a related gallery exhibit.

The Banner Lecture, "Art in the Civil War South" by Harold Holzer, will begin at noon. The lecture, cosponsored by the VHS and the Museum of the Confederacy, will explore the variety of the art created in response to the war and marks the opening of the MOC exhibit, "Art of the Confederacy." Holzer is senior vice president for external affairs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His most recent book is *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech that Made Abraham Lincoln President.*

Both activities take place at the VHS at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond. For admission and directions, call 358-4901, or visit www.vahistorical.org.

Woman's Club to host fashion show and more

The Northumberland Woman's Club has set April 11 as the date for its fifth annual Fashion Show, Luncheon and Game Day.

Swingin' Spring Fashions will be presented by Foxy's of Kilmarnock. The festivities begin at 11:45 a.m. at Tommy's in Reedville. The menu will include a choice of seafood pasta salad on a bed of greens, or a frittata with chicken, ham and vegetable. Both entrees include soup, dessert and beverage.

Tickets are $22 each and will be sold at the March club meeting, or by contacting one of the event chairmen, Susan Payne at 580-7444, or Wonda Allain at 529-5491.

Proceeds will help the club support the Read Aloud Virginia Program and club sponsored scholarships.

Get on a healthy track with free workshop

Dr. Matthew B. Shifflett will present a free workshop, "The Basics of Healthy Living," Thursday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. The workshop will include information on healthy diet, rest, exercise, attitude and the mind-body connection.

"With the United States having the best health care in the world, we still rank 24th in the world for life expectancy and 37th in overall health," said Dr. Shifflett. "It is my mission to promote natural health for improvement in quality of life."

To register, call 435-0575.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor were in Williamsburg last week to attend the meeting of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors at Ft. McGruder Inn. Having spent their honeymoon 51 years ago in Williamsburg, the Taylors extended their trip to include the Jamestown Antique Mall in the restored area of Williamsburg.

Ms. Nell Casto spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Doris Verlander, in Yorktown.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Conley and children, Colby and Hallé, of Germantown, Md., visited his mother, Mrs. George Dixon, of Dividing Creek last weekend.

Mrs. Jim Blankenship visited her daughter, Miss Sara Blankenship, in Ridgewood, N.J., several days last weekend.

Mrs. M.B. Lamberth has returned from an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Lamberth, in Richmond.

Mr. George Jarrell hosted the Sunday Morning Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Group with 16 present at his home on Indian Creek.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Paul Ticer were her daughter, Mrs. Sharon Estabrook of Annapolis, Md., and granddaughter, Emily Walsh of New York City.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Agnes Lee were her son, Jim Lee of New Market, and her granddaughter, Kelley Lee Jett, and her friend, Price McLean, both of Richmond.

Mrs. George Urban has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where she spent a week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bareham and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ping and children, Anna Katharine and Caroline Ping, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scott Harding and son, Trey. Other family members present were Mrs. Paula Bareham of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Regina McClain and daughter, Carrie of Greer, S.C. The occasion was to celebrate Trey Hardings' 1st birthday.

Guests of Mrs. Frank Sweeney last week were a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Peters of Houston, Texas, and a granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. K. Brock and children, Shelby and Ethan, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce have returned home after attending waterfowl shows in North and South Carolina and a visit with their daughter, Ms. Cathryn Bruce, in Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Frances Hurst of Burgess and her sister, Mrs. Betty Covington of RW-C, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burian at a birthday dinner in Newport News, last Thursday to celebrate Frances' birthday.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Betty and John Taliaferro were Maxine Somervell, Dave Haurand, Mitch and Sue Forrester and Don and Helen McGonegal.

Mrs. Ann Shelton of Weems spent the weekend in Richmond celebrating her birthday with her sons, Richard Hall and Dennis Hall, her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Del Tomes, and her granddaughter, Allison Hall. On Monday she had a birthday supper with her son-in-law and granddaughter, Steve Gagnon and Caitlin.

Capt. G. W. Urban III of Allied Transportation is with his family on Bluff Point Road. While here he and Mrs. Urban will visit their daughters, Gretchan and Kelle, students at Radford College

From left are Franklin Haywood, Jerry Ruble and John Groner.

UMC Men prepare for yard sale season

Like that mechanical rabbit, the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Church men keep "going and going and going."

Over 41 years ago, a few men decided they would organize an interfaith group to support local youth programs, local charities and volunteer services. Today, Hospice, the free clinic, the "Y," volunteer fire and rescue, Habitat for Humanity, youth bands and other services are the recipients of their work.

They sponsor a litter patrol along Routes 201 and 354, a booth at Lively Days, a fishing derby, an annual chili cook-off, a 5K run/walk and a series of yard sales.

The biggest fund-raiser is the yard sale which has been a staple for approximately 38 years. Held every two months at their building located on Route 201 south near Lively, the sale of appliances, furniture, tools, sporting goods, housewares, electronics and other assorted items funds the organizations charitable efforts. The next yard sale is March 4 from 7 a.m. to noon.

This group also gathers monthly for a fellowship dinner and business meeting featuring a program of interest and selected speaker. Membership is open to any man.

Del. Morgan displays local art at Capitol

Del. Harvey Morgan and his wife, Mary Helen Morgan, recently received an exhibition of works of art by 12 Middle Peninsula artists. The exhibit has been hung at Del. Morgan's office at the Capitol and will be on display through March 11 when the session adjourns.

Ginny Sawkins, managing director of the Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery, and artist Elise Ritter of Urbanna, organized and hung the exhibit in a large space made available by Mrs. Morgan.

The display includes works by Tom Chillemi of the Southside Sentinel, as well as Rappahannock Art League members Carolyn Davis of Hardyville, Peggy Dent of Topping, Jane Hall of Deltaville, James Hazel of Jamaica, Tina McCloud of Mathews, Kathleen Noffsinger of Deltaville, Rose Nygaard of Gloucester, Ben Richardson of Mathews, Ritter, Juli Schuszler of Gloucester and Anne Wilcox of Deltaville.

"This is just a small representation of work of the many fine local artists whose talents should be recognized," said Sawkins. "On behalf of the Rappahannock Art League, let me express my appreciation to Del. and Mrs. Morgan for their ongoing support of the fine arts in our area."

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Orchestra to celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday

On March 4, the Northern Neck Orchestra will celebrate W. A. Mozart's 250th birthday by featuring one of the composer's most popular works, Symphony No. 40 in G Minor.

The concert, Bolero, will feature popular classical music including two works by Ravel. The first is the composer's transcription of his piano work, "Pavane pour une Infante defunte."

The program will continue with a set of dances by Tschaikovsky. The dances are "Waltz from Sleeping Beauty," "Waltz from Eugene Onegin," "Waltz from Swan Lake," "Mazurka from Swan Lake" and "Waltz of the Flowers from The Nutcracker."

The program will conclude with "Bolero" by Ravel.

Business partners for this concert are the Chesapeake Investment Group, Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust, Bragg and Co., Select Properties of Virginia and River Town Properties Inc. The concert is dedicated to the memory of JoAnn Timm, who was a member of the orchestra board.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students. Tickets may be purchased at Twice Told Tales and the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, by calling 436-9027, or at the box office prior to the performance, if available.

"The Northern Neck community has a true treasure with the Northern Neck Orchestra" said board president Tom Coye. "So please come and support the wonderful musicians.

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Unity service planned February 24

The Rev. Dr. Chauncey E. Mann Jr. will be the guest speaker at a Unity Service for Black History Month at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Friday, February 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Mann is pastor of Grafton Baptist Church in Hartfield and was honored by his congregation last fall for 30 years of ministry.

The community is invited to the celebratory service, an annual tradition at RW-C that incorporates the planning and talents of residents and staff. The Rev. Dr. Davis L. Smith Jr., RW-C Chaplain, will officiate. Jackie Lee has organized the ushers. The Rev. Genita Maiden-Shearin will recite "Reflections," a poem. Also participating will be Rebecca Ford and the Rev. Rodney Waller, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church and president of Church Resource SErvices.

The Rev. Dr. Chauncey Mann

Jackie Chewning directs the staff choir, which will lead the procession of local clergy. Julia Olson leads the Residents' Choir. The two choral groups have prepared their own selections and also will sing together.

Dr. Mann attended Moody Bible School in Chicago and Cross Roads Bible School in Montreal. He received a doctorate in Biblical studies and metaphysics from the University of the South Pacific in Pasadena. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict and in 1953 was the first black man to be admitted to Aviation Electronics School.

Under his leadership, Grafton Baptist Church has added nearly 200 new or reinstated members, started scholarship funds, organized new choirs, established a weekly altar call for young people, participated in alliances and combined services with other Middlesex churches, welcomed the first women trustees, and celebrated the licensing of two young church members.

Dr. Mann is former president of the Middlesex Minister's Association and former moderator of the Southside Rappahannock Baptist Association. He has served on several religious, educational and civic boards in Middlesex County and currently represents Middlesex on the Bay Consortium Private Industry Council Inc., and on the Workforce Investment Board XIII. He lives in Topping.

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Books Alive to discuss pre-war emancipation

Northumberland Public Library's next Books Alive! program will feature Robert Crown who will conduct a discussion of two books that deal with emancipation of slaves by their owners long before the Civil War.

The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, a biography of Robert "King" Carter's grandson and principal heir, by Andrew Levy, is about the inner moral and ethical struggle that led one of the wealthiest landowners in young America to free more slaves, between 1791 and 1804, than any other individual before Emancipation.

Israel on the Appomattox, by Melvin Patrick Ely, is the story of the African-American community formed in Prince Edward County by the former slaves of Richard Randolph (a cousin of Thomas Jefferson) who died in 1796, providing for their manumission and 400 acres of land in his will.

Crown, a resident of Kinsale, was drawn to these two books for a number of reasons. First, Carter is of great local historical interest, and his near-restored plantation home, Nomini Hall, is "in the neighborhood." Second, as an employee of the World Bank for over 25 years, Crown has gleaned insights about the economics of slave-based agriculture that help explain puzzling aspects of Virginia society in that era. Third, each book presents different and complementary views of contemporary Virginia culture and society, thereby deepening understanding of the era.

"Today's 'politically correct' and moralistic perception about slavery is too simplistic," said Crown.

He looks forward to discussing the complexity of the subject with the Books Alive audience on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. at the library in Heathsville.

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'Art speaks' at gallery

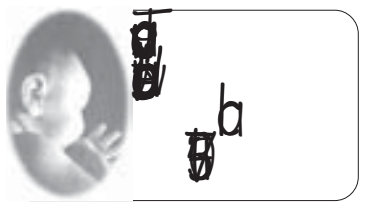
Watercolor artist, art therapist and teacher Pamela Lowenthal Bowers will present "Art Speaks" at a Rappahannock Art League meeting Monday, February 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Studio Gallery on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

Bowers has worked as an art therapist with emotionally disturbed adults and children, addicts, and the mentally disabled. She will focus on her work with abused children and show how unique and revealing each child's art work is to a trained therapist.

Art therapy is a growing field that is found in hospitals, schools and many individual and group treatment centers.

"I believe that expressing oneself with art materials is a personal event, one that can alter the way we feel about ourselves and our environment and help us see things clearer," said Bowers. "I love to help others paint without fear, with more spontaneity, to work with joy and to learn to recognize, accept and appreciate their own abilities."

She has had several one-person shows in Warrenton and Irvington. She has exhibited in galleries in Virginia and Washington, D.C. She earned a bachelor's in painting from Virginia Commonwealth University and a master's in art therapy from George Washington University.



Ada Jacox to speak at Viewpoints

Ada K. Jacox, Ph.D., R.N., will speak at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury's Viewpoints March 6 at 11 a.m.

A research consultant and professor of nursing at the University of Virginia, Dr. Jacox has been instrumental in developing clinical guidelines for pain management, the topic of her Viewpoints talk.

The American Pain Society (APS) honored her last spring for her strides as founder and 10-year director of the APS Clinical Practice Guidelines program. She also headed the U.S. government's project to research clinical trials and develop interdisciplinary, evidence-based guidelines for management of acute post-operative pain and pain from cancer. She has led team studies on pain from sickle cell, various forms of arthritis and fibromyalgia.

She earned a bachelor's in nursing education from Columbia, a master's in child psychiatric nursing from Wayne State University in Detroit, and a doctorate in sociology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She did post-doctoral work on pain management at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Jacox wrote her dissertation on the first mass resignation of nurses, at Youngstown Hospital Association in Ohio, and has remained active in issues regarding equitable conditions and compensation for nurses. She has chaired many committees of the American Nurses Association and was first vice president of the national organization.

Extensively published, she wrote *Pain: A Sourcebook for Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals*, a classic text on the physical and psychological aspects of pain. She started the doctorate in nursing program at The Johns Hopkins University and taught nursing 18 years at Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland.

She taught also at Wayne State and the universities of Colorado, Iowa and Kansas. Recipient of many professional honors, she serves on the board of directors of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. She lives on the Great Wicomico River and is co-owner of Athena Vineyards.

A complimentary luncheon buffet follows her Viewpoints presentation. Call 438-4000 for reservations.

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RCA to feature pianist in concert

On Saturday, March 11, the Rappahannock Concert Association will feature concert pianist Ann Green at 7:30 p.m. at Carmel United Methodist Church in Hague.

Green, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, holds a Doctor of Music Arts from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is principal and chair of the piano department of Patrick's Music School in Fullerton, Calif., and artist-pianist in residence at the Nixon Library and Birthplace, where she also coordinates a concert series. She is the writer and composer of the series, Piano Music for Little Fingers.

The program will feature works by Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy, Brahms and Gershwin.

The association invites all members of the audience to a reception in honor of the artist immediately following the performance. Refreshments will be served.

The final concert of 2005-06 season will feature the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond County Elementary School.

Individual and/or group tickets for both concerts are available by calling Betsy Fountain at 493-9522, or at the door.

Tickets are $20 each or a block of five to nine tickets, $15 each; or 10 or more tickets, $10 each.

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Lancaster's Jamie Veney goes up for a shot with a Northumberland opponent on his back. The Devils and Indians played the tournament championship before a packed house in Heathsville last Saturday. LHS upset the tourney favorite.

Red Devils upset Indians, 66-52, for district tourney championship

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

With nothing but bragging rights at stake, Lancaster played one of its best games of the season last Saturday night to upend tournament favorite Northumberland, 66-52.

The Red Devils can finally boast.

The Indians had beaten Lancaster twice during the regular season to go 7-1 as the Northern Neck District regular season champion.

The Devils finished in second place with a 6-2 mark but earned the tournament title with last weekend's upset.

Although Lancaster came home with a trophy, the win didn't change this week's Region A seedings. As the Northern Neck's number one team, Northumberland (19-5) earned an automatic home berth in the regional playoffs and was scheduled to host King & Queen earlier this week. Lancaster (12-8) was to visit Middlesex Wednesday night.

"I told the guys Thursday that winning that game was very important," said LHS coach Brance Holmes. "We'd go into the regionals on a good note and we needed to do that. We lost the district tournament last year and went over to Arcadia down.

"Northumberland showed up to play, even though they knew it wouldn't change anything. They wanted the chance to cut those nets down," he added. "But my guys wanted it more."

Northumberland dominated play early, taking a seven-point lead after five minutes. But a three-pointer by Trevor Henderson with three minutes to go in the first quarter began a 9-3 run for the Devils. Kyle Jones hit from the cheap seats at the first-quarter buzzer to give the homestanding Indians a four-point advantage.

Lancaster pulled to within one a second time, 26-25, after a pair of free throws by district player of the year Andre Henderson, then took its first lead on a steal and layup by Jamie Veney with a minute to play in the first half.

In the teams' first two meetings, Lancaster's inside game was virtually shut down. The Indians' towering trio of Jonathan Veney, Brian Seymour and Lavar Rich held Jamie Veney scoreless in the first meeting and to eight points in the second. He managed 11 Saturday night and was more a presence under the goal.

Tony Starks of Northumberland goes up for a shot against Lancaster's triple team of Jamie Veney (left), Montel Mitchell and Curtis Henderson.

"We had to establish some type of inside game," said Holmes. "I told the guys we can't shoot three-pointers all night. If we can't get inside, we have to attack the basket and hopefully dish off to Jamie."

Lancaster shifted momentum in the third, turning around a three-point halftime deficit with a full-court press and a 17-7 run.

"We were just more patient on offense and attacked the basket," said Holmes. "Our pressure defense was the key. That won the game for us in the third quarter."

The Devils opened the period with a 10-2 run that included four points each from Montel Mitchell and Cleon Rice.

Russell Seymour broke a four-minute dry spell for the Indians, finally hitting from the floor with three minutes to play in the period.

When the dust cleared, the Devils had taken a 46-39 lead.

Henderson helped seal the deal for Lancaster, hitting 10 of 11 free throws in the fourth period and pacing all scorers with 24 points.

Seymour led the Indians with 16 points, Veney added 14 and Rich 12.

Northumberland advanced to the tournament final with a 56-28 whipping of Washington & Lee and Lancaster made it to the final with a 73-58 win over Essex.

Lancaster..... 13 16 17 20 - 66
Northumberland .. 17 15 7 13 - 52

Lancaster - T. Henderson 6, Mitchell 7, Veney 11, C. Henderson 6, Saunders 2, A. Henderson 24, Rice 8, Q. Henderson 2. Three-point goals: T. Henderson 2.

Northumberland - Starks 3, Jones 3, R. Seymour 2, Veney 14, Brunt 2, Rich 12, B. Seymour 16. Three-point goals: Veney 3, Jones.

Lancaster 73, Essex 58

The Devils took the lead in the opening minutes last Wednesday and cruised to a 73-58 first-round win over Essex.

A. Henderson scored 22 points and J. Veney 17 for Lancaster, which enjoyed a seven-point halftime lead and expanded it to 11 in the third.

The Trojans' John Dille led with 18 points, while Maurice Gaines chipped in 17 and Ryan Lowe 13.

Essex.....10 13 14 21 - 58
Lancaster.....14 16 18 25 - 73

Essex - M. Gaines 17, Lowe 13, A. Gaines 2, Ball 2, Dille 18, Grinage 6. Three-point goals: Dille 3, Lowe.

Lancaster - T. Henderson 9, Mitchell 9, Veney 17, Saunders 2, A. Henderson 22, Rice 6, Wilson 3, Q. Henderson 5. Three-point goals: A. Henderson 2, T. Henderson, Q. Henderson.

Henderson leads post-season picks

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Averaging 15.9 points per game, Lancaster senior Andre Henderson led the Northern Neck District in scoring this season and was selected by coaches as the district's player of the year.

Henderson received multiple honors following the district championship in Heathsville last Saturday when the Red Devils upended the host Indians, 66-52.

He also was selected as co-most valuable player of the tournament and was named to the all-tournament and all-district teams.

Lancaster's Brance Holmes, who led the 12-8 Devils to the tournament championship, was selected by his peers as coach of the year. The Devils went 6-2 and finished in second place during the regular season.

Lancaster senior Jamie Veney filled another spot on the all-district first team. Senior Montel Mitchell of Lancaster was named to the second team.

Henderson, Veney and junior Trevor Henderson were also named to the all-tournament team.

Northumberland High senior Brian Seymour shared co-MVP honors for the tournament with Henderson and was named to the all-district first team and the all-tourney squad.

Senior Jonathan Veney of Northumberland also was named to the all-district first team and the tournament team.

Maurice Gaines of Essex filled out the first team all-district roster.

The Indians won the regular season title with a 7-1 record and went 19-5 overall. Northumberland will host King William in the first round of Region A play this week; Lancaster will go to Middlesex.

Lancaster's Andre Henderson is the Northern Neck District player of the year. He shared most valuable player honors for the district tournament and was picked for the all-tournament and all-district teams.

Northumberland had two on the district second team: seniors Brandon Webb and Kyle Jones. NHS juniors Lavar Rich and Tony Starks received honorable mention.

Others named to the all-district second team were junior Jermaine Weldon of Washington & Lee, junior DeVonte Reynolds of Rappahannock and sophomore Ryan Lowe of Essex.

Others named to the all-tournament team are Gaines and freshman John Dille of Essex, Webb and Rich of Northumberland and Weldon of Washington & Lee.

Those named to the district's all-academic team are junior Cleon Rice of Lancaster, junior Kenneth Johnson of Washington & Lee, junior Daniel Blake of Rappahannock and Dille of Essex.

Essex girls win cage championship

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The Essex High varsity girls wrapped up a perfect Northern Neck District basketball season by winning the tournament championship, 47-33, over second-place Northumberland last Saturday.

As expected, the Lady Trojans claimed the most spots on the all-district honor squad. They filled three of the five spots with seniors Megan Wind and Latoya Rich and junior Arlice Baker.

Essex High coaches Darlene Boone and Serita Jackson, who led the girls to an 8-0 regular season district record and a 16-5 overall mark, were named co-coaches of the year.

Northumberland senior Shannon Lewis was the district player of the year. Lewis helped lead the Lady Indians to a 6-2 district and 14-10 overall record.

Rappahannock senior LaShauna Lucas completed the all-district first-team selections. She led the league in scoring with an average of 17.6 points per game.

Northumberland and Essex advanced to the Region A tournament. The Indians traveled to King William and the Trojans hosted West Point in first-round games. The winners advance to the semifinals tonight (February 23) at King William.

The Indians advanced to the district final last week by routing Lancaster, 55-9, in a semifinal game. Essex beat Rappahannock, 47-33.

Those selected to the district second team are seniors Ebonee Taylor and Tykia Thomas and juniors Monet Stevenson and Kara Messick of Northumberland, and freshman Tyesha Harvey of Lancaster.

Essex High junior Quandra Holmes and Rappahannock sophomore Jasmine Dilworth received honorable mention.

Tyesha Harvey was the only Lady Red Devil named to the all-district first team.

Those named to the all-tournament team are Taylor, Lewis, Stevenson, Thomas and sophomore Samantha Lewis of Northumberland; Baker, Wind and Rich of Essex; Harvey and freshman Takeia Jones of Lancaster, and Lucas of Rappahannock.

Baker and Lewis were selected as the tournament's most valuable players.

The all-academic team includes Jones, Harvey and junior Madison Smith of Lancaster; Stevenson, Messick, Taylor, sophomore Jalissa Jones and senior Amanda Wilkins of Northumberland; junior Clare Clements and sophomores Renee Brown and Samantha Pierson of Rappahannock; freshmen Kelisha Johnson and Adrienne Lockett and sophomore Julisa Hackett of Washington & Lee, and Wind and sophomore Deaudrea Rich of Essex.

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

Fri	**2/24**	Moonrise	4:33	Low	1:44	0.0′	**Tue**	**2/28**	Sunrise	6:39	Low	5:45	**-0.3′**
		Sunrise	6:44	High	8:06	1.5′			Moonrise	7:08	High	11:44	**1.8′**
		Moonset	**1:47**	Low	**2:52**	0.1′			Sunset	**5:58**	Low	**6:11**	**-0.3′**
		Sunset	**5:54**	High	**8:25**	1.2′			Moonset	**7:00**			
Sat	**2/25**	Moonrise	5:23	Low	2:51	-0.1′	**Wed**	**3/1**	Sunrise	6:37	High	12:03	**1.8′**
		Sunrise	6:43	High	9:08	1.6′			Moonrise	7:36	Low	6:37	**-0.3′**
		Moonset	**3:05**	Low	**3:48**	0.0′			Sunset	**5:59**	High	**12:32**	1.7′
		Sunset	**5:55**	High	**9:26**	1.4′			Moonset	**8:15**	Low	**6:56**	**-0.3′**
Sun	**2/26**	Moonrise	6:04	Low	3:53	-0.2′	**Thu**	**3/2**	Sunrise	6:36	High	12:52	**1.8′**
		Sunrise	6:41	High	10:03	1.7′			Moonrise	8:03	Low	7:29	**-0.3′**
		Moonset	**4:25**	Low	**4:38**	-0.1′			Sunset	**6:00**	High	**1:19**	1.6′
		Sunset	**5:56**	High	**10:21**	1.5′			Moonset	**9:29**	Low	**7:42**	**-0.3′**
Mon	**2/27**	Moonrise	6:38	Low	4:50	**-0.3′**	**Fri**	**3/3**	Sunrise	6:34	High	1:41	**1.8′**
		Sunrise	6:40	High	10:55	**1.8′**			Moonrise	8:31	Low	8:21	-0.2′
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New - **7:32**		Sunset	**5:57**	High	**11:13**	1.7′			Moonset	**10:42**	Low	**8:28**	-0.2′

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Great Wicomico River Light	0:30	0:20	76%
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St. Patrick's Day bridge scheduled

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Scoreboard

Varsity boys basketball
Northern Neck District tournament
Final
Lancaster 66, Northumberland 52
Semfinals
Lancaster 73, Essex 58
Northumberland 56, W&L 28

Varsity girls basketball
Northern Neck District tournament
Final
Essex 64, Northumberland 53
Semifinals
Northumberland 55, Lancaster 9
Essex 47, Rappahannock 33

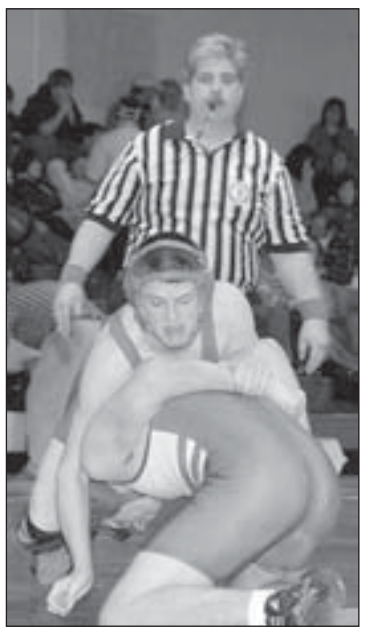
Upcoming Games

Boys basketball
February 22:
Region A tournament quarterfinals
Lancaster at Middlesex
King William at Northumberland
February 24:
Region A tournament semifinals at King William (6 p.m. and 8 p.m.)
February 25:
Region A tournament final at King William (8:30 p.m.)

Girls basketball
(JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.)
February 21:
Region A tournament quarterfinals
West Point at Essex
Northumberland at King William
February 23:
Region A tournament semifinals at King William (6 p.m and 8 p.m.)
February 25:
Region A tournament final at King William (6:30 p.m.)

Wrestling
February 25:
Lancaster, Northumberland, Essex, Mathews, Middlesex, King William at the Region A meet at Arcadia

Gary Wardlaw of Lancaster dominates a Mathews opponent. Wardlaw went 3-0 to take first place in his weight class.



Corbin Marchand of Lancaster earns a win against Northumberland. Marchand went unbeaten to win his weight class.

Red Devils improve to 24-3 on the mats

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster wrestlers came home with four gold medals and five silvers but left the big sub-region tournament trophy at Mathews last Saturday.

The Blue Devils edged the Red Devils by 20 points in the six-team warmup for this weekend's Region A tournament at Arcadia.

"Overall we wrestled pretty well," said LHS coach Craig Oren. "We had a couple of key injuries that hurt us team-wise but I was pleased that we won more of those bubble matches — the ones that could have gone either way — than we lost."

With team wins over King William, Middlesex, Northumberland and Essex, the Red Devils improved to 24-3 overall.

Lancaster's victories, however, didn't come without a price. The Devils lost two starters during the match including 215-pound Renan Beltran to a shoulder injury and 152-pound Graham Winnstanley to a neck injury. Winnstanley had pinned his first opponent from King William and was injured in his second match of the day against Mathews.

The Red Devils also went into the tournament down a starter. Daniel Robertson (160) was out with an injury.

Lancaster's lame-duck status only benefitted tournament favorite Mathews, which beat Lancaster, 153-133. King William finished third.

Lancaster had four undefeated grapplers: Thomas Frere (135), Sam Frere (119), Gary Wardlaw (160) and Corbin Marchand (171).

The Frere brothers went 2-0 each with S. Frere pinning both of his opponents. T. Frere had a pin and a tech fall.

Both Wardlaw and Marchand were 3-0 for the day.

Lancaster's Ibraheem Bullock flips a Mathews opponent.

Lancaster's Thomas Frere (left) was unbeaten in the tournament.

Lancaster's Austin Bynum (103), Ross Kellum (112), Patrick Oliver (125), Ibraheem Bullock (140) and Louis Santangelo (189) took seconds.

Santangelo, Kellum and Oliver went 3-1 each. Oliver missed an undefeated run by a point, losing his only match in overtime to Northumberland's Anthony Collins.

Kellum "wrestled one of his best matches," to avenge an earlier loss to King William's Jimmy Bean, said Oren.

Heavweight Justin Culpeper and Robert Lally (145) each took thirds for Lancaster.

Local pilots share Alaskan adventure

The Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter met February 16 at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping.

Scott Gross, of the VAHS board of directors, shared information about the fourth annual Auction and Social April 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond. Tickets are $15 per person. To purchase tickets or donate auction items, call Jennifer Melton at 222-8690

Mary Ellis has planned an April 24 bus trip to the "Old" Air and Space Museum in Washington. Tickets are $35 per person. The bus will leave the Pilot House at 7:45 a.m. and Lancaster Square Shopping Center in Kilmarnock at 8 a.m. Call Gary Ellis at 435-2947 for additional information. For reservations, send checks to Bob Schneider, 114 Club View Drive, Lancaster, VA 22503 or call 462-7763.

The program was presented with film by George Galo, who described flying with fellow pilot and chapter member Frank Watson in Watson's Cessna T206H. They took off from Hummel Field June 5, 2005, and flew to Alaska, returning to Hummel a month later.

The two pilots loaded the Cessna with necessary gear and supplies, leaving their wives to commercially fly to Alaska and rendezvous in Anchorage.

On the flight north, stops were made in Dayton, Ohio, Mason City, Iowa, Rapid City, S.D., and Great Falls, Mont. Their flight across the lower 48 was IFR direct to selected GPS waypoints. Watching their fuel consumption, they found they were a little over four gallons less than estimated, but also found it was due to the angle of the fuel tank because of the plane's load. Reservations in remote areas were limited and regulations for flying over Canada and Alaska had to be followed, as well as stops at Customs in Canada, and the United States, each way.

Exceptional photos were taken from the Cessna. In the Black Hills of South Dakota, they took shots of Mt. Rushmore, with sculptures of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. They also took pictures of the in-process mountain carving of Crazy Horse (Ta-sunko-Witko), an early Dakota Indian Chief, and his horse.

The journey and presentation continued to Rapid City, Great Falls, and the start of the Rockies. They began to follow the Alcan Highway in the Yukon Territory and spent a night at White Horse, stopping for Canadian Customs. The weather closed in and grounded them for a few days, allowing time for sight seeing. Refueling, they took off, and reached Fort Nelson in British Columbia.

Daylight grew to 24 hours at this point, and at 10 p.m. in full daylight, another plane flew behind them and they took pictures of the other airplane, and the pilot in that plane took a picture of the Cessna.

The Virginians followed their flight plan, but followed roads across the mountains, flying over areas with no other flying aircraft, no landing fields, nothing, and George wondered where he could land if necessary, as the mountains were 8,000 to 10,000 feet. In the Yukon Territory heading northwest, they had to fly through a snow storm, again with no airfields. They landed at Fairbanks which has two long runways for airline aircraft, a seaplane base. They showed pictures of the Alaskan pipe line, the radiators on the line to keep the oil flowing, and the "pigs in the pipeline," a constantly mechanical cleaning operation. They flew to Bettles, in the Arctic Circle, and landed on a gravel runway. A picture showed a sign that read "Sun Rise-Never," "Sun Set-Never," "Maximum temperatures -70 degrees, to +93 degrees." Fairbanks was 150 miles south, and following the highway at 6,500 feet, they flew between 11,000 foot mountains. They captured this picture on film as well as a wonderful picture of Mt. McKinley (Denali) 20,320+ feet. On they flew to Anchorage to meet their wives, and found that Anchorage had 19 airports. The tower operators were very cooperative giving them help to locate the airport they planned to use.

There was a joyful reunion, and they were amazed at the beautiful flowers all over Anchorage, and their tours started. They took a trip for bear-watching by seaplane run by the Emerald Air Service Inc., a husband and wife team, with the wife, pilot and guide.

They showed pictures of the Kodiac bears about 40 feet from them. The guide instructed them, for safety sake, to restrict movements when she indicated, to prevent the bears from becoming protective. These bears are grass eaters in the summer, and eat fish in the winter.

Another seaplane trip took them to Cordova, a fishing lake at 2,000 feet. They were successful fishers. Another trip took them to Whitten where they were taken up fairly close to one of the large glaciers. Dirt lands on this icy surface, and comes down with the ice as the glacier moves to the sea. A tremendous number of sea gulls covered the area. Sea otters were seen, as well as seals.

The men felt their accomplishments were going to Alaska and back, safely; crossing four international borders; no mechanical problems (1 loose knob); no customs or airspace problems; finding they were compatible pilots, very similar approach to safety and regulatory compliance; and then arriving home even better friends than when they left.

The next chapter meeting will be March 16 at the Pilot House. Anyone interested in flying may attend.

Bowling Results

Ladies League

TCH Oil won three games against Abby when Vicki White bowled a 327 set with games of 120 and 130. Sandra Evans had a 326 set with games of 103, 111 and 112. Marie Piccard had a 321 set with games of 114 and 119. Greta Walker rolled a 101 game and Vivian Callaway had a 117 game.

The Lively Oaks Girls won three games against Young Country when Nancy Carter bowled a 302 set with games of 107 and 115. Debbie Dodson rolled a 300 set with games of 100 and 106 and Pats Headley a 103. Becky Thrift rolled a 101 game and Jean Reynolds a 105 game. For Young Country, Betty Steffey rolled a 327 set with games of 100, 105 and 122. Theresa Davis rolled a 310 set with games of 105 and 120. JoAnne Paulette had a 100 game and Linda Lake a 102 game.

Yeatman's Forklift won two games against R.P. Waller when Pat Harris bowled a 377 set with games of 109, 119 and 151. Alma George rolled a 324 set with games of 104, 107 and 113. Heather Hundley had a 106 game. Clara Yeatman rolled a 101 game and Myrtle Royall a 100 game. For R.P. Waller, Claudette Hames had games of 102 and 112. Marsh Nash rolled a 106 game.

Callis Seafood won three games against Northern Neck Surgical Service when Donna Thomas bowled a 372 set with games of 116, 123 and 131. Betty Evans had a 339 set with games of 104, 115 and 120. Gayle Conrad had a 301 set with games of 101 and 102. Mary Savalina rolled a 104 game. For Northern Neck Surgical, Bev Benson bowled a 312 set with games of 106 and 109. Elsie Rose rolled a 307 set with games of 103 and 114. Jerry Stillman had games of 102 and 106.

Yeatman's won three games against Northern Neck Surgical Services when Alma George bowled a 370 set with games of 122, 123 and 125. Pat Harris rolled a 303 set with games of 102 and 106. Clara Yeatman had a 305 set with games of 101 and 107. Heather Hundley rolled a 305 set with a 119 game. Corinne Beaucham had a 109 game. For N.N. Surgical, Bev Benson bowled a 306 set with a 119 game. Terry Stillman rolled games of 104 and 110.

Young Country won three games against Abby when Betty Steffey bowled a 395 set with games of 122, 127 and 146. Theresa Davis Rolled a 341 set with games of 107, 110 and 124. JoAnne Paulette had a 325 set with games of 110 and 125. Linda Lake bowled a 112 game and Cathy Savalina rolled a 100 game.

Callis Seafood won three games against TCH Oil when Mary Savalina bowled a 341 set with games of 109, 112 and 112. Donna Thomas rolled a 310 set with games of 101, 102 and 107. Gayle Conrad had a 344 set with games of 100 and 152. Elsie Henderson bowled games of 101 and 113. For TCH Oil, Vicki White rolled a 313 set with games of 104, 101 and 108. Sandra Evans rolled a 307 set with games of 105 and 115. Marie Piccard had a 125 game.

Lively Oaks Girls won two games against R.P. Waller when Debbie Dodson bowled a 335 set with games of 111 and 126. Nancy Carter rolled a 335 set with games of 117 and 125. Jean Reynolds had a 302 set with a 118 game. For R.P. Waller, Marsha Nash bowled a 335 set with games of 104, 109 and 122. Dee Atkins rolled a 324 set with games of 101, 105 and 118 and Ola Nash had games of 104 and 105.

High average: Betty Steffey, 114; Nancy Carter, 108; Sandra Evans, Terry Stillman, and Donna Thomas, 107.

Standings

	W	L
Callis Seafood	11	1
Yeatman's	9	3
Lively Oaks	9	3
R.P. Waller	8	4
Young Country	6	6
TCH Oil	5	7
N.N. Surgical	1	11
Abby	0	12

Men's League

On February 16, Sal's Pizza won three games against D&L Marine Construction. For Sal's, Wayne Condrey bowled the high set of the week of 380 with games of 115, 142 and 123. Justin George rolled a 142 game. Bill Hendershot had games of 124 and 120. Bob Huff rolled a 120 game. For D&L, Doug Hundley bowled the high set of 350 with a 131 game. Steve Hinson rolled a 106 game. Mark Obsharsky had a 100 game.

J&J Construction won three games against Cap'n John's. For J&J, Curly Lewis bowled a 370 set with games of 130 and 139. Rolaid Lewis had a 370 set with games of 128 and 132. Frank Perkins rolled a 121 game and Steve Edwards had a 116 game. For Cap'n John's, Herbert Hammock bowled a 109 game in a 307 set. Ryan Dawson had a 111 game and Ernie George a 102 game.

H&S Printing won two games and lost one against Evans Bowling Center. For H&S, Gary Hodges bowled the high set of 357 with games of 118, 127 and 112. George Lee rolled a 132 game and John Hollowell had a 126 game. For Evans, Woodie Evans bowled the high set of 351 with games of 119 and 124. Bunks Mitchell rolled a 133 game and Richard Savalina had a 122 game.

High game: Curly Lewis, 179; Ernie George, 170; Herbert Hammock, 167; Bob Huff, 166; Ryan Dawson, 165; Louis Coates, 162.

High set: Louis Coates, 457; Ernie George, 415; Wayne Condrey, 413; Curly Lewis, 409; Bob Huff, 404; Herbert Hammock, 403.

High team game: Cap'n John's, 560; Sal's, 523; J&J, 513; H&S, 510; D&L, 508; Evans, 502.

High team set: Sal's, 1,471; H&S, 1,451; Cap'n John's, 1,446; D&L, 1,429; Evans, 1,427; J&J, 1,419.

High average: Louis Coates, 134; Wayne Condrey, 121; Curly Lewis, 120; Bill Hendershot, 119; Herbert Hammock, 117.

Standings

	W	L
Evans Bowling	11	7
H&S Printing	11	7
J&J Const.	9	9
Sal's Pizza	9	9
Cap'n John's	9	9
D&L Marine	5	13

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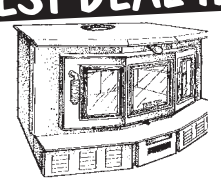

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Selph promoted

Cadet Airman Holly Selph of Lancaster receives promotion to Cadet Airman 1st Class from Maj. Frank Bernhardt at a weekly meeting of the Hummel Field Composite Squadron. With this promotion, she also received the Arnold achievement ribbon.

From left are (front row) Brittany Payne, Jahmekah Nickens, Laura Milstead and Hannah Gross; (next row) Shameria Taylor, Lindsey Delano, Kasey Daiger, Skylar Kellum and Liesel Schram.

Gymnasts claim 24 medals

Ten local gymnasts won 24 medals out of a possible 30 at the 2006 Gym Plus Invitational Trampoline and Tumbling Competition in Columbia, Md., January 21-22.

The gymnasts won seven gold medals, seven silvers and 10 bronzes. The team also had two fourth- and fifth-place finishers along with sixth- and ninth-place finishers.

The invitational included over 100 competitors.

The local gymasts train at the Northern Neck Athletic Center in Warsaw under coach Janice Collins. They compete all over the country in trampoline, double mini trampoline and tumbling events by their level (1-10) and age.

The ultimate goal is to reach the national qualifying score set by USA Gymnastics. By reaching this goal, gymnasts get the chance to compete in the 2006 National Championships in Chicago, Ill., July 6-13.

Level 4 (ages 11-12) winners were Lindsey Delano of Richmond County, first in tumbling; and Brittany Payne of Westmoreland County, third in tumbling.

Level 4 winner was Delano, third in double mini trampoline.

Level 5 (ages 1-8) winners were Jamekah Nickens of Lancaster, first in tumbling, second in trampoline and second in double mini trampoline; Hannah Gross of Essex, second in tumbling, third in trampoline and fourth in double mini trampoline.

Level 5 (ages 11-12) winner was Shameria Taylor of Lancaster, first in trampoline.

Level 6 winners were Delano, second in trampoline; and Payne, ninth in trampoline and first in double mini trampoline.

Level 6 (ages 9-10) winner was Miracle Basey of Northumberland, fourth in trampoline and sixth in double mini trampoline.

Level 6 (ages 11-12) winner was Taylor, third in tumbling and second in double mini trampoline.

Level 7 (ages 9-10) winner was Basey, third in tumbling.

Level 8 (ages 11-12) winners were Kasey Daiger of Westmoreland, fifth in trampoline, third in tumbling and third in double mini trampoline; Kellum, third in trampoline, second in tumbling and first in double mini trampoline.

Level 8 (ages 15-16) winner was Liesel Schram of Essex, first in tumbling.

Level 9 (ages 15-16) winner was Schram, third in trampoline and second in double mini trampoline.

Window On Wildlife

by Joyce Fitchett Russell

When there is a weather forecast for snow, I start looking for flakes. Walking outside, I see snow spitting, then two flakes the size of my fingernail. I reach out and catch them. That's enough snow.

Coyote

Another day I was standing in our lane when a rabbit zipped past me. No, it was too big to be a cotton tail; it must be a jack rabbit, or maybe even a coyote. Over the years, I've heard many naturalists report seeing coyotes here. Of course, I could have just spotted a dog.

Definitely inhabiting the farm are five Tom turkeys and one female. They strut across the field.

My wildlife calendar reminds us that migrant birds are moving north, back to their nesting grounds. Listen when you are outside, you may hear them tuning up to serenade their mates. Look too, you may even see them.

There is a lot to enjoy outdoors.

Lancaster Little League registration due Feb. 25

Registration for the 2006 Lancaster County Little League ball season will be held at Dream Fields Saturday, February 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All children ages 5 to 18 whose parents live in the Lancaster County Little League boundaries are urged to register. A boundary map will be available at registration. The registration fee is $35. No child will be turned away.

New players are asked to bring their original birth certificate. Some returning players may also be asked to provide a birth certificate.

All persons registering are also asked to bring proof of residence. Acceptable forms of proof of residence are current phone or electric bills, tax bill, photo ID with physical address, or any official document which includes the physical address.

The Lancaster County Little League will offer T-ball for ages 5 to 6 years, coach pitch for ages 7 to 9 years, minor baseball and softball for ages 13 and 14 years and senior baseball and softball for ages 15 and 16 years and big league baseball for ages 17 to 18 years.

To volunteer with Little League, visit Dream Fields during registration. Positions available include team managers, team coaches and umpires. Participation ensures that Lancaster County youth will enjoy an instructive, fun and competitive ball season.

Flotilla 33 members earn District 3 award

Flotilla 33 members Jim Thomas of Lancaster and Ted Tulis of White Stone were honored at a recent Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 3 Change of Watch ceremony in Richmond.

Thomas was named the Division 3 captain for 2006 and will lead the seven flotillas in Division 3. He also was recognized as having volunteered the most hours in Division 3 during 2005.

As division captain, Thomas will be responsible for supporting the local flotillas as they carry out their on-water patrols, public education, vessel safety check, marine safety and member training programs.

Tulis was named "Auxiliarist of the Year" for Division 3 in 2005. The award recognized his outstanding contribution to the Aids-to-Navigation program in this area of the Chesapeake Bay.

He also was named coxswain of the year for the most patrol hours in the division. Tullis is the assistant district staff officer for Aids-to-Navigation for Coast Guard District 5 covering Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. He also serves as the Division Staff Officer for Aids-to-Navigation for Division 3, covering the Northern Neck and the Richmond area.

Tullis is a qualified Aids-to-Navigation Technician and is a member of the Aids-to-Navigation Team at CG Station Milford Haven where he works with Coast Guardsmen in the repair and maintenance of the Aids-to-Navigation from Smith Point to Fort Monroe. Tullis is also an instructor at the National Aids-to-Navigation School at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown.

Sports Shorts

■ Nightingale visits

Three members of the Nightingale air ambulance crew recently visited the Hummel Field Composite Squadron. They made a night landing to show the Cadets and seniors the search capabilities of the helicopter.

After showing the helicopter and how it is used, the crew joined the CAP members for a pizza party and question and answer session. Emergency service is one of the missions of CAP.

■ RW-C golf tourney

The 22nd annual Open Golf Tournament to benefit the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Fellowship Fund will be held April 5 at the Golden Eagle Golf Course. There will be flights for men and women,

The hole-in-one prize will be a new Volvo XC90 SUV courtesy of Mooer's Volvo in Richmond. Prizes also will be awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive. For a brochure, contact the RW-C development office at 438-4013, or foundation@rw-c.org.

■ Sea Rescue officers

At its February meeting, Smith Point Sea Rescue elected new officers to serve one-year terms. They are president Andy Kauders, vice pesident Vincent Haynie, secretary Jim Dise, treasurer Anita Hall and board members Dr. Al Hurt, Buddy Sylvia and Roger Wilkins.

When on the water, the Sea Rescue can be reached on Channel 16 by calling 453-4600, or dialing 911.

Kennel Club to sponsor spring training

by Gwen Keane

The Northern Neck Kennel Club (NNKC) begins spring classes March 27. Offerings include different levels of agility training and handling courses for those interested in showing their AKC dogs.

There will be seven agility training classes ranging in skill levels from "Introduction to the Agility Equipment" to "Preparing for Competition." All NNKC agility instructors have completed training to the advanced level and most are currently competing or preparing to compete.

Joyce and Alan Burgess, who started the NNKC Agility Program, have earned Master Agility Championship Titles with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and competed successfully in national competition.

Agility is a spectator sport where dogs are timed as they navigate an obstacle course at the direction of their owners/handlers. The course resembles a huge playground and usually includes a seesaw, tunnels and jumps. A dog does not have to be a purebred and it can be either a large or a small dog.

Various agility matches and trials are held through the area where agility enthusiasts have the opportunity to see how well both the handler and the dog complete a specific course.

Agility is suitable for all healthy dogs, eight months of age or older. Although formal obedience training is not a pre-requirement, dogs must be controllable on lead and not aggressive towards other dogs or handlers. Junior handlers are welcome with instructor approval.

The handling class will teach the handler how to control his/her dog and to present it to the judge to the best of its advantage. Simultaneously, the dog learns to become part of the team with its handler. This class is for the individual interested in learning how to properly handle their dog and to enter their dog in AKC sponsored breed shows.

Pre-registration is required for all spring classes which begin the week of March 27. For an application, call Joyce Burgess at 462-0946, or Cindy Salesky at 580-5128 for agility, and Bev Griffith at 580-4669 for handling.

The NNKC welcomes new members. Meetings are held every other month at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. More information can be found at www.northernneckkennelclub.com.

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Christchurch Seahorses win prep league season and tourney championships

The Christchurch School varsity boys basketball team claimed the Virginia Prep League tournament championship last Saturday with a 56-49 win over Trinity Episcopal School in Richmond.

The week before, the Seahorses beat Collegiate 49-31 to clinch the VPL season championship.

The tournament victory over the Titans marked the 13th consecutive win for the Seahorses.

Tournament most valuable player John Williams scored 13 points for Christchurch in the championship game and snared 10 rebounds, recorded 4 steals and blocked 6 shots.

Christchurch will head into State Tournament play with a 20-6 overall record.

Bridge Results

There were five-and-a-half tables of bridge February 14 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, Cynthia Birdsall and Ginger Klapp; and second, (tie) Arden Durham and Jane Hughes and Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; and second, (tie) Fran Blencoe and Terry Carter, and Virginia Adair and Jim Hazel.

The next bridge for this group is February 28 at 1 p.m.

Seven tables of duplicate bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone February 16.

Winners north/south were first, Ronnie Gerster and Babs Murphy; second, Betty and Bob Bolster; and third, Arden Durham and Cynthia Birdsall.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; second, Iris Panzetta and Grace Nagel; and third, Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger.

The next bridge for this group is Monday, February 27, at 1 p.m.

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From the front

▼ *Mayor Robertson . . . .* *(continued from page A1)*

Street construction project that is transforming the downtown with extended sidewalks, underground utilities and streetscape features.

Robertson has been publicly critical of the contract approved by the town to authorize how the work proceeded and has also voiced frustration with the inability of the contractor to meet the construction schedule.

Despite the obstacles, he's glad to see signs that the end of the construction is in sight.

"Once it's completed, I think it's an asset everyone should be proud of," said Robertson.

He noted that the project and the federal funding supporting it were in jeopardy when he took office as mayor.

"We almost lost the grants because of the lack of attention to our community," said Robertson.

The Main Street project was authorized in 1998 but its momentum stalled a couple years afterwards. Under Robertson, the town made changes that included releasing the engineering consultant firm that had been handling the project and hiring a new one, as well as hiring town manager Lee Hood Capps to help move the project forward again.

"We got the public energized and the business community energized, and, as you see, now it's ongoing," said Robertson.

Sewer services

During Robertson's term as mayor, the Kilmarnock wastewater treatment plant and the sewer services it provides have been at the political forefront for a few reasons.

The plant is running at 40-percent capacity with a treated wastewater discharge of 200,000 gallons per day. One issue facing the town is the extension of town services into county jurisdiction. Extending the town's sewer service outside of the town's jurisdiction has already been done at the Hills Quarter development on Route 200 and the plant can handle more.

"Our plant at 200,000 gallons can handle the entire growth of Kilmarnock, the entire growth of Hills Quarter, and the immediate area around Kilmarnock without an upgrade to our system," said Robertson.

When Robertson took office, the plant itself was operating under a consent order from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for not meeting standards for the discharge level of copper, zinc, and silver into the headwaters of Boathouse Cove.

"I went to DEQ and met with Secretary Tayloe Murphy and his assistant because the town had been under a notice of violation for almost five years and nothing had been done to correct the violation," said Robertson. "I renegotiated with them and explained the long-term goals that I thought our community needed in dealing with the metals issues and the nitrogen and phosphorous, which had not yet been mandated."

Since then, the town has moved forward with upgrades at the plant that will not only reduce the level of metals discharged but also meet future requirements for the expected stronger standards for nitrogen and phosphorous loads to help improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

"We're setting the standard for what the DEQ is going to require for all point source plants on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries," said Robertson.

However, there is a price to pay for the upgrade, much like there were costs for the town to extend water and sewer services along both sides of North Main Street when Robertson was a councilman—$6.2 million in borrowed funds.

Robertson said a gradual increase in rates on a five-year rate schedule had been put into place in 1997 but was discontinued two years later. The shortfall that eventually followed from lost revenues, said Robertson, led to adoption of a meals tax to subsidize the operation of the expanded services.

Robertson said the gradual rate increases then might have softened the blow of potentially doubled rates town residents and businesses now face to pay for the latest round of system upgrades.

"The impact of a continual water and sewer rate increase would not be so dramatic," said Robertson.

Marketing the town

Robertson said one of his goals in his last year on council in 1996 was the development of a marketing plan to help offset that $6.2 million loan and its debt service by drawing businesses into town "so the existing burden of costs would not be levied on residents and business owners as it is today."

Robertson helped with part of that concept when he became mayor—marketing the town-owned business and technology park off Harris Road.

"I pushed to have the property appraised and pushed to have it platted," said Robertson.

Robertson said 30-percent of the town's commercial property was vacant when he ran for mayor.

"That was one of the reasons I ran for mayor, to draw businesses into town," said Robertson.

Interest in the park lots has increased during Robertson's term to the point where the town is in the process of possibly developing another business park.

"We're almost 80-percent full out there with land sold and development happening," said Robertson.

Wal-Mart

Plans for Wal-Mart to open a "Supercenter" off North Main Street were announced by the company earlier this year. However, the door was opened for such a business to locate here on August 16, 1999, when the council voted unanimously to rezone the 65-acre eventual Wal-Mart site from industrial use to commercial use.

Robertson was not a councilman at the time of the rezoning but said there were conditional use provisions that the town could have adopted after the rezoning that would regulate aspects of large-scale commercial uses, including the future Wal-Mart site.

He said council action and community involvement could have driven such provisions.

"The concerns are out there," said Robertson. "There's nothing anyone can do, but I think they are going to be a willing partner for this community."

Hurricane Isabel

One of the most pressing situations that Robertson faced as mayor was the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel in 2003. Robertson dealt directly with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish Kilmarnock as a depot site for ice and water during that crisis and in case another natural disaster strikes.

▼ *Boathouses . . . .*

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county and we are not going to have everything white picket fence," said Tommy Tomlin of Burgess. "Aesthetics is dangerous territory."

"Whether or not I like boathouses should not dictate whether my neighbors should have the right to build them," said Peter Kane of Wicomico Church.

Several speakers on both sides of the issue recommended the county hold a referendum on the issue or consider a "dogleg" ordinance that would allow certain communities or creeks to ban boathouses without requiring a countywide ordinance.

Supervisor Pamela Russell wanted to table the issue in order to essentially count hands.

She suggested that county staff filter through the many emails, phone calls, letters, petitions and verbal statements to eliminate repetition and give each person one vote. This, she said, would help her decide what to do.

"If we are counting numbers then I will get up and say what everyone else has already said," said Spud Parker of Reedville, who explained that he likes the situation the way it currently stands. "I don't want to see a specific problem for a small group of people at the head of Tipers Creek turned into a prohibition for everybody."

Most other members said such a count would not alter their view on the topic, and unless the petitions could be certified and notarized, they should not be used as anything but a guide.

"I appreciate what everyone has said tonight," said Ed King in his motion."I don't think it's about how we feel about boathouses, its about what's right or wrong. I usually come down on the side of people's private property rights. I move to recommend the board not accept the proposed changes."

The commission supported King's motion by a 6-3-vote. Russell, Gertha Basey and Garfield Parker voted against the motion.

As a matter of housekeeping, the commission by a 9-0 vote recommended striking a sentence from the ordinance, which county staff said should have been removed the last time the boathouse ordinance was rewritten.

The board of supervisors will consider the commission's recommendation following a second public hearing on the topic in April.

▼ *Rezoning . . . .* *(continued from page A1)*

ately sited.

"It would be setting a bad precedent for this county from my perspective," said McCann.

Commission member Tara Booth agreed with the spot zoning assessment and further stated that a proposed chain-link fence with barbed-wire top to enclose the business was not in character for the area. She also stated reservations regarding the proposed 1,000 units.

"I believe that it is much too intense," said Booth. "The 78 percent impervious cover at full build-out disturbs me greatly."

Cundiff Simmons of Simmons Newsome, P.C., on behalf of applicant George Ralph Pickeral, said the number of units could be significantly lowered and screening and buffering provided to reduce the view of the site.

During the public hearing, Golden Eagle Cottages Association president Lovey Jane Long urged a recommendation for disapproval of the request because, she said, the area is residential and rural in nature, the increase in traffic would pose a safety issue, and the area is not cited for future commercial development in the county's comprehensive plan.

Ring Farm Road residents also voiced opposition to the request.

"It's a totally residential area," said Ray Lumpkin of Ring Farm Road.

Elizabeth Gardner of Ring Farm Road opposed the proposed use for the traffic it would generate and the safety risk it would cause because the site is located on a curve.

"With additional traffic, it would be hazardous," said Gardner.

Following a separate hearing, the commission unanimously recommended the board amend proffers for a past rezoning to enable the owners of Yankee Point Sailboat Marina to operate a snack bar on site.

Larson said approval for the snack bar operation is needed because the past rezoning of the property for limited industrial use stipulated that only the permitted uses at the marina at the time it was rezoned would be allowed.

"This is a new use, albeit a reasonable one," said Larson.

Ken Knull of Knull Properties LLC said the snack bar would share a 20-foot by 28-foot building with a washer and dryer facility for marina patrons and handicap accessible restrooms. He intends to pursue a license to sell beer and wine at the snack bar, said Knull.

Lancaster Democrats to meet

Members of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee will meet Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch.

Chairman Donna Thompson will preside. Business will include a discussion of the First District convention on May 13 to nominate a candidate for the upcoming U.S. House of Representative election. Those seeking the nomination are Lorenzo Grant, I.C. Smith and Shawn O'Donnell.

The agenda also will address plans for the upcoming Democratic primary in June to pick a candidate for the U.S. Senate election. Contenders are Harris Miller and Jim Webb.

Carmen Kilduff, will review activities of the Virginia General Assembly. Her commentary on the more important bills under consideration and other Assembly news is always informative and enlightening.

▼ *Kilmarnock . . . .* *(continued from page A1)*

map would extend the designation of the downtown district to the intersection of School and North Main streets.

The plan includes a proposed connector road looping around downtown Kilmarnock on the east side of town from the Boys Camp Road area, crossing Waverly Avenue, crossing Jesse duPont Memorial Highway and reconnecting with North Main Street at James Jones Memorial Highway.

The town council also will hold a public hearing on a commercial rezoning request recommended for approval by the planning commission. The request by planning commission member Virginia Henry and Forrest Henry seeks to rezone 19 acres from low residential use (R-3) to commercial use (C-1). The property, adjacent to the new CVS store, is accessed from James Jones Memorial Highway near North Main Street. The back of the property borders business properties along North Main Street to Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center.

As proposed, proffers would limit the use of the property to a shopping center by conditional use permit, restaurants, hotels or motels, office buildings, building supply stores, antique stores, and mixed commercial and residential uses in which the floor space and area applicable to the residential use would not exceed 50-percent of the total square footage of the structures.

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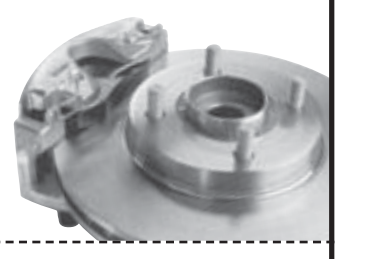

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Local first-place winners at the Asphalt Angels' 44th Annual Festival of Rods and Customs in Mechanicsville hoist their trophies. From left are Jesse Savoy, Paul Jones, Rosie Jones and Goldie Johnson in front of Savoy's 1985 "Louisiana Kid" Oldsmobile Cutlass drag racer.

Custom car owners win at show

by Robb Hoff

MECHANICSVILLE—Four custom car owners from Lancaster claimed top honors last week at the Asphalt Angels' 44th Annual Festival of Rods and Customs in Mechanicsville.

Jesse Savoy of Weems won first place for his 1985 "Louisiana Kid" Oldsmobile Cutlass drag racer in the super pro mid-size class and also took second place in the factory custom pro-street class for motorcycles with his 2001 American Ironhorse.

Paul and Rosie Jones of Kilmarnock each took home a first-place trophy for their cars. Rosie Jones won first in the Z28 Camaro class with the couple's 1969 Camaro. Paul Jones won first place in the 1970 to 1972 class with his 1970 Chevelle Super Sport

Goldie Johnson and wife, Darlene, of Lancaster claimed first prize in the custom pickup truck class with their 1999 Ford F-150 fitted with a Lincoln Continental front end.

A Mechanicsville man with local connection, Tom Hardyman, won first place in the street rod division with his 1934 Ford.

Of the local winners, Savoy's show-winning car is sponsored for competition at car shows and drag racing.

Savoy's Cutlass drag racer is sponsored by Veney's Heating & Air Conditioning, Glen Lester Co., Burgess Motor Co., Bobby's Marine Service, Bert & Cliff's Machine Shop, Cap'n Red's Seafood, Clegg's Diesel & Marine, Creative DeSigns of Virginia, Pride of Virginia Bait & Oyster, Kanawah Capitol Management LLC, Tim Clark of Amsoil Products, Newsome's Racing Engines, Remark Properties LLC, River Glass Full Service Glass Company, Entertainment Systems Corp, and David and Connie Hudnall of Roadview Farms.

Savoy also credits his wife, Marlon, and children, Allison and Kendall, for their continued support of his venture, as well as neighbors Clarence and Calvinette Dameron who helped with the show display and transportation.

Attorney General McDonnell to attend Reagan Day Dinner

Attorney General Bob McDonnell will join several other elected officials at the Lancaster County Republicans' ninth annual Reagan Day Dinner March 26 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

McDonnell was elected November 8. He represented District 84 in the Virginia House of Delegates for 14 years. He served as chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee. Prior to his service in the General Assembly, McDonnell was a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth attorney's office.

He served 21 years in the U.S. Army active duty and reserves, and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He is married to the former Maureen Gardner and they have five children.

U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis will serve as master of ceremonies.

Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling will deliver the keynote address. Del. L. Scott Lingamfelter and Del. Rob Wittman also will speak.

The dinner also features a Silent Auction of political memorabilia. County residents are invited to donate any such items to the auction by contacting Blackstone at 435-6464.

The dinner will include a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the dinner is $40 per person. Dress is business attire. To make reservations, call treasurer Emerson Gravatt at 435-3350 or chairman Joan Blackstone at 435-6464.

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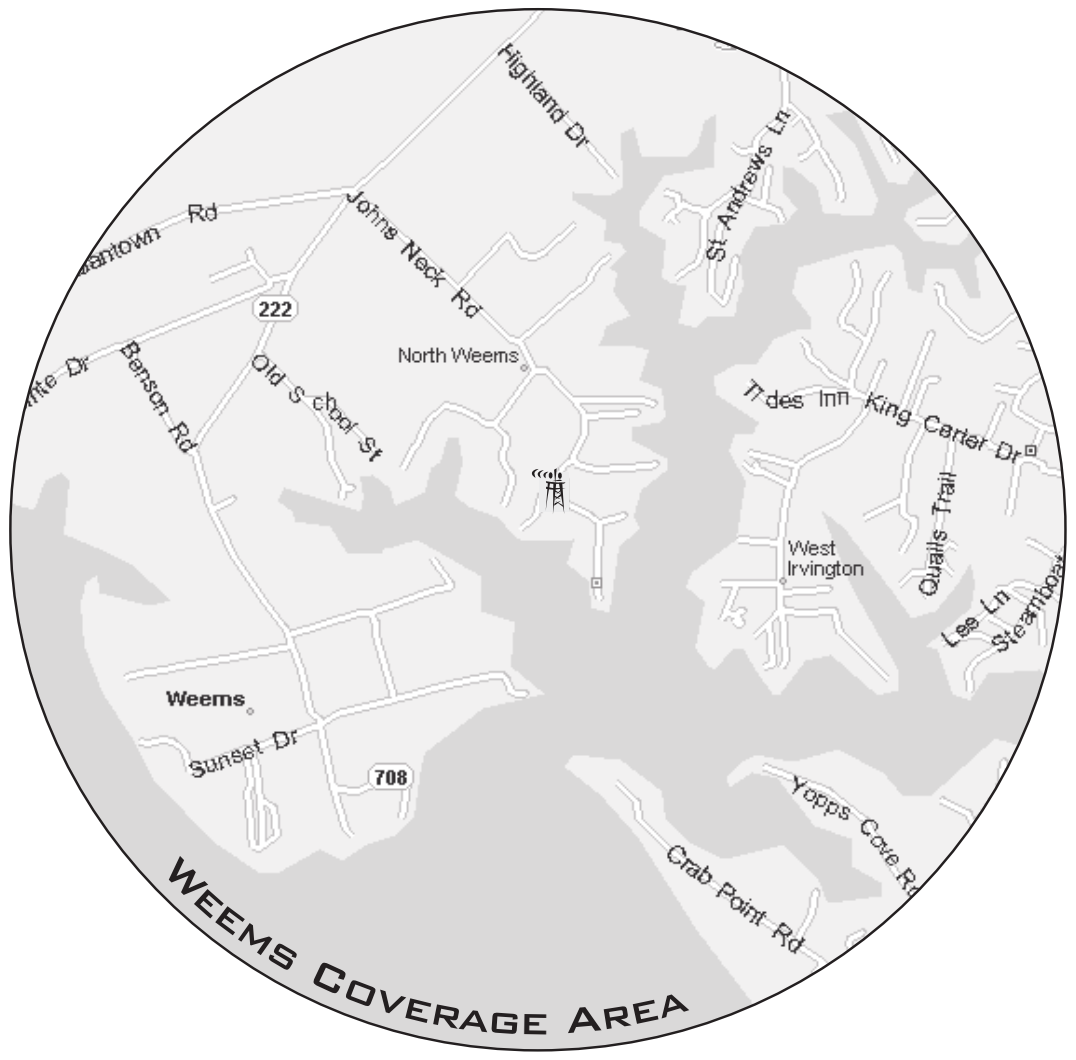

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