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Chase's Farm project gets preliminary plat approval

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—The county board of supervisors last week unanimously (4-0) approved the preliminary plat for a 98-lot subdivision proposed for Chase's Farm on Route 3 near Kilmarnock.

Planning/land use director Jack Larson said the county's residential waterfront overlay ordinance and its two-acre minimum lot size requirement led to changes in the design for the 247-acre property from the first version presented to the board late last year.

"That was what resulted in the reduction of the number of lots from 117 to 98," Larson.

Among other changes in the plan was the creation of a 12.87-acre lot for the existing farmhouse and its outbuildings. Larson said that lot would be protected through covenants if sold and the use of the property restricted to "guarantee that you didn't have any further development in that particular area."

Larson also highlighted changes in the open space provisions for the subdivision, which would provide buffering on both sides of Route 3 through road frontage lots of 10.8 acres on the west side of the highway and 14.2 acres on the east side.

Developer R.G. "Bob" Sowder said the restricted areas of the property would be protected by deed.

"That will be deed restricted into perpetuity so it can stay that way," said Sowder.

Representing Sowder, Frank Burke of the Kilmarnock firm Burke & Kilduff added that the areas could not be developed unless it was through eminent domain action.

Burke said Sowder also would buffer the subdivision from view along the south side of the project.

"By buffering that area, he is intending to make it so that his neighbor does not see anything other than what he already sees—which is trees," said Burke.

Board approval of the preliminary plat is conditional upon execution of deed restrictions for the farmhouse property and common space areas, which also includes a boat launch area.

The proposed subdivision features 22 lots of at least two acres with frontage on Dunton's Mill Pond. Of the remaining lots, 31 are under two acres and the rest over two acres. Aqua Virginia Inc. would provide the water system for the subdivision. On-site drainfields are planned.

Public access authority

In other issues, the board unanimously approved an agreement to join the three other Northern Neck counties in the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. The authority is empowered by the Virginia General Assembly with the financing wherewithal to identify, acquire, and manage properties in the Northern Neck for public use and access to the water.

The board appointed county administrator William H. Pennell Jr. and county resident Fred Ajootian to serve as Lancaster's representatives on the authority board.

Pennell said county inclusion in the regional authority would improve the grant funding process for public access projects in the county.

"This just gives us alternative opportunities to find ways to do that," said Pennell.

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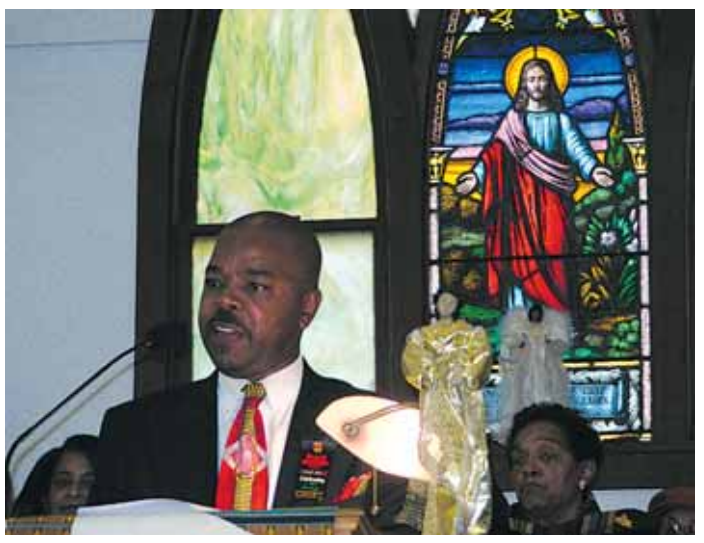
Church, community celebrate rich heritage



Sharon Baptist Church in Weems last Sunday hosted an emotional celebration honoring African-Americans, including several community members. In the pulpit above, Katie Chewning presides as the Calvary Ensemble and Sharon Community Choir, combined, open the program with "Do Lord Remember Me." At right, Cecil Taylor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Burgess eloquently recites Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. For more coverage, see page B4. (Photos by Robert Mason Jr.)

Hotel removed:
Board modifies redevelopment plan for Windmill Point resort

by Robb Hoff

LANCASTER—There's another new horizon in store for the redevelopment of Windmill Point Resort & Yacht Harbor, and a new developer in the mix with an extensive track record in condominium developments—the Atlanta-based Lane Company.

"They've never started something that they haven't finished," attorney William Kopcsak told the Lancaster board of supervisors last week.

The board unanimously (4-0) modified the original master plan for development that was approved by the board when the 40-acre property was rezoned for condominiums in 2003.

The new plan for development includes several changes, including an increase in the number of residential units from 148 in 29 buildings to 200 in nine buildings.

Kopcsak, of the Irvington law firm Hubbard, Terry & Kopcsak, said the modification was needed before the new owners could seek financing for the project.

Another change is the removal of a 40-room, four-story hotel that was part of the original plan. The existing hotel buildings, with a total of 52 rooms, will be torn down, which was part of the original plan.

While the the new plan calls for the loss of lodging accommodations and an increased number of residential condominium units, it also calls for keeping original assurances for a public access boat ramp and adding new assurances. They include provisions for public access to the property, including the beach adjacent to the county-owned Westland Park at the end of Windmill Point Road.

"We are going to have to have the ability to control that environment," said Lane Northeast LLC president Jeffrey Price.

Public access was also assured for the walkways in the development.

"That was our intent," said Nea May Poole of Poole & Poole Architecture, who also spoke on behalf of the property owners. "If you want to come to jog, you have the nicest jogging path all the way down."

Another assurance was an increase in capacity at the restaurant from 100 to 250 seats, which Poole said would fill a need for a banquet, reception and corporate events facility.

Board chairman F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. requested that assurances be furnished in writing for the increased seating capacity at the restaurant and the public access to the beach in addition to a commitment by the developers to dedicate five marina slips for commercial use.

Jenkins said he had disliked the high density of condominium development under the original plan but supported the rezoning request at that time in part because of the jobs the hotel and restaurant operations would pro-

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Wal-Mart shows plans for store in Kilmarnock

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—Why would Wal-Mart want to come to Kilmarnock?

A crowd of about 200 people wanted to know during a presentation by Wal-Mart representatives Monday night at the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department firehouse.

"The reason that Wal-Mart is coming to Kilmarnock is that we feel we have customers here," said Laurie Smalling, Wal-Mart senior manager for public affairs for Virginia and West Virginia.

Smalling acknowledged that some people may not want the proposed 156,000 square-foot Wal-Mart "Supercenter" in the town of 1,200 residents, but that others "can't wait for the day that Wal-Mart opens its doors."

The Wal-Mart "Supercenter" with general merchandise and groceries is proposed for a location with direct access from North Main Street north of Lee Road.

"This store will be about the same size as the Tappahannock store," said Smalling.

The store is projected to have 350 employees with more than 60-percent of those being full-time positions, said Smalling. Included in available benefits are retirement plans, profit sharing, health insurance and merchandise discounts.

Smalling said none of the positions are minimum wage and the average hourly wage for Wal-Mart employees in Virginia is $9.93. However, She said wages at particular locations are relative to competitive market wages in those areas.

Smalling also addressed the issue of Wal-Mart health insurance benefits. She said there are 11 different insurance options in Virginia through the company.

Smalling said the waiting period before employees can receive health care coverage is six months for full-time employees and two years for part-timers. However, she noted that there is a corporate initiative to reduce the waiting period for part-time employees.

Costs for insurance range from $23 monthly for individuals and $45 for families with an option to add coverage for children at 50-cents per day for each child, said Smalling. Deductibles range from $350 to $1,000 and the company is implementing an additional plan that would cover the costs of five prescriptions and three doctors visits before the deductible starts.

Traffic impact

David Jones, vice-mayor of White Stone and chairman of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, asked Wal-Mart representatives if an independent traffic study had been performed to determine how much of an impact the opening of a Wal-Mart "Supercenter" would have on the surrounding area.

Although it was noted that such a study has not been done,

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Comprehensive plan input sessions to begin

LANCASTER—The mandated five-year review of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan will include a series of public input sessions to serve as a basis for modifications to the plan and related ordinances.

The public input sessions will be held March 4 at 10 a.m. at Lancaster High School and at 2 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center; March 10 at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church; March 11 at 10 a.m. at the White Stone firehouse and 2 p.m. at The Tides Inn.

District 2 Supervisor Ernest W. Palin Jr., urges all citizens of District 2 to attend the input session at the high school.

"We want to know what you are thinking concerning the future of Lancaster County," said Palin."Please attend the public input session at Lancaster High School and give us your input on your vision for the future of Lancaster County, such as, minimum lot sizes, public access to water, commercial development, county growth, jobs, business and industry and land development."

Folks may participate in any of the sessions regardless of what district they live in.

Indians win Region A tourney

Lavar Rich (34) of Northumberland stops Montel Mitchel (3) of Lancaster on his way to the basket in the final game of the Region A tournament last Saturday at King William High School. Rich was named most valuable player in the tournament championship. He scored the game-winning basket as the Indians beat the Red Devils, 61-60. Both teams advance to the state tournament. For more coverage, see page A10. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

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March

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.

3 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
Bingo is played at the Mid-County Rescue Squad Building in Heathsville at 7 p.m.
The RFM Stitchers meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The RFM Quilters meet at 1 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

4 Saturday

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. $10. Silent auctions and raffles. Snacks provided. BYOB (no glass).
Bolero will be presented by the Northern Neck Orchestra at 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. $12 adults, $6 students. 436-9027.
The Reedville Fishermen's Fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northumberland Middle School in Claraville. Two-day admission is $12. Continues on March 5. 453-6529.
A Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic will be sponsored by the Master Gardeners at 1013 Coan Harbour Drive in Lottsburg. The clinic begins at 10 a.m. $5.
An Oyster Roast to benefit Smith Point Sea Rescue will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Little River Seafood in Reedville. $23 at the gate.
A Yard Sale will be held from 7 a.m. to noon by the Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men at their warehouse on Route 201 near Lively.
A Public Input Session will be held on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan at 10 a.m. at Lancaster High School at 8815 Mary Ball Road in Lancaster.
A Public Input Session will be held on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan at 2 p.m.. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center at 3989 White Chapel Road near Irvington.
A Spaghetti Dinner/Karoke Night will be held at Providence United Methodist Church at 5417 Stratford Hall Road at 6 p.m. $6. Proceeds benefit the Providence choir.
A Boat Outfitting Seminar will be held at Rappahanock River Yacht Club . A diesel class begins at 9 a.m., an electric class begins at 1 p.m. For reservations, call 438-6650.

5 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at The Tavern in Heathsville immediately following church services.
BluesWorks will present blues, jazz and folk music at 3 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Proceeds benefit the library.
The Reedville Fishermen's Fair continues from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northumberland Middle School in Claraville. Two-day admission is $12. 453-6529.

Reading fan

Gwen Whichard visits the Lancaster Community Library to check out books and attend Storytime with her grandmother, Dee. Storytime is held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Storytime for preschoolers March 8 will focus on "bath time" and feature related stories, crafts and refreshments.

6 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.
Dr. Ada K. Jacox R.N. will speak at 11 a.m. Viewpoints at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. Lunch follows. Reservations required. 438-4000.
A Free Birding Class will be offered by the Northern Neck Auduon at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.
The Northern Neck Audubon Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church.
The Northumberland School Board will hold a budget meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the school board office in Lottsburg.

7 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.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at 1 p.m. 462-0742.
U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis's Staff will conduct satellite office hours from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 12:15 p.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg.
The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. at the town office in Kilmarnock. 435-1302.
The Northern Neck Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets at 2 p.m. at the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative building in Warsaw. 436-0511.
The Filing Deadline for candidates to get their name on the May 2 ballot is the close of business. The office of mayor and three council seats are due election in Kilmarnock and Whitie Stone. Three council seats will be decided in Irvington.
A Photoshop Special Interest Group meets at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. The contest theme is "nature." 580-2538.
The Lancaster School Board will hold a budget work session at 5:30 p.m. at the school board office in Pittman's Corner.

8 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meets at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
A Grief Support Group meets at 4 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.
The Virginia Watermen's Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Pilot House in Topping.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men as well as women, and newcomers, are invited. No reservations are needed. 435-2755.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District meets at 7 p.m. at the Northern Neck Planning District Commission Headquarters in Warsaw. 333-3525.
A Yard Sale will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. by the Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men at their warehouse on Route 201 near Lively.
The Rappahannock Community College Board meets at 1 p.m. on the Warsaw campus.
Howard Hanchey will present "Lewis and Clark Expedition from Rocky Mountains to Pacific Ocean" at the Grace Church Men's Breakfast at 7:30 p.m.
Bathtime is the theme for Storytime with Tonya Carter at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Storytime for preschoolers begins at 10 a.m.

8 Wednesday

The Northumberland Public Library Board will meet at 5 p.m. at the library in Heathsville
The Friends of Lancaster County meet at the Lancaster Community Library in Klmarnock at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Kilmarnock town mamanger Lee Hood Capps.

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The Wetlands Board for Lancaster County will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Board of Supervisors for Northumberland County meets at 3:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville. Public hearings begin at 7 p.m. in the courts building in Heathsville.
The Irvington Town Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the town office.
The Interfaith Service Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.
The Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Center in Lively.
American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the post home in Reedville.
The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad building in Heathsville.
The Potomac River Fisheries Commission meets at 2 p.m. at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach. 224-7148.
The Rappahannock Garden Club will meet at White Stone United Methodist Church. Horticulture and design entries should be in place by 11:45 a.m.

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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 7:25, 9:40
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Area Events

■ Dig in

Digging In: A Spring Primer for Gardeners will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 1800 Lakeside Avenue in Richmond. The fee is $35 for members and $45 for others. Registration is required; call 262-9887, ext 322.

The workshop will include training in gardening and landscape design, including lectures by regional gardening experts, design advice from landscape professionals and training in gardening skills.

■ Fruit orders

The Kilmarnock Seventh-Day Adventist Church is taking orders for its final shipment of citrus fruit for the season. Orders should be called in by March 6 to 435-1369, 435-1252, 580-5376, or 435-2048.

Orders are to be picked up on March 16. Dried fruit and nuts will be available at a discount.

■ Genealogy

The Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Virginia will meet March 11 at 11 a.m. at the Essex County Public Library at 117 North Church Lane in Tappahannock. Folks are urged to bring information for a surnames database (including surname researched, county, specific locale if known, and time frame).

For more information, call Gloria Waller-Scott at 758-3613, or Bessida White at 321-1206, or email White at cauthornewhite@cs.com.

■ 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.

Bolero concert is Saturday

The Northern Neck Orchestra holds rehearsals for its Saturday, March 4, concert, Bolero, at the Lancaster Middle School Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Twice Told Tales or the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, by calling 436-9027, or at the box office prior to the performance. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students.

■ 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).

■ 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 warehouse 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.

■ House concert

Farmhouse Concerts in Miskimon on March 11 will present Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley of Lancaster at the home of Mary Beane on Route 201. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee by Swank Catering will be served at intermission. There is a $15 donation per person.

To reserve a space, email farmhouse_concerts@hotmail.com, or leave a message at 804-761-0103. Those who respond will receive a confirmation. Advance reservations are required.

■ MAG to meet

The Mathews Art Group will meet March 21 at The Gallery at 206 Main Street in Mathews. The speaker will be Richard Welton of Gloucester. He will demonstrate how composition in photography differs from that in drawing and painting.

Antiquities branch to hear Dr. Bryan

Virginia Historical Society president and chief executive officer Charles F. Bryan Jr. will speak at the annual meeting and luncheon of the Northern Neck Branch of The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at St. John's Parish Hall in Warsaw.

His topic will be "A Tale of Two Cities: The Differences in Historical Preservation in Tennessee and Virginia."

The branch also will vote on new board members and will present historic preservation grants.

Tickets for the event are $16 a person. For reservations, send a check by March 2 to Kathy Farmar, P.O. Box 396, Warsaw, VA 22572, or call 333-3562.

BluesWorks

The Friends of the Northumberland Public Library on Sunday, March 5, will sponsor BluesWorks, featuring Judy Luis-Watson and Paul Watson (above). The program will cover blues and a variety of other music. The program begins at 3 p.m. at the library in Heathsville. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door.

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

A century ago my grandfather, after whom I am named, kept a garden on a lot some distance from his house in Colonial Beach. Next door was the Bay Shore Hotel, a long, rambling, two-storey Victorian frame structure, which dated from the heyday of the Beach's early years.

The hotel went through a period of decline, but after the Second World War it resurfaced under the aegis of a nice retired gentleman, who made the dining room one of the most popular places in town. The food was, shall we say, magnificent. My father sold him my grandfather's lot, which he then used to grow his own garden to keep the dining room supplied with fresh vegetables.

Unfortunately, after only a few years, the owner died and his estate put the hotel on the market. It sold to the Colonial Beach Baptist Church, which subsequently tore it down and built their present church building there. The furnishings went up for auction. My parents took me to the sale and I recall walking for the first time through the rooms, which was akin to being in a time warp. The old beds, washstands, shiferobes, and rocking chairs were as they had been 75 years earlier. On each washstand was still a china washbowl and pitcher, although modern plumbing had been installed. The place reeked with the odor of nostalgia.

Near the end of the auction a late Victorian golden oak dining table came under the hammer. I decided to bid on it and raised my hand. In those days registering for an auction did not exist and no one seemed upset by a child participating. The bidding was slow, and after a few seconds I won the auction with a final bid of $4.35. A friend of ours, Bushrod Washington, helped get the table and those items which my parents had purchased over to our home.

I was 11 at the time, and proposed to my father that we should refinish the top of my new purchase, which we did, applying two coats of bartop varnish, the latter indicating to me after the fact that my parents anticipated many spills. They were correct. We also removed many pieces of antique chewing gum which hotel denizens had stuck under the top before being served their meals. Many years later when we moved from the beach down to Northumberland, there was no question, in my mind at least, that the table would come with us.

Now, after so much time has passed, and after all of the hard use to which we have put it, the table showed signs of needing a facelift. The Elder B.E. has discussed doing it with me, as he is now 11, the age at which I helped my father do the earlier job. We kept putting the task off, because although it is an extension table, it had no leaves, and it seemed a mistake to work on the top until we could acquire some. A few weeks ago our friend, Bill Cunningham, over at Topping, found that he had a couple of leaves which he kindly gave us. After his donation there was no stopping the B.E. in moving ahead with the project.

Ed Thurber, another old friend, fitted the new leaves to the dimensions of the table, and then we did the sanding, staining and applying of two new coats of bartop varnish. I cannot say that I did not learn something from my parents' decision to use the same product all those years ago.

We brought the table home from Ed's, and a new friend, David Farmer, helped us get it together last Saturday morning. It all worked like a charm, the new leaves perfectly matching the old surface, indeed making the whole appearance look even more baronial. If I shut my eyes to the surroundings, I can think I am once again in the dining room of the long gone Bay Shore Hotel, eating some of its great cuisine. That perception is all the more present when my good wife places some of the results of her culinary abilities on it for dinner.

The French saying that the more something changes, the more it remains the same is indeed true. The Elder B.E. has informed me that he thinks this finish should last until he has a son of the age of 11 who will refinish it with him the way I did with my father and now he has with me. Should I be anticipating grandfatherhood already?

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

Legislatively speaking, this has probably been the busiest week of the General Assembly for me yet. With only two weeks to go, the deadline for bill passage is quickly approaching.

Last Friday, in the House we passed our version of the budget and the Senate passed one of my bills.

There were many areas in which the original budget did not provide sufficient funds. For this reason, it was necessary for delegates to submit budget amendments. I submitted 10 amendments for the 2006-08 biennium budget and one amendment to the current budget. I was able to secure funding for three of my 11 budget amendments.

While I worked hard to obtain funding for all of the organizations I put budget amendments in for, I am particularly proud of the causes of the three which were successful. The first budget amendment will grant $13,000 to the Richmond County Museum for them to restore the bronze on their memorial of William Atkinson Jones. Another budget amendment will award the Westmoreland County Museum $50,000 for capital improvements. The final approved budget amendment grants $50,000 to The Haven for the construction of an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and homelessness in the Northern Neck and Essex County.

I also worked very closely with Sen. Chichester to obtain funding for an additional 13 organizations throughout the district, some of which cover my budget amendments that did not become part of the House budget. Together, we secured funding for the Colonial Beach Historical Society, the Kinsale Foundation, the Menokin Foundation, the Morattico Waterfront Museum, the Northern Neck Farm Museum, the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society, the Reedville Fisherman's Museum, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, the Richmond County Museum, Stratford Hall, The Haven Shelter and Services Inc., the Westmoreland County Museum and the Westmoreland Poor School Society.

This was also a big week for me because Friday, February 24, was the first time that the Senate voted on and passed one of my bills. I was very excited when I discovered that HB 400, allowing economic development funds to be used for high-speed or broadband internet infrastructure be built to entice new businesses in rural or underserved areas, had passed the Senate with a 40-0 vote. I felt very confident in this piece of legislation when I realized that it was voted out of each chamber unanimously.

All of these issues hold differing levels of importance to citizens in District 99. After starting to go through the surveys you have sent in, I am beginning to realize that there are differing views on the transportation issue as well. I would like for you to know that I am in the process of compiling the data and will use that information to help make my decision on which transportation plan best fits the needs of the district.

I would like those for those who participated in the survey to know how much I appreciate you sharing your thoughts.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to fill out the survey in time, it's not too late to share your views. You can also share your concerns through my office phone, 698-1099, or email delrwittman@house.state.va.us. I enjoy hearing from folks back in the district, so please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

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Letters to the Editor

Get involved with change

To The Editor:

Comprehensive plans in the past have been treated as someone else's concerns. They have received little attention outside of those charged with preparing them and a few people's curiosity about the subject.

Times have changed. Comprehensive plans and the ordinances that emanate from them are a big deal. People should attend one or more of the public input sessions.

Why take time to go to these sessions? "They'll do what they want anyway." "Nobody listens to what my concerns and needs are." Similar statements are heard around the county. They are all self-fulfilling prophecies. They require one to do nothing and they will come true.

This county and its people are too important to be trampled on by our neglect. Each of us owes it to ourselves, our families and each other to get involved now in these sessions and with the whole process.

It does not matter how much money one has or doesn't have, where he or she was born, or one's race, creed or gender. Everyone's needs and opinions are equally important and need to be expressed so others have a chance to work with them. It is true that some are better speakers than others, but everyone should be heard and his or her thoughts and desires listened to. Write some ideas down and bring them with you to give the people that are running the sessions.

We love this county and that is why we are here. The county is changing. Let's work together to control that change so we all benefit and will still recognize and love it in the future.

Charlie Costello, president,
Friends of Lancaster County

Visiting Wal-Mart long in the tooth

To The Editor:

I live about six miles from work. Each morning I fight traffic and average a 30-minute commute. At night I cross the exodus from the city and easily spend 30 minutes in furious bumper to bumper traffic. It's another good 30 minutes after I get home when my blood pressure finally starts to return to normal. Tonight I had to stop by the pharmacy. One frantic clerk worked feverishly to handle two lines, one inside, and one in a drive-thru. That wait was, you guessed it, at least 30 minutes.

I live and work in the Washington, D.C., area. It's no secret we have some of the worse congestion in the country. Over the past few years, the growth has bubbled out in all directions. Rolling meadows in Leesburg are now blanketed with luxury townhomes and McMansions.

My grandfather was an editor at The Washington Star. One of his last printed pieces was in the last edition of the Star when it folded in the early '80s. I've managed to collect a couple copies and often marvel at the final predictions that paper offered.

The paper spent part of its last edition looking at the future of Washington in the year 2000. One of the most striking predictions was that Fairfax was likely to grow. (Right on the money.) But the paper went on to insist that Fairfax was well beyond the Washington suburbs and that it would not really be a commuter's home, perhaps a small satellite town. Anyone who knows northern Virginia can tell you that Fairfax is now considered a pretty "close in" suburb. It long ago stopped being the mid-point of a long-distance commute.

Growth and change, it would seem, are inevitable. But how communities decide to grow and change has an enormous impact on their futures. As the people around me bustle to get to work to fund big houses, clothes and trips, I'm working for the day when I can make my last grueling three to four hour Friday night drive from Washington to my home next to my parents' house in the Northern Neck.

When you live in the big box world populated with enormous warehouses without anyone to assist you, you start to see the opportunity of Wal-Mart in your back yard differently. Yes, Wal-Mart is cheap and they have lots of stuff. Returning from the Northern Neck last weekend, my husband and I stopped at the Wal-Mart in southern Maryland. Anyone who thinks that Wal-Mart will bring positive things to the community should make a day trip to St. Mary's County to see what a Wal-Mart looks like when it's long in the tooth. This Wal-Mart wasn't fresh and inviting; it was dirty, unstocked, and unkempt. Its aisles were filled with discarded items, even an unnoticed broken jar of applesauce. As I walked through the store I felt sad to think of this loud, ugly mess marching into such a wonderful community.

Yes, our community needs opportunities. People need good jobs and access to the things that make our lives easier. I, for one, would like somewhere to have a baby in a couple of years. But where will this community be in 20 years? In 2026 will we look back at these papers and marvel at how the community that inspired people to stay here for centuries and came here for those same qualities has been overrun with undesirable things? When I bring my daughter home from whatever far-flung hospital, will she grow up and head off in search of greener pastures?

The choice of growth is not black or white; there are infinite shades of grey. Many other retail and business opportunities exist if we are willing to weigh our options.

Laura Cocke
Arlington and Mila

Together we do make a difference

To the Editor:

As the Lancaster Middle School art teacher, I thank all of our community members who have taken a few moments to participate in the Lancaster public schools "See and Tell" program.

Out and about in our community's local businesses are these wonderful display boards with student art work on them. At the lower right hand side of each display is a box with paper and writing utensils. All viewers are welcomed to write anything at all about how the work strikes them.

While all Lancaster public schools participate in See & Tell, you may have seen student art at one of the following Middle School See & Tell locations: Northern Neck Eye Care Center, Bank of Lancaster, RAL Studio Gallery, Lancaster Community Library, Chesapeake Bank, Northern Neck State Bank, Bank of Northumberland, Curves, Rose's Restaurant and Kilmarnock Town Hall.

Jerry Peill, who produced the program, wanted to brighten days with fresh art that brings emotion to whoever takes a minute to enjoy the piece. The notes written by community members are returned to our young artists, and it changes their world.

Once a month, the best works from students in my art classes are selected to go on See &Tell tour. Volunteers in the community collect and distribute works. When the works return to school, students view their work and eagerly read their letters/notes. The importance of art and expression is validated by the community responses to the artists. Students realize now that art is everywhere, and all kinds of people enjoy art. People who take the time to write a sentence or two are really bringing so much more to our youth. Our children feel valued, not just by their teacher, or parent, but by someone else who may not even know them... therefore it must be true.

Their work is something special. The artist is something special. Letters are carried around for weeks and are shared with everyone here. Art really brightens their day too. Students finishing their works now ask, "Is this going to See & Tell?"

Thanks again to you all who have taken a few moments to participate in this wonderful program. Thank you as well, "See & Tell" volunteers. Together, we do make a difference.

Marilyn Sprouse
Lancaster Middle School

Participate in hearings

To The Editor:

The Northumberland board of supervisors will hold a second public hearing on two developments in the Reedville area March 11 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The proposals are for cluster housing of 12 units at the junction of Main Street and Fleeton Road and for condominiums of 32 units at 940 Fleeton Road.

The initial public reaction to both of these developments has been largely negative. While it is clear that new development will come and that cluster housing and condominiums offer environmental and lifestyle advantages, the general feeling seems to be that such density in these particular locations is inappropriate and undesirable.

Furthermore, the timing of these decisions is critical. The new comprehensive plan will be presented for approval this spring and will be followed by revision of zoning ordinances. Approval of these two projects at this time may well set a precedent that is in conflict with the effort to have orderly development in the county.

It is important that all concerned citizens attend this meeting and register to speak. One always has the option of passing on the opportunity if all pertinent points have been made. However, doing so with a statement such as "I pass, but I am for/against the proposal" will give the supervisors a better idea of the sense of the group than simply "I pass."

Likewise, it will be helpful to the decision-making process if many take the opportunity to sign one of the petitions that is being circulated, or to start one in your own area. Sign only one, however.

Somerville Parker
Reedville

Amend covenants

To The Editor:

The perfect solution for the Tipers Creek anti-boathouse gang would be to amend their subdivision restrictive covenants to prohibit boathouses prospectively.

Other subdivisions could do the same, and sellers may consider placing a restriction in their deed when they sell. It is my understanding that one of the ban leaders developed much of the property along Tipers Creek. If correct, he wrote the restrictive covenants. Why didn't he include a prohibition in his covenants? Would such prohibition have made his lots less desirable and lower priced?

Anyone who has a boathouse and objects to others getting one should remove theirs forthwith. I have my boathouse, so I'm not worried about the issue; I favor most development.

Bill Wiggins
Wicomico Church

A movie house would be nice

To The Editor:

In a recent conversation with friends, I was alerted to something about Kilmarnock which the ever increasing county population of "come heres" might find enlightening. This is in regard to the town's lack of a movie theater.

First, being a proud native of the county, born in Kilmarnock, I feel that a bit of local history might help to color the movie house story.

Kilmarnock had a movie theater. It was opened in the early 1930s (my era!) by the town's first mayor, my great-uncle Rawleigh D. Carter. He named it the "Fairfax Theater." That name was probably chosen because of Carter's family connection to the area's early resident who was the colonial agent for Lord Fairfax—indeed, the "King" himself.

Fairfax Theater was a hub of activity from its opening through the early 1950s. Throughout the 1960s the advent of television and rental movies proved the death of movie houses throughout the country and Fairfax was no exception.

A small group of town businessmen (my husband was one of that group) tried in vain to keep the theater operating, but dwindling attendance fell to impossible low numbers, forcing closure in the 1970s. The Sports Centre now occupies the building. Photos of the old theater can be seen at the Kilmarnock Museum.

In the early days of movie films (the 1920s), an era before my time, I have been told by that generation that occasional movie films were shown in the Kilmarnock Opera House which was upstairs in the Hazel Building, the building in which the great town fire of 1952 originated.

Do we need a movie theater now? Would it be well attended?

There are many new drawbacks to traveling long distances to see a "good" movie. Gas prices and traffic hazards, especially night driving, affect many people, not to mention ticket prices.

But wouldn't it be nice to have our community once again served by a local cinema? Many think it would be a great addition to this newly flourishing metropolis.

Nancy Hubbard Clark
Kilmarnock

Letters to the Editor

Regarding boathouses

To The Editor:

A Tipers Creek resident states in his letter to the editor that his boathouse is the one that began the "boathouse controversy." In December 1993, I began what has been a long quest for the health and beauty of our waterways. I wrote my first letter to the board of supervisors protesting a boathouse application.

The application was for an adjoining property at the mouth of Tipers Creek and the Great Wicomico River. Since then, for 13 years, I and several other residents have protested the building of boathouses on Tipers Creek to the board of supervisors.

Most residents do not know, but unless a person who applies for a boathouse needs a special exception, the boathouse application is granted without a hearing.

We have not protested against boathouses in the rest of the county, leaving that to those immediately involved. We have always assumed that if the immediate neighbors objected, then the board of supervisors would not grant a boathouse. This is not true.

In December, an application for a boathouse was approved, even though the neighbors on both sides objected. This was in Ronnie Jett's district. I mention this because that action pointed out two things. It is never safe to assume that if adjoining landowners object, the board will automatically vote against a boathouse. It became apparent that the existing code needs to be changed.

In a previous letter, I mentioned facts about the health of our waterways. The Tipers Creek resident and another writer who doesn't understand why a boathouse wasn't grandfathered, both ignored those facts: large areas of shade impede the growth of marsh grass, and its health is important to the health of the waterways, providing shelter and food for crabs and fish, and controlling the erosion of the shores. In some instances, boathouses cover oyster beds and impede watermen from harvesting them.

I stated, "If, as the current statutes allow, a boathouse were built at every 200 feet, our waterways would not only be extremely ugly but would be a navigational nightmare." One writer took my statement out of context by saying "It never ceases to amaze me how some people can claim that boathouses can be a real navigational nightmare." If he and others continue to ignore the building of boathouses, we will be faced with a boathouse at every pier. What a lovely sight to see each and every day on the water.

Nancy James Clark Brand
Wicomico Church

Wal-mart business practices are less than desirable

To The Editor:

I am pleased to see the number of people in our community who have taken time from their busy lives to express their opinions about the new Wal-Mart planned for Kilmarnock.

Whether you support this plan or oppose it, I think we all can agree that Kilmarnock, and indeed the entire southeastern portion of the Northern Neck will change forever. While we all hope and pray with all our hearts that this will be a positive change, one has only to compare the character and make up of many communities before they had a Wal-Mart with how they have changed since the addition of Wal-Mart to understand why so many of us are alarmed. The negative impacts on communities such as ours have been so invasive, and have occurred so repetitively and predictably, that many websites, news and magazine articles, and books have been devoted to their study.

In letters already published in this newspaper, a number of these concerns have been explored. I would like to address an area that has not been. This has to do with the established business practices of Wal-Mart that allow them to offer the low prices that so many people find attractive. These same business practices are also the reason that I chose not to patronize Wal-Mart as a matter of personal ethics.

Wal-Mart's success depends largely on its ability to have tight control over its labor costs as well as to very rapidly turn over merchandise. In order to achieve the first, Wal-Mart is known to engage in unfair employment practices. Some may recall the recent lawsuit in which the court found, using Wal-Mart's own payroll records, that they had denied employee meal breaks required by current labor law, and that they had not paid employees for the time worked during what was to have been the meal break. This company is the target of numerous lawsuits of this sort. One of the largest lawsuits, if not the largest in our country is Duke vs. Wal-Mart, which has recently become a class action suit involving over a million Wal-Mart employees. This suit involves various charges of discrimination in compensation and promotion practices.

Additionally, studies have shown that Wal-Mart's pay scales do not reflect sufficient adjustment for differences in cost of living in various areas where they do business. Employees who are forced to work at Wal-Mart because they lost jobs with sufficient pay and benefits to support themselves, at businesses that could not not compete with Wal-Mart, often need help from public programs such as food stamps, subsidized housing and free health clinics to make up the difference. I would rather see individuals able to proudly support themselves and their families within a reasonable standard of decency after a hard day's labor, than have everyone's taxes increased to pay for more welfare programs to help make up for basic needs for these hardworking people because Wal-mart chooses not to pay them a living wage for the area in which they live.

In terms of the fast turnover of products, Wal-Mart's buying power allows them to strong arm their suppliers in providing them goods at very, very low prices. In cases where American companies can not meet Wal-Mart's demands, the company goes overseas and purchases products manufactured in sweatshops by very low paid people in very poor working conditions. One has only to look at the boxes and tags on Wal-Mart products to understand the large number of products that come to us from other countries. Apparently Wal-Mart doesn't think people in other countries deserve to make a decent living either. However, I just recently read that Wal-Mart's highest executives make 1,500 times what their entry level associates make. I wonder if the executives get a lunch break?

Lastly, I want to respond to the writer who several weeks ago suggested that the reason we didn't get a Wal-Mart the last time was because of objections of a few greedy business people. That characterization really saddens me, and from my perception is quite unfair. I have found the business community here to be quite socially responsible, and many are really quite generous. They also appear to operate within the law. While I have not done a fully comprehensive study, I know that many of our businesses pay wages that allow their employees to support themselves and their families without going on the public dole.

One has only to listen to the radio, read the paper, or read the programs from various fund-raising events in our community to see that time and again our businesses have generously supported many activities and services that add much to the quality of life here. While Wal-Mart has shown it can be counted on to help out in a number of fine ways (Katrina relief was a wonderful example) they do not seem highly involved in the routine, repetitive, and ongoing community investment that our fine, and law abiding business community provides time and again.

With these ideas, and the other ideas expressed in previous letters, the choice is very simple for me. I am thankful that I have such an involved business community that is trying its best to meet my service and consumer needs, as well as improving the quality of life in my neighborhood and keeping my taxes low. I hope it will be the same after Wal-Mart invades. I'm am also thankful that when some businesses are unable to compete, I can shop by mail or hop in my car and take that business to another community, rather than support a business that breaks the law.

Nancy Brown
Heathsville

Wanted: High speed internet

To The Editor:

I would like to communicate with people who live within one to two miles, as the crow flies, of the Great Wicomico River Bridge at Glebe Point and who would like to have high speed internet access at a reasonable price.

Speed would be up to three times faster than satellite or DSL.

If we can gather sufficient interest, we can make high speed access a reality in our area.

Ann Thompson
Heathsville

Communication needs fixing

To The Editor:

I'm very troubled by lack of communication between Cub Scout Troop 222 leaders and some parents associated with the car competition last Saturday at the Lively Ruritan Club.

My son made several inquiry phone calls to scout leaders to clarify missing event information from their schedule flyer. No one ever responded. As a result, when my son and grandson JayQuan arrived at the competition, the event was over.

One can only imagine the disappointment and disgust my son and grandson experienced, as the time spent preparing and detailing their car project was lost.

This was not the first time Cub Scout leaders failed to provide complete and accurate event information. My concern is how many paying families are not participating in every event?

There are very few children's organizations affordable for our African-American families in Lancaster County. An organization such as this which teaches sharing, crafts, friendship and improving one's potential should have competent leaders to ensure the success of its policies to all families, not just a certain few.

If all families cannot be notified about all events, then one should cease the collection of all club dues!

Peggy Dillon
Merry Point

Leash laws save lives

To The Editor:

It is tragic that dogs are frequently hit by cars because they are not being protected by their owners.

It would be a rare driver that would go out of his way to hit a dog. It is unfortunate, I believe, that leash laws do not exist in Lancaster County. I have seen four dogs killed on King Carter Drive in Irvington, and several very close calls, because their loving owners do not have to comply with a leash law.

My husband and I witnessed a very close call, in fact, when two loose dogs ran directly in the path of an oncoming car in an attempt to get to our two dogs, both being walked on leashes.

The owner was there; the car was not speeding. The dogs did not respond to their owner's call. Where would the responsibility lie had the dogs been hit? The startled driver swerved quickly and slammed on his brakes, putting our lives and nearby property in jeopardy, nearly causing an even more serious incident.

When humans procure a pet, they take on a serious responsibility. Our dogs trust us to feed and shelter them, to keep them healthy. Surely, they can also expect us to keep them as safe as possible.

Accidents happen, but they happen much less frequently when dogs are protected inside a fenced yard and are walked on a leash outside that yard.

Jan Mosher
Irvington

Most sludge bills get plowed under

To The Editor:

Only one of the eight bills dealing with sludge land application passed during the 2006 General Assembly. All others failed at subcommittee or committee level.

Each of these bills would have contributed to the health of our citizens and environment and should have passed. What happened?

In my opinion, it was a case once again of too much paid muscle by the farmers and sludge haulers and too little action by us citizens. When will we learn that when the trucks come rolling in, it will be too late to demand adequate testing, safe buffers, safe storage and safe land application methods?

We missed our chance by not getting behind these eight bills.

The bill that passed, if signed by the governor, will require permittees (haulers) to pay $5,000 for a five-year permit. Del. Watkins Abbitt of Appomattox, the bill's sponsor, said "I see no reason for us (Virginia taxpayers) to supplement (foot most of the bill for the grossly inadequate testing and monitoring of sludge at the Virginia Health Department) a $30 million per year industry, but that was the will of the legislature."

Mike Harwood
Wicomico Church

Paul family notes support

To The Editor:

My sons and I want to express to the community how much we appreciate the love and support of all during this most difficult time. The outpouring of care through calls, cards, visits, flowers, donations to the River Counties Community Foundation and attendance at Charles' service and reception is a tribute to Charles and gives us much comfort.

We recognize with heartfelt appreciation the Bank of Lancaster, Bay Trust Company, the Laurel Point Community, Irvington Baptist Church, Lancaster Middle School, and Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor Sorority of Women Educators for their special efforts to honor and celebrate Charles' life.

The Charles W. Paul Family
"Ray," Bear, and Westray,
Lancaster

Port deal opposed

To The Editor:

On the subject of that deal to sell our port management to a United Arab Emirites government-owned company, we cannot allow another failure of imagination to victimize our nation.

Two characteristics of Al Qaeda are planning and patience. How improbable is it for a small cell of employees in this company to one day fabricate the proper paperwork to disguise a nuclear device in a container? Only a small percentage of millions of containers, in the range of 5 percent, are actually physically inspected. The rest are evaluated on the basis of their paperwork.

The consequences of such an attack on one of our major ports are unthinkable. Since ports are densely populated areas, hundreds of thousands of Americans would be killed. A wide area would be contaminated as well as areas downwind. It could cripple the nation's communications and the economic cost would run into the trillions.

It would be a catastrophic human tragedy that would dwarf 9/11 and an economic setback lasting decades, a disaster that more people than ever in the world would be only too happy to see happen.

Unfortunately, too many people, including the President, are looking at this deal in terms of the trade benefits. But terrorists are madmen driven by an insatiable desire to do damage to the West; witness the recent attack on the Saudi oil facility.

We must face it, there is no such thing as a victory in the war on terror, not with more people than ever in the world who hate us, and with all the terrible weapons that are available.

Frank Mann
Lancaster

Supports traditional values

To The Editor:

In the Northern Neck we enjoy a society that still embraces the traditional values and faith we grew up with. It's not so with the outside world, which includes other parts of Virginia.

In the last election, the state took a left turn and it looks as if the rest of the country may lurch left in the next big election. The new governor wasted no time in modifying the previous office holder's executive order regarding equal opportunity. The new order now includes "sexual orientation" as a protected class.

Don't expect a lot from either political party when protecting your interests. Virginia HB1050 acknowledges tuition rights for illegal aliens. A notable exception is Rep. Jo Ann Davis who supports and sponsors real immigration reform at the federal level, and there are a few others.

There are a lot of swing voters who do not affiliate with any political philosophy and react to the latest big media reports when they vote. Couple this with special interest groups who vote their cause and we arrive at a situation where the traditionalists cannot compete.

Look at the welfare state where the recipients who have never held a job have the same vote as the person who has worked hard all his life. The welfare recipient has a vested interest in voting for the candidate who will maintain or increase his unearned income.

If you were around in the '60s and '70s, you may recall the cry "get involved." It exhorted that generation who were rejecting their parents' world to get in key positions and change that world into the utopian ideal of the left with more self indulgence.

Well, they did get involved and became teachers, lawyers, politicians and other power wielders. Only in recent years has the conservative movement been awakened and presented us with some choices.

What can we do to maintain our traditional society here? The cry "get involved" should work for us, too.

Attend county board meetings. Tell your elected officials your opinions and let them know you are watching their votes. Congratulate and commend elected officials for standing up for core values. Call them on it when they fail.

Be a candidate for office. If you really believe in keeping American values, get involved.

Write letters to the editor. The left is good at this and needs competition. Practice your Judeo/Christian faith. Find a church that is scripturally based and give it your support by worshipping there.

Let's all work to keep our neighborhood a good and safe place for future generations.

Morris Dillingham
Kilmarnock

Transportation is about education

To The Editor:

This year's hot topic for the General Assembly session is solving the state's transportation challenges, which we certainly need to do both now and for the future.

Gov. Kaine and the Senate, with our own Sen. Chichester's leadership, have created responsible, visionary plans for addressing key need areas into the future, while developing reasonable funding mechanisms that will be used only to fund transportation projects.

The House plan uses general fund dollars to pay for transportation projects, and proposes no ongoing revenue sources for future years.

However, road building does not begin in one year and stop in the next.

The General Assembly is in "crossover," wherein the Senate and House consider each other's budget recommendations. When they inevitably reach stalemate, a committee of conference is named from both bodies to negotiate a full budget. What this means is that now is the time to let your representatives know that you prefer to fund transportation improvements through sources other than the general fund, such as tolls and other user fees.

Here's why. When we use the general fund for transportation, we take funds away from education, public safety, healthcare and the environment. The distant Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads transportation issues may have a real effect on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. For instance, the proposed House budget cuts K-12 teacher pay, early childhood education, G.E.D. preparation, and programs for the disadvantaged. It also cuts $28 million from community colleges and millions from base operating funding for higher education.

Ever wonder why the cost of college has steadily crept up in Virginia? It's because the state contribution to higher education has not kept up with record enrollments, thereby forcing colleges to rely on higher tuition, fees, and private donations to meet the cost of students' education.

Currently, Rappahannock Community College receives 60 percent of its operating budget from the Commonwealth. The rest must be realized with student tuition and private giving.

The real consequences of raiding the general fund for one-time use on transportation are tangible locally: in our schools and at our college, in the health of the Chesapeake Bay and our rivers, and in our police forces. If we use general fund dollars to finance transportation, Rappahannock Community College looses base budget operating funds, at a time when its enrollment is growing at a rate of nearly 10 percent annually.

RCC will lose funds to perform a major mechanical renovation to its 37-year-old buildings at both campuses. It will cost more to remedy future problems related to delaying this renovation. RCC also loses two new buildings scheduled to be constructed this summer, one at each campus. RCC will not have funds to create additional new programs to serve the region.

I am urging you to contact your representatives to let them know you support using dedicated revenue outside of the general fund to support important transportation projects for the state. This way, we can prevent erosion of essential public services that impact the quality of life for our residents. Thanks.

Elizabeth "Sissy" Crowther
President, Rappahannock
Community College

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The Friends of Lancaster County Invite you to their Monthly Meeting, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Community Library.

The speaker will be Lee Hood Capps, Kilmarnock's Town Manager, who will speak on current activities in Kilmarnock and how they will affect the citizens of Lancaster County. All are welcome!

The Friends of Lancaster County is a community organization that seeks to preserve the county's rural character, promotes public awareness of responsible planning and development, and encourages public involvement in the county's planning and development processes.

Letters to the Editor

We are not stupid

To The Editor:

Last night the Kilmarnock town council met and the citizens heard from Wal-Mart about our future—it brought back a lot of memories.

Most of them unpleasant ones from the meetings I attended in 1998 and 1999 as part of Citizens for Sensible Development's efforts to inform and educate the politicians and the public about Wal-Mart.

Back then this group of local leaders, business owners, bankers and environmentalists raised funds to engage a renowned economist to study the potential impact of a Wal-Mart on our community. When the report was complete and conclusions drawn—indicating a decimated small business community, snarled traffic, increased crime and fire safety issues our volunteer fire departments are ill-equipped to handle—we could barely get the politicians to condescend to meet with the expert and discuss the findings.

Mayor Mike Robertson showed that same kind of arrogance and disdain for the public in last night's meeting by attempting to silence the public and allow no questions from the audience. Robertson deigned to allow public input into the process after the crowd grew openly hostile upon being dismissed by him.

Robertson joined the Wal-Mart representatives in an impressive display of Orwellian "NewSpeak." He characterized the council's failure to enact any protective zoning, building, operating or architectural ordinances over the last seven years and "doing a good job." I mean, really, even little old White Stone has enacted some of these ordinances. Robertson went further describing at great length the efforts of Wal-Mart to incorporate the 'public's suggestions' in their new store...when we all know there has been virtually no public discourse at all.

Wal-Mart representatives raised the Orwellian 'NewSpeak' to a whole new level as they attempted to characterize their 150,000-square-foot behemoth as "fitting in with the character of the town" because they plan to use sand colored cinder blocks and stick a few lanterns on the side of the building to match the ones selected to grace the town's newly renovated Main Street.

They went further down "DoubleSpeak" drive when describing the charitable giving of Wal-Mart ($25,000 per store) as "generous support of the community." Gee... if you combine the community giving of Lamberth's, Noblett's and the Sports Centre you beat the huge monster of Wal-Mart 2 to 1. Generous my foot.

Then, to add insult to injury, the Wal-Mart traffic consultant indicated that the traffic counts on Route 3 are expected to jump more than 50 percent (from 13,000 to 20,000)...But, not to worry, the four lane divided highway that is Route 3 can handle 40,000+cars with no problem. Do they seriously think we are that dense? Or, as the bumper sticker says, "We're rural, not STUPID!" Yes, the Wal-Mart will front on a divided four-lane road—but that road is a two lane cart path just 1,000 yards south and a 2-lane cart path a few miles to the north.

Increase traffic on a two-laner to 20,000 cars per day and you are near to achieving traffic of Northern Virginia proportions. Of course, the good news for Wal-Mart is that because the new store is located on the divided four-lane section, they will have no responsibility for the problems created in Lively or White Stone. That burden will fall on others.

White Stone vice-mayor David Jones expressed some of those concerns at the meeting only to meet blank stares from the Wal-Mart folks.

Yeah, we're rural, but not stupid! Many of us can see the enormous costs for capital infrastructure that Wal-Mart will not pay for. Many of us know that the increased police activity—required by the 40 to 50 percent increase in calls when Wal-Mart opens their 24/7 operation—won't be free and the bill won't be paid by Wal-Mart.

Many of us know that the $3 million in taxpayer funds that have gone into the Main Street project will be a colossal, even criminal, waste when Wal-Mart rips the economic heart out of downtown. Many of us know that the 350 jobs they tout will be largely low wage, part-time, limited benefit positions. We also know that these "new" jobs will be offset by about 80 percent by job losses among existing businesses.

How do we know all this? It has been well documented, in the Kilmarnock Economic Impact Study of 1999 and in the published studies on the multitude of small towns that have gone before us down this path.

The entire meeting last night was almost as insulting as it was depressing. It did not have to be this way. Kilmarnock and the Northern Neck had ample warning and a substantial amount of credible information.

Yet, the politicians failed to take simple actions to protect the character of the community. Now it is too late as Mayor Robertson ushers in the Wal-Mart era while vigorously patting himself on the back, calling his failures success as he travels to Florida. Nice job. You make George Orwell proud.

Steve Sadler
Irvington

Volunteers thanked

To The Editor:

Words cannot express the gratitude we owe to the men and women of the Fairfields and Callao Volunteer Fire Departments and the Mid-County Rescue Squad. Their professionalism and caring went far beyond anything we ever could have imagined.

We had a house fire last week and if it wasn't for these volunteers, I wouldn't be sitting in my house today writing this letter. Their quick action and experience saved the house, and they were as careful inside our house as they would have been in their own homes. This has enabled us to stay in the house, which emotionally has been very important.

Volunteer means you do it because you want to, even on a cold, cloudy, Saturday afternoon for two people you don't even know. We were so fortunate to have had such a dedicated group of people.

We thank each and everyone of you for saving our house. And to Robbie Reamy and Greg Keyser who got to our house first, accessed the situation and were able to coordinate the efforts as soon as the equipment arrived. Those few minutes probably made all the difference.

We thank all our friends whose support has been incredible. We are definitely two very lucky people to have such good friends and neighbors.

Buzz and Carole Burhenn
Heathsville

Animal Tails

By Audrey Thomasson

A purpose driven horse

Remember the good ol' days of television cowboys like Roy Rogers?

Whenever Roy got into a jam, all he had to do was whistle and Trigger would gallop to the rescue. That was one cowboy lovin' horse—but not very representative of a typical steed.

Anyone familiar with horses knows they are not terribly concerned with human welfare. There are many illustrations of dogs and cats so bonded to their human companions they can comfort and heal or even alert to danger or medical problems. Trigger may have been trained to come running, but it is highly unlikely a stable equine would take its head out of a pail of oats to bail out some dude in trouble—except for one middle-aged gelding by the name of Winter Warlock.

The interesting thing about Winter is that he prefers the company of humans to his stable mates. Because of his fondness for people, his owners felt he had a special purpose in life. They just weren't sure what it might be. It took several years to find the answer.

Winter was born in 1991 on Pat and Gene Duncker's horse breeding farm, Bit-O-Honey, in Lancaster, Calif. Bred from Arabian and Saddlebred Pinto stock, Winter was their first delivery and the start of business. He is a beautiful chestnut with many Arabian qualities—compact and thickly muscled with a tucked and chiseled head like the knight-piece on a chess board. Highly intelligent, another Arabian trait, Winter was trained by Pat in dressage, pleasure riding and carriage driving. Over the years, people came by the farm and purchased colts and fillies foaled after him, but no one was interested in buying Winter.

One day, Gene was alone in the pasture making some repairs. A lawyer by trade, he is less enthusiastic about horses than his wife, but helps her whenever he can.

Sam Madden riding Winter Warlock

There were seven horses in the pasture that day. As Gene began repairing the feeder, several horses moved in to see what he was doing. Suddenly, two steeds got into a tiff and began kicking each other. A powerful hoof caught Gene just above the knee and knocked him off his feet. Dazed and in great pain, he lay on the ground.

Winter was on the other side of the pasture when he heard Gene cry out and saw the commotion. He raced across the field at full canter and chased the other horses away. Then he returned to the man still on the ground and gently nuzzled him. Winter allowed Gene to grab his front leg and pull himself up, hand over hand, until he was standing again. Gene held onto the horse's mane to steady himself as Winter slowly inched his way to the gate. When the other horses tried to approach, Winter warned them off by flattening his ears and giving them the stink-eye. Once Gene was outside the pasture, Winter continued walking along the inside of the fence as far as he could, keeping an eye on his friend.

Gene fully recovered and is convinced the horse saved him from further injury that day. After that, he always brought a special treat for the heroic horse. But Winter's story does not end here.

A year ago, Susan "Sam" Madden of Phoenix, Ariz., was looking for a talented and trustworthy horse for her show riding career. Sam is an internationally recognized equestrian, competing in Western style, English pleasure, dressage and rodeo riding. She even has a rodeo queen title in her list of credits. The most amazing thing about her accomplishments is that Sam is totally blind and competes against sited riders.

After losing her site in 1990, she was introduced to horseback riding to build confidence. Sam has gone through several horses over the years—buckers and biters. The first time she worked with Winter she knew he was a keeper. They were riding at night when Sam heard rustling in the weeds. The horse came to a stop and went on alert. A neighbor's Doberman emerged dragging a rug. Winter calmly watched the dog and waited for it to pass before moving on.

"Pat recognized his outstanding character and disposition were suited to a disabled rider and was generous enough to lease this special horse to me," Sam said. "He has all the flash and pizzazz of his Saddlebred sire combined with the Arabian sensitivity, making him extremely responsive and a joy to ride."

Sam uses Winter to teach riding techniques to blind children and adults at her free clinic, Lasso the Moon, encouraging participants to set their sights high and focus on their abilities, not their disabilities. Winter is their schoolmaster, responding only to the correct signals.

"Winter rates each rider, being gentle with new students and firing it up in the show ring for advanced riders," Sam said with pride.

This special horse has certainly found his purpose in life.

For more information on Winter, visit www.palominoarabs.com. Lasso the Moon and Sam Madden may be reached at www.moonreachranch.com. See more animal tales or submit story requests at www.animaltails.org.

For adoptions or to make donations in Lancaster, call the Animal Welfare League at 435-0822 or 462-0091, the Lancaster Animal Shelter at 462-7175, the Friends of the Shelter at 435-0737, or Animals First at 462-5067

In Northumberland, call the Friends of the Shelter at 435-2597; or A Place in the Sun (cats only) at 580-6484.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the March 2, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen.)

Mollusk

Mr. Wright and Lee Stoneham visited the home of W. A. Bryant, of Emmerton, Sunday last.

W. H. Jesse is preparing to start his mill on Monaskon farm, which has been idle for quite a while.

While hauling logs one day last week one of Geo. Turner's oxen broke through a bridge. In trying to get the animal out, Mr. Turner himself sustained injuries.

White Stone

Last week while returning from one of the fields on his farm Chas. A. Shelton fell and struck his head againt a scythe which he was carrying on his shoulder, inflicting a wound about four inches long and to the bone. Dr. Treakle was summoned hurriedly and stitched up the wound, and at present Mr. Shelton is doing nicely.

Among the sick we note: Will Brown, Mrs. Geo. L. Squires and Mrs. D. R. James.

Lively

Barker & Webb have purchased W.H. Jesse's large saw-mill and are now making things hum. C. H. Dudley has purchased Barker & Webb's little saw-mill.

R. O. Norris Sr., has purchased a tract of timbered land from Mr. Pinckard, near Rehobeth Church, and will move his little mill on it in the near future.

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

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JEWELRY FACTS
BY ROSS CHRISTIANSEN

Aquamarine, an alternate March birthstone, has long been considered the symbol of happiness and everlasting youth. In the Middle Ages, it was suppose to give the wearer insight and foresight! Aquamarines come big . . . in 1910 a crystal was found in Brazil that weighed in at 243 pounds!
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Garden club to meet

The Rappahannock Garden Club will meet Thursday, March 9, at White Stone Methodist Church. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. All horticulture and design entries should be in place by 11:45 a.m. Master gardener Anne Olsen will speak on "Lessons I have learned from garden tours." From left, Rappahannock Garden Club president Loya Wheatly and past president Jennifer King review plans for 2006. The club is planning a flower show in June.

Gurley trio to play Farmhouse Concert

Farmhouse Concerts in Miskimon on March 11 will present Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley of Lancaster.

Farmhouse Concerts will be hosted by Mary Beane at her home on Route 201. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. 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 804-761-0103. Those who respond will receive a confirmation. Advance reservations are required.

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.

Bill and Pam Gurley have been making music together since their first date. In the years since that time, the music has grown and become an integral part of their lives.

Through hundreds of performances and travels in and out of Virginia, the Gurleys have drawn an ever-widening circle of friends and music lovers.

One reviewer described the music as "clean and polished, yet still rustic and natural….. musical communication on a deep, honest level."

Pam has a voice that makes one stop and listen. Though she came from a musical family, discovering her own talent was almost an accident.

Tryouts for the high school chorus got her out of biology class. She was soon performing more seriously in a rock/gospel group that featured her as a soloist. It was at one of these performances that Bill heard her sing for the first time and knew he had to arrange an introduction.

Bill's early interest in music was nurtured by his father who had been the leader of a band during his college days. After playing the guitar for several years, he heard the music of Flatt and Scruggs and was taken by the sound of the five-string banjo.

Blessed with a good ear, Bill was able to teach himself banjo and later fiddle and mandolin. Weekends found him at festivals or picking at the local firehouse. When he met Pam, he shared his love of folk and bluegrass music and the two began a career of performing, writing, and recording together that has spanned over twenty-five years.

Their daughter, Macon, recently picked up the stand-up bass and joined them on stage.

The three share vocal assignments. The repertoire includes old time, bluegrass, country, folk and gospel selections.

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

The Richmond Ballet on Tour to perform 'On Stage' matinee

The Richmond Ballet on Tour will visit Kilmarnock on Sunday, March 12, as part of the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts' "On Stage " series. The program begins at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater on School Street.

The 2005-06 season marks Richmond Ballet's 22nd anniversary as a professional ballet company. The company is considered one of the most innovative and impressive regional ballet companies in the country.

Artistic director Stoner Winslett has designed a repertory for Richmond Ballet composed of a wide range of classical and contemporary ballets. The company's repertory includes works by Winslett, George Balanchine, Agnes de Mille, William Soleau and Frederic Franklin.

Richmond Ballet on Tour offers the company an opportunity to share the gift of dance with new audiences. The diverse collection of classical and contemporary choreography shows the vitality, elegance, and intensity of Richmond Ballet.

Richmond Ballet on Tour presents three repertory works including Mauricio Wainrot's "From Far Away," Jessica Lang's "To Familiar Spaces in Dream" and Val Caniparoli's world premiere work, "Violin."

Set to buoyant music by Belgian minimalist Wim Mertens, "From Far Away" utilizes the line and technique of classical ballet with flowing movement of the upper torso that provokes an earthy, contemporary air. The ballet moves dancers through trios, duets and group dances.

"To Familiar Spaces in Dream," utilizes eight dancers to represent the octaves in music and eight boxes of varying sizes to represent the white piano keys.

The "keys allow the dancers to climb, slide, be lifted off the ground, and just add sculpture to the stage and change the environment the dancers are in," said Lang.

"Violin" utilizes 10 dancers while exploring movement in the classical sense. Caniparoli first developed this piece at the National Choreographer's Initiative in Irvine/Berkeley Theater in July 2005.

Richmond Ballet on Tour is made possible through the support of Dominion Resources Inc.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Colliver and son, Braydon of Charlotte, N.C., were with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Proctor several days last week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Taliaferro over the weekend were a son, Paul Taliaferro, and his little son, Will, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Forrester were in Crozet last weekend where family members joined them at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Doug Forrester and daughter, Emily, for a 70th birthday celebration honoring Mitch. The Rev. Doug Forrester is the minister at Crozet United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Joni Robertson and little son, Conner, of Lake Anna were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Courtney, in Reedville one night last week.

Friends are glad to know that Mrs. Evelyn Lankford is back with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Gaskins, after being hospitalized at Rappahannock General Hospital for several days.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dize were their daughter, Ms. Jessica Dize of Williamsburg, Mrs. Adam Anderson and daughter, Costen, of Norfolk and Mrs. Stephen Sturtz and children, Jackson and Celeste, of Portsmouth.

Mike and Jenny Crowther, Jean Biddle and Doulin and Mell Wilkins have returned after vacationing in Dallas, Texas, and surrounding areas last week.

Engagements

Shearin-Rose

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Shearin of Reedville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Sommerville Shearin, to Shawn Calvin Rose of White Stone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy C. Rose Jr. of White Stone.

Ms. Shearin is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Deihl, and Mrs. Marjorie H. Shearin, all of Reedville, and the late Jesse Blackwell Peirce Shearin.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchinson of Irvington, and Mrs. Elsie P. Rose of White Stone, and the late Lacy Calvin Rose Sr.

A June wedding is planned.

Lindsay Sommerville Shearin and Shawn Calvin Rose

Births

Nathalie Elizabeth Biddlecomb

Charlie and Paige Biddlecomb of Fairport announce the birth of their daughter, Nathalie Elizabeth, born February 13, 2006, at Memorial Regional Medical Center at 6:25 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

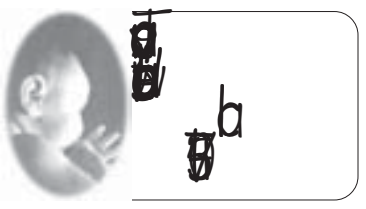
Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biddlecomb of Fairport and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Terry of Richmond.

Caroline Elizabeth Neale

Tom Neale was excited to welcome home his sister, Caroline Elizabeth Neale, born February 3, 2006, to Chris and Dawn Neale of Lottsburg. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20.75 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Wayson and Betty Christopher of Wicomico Church.

Her paternal grandparents are Carolyn Neale of Callao and the late Thomas Bowie Neale.



Girl Scouts to set up shop

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program is under way and the Lancaster Service Unit will set up cookie booths beginning March 10 at Tri-Star.

Booths will be operated March 18 and 25 at The Local in Irvington from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and April 1 at the Irvington Farmers' Market from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The Cookie Sale Program, an annual tradition since 1917, instills in Girl Scouts life skills and values that will serve them all their lives such as honesty and integrity, responsibility and self-reliance.

Proceeds support camping activities, trips to area museums and historic places, and community service projects possible for Girl Scouts in the Lancaster area.

For more information, call Girl Scout Commonwealth Council field executive Wendy Mataya at 462-0322.

Leo Club launches raffle

Lancaster High's Leo Club is sponsoring a community raffle this week. Proceeds will help to finance a trip to the United Nations for the annual Lions Day March 9.

Prizes have been donated by Adam's Jewelers, Ashland's, The Blue Heron, Booth's Landscaping, Brent's Tastefully Simple, Chesapeake Bank, Chesapeake and Crescent, Dawson's, The Doll House, Kelsick Gardens, Lee's Restaurant, Main Street Gift co., The Proper Image, Ross's Rings and Things, Twice Told Tales and White Stone Pharmacy.

Tickets are $1 each, or 6 for $5, and may be purchased at Chesapeake Bank in Kilmarnock, Ross's Rings and Things, The Sandpiper, Twice Told Tales, White Stone Pharmacy, and from any Leo Club member. The drawing will be held Friday, March 3.

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Just Gardens tickets now available

Tickets are on sale for the sixth annual Just Gardens tour May 12 and 13 featuring six gardens in Lancaster County.

Tickets are $12 in advance, or $15 on the tour. Tickets may be purchased at Greenpoint Nursery in Kilmarnock, Kemper Nursery in Farnham, Mary Young's Herbs in Hague, The Dandelion in Irvington, Colonial Collectibles in Warsaw or Wildest Dreams in Burgess.

Tickets also may be purchased in advance by sending a SASE (legal size) with a check payable to The Haven, P.O. Box 429, Irvington, VA 22480.

The tour takes place in the Laurel Point and Iberis area. The six gardens range from informal woodland settings to formal terraced gardens.

The Crichton Garden

The Queener Garden

In Riverwood, the garden of Suzanne and Carter LaPrade show what can be grown in a year and showcases many examples of different garden styles. The property, on the eastern branch of the Corrotoman River, is in a full sun setting, where roses, perennials, herbs, mass plantings of bulbs and woody shrubs have been artfully arranged in various garden vignettes around the LaPrade's shingle-style house.

In Laurel Point, The Wrick garden, where sunny garden beds carved out of grass areas fill the front yard, also features a peaceful and shady riverside garden. Walkways leading around the house are lined with junipers, gardenias and ground covers. Buddleia, crape myrtle, ornamental grasses, iris and daylilies are a few of Diane Wrick's favorites and they have been planted in abundance.

World travelers, Carolyn and Bob Queener moved to the Northern Neck three years ago. Their home, also in Laurel Point, is on a small peninsula on the Corrotoman River. A feeling of natural woodland dominates the garden. Azaleas and rhododendrons interspersed with native trees and extensive mountain laurel allow for three months of bloom. Natural and planted vegetation is further enhanced with native hollies and camellias. Terraced beds that carry the eye toward the river's edge introduce a more formal element, with plantings of iris, peonies, lilies and dahlias.

The five-year-old garden of Shirley and E.C. Campbell was designed, established and is maintained by the Campbells and their son, John. This Laurel Point garden has existing native shrubs and trees throughout that have been pruned, shaped and revitalized, saving their original character and value. The gardens are a series of both formal and informal spaces containing many perennials and native plants accented with colorful annuals. Dwarf Japanese maples and a star magnolia that towers over the house are featured specimens.

Mary and Leonard Hoerneman moved into their new home in Eagles Landing nearly seven years ago. Their garden, a combination of sun, shade and part sun/part shade, has made growing a host of different types of plants possible. Though "Leonard is really the gardener," according to Mary, she admits she likes to give input when it comes to herbs and annuals. An informal woodland theme dominates this landscape.

The Crichton Garden at the end of a long lane off Iberis Road boasts a lovely wide view across the eastern branch of the Corrotoman. An "unframed picture" is how Jo Ann Crichton describes the property she and George Crichton moved to 10 years ago. "It had a beautiful under story of native plants, a lovely roll to the land, and an existing house that just needed to embrace the view," she said. After major renovations to the house and grounds, the result is now seen in a garden with a look of "established." The painting has been framed and like many artists, the gardener continues to fine tune.

The tour benefits The Haven Shelter and Services. All gardens are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 435-1271.

Ada K. Jacox

Pain management specialist to speak at Viewpoints

Pain is subjective and all pain is different, according to Ada K. Jacox, Ph.D., R.N., a pioneer in the development of clinical guidelines for pain management. She will speak at Viewpoints at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Monday, March 6, at 11 a.m.

She will address the management of and misconceptions about pain, why pain management was selected for a government study and what has developed from that effort.

"Pain is what people say it is. I don't know how much pain you feel unless you can communicate it. It's hard to make it quantitative," said Jacox, who earned her doctorate in nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and did post-doctoral work on pain management at the University of Iowa.

A research consultant and professor of nursing at the University of Virginia, Jacox was teaching at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing when asked to co-chair the project to standardize practitioners' pain management guidelines by the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Academicians are committed to such pro bono work, she said.

With professionals from various disciplines and geographical areas, she pored over evidence from clinical trials to develop guidelines for management of acute post-operative pain and pain from cancer. She later founded and directed the Clinical Practice Guidelines Program for the American Pain Society.

Her studies have included a re-examination of cancer pain, and pain from sickle cell, arthritis, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile chronic arthritis and fybromyalgia.

A complimentary luncheon buffet will follow the presentation. Call RW-C at 438-4000 for reservations.

Menokin Foundation to host conservancy's annual meeting

On March 15, The Northern Neck Land Conservancy will hold its annual meeting March 15 at Menokin's new King Center.

A coffee hour will be held at 10:30 a.m. The annual meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The program will feature an update on the conservancy activities by president Mary Louisa Pollard. Former Secretary of Natural Resources W. Tayloe Murphy Jr. will speak on the history of Menokin, its recent conservation easement and the Menokin Foundation's work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A National Historic Landmark, Menokin was the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee and his wife, Rebecca Tayloe. The property was a wedding gift from Rebecca Tayloe's father, John Tayloe II of nearby Mount Airy which is still owned by the Tayloe family.

Menokin will be a tour site for Historic Garden Week in Virginia. It epitomizes the history linking the families of colonial Virginia, their heirs and descendants, and the efforts of today's residents of the Northern Neck to be stewards of the Commonwealth's past and its future, said Sue Lindsey of the conservancy.

Although the principal building is now a ruin, the foundation hopes eventually to restore the house to its 18th-century splendor and to develop the site as a center for teaching skills associated with historical field study, preservation and restoration.

As the home of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Menokin has a place in the nation's history. As a property of 500 acres on Cat's Creek in Richmond County, it also claims significance as a wildlife refuge and home to varieties of birds and aquatic mammals, said Lindsey. The recent construction of the King Conservation and Visitor's Center allows the public new access to the property, its history and the work in progress to assure its future.

The conservancy and the foundation share many objectives, said Lindsey. George Freeman and Dr. Elizabeth Crowder serve on both boards. In addition, Murphy is an honorary board member of the conservancy. He and his wife, Helen, are committed to the conservation values of the organization, added Lindsey.

For more information on the conservancy, call 435-2811, or email to nnlc@kaballero.com. For more information on the foundation, visit www.menokin.org

Museum reopens today

The Kilmarnock Museum opens Thursday, March 2, for the 2006 season with a new exhibit.

The theme of the exhibit is "Kilmarnock 75 years ago," highlighting old photos, post cards, business advertisements and items no longer available. The exhibit compliments the ongoing celebration of the town's 75th anniversary.

The museum also has detailed documentation of the Holly Ball with many past queens' photos, news clippings, the queen's chair, and wood from the original Holly Ball tree.

Items from Kilmarnock, Scotland, including gifts from Scottish visitors, are on permanent display. There is also an extensive collection of photos of the three fires that have ravished Kilmarnock.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission is free. Parking for the handicapped is behind the building.

The museum needs volunteers to spend three hours a month as docents. Call Agnes Lee at 435-2477, or Augusta Sellew at 435-0874.

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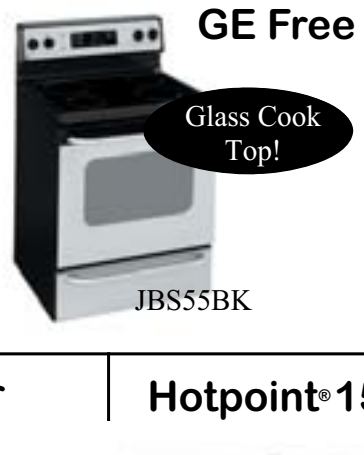

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Annual waterfowl show announces door prizes

The Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show is celebrating its 27th year March 17, 18 and 19 at the firehouse in White Stone. Ninety-two exhibitors will participate.

The celebration begins with a Preview Night Gala on March 17. The show continues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 19. Admission is $7. The show is sponsored by the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department.

The weekend door prize is a painting by Ann Holloway of Salisbury, Md. Living on the Eastern Shore most of her life and as a small child in Chincoteague, she has always been fascinated with the wildlife that she encountered.

Studying and sketching even the smallest birds was her favorite pastime. A former art teacher, Holloway made a successful career of painting cloth art, clothing and handbags, and is now winning awards for her eye-catching original paintings.

A popular exhibitor at many art shows throughout the United States, she was artist of the year for the Pocomoke Ducks Unlimited in 2004 and the Ocean City/Worcester County Ducks Unlimited in 2003-04. Her work can be found in private collections worldwide and in several galleries in Maryland and Virginia. This will be her 20th year at the Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show.

Ann Holloway (above) has donated a painting for the weekend door prize.

The show print will be a great blue heron by Ed Hatch of Spring Grove. Color prints will be given away each day. The show print is sponsored by W.F. Booth Inc.

The Preview Night door prize is a chickadee carving by Vince Ciesielski of Harrisburg, Pa.

Bufflehead Society sponsors are Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust, W.F. Booth Inc. Connemara Inc., and Rappahannock Rentals. Heron Society sponsor is Lawler Real Estate. Cardinal Society sponsors are B.W. Wilson Inc., Willaby's Catering and Currie Funeral Home.

For more information, call 435-6355, or email info@rrws.org.

Play Bingo at Post 86

As the weekly bingo games at American Legion Adams Post 86 in Kilmarnock resume for the 2006 season, officers and members report to the public what they have accomplished during the past year.

More than $5,000 in bingo proceeds were distributed to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, Boy Scout troops, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Support, The Targeteers Youth Shooting Club and the Virginia Veterans' Care Center. Proceeds also funded two college scholarships for Lancaster students and one for a Northumberland student and sent three boys from Lancaster to Boys State.

Post 86 members are veterans who have served their country, and continue, in civilian life to serve their community.

Bingo will continue on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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Dr. Margaret Devinney

Dr. Devinney to discuss mythology for Sunday crowd

On March 5, Sundays at Two at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock will feature a presentation on "Mythology: How the Ancients Viewed their World," by Dr. Margaret Devinney, associate professor of German at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Devinney's expertise in mythology is the product of a 30-year teaching career in a variety of fields and levels from junior high school to college, including German, mythology, world literature and humanities for engineers. She has recently co-authored *Introduction to Mythology: Contemporary Approaches to Classical and World Myths.*

Noting that myths are real expressions of what a civilization believes, not just ancient stories, Devinney will present a comparative look at ancient cultures that are more familiar, such as Greek or Roman, as well as some that might not be, such as Egyptian and Native American. She will discuss how Western concepts of cosmology and society developed.

Devinney received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. At Temple University, she chaired the Department of French, German, Italian and Slavic from 1995 to 2003. Prior to that, she was an associate professor of humanities at Drexel University. In these positions, in addition to teaching German language and literature, she also conducted courses in mythology, Russian literature, Western literature and culture and values.

Devinney is an active educator, as evidenced by her position in the University of Pennsylvania Senate and participation on task forces and seminars focusing on the development of effective language teaching.

Her publication and presentations include the book *The Legends of Gertrud von Le Fort,* reviews of 20th century German literature in the *Journal of Modern Literature* and *Modern Language Studies,* and studies on the intersection of literature and history. She is currently working on a book, *Among the Conservatives in the Weimar Republic.*

She is a member of the American Translators Association, and has served since 1993 as president of the Delaware Valley Translators Associations.

Margaret Devinney is the sister of Marianne Henderson of Merry Point.

Agenda is announced for gardening workshop

Tough Plants for Tough Places will be the topic for the annual Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar March 29 presented by the Northern Neck Master Gardeners and Virginia Cooperative Extension.

The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wicomico Parish Church on Route 200 in Wicomico Church.

Northern Neck gardens need tough plants to survive drought, deluge, heat, humidity, wind and saline conditions, said Sue Lindsey of the Northern Neck Master Gardeners. However, plants that are too tough may take over.

The program will feature presentations on how to choose well to make the garden the best it can be, Lindsey said.

The first presentation from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., will feature Ted Munns, a Northern Neck Master Gardener, who will speak about invasive alien plants. In January of 2002, Munns enrolled in "Introduction to Horticulture" at Northern Virginia Community College while waiting for a Master Gardeners class to begin at Green Spring Gardens Park in Alexandria. He continued to pursue academics and graduated with honors with a degree in horticultural technology in 2005. He and his wife, Denise, recently retired to Reedville.

Ted Munns

Two more presentations will follow. The first will discuss native salt-tolerant plants for shoreline planting and the final one will emphasize annuals for tough places.

The fee is $25 in advance for the program, and $35 in advance for the program and lunch. A choice of two sandwiches is available for the lunch. The fee will be $30 at the door with no lunch.

To register, call 580-5694. The registration deadline is March 22.

Anne and Johnny Hayes

Hayeses to exhibit in March

Johnny and Anne Hayes are exhibiting their portrait and figure paintings at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock during March.

Every Monday morning the couple is at the Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery painting from a live model. Once a month they paint portraits at the second Monday session.

As their interest grew in painting people, they attended figure painting workshops at Springmaid in Myrtle Beach.

Johnny Hayes studied interior design after college. Anne Hayes has a background in commercial art. They moved to White Stone in 1998 and have been active in the RAL. Mrs. Hayes's paintings also are on view at the Studio Gallery.

Both have received awards at the RAL Labor Day shows. Last year, both were accepted into the Virginia Watercolor Society juried exhibition in Charlottesville.

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Northumberland clips Lancaster, 61-60, for Region A title; both headed to state

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The Red Devils had a couple of close calls on the way to the Region A championship, where they then gave tournament favorite Northumberland a scare.

Lavar Rich hit the game-winning free throw with .5 seconds to play to lift Northumberland to a 61-60 win over Lancaster in Saturday's regional final. The Indians (22-5) pulled off a win over the Devils for a third time this season, avenging a loss to Lancaster in the Northern Neck District tournament final two weeks ago.

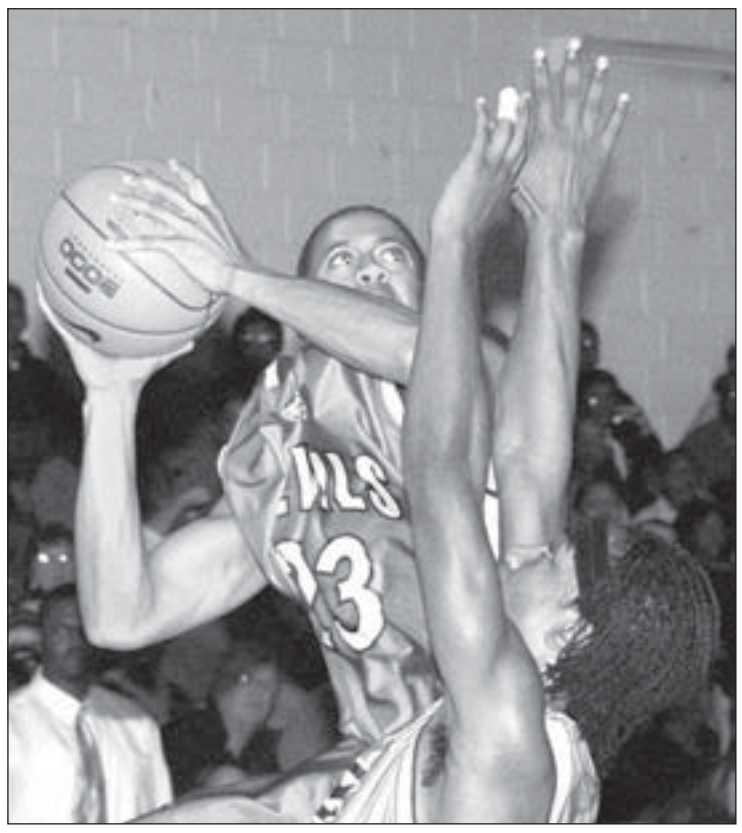
History was made the night before when both teams won their semifinal games to earn automatic state berths. It's the first time in recorded history that both Lancaster and Northumberland advance to the Group A tournament together.

The Devils (14-9) will travel to Strasburg to face Region B champion Clarke County Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m. The Indians will host Chesterfield Community at 6 p.m. that same night at neutral King William.

The Indians are all too familiar with the big show, winning the state title in 1996.

Lancaster coach Brance Holmes is feeling the pressure to break a Lancaster state curse of sorts. The Devils have never won a state playoff game and last went to Group A play four years ago.

"The guys are confident and excited about going to state, but I said let's get there and make some noise," said Holmes. "Let's not be satisfied just to get there. Let's win a game."



Michael Saunders (23) of Lancaster drives for the goal against Middlesex's Marlon Parker.

They'll make the four-hour trek to Strasburg Saturday morning.

"Hopefully, the drive won't have an effect on us," said Holmes. "I told the guys to put that out of their minds, to get some rest and hopefully some sleep on the bus."

According to Holmes, Lancaster should match up well against Clarke County.

"They really remind me alot of us," said Holmes. "They're pretty small, not a lot of size and they play up tempo. They run an offense similar to ours."

Lancaster won a pair of playoff games by two-points each to get to the regional final, first edging Middlesex, 58-56, in the quarterfinals then getting by Northampton, 64-62, in the semis.

The Indians cruised to the title game with an 82-52 pounding of King & Queen in the quarterfinals and a 71-54 comeback win over Surry in the semifinals.

Andre Henderson (24) of Lancaster scores over defender Andre Fells of Middlesex.

Final
Northumberland 61, Lancaster 60

Fans didn't leave disappointed Saturday. The Lancaster versus Northumberland meeting was what a title game should be.

Rich hit the game-winning free throw with a half second on the clock to break a a 60-60 lock and avoid overtime.

Northumberland had led 55-40 with four minutes to play when the Devils rallied for 10 unanswered points and took a 57-56 lead with 1:47 left.

With 18 seconds to play, Jamie Veney nailed a trey to tie the game at 60.

Rich was fouled with .5 seconds to go and made the first of two. He intentionally missed the second to end the game.

The teams traded hot streaks in the first half with the Indians taking a 17-12 lead in the first quarter before Lancaster answered with a 17-10 run in the second. The Indians held a two-point margin at the half and shut Lancaster's offense down in the third, giving up a 5-point period to the Devils.

Trevor Henderson and Veney were the only LHS shooters to hit from the floor in the quarter. Montel Mitchell made one of two free throws.

Lancaster exploded in the fourth, knocking down a 12-point Indian lead with a 26-15 run.

T. Henderson, Veney and Mitchell scored 11 points each to lead the Devils. Cleon Rice added 10.

Brian Seymour paced the pack with 19 points. Indian teammates Brandon Webb and Rich contributed 11 each.

Lancaster.....12 17 5 26 — 60
Northumberland....17 10 19 15 — 61

Lancaster — T. Henderson 11, Mitchell 11, Q. Henderson 0, Veney 11, C. Henderson 4, Segar 4, Saunders 3, A. Henderson 6, Rice 10. Three-point goals: Rice 2, T. Henderson 2, Veney, Saunders.

Northumberland — Starks 3, Webb 11, R. Seymour 2, Veney 9, Brunt 6, Palmer 0, Rich 11, B. Seymour 19. Three-point goals; B. Seymour.

Semifinals
Lancaster 64, Northampton 62

Montel Mitchell hit one of two free throws with 3.7 seconds remaining as Lancaster edged Northampton 64-62 to earn a berth in the Region A final.

Jamie Veney led the Devils and paced all scorers with 24 points. Andre Henderson added 16 for LHS.

Tyrell Toy of Northampton scored 23 points, but came up a point short in the waning seconds when he missed the second of two free throws with 4.9 seconds left. Toy's one pulled the Yellow Jackets within a shot, 63-62.

The miss forced Northampton to foul Mitchell, who put the Devils up by one.

Adairas Williams missed a three-pointer at the buzzer for the Jackets.

The two teams had been hot from three-point land earlier in the quarter, engaging in a three-point shootout when Lancaster hit three treys and Northampton two in answer before a timeout cooled things off.

Northampton.....14 17 9 22 — 62
Lancaster.....13 12 16 23 — 64

Northampton — Williams 16, Wyatt 0, Toy 23, Griffin 4, Braxton 6, Taylor 11. Three-point goals: Williams 4, Toy 3, Taylor 3.

Lancaster — T. Henderson 2, Mitchell 3, Q. Henderson 2, Veney 24, C. Henderson 12, Saunders 2, A. Henderson 14. Three-point goals: C. Henderson 2, A. Henderson 2.

Northumberland 71, Surry 54

Northumberland got off to a slow start, then exploded for 23 points in the second quarter and coasted to a 71-54 win over Surry in last Friday's regional quarterfinal.

The Indians scored in single digits in the first quarter, then overcame a four-point deficit with a 23-13 run in the second period.

They took control at the half and never gave up the lead.

Jonathan Veney led the Indians, hitting three three-pointers on his way to the 22-point game high. Brandon Webb chipped in 18 and Brian Seymour 14 for NHS.

Surry's Edward Barham, the Region A player of the year, and Ronnie Wells were held to 13 points each. Trent Porter led the Cougars with 14.

Surry.....12 13 11 18 — 54
Northumberland...8 23 16 24 — 71

Surry — Warren 6, Newman 7, Porter 14, Wells 13, Barham 13, Warren 1. Three-point goals: Wells 2, Newman.

Northumberland — Starks 9, Brooks 2, Webb 18, Veney 22, Rich 6, B. Seymour 14. Three-point goals: Veney 3, Webb.

Northumberland's Jonathan Veney (22) shoots for two over Lancaster's Montel Mitchell (3) in the Region A championship game.

Quarterfinals
Lancaster 58, Middlesex 56

Some late-game heroics by Andre Henderson and a missed last-second shot by Middlesex gave Lancaster a 58-56 win over the Chargers last Wednesday in a regional first-round game.

Lancaster used its quickness and sharp interior passing to jump to a 17-7 lead over the Chargers late in the first quarter.

Middlesex then reeled off 14 straight points to take a 22-17 lead with 3:35 to play in the first half.

Middlesex continued to apply the pressure and went ahead 27-20 on a three-pointer by Brad Bess with 1:30 remaining in the first half.

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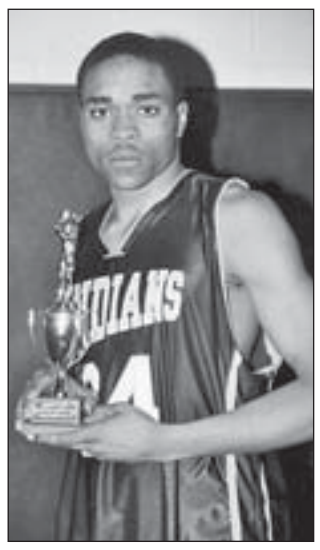
All-Region selections
Rich is most valuable player

Lavar Rich scored the game-winning basket for Northumberland last Saturday night and finished with 11 points to be named the most valuable player in the Region A championship game.

Rich helped lead the Indians to a one-point victory over Lancaster, 61-60, in the regional final.

Northumberland (22-5) placed one player each on the All-Region A first and second teams. Senior Brian Seymour made the first team honor squad while senior Jonathan Veney made the second team cut.

Lancaster (15-8), which was the Northern Neck District tournament champion and the Region A runner-up, also placed one on each squad. Senior Andre Henderson, the Northern Neck's most valuable player, was named to the first team and senior Jamie Veney was selected to the second team.



Lavar Rich of Northumberland was named most valuable player in the Region A championship game.

Despite being knocked out of the tournament in the second round by the Indians, Surry took top honors in the region with senior Edward Barham grabbing the player of the year honor and Patrick Barnes being selected by his peers as coach of the year.

Others named to the first team included senior Andre Fells of Middlesex, senior Tyrell Toy of Northampton and Barham.

Others named to the second team were sophomore Jeff Clark of King William, junior Keon White of King & Queen and sophomore Jesse Pope of Franklin.

Lewis named to girls' team

Senior Shannon Lewis of Northumberland was the only Northern Neck District player to make the All-Region A first-team cut.

Lewis, who was the Northern Neck's most valuable player, was joined on the first-team honor squad by senior Kelly White of King William, senior Patricia Price of Middlesex, junior Lauren Holden of Arcadia and senior Ashley Key of Franklin.

Key was selected as the regional player of the year and Franklin's Mona Sumblin was honored as coach of the year.

The Northern Neck District regular season and tournament champion, Essex, took two second-team spots with junior Arlice Baker and senior Megan Wind.

Others named to the second team include senior Lauren Brizendine of West Point, senior Brooke Davis of King William and junior Ebony Thompson of Franklin.

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

Fri	3/3	Sunrise	6:34	High	1:41	**1.8′**
		Moonrise	8:31	Low	8:21	-0.2′
		Sunset	**6:01**	High	**2:07**	1.5′
		Moonset	**10:42**	Low	**8:28**	-0.2′
Sat	3/4	Sunrise	6:33	High	2:32	1.7′
		Moonrise	9:03	Low	9:14	-0.1′
		Sunset	**6:02**	High	**2:56**	1.4′
		Moonset	**11:54**	Low	**9:16**	-0.1′
Sun	3/5	Sunrise	6:32	High	3:25	1.6′
		Moonrise	9:39	Low	10:10	0.1′
		Sunset	**6:03**	High	**3:48**	1.3′
				Low	**10:08**	0.0′
Mon	3/6	Moonset	1:03	High	4:23	1.5′
		Sunrise	6:30	Low	11:11	0.2′
		Moonrise	10:21	High	**4:46**	1.2′
		Sunset	**6:04**	Low	**11:06**	0.1′
1st Q. - **3:16**						
Tue	3/7	Moonset	2:07	High	5:28	1.4′
		Sunrise	6:29	Low	**12:17**	0.3′
		Moonrise	11:11	High	**5:50**	1.1′
		Sunset	**6:05**			
Wed	3/8	Moonset	3:03	Low	12:10	0.2′
		Sunrise	6:27	High	6:38	1.4′
		Moonrise	**12:06**	Low	**1:24**	0.3′
		Sunset	**6:06**	High	**6:58**	1.1′
Thu	3/9	Moonset	3:51	Low	1:16	0.2′
		Sunrise	6:26	High	7:45	1.4′
		Moonrise	**1:06**	Low	**2:24**	0.3′
		Sunset	**6:07**	High	**8:00**	1.1′
Fri	3/10	Moonset	4:30	Low	2:19	0.2′
		Sunrise	6:24	High	8:42	1.4′
		Moonrise	**2:07**	Low	**3:15**	0.2′
		Sunset	**6:08**	High	**8:54**	1.2′

Corrections	High	Low	Height
Piankatank River, Cherry Pt.	-1:42	-1:44	86%
Great Wicomico River Light	0:30	0:20	76%
Smith Point Light	1:01	0:44	86%

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Varsity boys basketball
Region A tournament
Final:
Northumberland 61, Lancaster 60
Semfinals:
Lancaster 64, Northampton 62
Northumberland 71, Surry 54
Quarterfinals:
Lancaster 58, Middlesex 56
Northumberland 82, King & Queen 52

Upcoming Games

Boys basketball
March 4:
Group A tournament quarterfinals
Lancaster vs. Clarke County at Strasburg
Chesterfield Community School vs. Northumberland at King William

Wrestling
February 3–4:
Group A tournament at Salem Civic Center

Lancaster wrestlers win Region A

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Members of the Lancaster High wrestling team, from left, are (front row) Graham Winnstanley, Patrick Frere, Louis Santangelo and Justin Culpeper; (next row) Ibraheem Bullock, coach Craig Oren, GP Wardlaw, Austin Bynum, Renan Beltran, Robert Lally and assistant coach Matt Terry; (next row) Corbin Marchand, Patrick Oliver, Ross Kellum, Sam Frere and manager Erin Kellum.

Matt Terry has gone bald.

It's the second time in a year the lawyer and part-time wrestling coach has taken a razor to his salt-and-pepper hair.

His new 'do is a bit chilly and the look scary to his granddaughter and amusing to his wife.

But, said Terry, a promise is a promise and he was more than happy to keep the one he made to the Lancaster High wrestling team at the beginning of the season.

"I told them last year, if they won the region I'd shave my head and I did. I told them that was the deal again this year. Didn't really think I'd have to, but I'm sure glad I did."

Terry rushed home Sunday from Eastern Shore's Arcadia and started shaving after the Red Devils repeated as the Region A champions.

The team will send 11 of its 12 wrestlers to this weekend's Group A tournament at the Salem Civic Center.

Lancaster successfully defended its title against regional favorite Mathews, which had beaten the LHS in the sub-region tournament two weeks ago. The Red Devils broke a 211.5 dead-heat in the final round to edge their Region A nemesis, the Blue Devils, by 14 points.

"After making a disappointing showing in the sub-region and losing to Mathews, we were somewhat downcast," said Terry. "However, coach Oren inspired the team and got the intensity level up."

Lancaster won the region trophy with 231.5 points. Mathews was the runner-up with 217.5, while Northampton came in third and Northumberland fourth.

"Being tied at 211.5 going into the final round is unheard of," said LHS coach Craig Oren. "Then we pulled off some big wins in the finals. We turned in some pretty big performances and won some matches that were hard to predict."

Lancaster was sporting a 20-2 record going into the sub-region "when the wheels came off," said Oren. "Mathews kind of flattened our tires."

The Devils pumped them up again to topple the regional giant and in doing so brought home 12 medals.

In individual competition, Lancaster produced four regional champions, four runners-up, three third-place finishers and one fifth. The top four performers in each weight class qualify for the state tournament.

Two of Lancaster's gold medalists — Ross Kellum and Thomas Frere — successfully defended their titles to repeat as the regional champions.

Kellum went 2-0 with a pair of pins to win the title among 112-pounders. Frere went unbeaten at 3-0 in the 135 weight class.

Kellum won his division with a pin of King William's Jimmy Bean.

"We thought Ross had a chance to beat him since they split earlier in the year," said Oren. "It was a pleasant surprise."

Frere had two pins on his way to a major decision over Mathews' Cash Brown in the final round.

Robert Lally (145) went 3-0 to win his first regional championship and freshman Sam Frere had two pins and a 2-0 mark on the day in his first regional tournament to win gold among 119-pounders.

Lally turned in a key upset of Essex High's Kevin Borron in the finals. Borron has beaten Lally six times over the past two years.

Defending champ GP Wardlaw (160) lost by a point in the final to Jordan Gates of Northumberland to go 1-1 for second place.

Louis Santangelo (189) beat Alan Ward of Mathews by tech fall in the semis to go 2-1 for second place.

Corbin Marchand (171), filling in for injured Daryl Doggett, won a tough semifinal match and lost to a Northampton opponent in the finals for a 2-1 day and second place. Graham Winnstanley had two pins for a 2-1 performance among 152-pounders to take second. Winnstanley replaced injured starter Daniel Robertson.

"Most all the kids wrestled above their levels," said Terry. "We got some key performances from our number two guys."

Austin Bynum (103), who had been hurt most of the year, came back to go 2-1 for second place with pins over wrestlers from Middlesex and Franklin.

Patrick Oliver (125) and Ibraheem Bullock (140) both went 3-1 for thirds.

Renan Beltran (215) went 1-2 for fifth place as a state alternate.

"Renan was wrestling kids about thirty pounds bigger than he is," said Oren. "But he pulled off a pin at the end to place."

Lancaster's heavyweight Justin Culpeper lost both of his matches.

"He had tough draws," said Oren. "He wrestled a tough match against the number one seed," Joska Gaines of Essex.

Gaines ended up winning the heavyweight division.

"A lot of the reason we had confidence in these kids is because they have been working so hard," said Oren. "They've been working hard in the weight room, going to off-season tournaments and camps and they've been wrestling with pride."

Northumberland produced four Region A champs in Gates (160), Anthony Collins (125), Josh Jordan (130) and Colin Smith (215). Smith, a two-time state champion, was named the outstanding wrestler in Region A.

▼ *Northumberland clips. . . .* *(continued from page A10)*

LHS fought back and an offensive stickback at the buzzer by Curtis Henderson cut the MHS lead to 30-27 at intermission.

The two teams traded the lead through much of the third quarter. A three-pointer by Montel Mitchell gave the Devils a 43-39 advantage heading into the fourth period.

The Chargers retook the lead when Parker came up with a steal and fed the ball to Rashaan Bowens, who found Bess open for a three-pointer and a 51-49 MHS advantage with 4:40 to play.

Middlesex kept the lead until Cleon Rice buried two free throws to tie the game at 53-53 with 1:55 remaining.

The Devils turned up the defensive heat in the final two minutes and the Chargers had trouble getting the ball up the court and into shooting position. A three-pointer by Andre Fells with only 59 seconds left gave the Chargers a 56-53 lead.

Mitchell scored on a short jumper in the lane with 35 seconds remaining to cut the Middlesex lead to 56-55, and a MHS turnover a few seconds later gave the ball back to the Devils.

Lancaster took the lead for good at 57-56 when Andre Henderson nailed a 15-footer with 18 seconds to play.

Fells was fouled with 15 seconds left, but missed the front end of the one-and-one.

Mitchell was fouled with 13 seconds remaining and he also missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Chargers got the rebound, but another turnover gave the ball back to the Devils.

A. Henderson made the front end of a one-and-one with 9 seconds to play, but missed the second shot. Bowens grabbed the rebound to give the Chargers one last chance to tie or win the game. Bowens drove up the court, but was forced into a jump ball by LHS, which gave MHS possession under its own basket with less than 2 seconds left. The Chargers could not capitalize, and did not get off a final shot.

A. Henderson led Lancaster with 15 points and Mitchell added 14.

Fells, the Tidewater District Player-of-the-Year, paced the Chargers with 17 points, Antonio Hodges had 13 and Bowens 10.

Lancaster.....17 10 16 15 — 58
Middlesex.....10 20 9 17 — 56

Lancaster — T. Henderson 6, Mitchell 14, Veney 4, C. Henderson 6, Segar 2, Saunders 7, A. Henderson 15, Rice 4. Three-point goals: Saunders 2, A. Henderson 1.
Middlesex — Bess 9, Parker 4, Fells 17, Hodges 13, Bowens 10, McFerrin 3. Three-point goals: Bess 3, Fells.

Northumberland 82, King & Queen 52

The Indians took an 18-point lead in the first half en route to an easy 82-52 win over King & Queen in the regional quarterfinals.

Brian Seymour scored 15 of his 17 points in the first half. Jonathan Veney also scored 17 points for Northumberland, while Kyle Jones added 13 and Lavar Rich 12.

Dennis Dabney scored the game-high 21 for King & Queen.

King & Queen.....17 6 12 17 — 52
Northumberland..22 19 25 16 — 82
King & Queen — Dabney 21, Davis 7, Young 3, McGuire 0, Gladden 2, Broaddus 4, Holmes 6, White 9, Millner 0. Three-point goals: Dabney 5, Davis, Young, White.
Northumberland — Carter 0, Starks 3, Brooks 3, Webb 4, Jones 13, R. Seymour 5, Veney 17, Brunt 4, Palmer 4, Rich 12, B. Seymour 17. Three-point goals: Veney 3, Jones, Brooks.

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Scotty Sports

by Heidi Schnee

Winter sports action at St. Margaret's School came to a close as the basketball and swim teams participated in league championships.

Basketball

The varsity basketball team bid farewell to the 2006 season after a first-round League of Independent Schools tournament game against Charlottesville's Covenant School on February 15 that ended in a 37-21 loss.

In the last home game of the season, Christchurch School beat St. Margaret's 55-33.

Earlier season highlights include an away game at Fredericksburg Academy that ended in a 38-14 win for the Scotties.

Making the most of their home court advantage, the Scotties defeated a Saint Gertrude's team, 40-33, on January 26.

Swimming

At the February 4 championships sponsored by the League of Independent Schools and the Virginia Preparatory League, St. Margaret's School swimmers plunged into competition with St. Catherine's, Collegiate, Trinity Episcopal, Saint Gertrude, Covenant, St. Anne's-Belfield and Norfolk Academy.

In the 200-meter freestyle relay, sophomore Willis Blair, junior Mariam Smith-Pliego, freshman Anna-Beth Lawler of Sandy Point and sophomore Ji-Ye Kim placed sixth (2:02.27), earning 26 points for St. Margaret's.

Eighth-grader Meghan Sisk, junior Ligon Brooks, Lawler and Kim won 24 points in the 400-meter freestyle relay, clocking in at 4:45.13 to take seventh place.

Smith-Pliego and freshman Lindsay Beasley posted points in individual events. Smith-Pliego placed 16th in the girls' 100-meter backstroke (1:16.15) and Beasley placed 16th in the 100-meter butterfly (1:24.71).

Bowling Results

Ladies League

Yeatman's Forklift won three games against Abby when Alma George bowled a 340 set with games of 108, 114 and 118. Pat Harris rolled a 347 set with games of 102, 120 and 125. Corinne Beauchamp has a 336 set and games of 105, 108 and 133. Heather Hundley rolled a 320 set with a 144 game.

Northern Neck Surgical Services won two games against Lively Oaks girls when Terry Stillman bowled a 334 set with games of 116 and 139. Bev Benson rolled a 305 set with a 114 game. Julia George had a 114 game and Lois Rose rolled a game of 110. For Lively Oaks, Jean Reynolds bowled a 330 set with games of 108 and 128. Debbie Dodson rolled a 316 set with games of 101 and 120. Patsy Headley had a game of 104.

Callis Seafood won two games against Young Country when Donna Thomas bowled a 339 set with games of 102 and 139. Gayle Conrad rolled a 328 set with games of 106, 108 and 114. Mary Savalina had a 113 game and Betty Evans rolled games of 100 and 111. For Young Country, Cathy Savalina bowled a 331 set with games of 103 and 132. Linda Lake rolled a 325 set with games of 100, 107 and 118. Betty Steffey had a 313 set with a 132 game. JoAnne Paulette bowled a 301 set with games of 101 and 105. Theresa Davis rolled a 107 game.

TCH Oil won three games against R.P. Waller when Sandra Evans bowled a 333 set with games of 110, 122 and 123. Marie Piccard rolled a 333 set with games of 107 and 132. Vicki White had a 317 set with games of 107 and 123. Greta Walker bowled a 100 game and Vivian Callaway rolled a 103 game. For R.P. Waller, Marsha Nash bowled a 320 set with games of 102, 108 and 110. Dee Atkins rolled a 306 set with a 126 game. Ola Nash had a 100 game.

High game: TCH Oil, 670; Young Country, 612; Yeatman's, 578.

High team set: TCH Oil, 1,770; Young Country, 1,698; Yeatman's, 1,613.

High average: Betty Steffey, 114; Nancy Carter and Sandra Evans, 108.

Standings

	W	L
Callis Seafood	13	2
Yeatman's	12	3
Lively Oaks	10	5
TCH Oil	8	7
R.P.Waller	8	7
Young Country	7	8
N.N. Surgical	3	12
Abby	0	15

Men's League

On February 23, Sal's Pizza won two games and lost one against J&J Construction. For Sal's, Clay Gill bowled the high set of 384 with games of 136, 110 and 138. Bob Huff rolled games of 125 and 132 in a 374 set. Justin George had games of 127 and 131 in a 374 set. Wayne Condrey rolled a 127 game. For J&J, Steve Edwards bowled the high set of the week of 411 with games of 145, 151 and 115. Curly Lewis rolled games of 130, 136 and 130 in a 396 set. Frank Perkins had a 126 game and Rolaid Lewis a 124 game.

H&S Printing won three games against D&L Marine Construction when Louis Coates bowled the high set of 397 with games of 129, 127 and 141. John Hollowell rolled a 128 game, George Lee had a 118 game and Gary Hodges a 106 game. For D&L, Doug Hundley bowled the high set of 327 with a 126 game. Mark Obsharsky rolled a 108 game and Steve Hinson had a set of 318.

Evans Bowling Center won two games and lost one against Cap'n John's. For Evans, Bunks Mitchell bowled the high set of 354 with a 150 game. Woodie Evans rolled a 116 game in a 334 set. Richard Savalina had a 116 game and John Forrester a 113 game. For Cap'n John's, Herbert Hammock bowled the high set of 339 with games of 121 and 118. Ernie George rolled a 128 game and Joe Hinson had a game of 117.

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

High set: Louis Coates, 457; Ernie George, 415; Wayne Condry, 413; Steve Edwards, 411; Curly Lewis, 409.

High team game: Cap'n John's, 560; J&J, 537; Sal's, 523; H&S, 510; D&L, 508; Evans, 502.

High team set: Sal's, 1,487; J&J, 1,465; H&S, 1,451; Cap'n John's, 1, 446; D&L, 1,429; Evans, 1,427.

High average: Louis Coates, 133; Curly Lewis, 121; Wayne Condry, 120; Bill Hendershot, 119; Herbert Hammock, 117.

Standings

	W	L
H&S Printing	14	7
Evans Bowling	13	8
Sal's Pizza	11	10
J&J Const.	10	11
Cap'n John's	10	11
D&L Marine	5	16

Mixed League

The Untouchables won two games against Woodie's Angels when Kenny Kent bowled a 408 set with games of 98, 129 and 181. Raymond Sisson rolled a 311 set. Gladys Sisson bowled a 129 game. Mary Kent had a 117 game and Dee Atkins a 113 game. For the Angels, Betty Steffey bowled a 132 game in a 384 set and Woodie Evans rolled a 338 set. Beverly Benson had a 321 set and Cathy Savalina had a game of 114.

All in Fun won two games against the Guys and Dolls when Vergil Henderson bowled a 296 set. Harry Donavon rolled a 290 set and Elsie Henderson had a 107 game. For the Guys and Dolls, Marie Piccard bowled a 114 game. John Forester rolled a 108 game. Robert Piccard had a 106 game and Elsie Rose rolled a game of 98.

High Game: Kenny Kent, 181; John Forrester, 158; Betty Steffey, 157; Gladys Sisson, 156; Woodie Evans, 146.

High set: Betty Steffey, 409; Kenny Kent and John Forrester, 408; Gladys Sisson, 395; Woodie Evans, 383.

High average: Kenny Kent, 117; John Forrester, 112; Betty Steffey 111; Theresa Davis and Raymond Sisson, 109; Gladys Sisson and Woodie Evans, 108.

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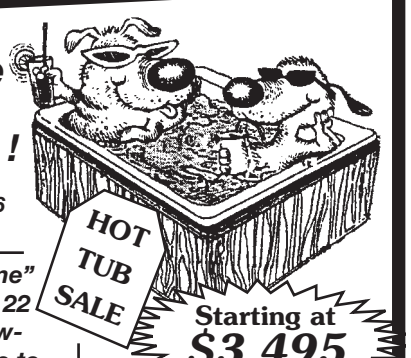

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Pack 260 cub scouts meet at a picnic table during their recent winter camp-out. From left are Ryan Clayton, Aaron Curry, Josh Diggs, James Weldon, Kameron Lee, Jordan Lee, Jordan Chinn and Justin Diggs.

From left, Jordan Lee, Justin Diggs, Josh Diggs, Kameron Lee and den leader Austin Curry depart on a fishing trip.

Pack 260 holds winter camp-out

The boys of Cub Scout Pack 260 recently visited Beaverdam Park in Gloucester County for their first winter camp-out.

The boys practiced putting up tents, building campfires, used their cooking skills and employed their "leave no trace" philosophy to leave the campsite as the found it.

The scouts also went for two hiking trips through the park's trails. The first was a three-mile hike to the campsite. The trail runs along the shoreline of a lake, home to many fish, geese and swans. The second trip was a night hike, another first for the group. They hiked two miles using only their flashlights and memory.

The camp-out was an enjoyable venture. The scouts earned several badges for winter camping, hiking, night hiking, fishing and cooking.

From left are Sue McKerns, Kathy Broderick, Pauli Dillard, Mary Helne, Betsy Chambers, Kathryn Gregory and Betty Seward.

Stripers compete

Nine swimmers from the Northern Neck Family YMCA masters team participated in the David Gregg III Memorial Meet February 11 and 12. Sponsored by Virginia Masters, the competition was held at the NOVA Aquatics Center in Richmond.

The local team was represented by Charlotte Hollings, Kathy Broderick, Betsy Chambers, Sue McKerns, Betty Seward, Ray Funkhouser, Mary Helne, Pauli Dillard and coach Kathryn Gregory. As a group, they won 27 individual first-place medals, seven seconds, a third and a sixth.

For Seward, McKerns and Funkhouser, the event was a first masters competition.

"Beginning a new sport as an adult is a daunting undertaking. This group of 'rookies' deserves real credit for their efforts," said Gregory.

"I am proud of all the Striper Team members for their great progress this year," continued Gregory. "Of those participating in this regional event, each met at least one personal goal, most met several goals and some swam all their events in personal record times."

The Stripers also fielded three relay teams; a 55+ 200-yard Women's Freestyle Relay, a 55+ 200-yard Women's Medley Relay, and a 35+ 200-yard Mixed Medley Relay.

Results are available at www.striperswim.com.

Hunters for the Hungry breaks 2004 venison record

Hunters for the Hungry recently announced the completion of another record-breaking year. With the support of hunters and sponsors across the state, Hunters for the Hungry distributed 340,173 pounds of venison. This equates to over 1.35 million 4-ounce servings of nutritious lean meat being given to those in need.

This season marked a 6,637-pound increase over the prior year's record-breaking total. The meat is given to feeding programs that in turn provide it to people in need in their communities.

The program is able to distribute this volume of meat because of the many individuals, service organizations, churches, businesses, foundations, outdoor organizations, corporations, and conservation groups who make financial donations. They also appreciate the efforts of the professional meat cutters and the cooperating feeding programs.

Major donors for 2005, giving $10,000 or more, were Dibert Valve and Fitting Co. Inc., Downing Ruritan Club, The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, Mars Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Philip Morris Employee Community Fund, Ruritan Clubs across Virginia, Virginia State Employees through the Combined Virginia Campaign, and Federal Employees through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The program's biggest challenge remains the lack of funding. Hunters for the Hungry is working with state legislators to add a dollar to the adult big game hunting license with these funds then coming to the Hunters for the Hungry program. This $1 would not present a hardship for the individual hunter, and the $258,000 that would be raised would allow the Hunters for the Hungry program to greatly increase the amount of meat it could provide to the poor on an annual basis.

The $2 voluntary collection that went into place in 2005 averages $14,300 per year. That will cover the processing on 408 deer, which is about 4 per cent of the deer donated on an annual basis.

The program expects to receive an additional 50,000-100,000 pounds of meat over the next few months on damage permit harvests and from deer that were donated late in the season. j

Send contributions to Hunters for the Hungry, P.O. Box 304, Big Island, VA 24526, visit www.h4hungry.org, or call 1-800-352-4868.

St. Patrick's Day bridge party planned

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dessert Bridge Party will be held March 17 at De Sales Hall on Church Street in Kilmarnock from noon to 3 p.m.

Table reservations may be made by calling Barbara Newlond at 462-5139. The fee is $20 per table. Reservations are limited to 24 tables.

Door prizes will be awarded along with prizes for slams and the top two scores. Don't forget to wear green

All Star games are March 18

The eighth annual Norlan Shrine High School All Star basketball games will be held at Lancaster High School March 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The games feature the best players of the Northern Neck versus the best of Tidewater, both girls and boys.

Players of the year Andre Henderson of Lancaster and Shannon Lewis of Northumberland will lead their teams against Andre Fells of Middlesex and Kelly White of King William, players of the year in the Tidewater District.

The games will also feature coaches of the year Joe Harper of King William, Neal Bailey of Middlesex and Darlene Boone of Essex County.

This will be the last high school game for the All Stars who are all seniors.

The Northern Neck boys have dominated past All Star games with a 6 to 1 record. They won last year 86 to 85.

The Northern Neck girls have won a 4 to 1 record, and also won last year.

The $100 shootout sponsored by the Bank of Lancaster will take place during the half times of both games.

Admission is $5. Fans are advised to come early for the best seats.

Audubon class and meeting set for Monday

The Northern Neck Audubon Society will offer the second in a series of five free birding classes at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6.

The society's monthly meeting starts with refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

The class, "Birds at Home," will be conducted by former educator and national science consultant Audrey Brainard. She will identify winter bird species that are visiting backyard feeders around the Northern Neck, and discuss seasonal changes including the types of birds that will be passing through the area in upcoming weeks.

Brainard also will address the different types of habitats available to birds around the region and the particular species attracted to them, and whether they are more likely to be sighted on the ground or in the trees. She will talk about and distribute a handout covering different types of plantings which can be used to attract birds to one's own property.

At the meeting following the class, the guest speaker will be Joseph McCauley, manager of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

A resident of Essex County, McCauley has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 23 years, as a biologist and refuge manager in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia.

His presentation will include an introduction to the local refuge, including primary management objectives and priority areas for protection. He also will present a slide show highlighting progress in facility development, management activities and volunteer participation, and illustrating the bounty of fish and wildlife resources found on the refuge.

Both the class, which is open to all area residents and requires no pre-registration, and the meeting will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Class participants are invited to stay for the meeting.

RW-C golf tournament is April 5

The Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation's 22nd annual Open Golf Tournament will tee off April 5 at the Golden Eagle Golf Course on Old Salem Road near Irvington.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A reception at RW-C follows play.

Proceeds benefit the foundation's fellowship fund, which provides financial assistance to qualified residents for entrance or monthly fees, and to qualified participants in the adult day program.

The registration fee will be $125 per player or $500 per foursome. Hole sponsorship will be $250 and mulligan tickets will be $5. Gold sponsorship for $1,200 will include two foursomes, a hole sponsorship and mulligans. Silver sponsorship for $700 will include a foursome, a hole sponsorship and mulligans. Registration includes lunch, golf and cart, snacks, beverages, prizes and the reception.

The grand prize for the captain's choice format is a two-night midweek golf package for two at The Tides Inn, with golf at the Golden Eagle. Among many prizes is a one-night stay, Sunday through Thursday, at The Hope & Glory Inn. Moorer's Volvo of Richmond is offering a hole-in-one prize of a Volvo XC90 SUV.

The rain date will be April 10, but the cocktail reception will occur on the original date regardless of weather. Non-golfer tickets for the reception are $20.

Fred Gilman is tournament chairman for the seventh year, and Bob May will serve as tournament emcee. The committee also includes Ken Bransford, Nancy Collings, Ed French, Joan May, John O'Shaughnessy, Pat Willett, Teensa Williams, and Golden Eagle pro John Abbott.

Play is limited to the first 32 paid teams. Contact Linda Reeves at 438-4013 to register or request a brochure.

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Window On Wildlife

by Joyce Fitchett Russell

To provide proof that the coyote is living on the farm, a local naturalist examined its droppings. He says the animal eats rabbits and weighs about 40 pounds. It may eat fox or deer. It may be mistaken for a dog. Keep looking.

swan

There has been a lot of activity in the bird world too. A red-headed, red-bellied woodpecker and a pair of downy woodpeckers have come to our suet feeder, and two pairs of cardinals have been fighting over nesting sites in the shrubs beside our shed. I watched bluebirds going in and out of their special houses at a friend's home.

Gwen Keane reports having an immature swan spend the night in front of her home on Indian Creek.

Please look for nature, too.

Bridge Results

Six tables of duplicate bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone on February 27.

Winners north/south were first, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; second, Cynthia Birdsall and Babs Murphy; and third, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair.

Winners east/west were first, Peggy Dent and Terry Thompson; second, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and third, Ginger Klapp and Anne Haynie.

The next bridge for this group is March 8.

Six tables of duplicate bridge were in play February 24 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Winners north/south were first, Carolyn Reed and Ilva Doggett; and second (tie) Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe, Babs Murphy and Ginger Klapp.

Winners east/west were first, Margaret Livesay and Mary Andrews; and second, Cynthia Birdsall and Jane Hughes.

The next bridge for this group is March 2.

Seven-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play February 21 at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.

Winners north/south were first, Ronnie Gerster and Kate Frayne; second, Mary Andrews and Barbara Hubbard; and third, Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; second, Ann Rau and Betty Thornton; and third, Elaine Weekley and Anne Haynie.

The next bridge for this group will be Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Lancaster held sandwich bridge February 15. The clubhouse was decorated in a Valentine theme. After lunch, guests played bridge and mahjong.

Bridge winners were first, Elaine Weekley with 4,840 points; and second, Ilva Dogett with 4,060 points.

The next sandwich bridge will be March 15. Call Betty Thornton at 462-0742 for reservations, or to be placed on a waiting list.

The Woman's Club of White Stone held dessert bridge and mahjong February 3.

The dessert bridge chairman for February was Peg Stone. Mildred Christensen, Martha Morrison, Ronnie Kerr, Ginger Philbrick and Mary Stover assisted.

High scorer overall was Rebecca Harger.

Dessert bridge is held the first Friday of every month at the clubhouse in White Stone. Call Carolyn Reed at 435-6207 to make reservations for March 3.

Planning a ball

The Northern Neck Family YMCA recently announced its second annual Ball in the Halls on June 3. The theme, Dreamcatcher, will emphasize the Y's role as a builder of dreams for children and youth. Proceeds benefit the Guardian Program. From left are (front row) Susan Johnson, event chair Eska Beckstoffer and Lisa Shivers; (next row) Penne Poole, Hoppie Cockrell, Chris Bresett, Anne Marie Jones and Sue Saunders. Other committee members are Michele Faulkner, Jinks Holton, Ann Meekins, Elizabeth Miller, Paula Milsted, Maggie Nickel, Matt Shifflett, Margarita Slaughter, Randy Tyler, Suzie Winters and Julie Zimmerman.

Power Squadron posts boating courses

The Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron (NNSPS) will begin its spring safe boating schedule in March with Boat Smart, an eight-hour course in boating fundamentals, to satisfy Virginia requirements for a safe boating certificate.

In April, boaters ready for hands-on instruction in navigation basics can take Chart Smart/GPS.

The final course in the spring schedule will be Boat Virginia, an all-day course offered in May in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

Boat Smart will meet March 18 and 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. The $30 fee includes a text. To register, contact Twy Williams at 529-5093, or twynan@msn.net, or Chris Wynkoop at 462-5137, or chrismaya@toast.net by March 10.

Boat Smart will introduce boaters to boat types, hull forms and propulsion systems. It will cover topics such as boat-handling skills, basic knots and hitches, required and recommended equipment, navigation lights, aids to navigation and Coast Guard safety standards. The course also will present how boaters can prepare for and overcome emergencies such as grounding, capsizing, man overboard and hypothermia.

Chart Smart/GPS will meet April 29 and May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Andrews Church Hall in Kilmarnock. The $55 fee includes a text and plotting kit. To register, contact Williams or Wynkoop by March 15.

Chart Smart/GPS will take boaters to the next level of boating operation by teaching how to read charts, plot positions and use a handheld GPS. It will stress the importance of understanding how paper charts and GPS data correlate for safe navigation on the waters in and around Chesapeake Bay.

Boat Virginia will meet May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library. NNSPS offers the eight-hour course free to recognize National Safe Boating Week, the third week in May. To register, contact Williams or Wynkoop by May 10.

Boat Virginia will use a text prepared by the VDOGIF. Successful completion may lead to a Virginia safe boating certificate. Registration will be limited to 30 participants.

In other squadron news, commander Dave Cook officially welcomed new member Sue Harris at the February meeting.

Harris met her membership requirements in June 2004. She spent much of the intervening time completing the "Great Loop."

This passage took Harris and her husband, Jim, a 35-year Power Squadron member, nine months to complete. They traveled up the Hudson River through the Erie Canal into the Great Lakes, and down the Mississippi, Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers and then transited the Gulf of Mexico before returning to Virginia by Intracoastal Waterway.

To join NNSPS, call Gene Wolski at 453-5903.

Reedville Fishermen's Fair is luring anglers March 4-5

The fifth annual Reedville Fishermen's Fair will be held March 4 and 5 at Northumberland Middle School on Route 360 in Claraville.

Professional captains and fishermen with specialized skills will lead seminars on saltwater fishing techniques and tackle. Vendor booths will display the latest equipment, charter captains will book trips, and experts will be available both days to help novice and experienced anglers improve their ability to catch fish.

"Our event organizers are bringing together a highly regarded group of speakers," said Reedville Fishermen's Museum executive director Chuck Backus. "These are the folks that are bringing in the big fish day after day and they're anxious to share their proven techniques with others."

On Saturday, March 4, Capt. Michael Quade of Chesapeake Outfitters will discuss flounder fishing; Capt. Billy Pipkin of the charter boat "Liquid Assets," rock-fish trolling; Keith Nuttall of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, trout and puppy drum; and Capt. Carlyle Bannister of the charter boat "Miss Linda," drum and cobia.

On Saturday, March 5, Neil Drumbeller of Severn Warf Custom Rods and The Naked Chicken Fly Shop.com will discuss fly fishing in Virginia; Capt. Bob Reed of Bob-A-Long Charters and Tackle, Spanish mackerel fishing and rock-fish chumming; and Joel Vedelli, surf fishing techniques.

At a captain's forum, fishermen will learn the when, where and how to fish for their favorite species.

The event is co-sponsored by the museum and Chesapeake Angler Magazine. Proceeds benefit the museum. Food and drinks will be sold.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two-day admission is $10 in advance ($12 at the door). Children under age 12 accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

Advance tickets are available at the museum office at 474 Main Street in Reedville, or may be charged by phone at 453-6529.

Northumberland Little League to hold tryouts

The Northumberland County Little League will hold tryouts Saturday, March 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Late registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no tryouts for boys and girls ages 13 and 14, but they can still register. For more information, call 529-5704.

The coaches pitch tryouts will begin at 10 a.m.; minor boys/girls at 11 a.m.; and major boy/girls at noon.

Tryouts will be held at the Little League park at Claraville.

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Lancaster County wildlife rehabilitator Nancy Johnston holds a great blue heron that met its demise after it was caught in a steel trap used for killing beaver at a pond near White Stone.

Beaver trap claims heron

by Robb Hoff

WHITE STONE—The booming croak of the great blue heron is a familiar sound when the large wading bird is startled from the shoreline and awkwardly launches into flight with its oversized wings flapping hard to keep the bird above the water.

But the sound a great blue heron makes after its legs are caught in steel trap is much different, which state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator Nancy Johnston found out after she got a call last month to take such a bird that had been caught in a beaver trap near White Stone.

"He was in shock when I got there, then when I put him in the net and then the kennel, he was screaming," said Johnston.

She said the heron was floating on a pond, where the trap had been set by a pest control company to kill beaver that were damaging trees. After the bird was retrieved, it was taken to a veterinarian and euthanized according to state requirements since the animal could not be rehabilitated.

The legs of the heron were mangled badly enough that the bird could not be rehabilitated for a return to the wild.

"There was no way with two legs that were dangling that he could be rehabilitated to live in the wild," said Johnston.

While beaver is not a state-listed nuisance species that can be trapped and killed at will, beaver can be trapped by permit. However, the result can lead to the accidental killing of an unintended animal such as a pet or a blue heron.

"It doesn't have to happen this way," said Johnston. "Just because it's legal doesn't make it right."

Johnston also noted that the kill trap method might not prove effective because young beaver migrate to find new territory, especially in coastal Virginia.

"In this area, you might get rid of one, but you're going to get another," said Johnston. "You might solve the problem once."

Johnston recommended that property owners try a method other than kill trapping the beaver.

"Treat the site for the damage they're doing," said Johnston.

Among the methods Johnston suggested was the use of wire fencing around trees.

"That will keep the beaver from eating the tree, destroying the bark, and a lot of times they cut the trees down," said Johnston.

The website www.beaversww.org lists ways to protect trees from beavers. The site states that forming cylindrical cages of hardware cloth or welded wire fencing around trees is the best way to protect them. The cage should be staked to the ground, and a space of six inches should be left between the tree and the fencing.

Other methods for protecting trees are listed on the site, as are ways to avoid damage from beaver dams without killing the beaver.

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

The authority's power is limited by a requirement that the governing body of a jurisdiction where a project is proposed must approve the project.

Special use exceptions

The board unanimously approved an after-the-fact special exception for Michael B. Callis to operate a professional office at 8676 Mary Ball Road.

Board chairman F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr. noted that the exception would not have been required if the past use of the property for a business office had not lapsed for over two years prior to its resumed use.

The board also unanimously approved a special exception request by Kaballero.com to place data antennae at Upper Lancaster Rescue Squad property and Tabbs Creek Incorporated property at the intersection of Little Bay Road and Old Point Road for high speed internet service.

Meeting continues

The board continued its meeting until March 21 at 3 p.m. in the General District courtroom for a work session that includes a scheduled presentation about the county's ongoing capital needs assessment for the courthouse complex in Lancaster.

▼ *Wal-mart plans to complement downtown Kilmarnock . . . .* *(continued from page A1)*

some traffic impact data was presented. Increased traffic across the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge is expected, but 55-to-60-percent of new traffic is projected to come from north of Kilmarnock. The current traffic count in front of the site is 12,000 to 13,000 vehicles per day with an estimated capacity of 35,000 to 40,000. Wal-Mart is projected to add 4,000 vehicles per day at the site.

24-hour shopping

Town officials raised some concerns about the proposed 24-hour operation of the store.

"I feel like a 24-hour business in this town shouldn't be there," said councilman Paul Jones.

Mayor Mike Robertson questioned whether there would be enough business for the store to remain open continuously.

"But that's your call and your place because we don't have any ordinances in place to control those hours," said Robertson.

Smalling said the 24-hour operation will be conducted on a trial basis.

"If people aren't shopping during those hours, we'll cut back those hours to accommodate the community," said Smalling.

Vice-mayor Curtis Smith tied the 24-hour operation of the store to the potential for increased police responses to the site.

"It was somewhat significant in Tappahannock," said Smith.

Albert Penley of Indian Creek asked whether Wal-Mart would rely on the town for police coverage or provide its own security.

"You've got an open area, and you're going to invite crime," said Penley.

Smalling said Wal-Mart does contract security if it is needed.

This rendering of the proposed Wal-Mart "Supercenter" site in Kilmarnock was presented Monday night to a crowd of about 200 people at the Kilmarnock firehouse.

D. Jones said White Stone does have an ordinance to prevent businesses from operating 24 hours, but the 24-hour traffic to the Kilmarnock Wal-Mart would still impact White Stone.

"That's going to put a further burden on our police department from the traffic coming through," said Jones.

Site features

Wal-Mart presented several design and site features that are planned to complement the revitalization of downtown Kilmarnock, including sidewalk patterns, similar lantern lights and a beige and sand colored facade of concrete block.

"The colors were sent to us from the town so that when you drive down the Main Street and hopefully the future site of our Wal-Mart, everything will blend in," said Smalling.

Other features include a variety of architectural features along the facade rather than just a box shape, such as a louvered cupola and green, standing seam roofs and pedestrian canopies.

Additional features include a parking lot divided into three sections with landscaped elements, screening of mechanical elements for store operation and outdoor lighting directed downward.

Mayor Robertson said the features were added voluntarily by Wal-Mart after town administration recommended them because the town lacks any ordinance to require the features that Wal-Mart has proposed.

"I think they're still willing to work with this community and this council," said Robertson.

The working relationship between the town and Wal-Mart was an issue raised by Charles Costello, president of the Friends of Lancaster County public awareness group.

Costello asked when Wal-Mart officially entered into discussions with town officials.

Smalling said the direct involvement of Wal-Mart officials began about six weeks ago and consisted of her contacting the mayor, followed by the submission of a site plan and input from council members about site features they recommended.

"All these things were incorporated in that short period of time," said Smalling.

Robertson noted that even though the direct involvement of Wal-Mart with the town was recent, the prospect of Wal-Mart or another large-scale commercial development at the 64-acre property site began when a past Kilmarnock council rezoned the property.

"This started back on August 16, 1999, when we had a change in zoning from industrial to commercial," said Robertson.

Another question about the town's interaction with Wal-Mart involved whether Wal-Mart will receive any inducements or tax abatement from the town in order for the company to open a store in town.

"The answer is no," said Robertson.

Charitable donations

Williamsburg Wal-Mart store manager Chuck Richards fielded questions about Wal-Mart's involvement in contributing to local non-profit organizations.

"What you want to know is what Wal-Mart is going to do for you," said Richards.

Richards said his Williamsburg store can provide up to $25,000 in contributions at the store level with an additional $15,000 available through the corporation's foundation.

"The rest of the funds that we contribute primarily come from the associates (employees) that work at the store and the customers who shop at the store," said Richards.

What's next?

Preliminary work remains before Wal-Mart can complete the zoning permit application that is required for constructing its Kilmarnock store.

The company must receive approval from Lancaster County for a site plan in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Crystal Hill of Wal-Mart's engineering firm, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, said the proposed plan does not encroach into the 100-foot resource protection area under Bay Act regulations. She said a settlement pond designed to capture stormwater at the site also meets state guidelines regulated through the Bay Act.

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vide in the county.

The previously permitted maximum height for the condominium buildings remains in effect. Buildings along the beach can not exceed 63 feet and are limited to four stories above parking. Other condos can be built up to 70 feet with five stories above parking. However, the original concept for condo construction over boathouses was eliminated.

Kopcsak said Lane Investment and Development Corporation, which oversees Lane Northeast LLC and the recently-formed managing arm of the resort property, Windmill Redevelopment Associates LLC, has developed and acquired over 100 properties with more than 22,000 units for a value of nearly $1.5 billion since the company was founded in 1982.

Kopcsak said the county is fortunate that the Lane Corporation, with its financial and development capabilities, has entered the mix because the Windmill Point property had fallen in decline.

"It's been a sad thing to watch because it used to be the crown jewel of Lancaster County," said Kopcsak.

The board approval of the project comes after redevelopment stalled at the site amidst a work stoppage and the filing of mechanics liens by contractors for unpaid work, which were settled through by the new owners.

"I just have confidence that they're going to do it right," supervisor Peter N. Geilich said.

Price said the restaurant and marina operations at the site would be leased. He said those details remain to be worked out.

"I think, because of the location, we're going to tend to have a higher ratio of transient slips than we normally would," Price said.

The marina operation also plans to offer a ship's store with fuel and a fishermen's market.

The development will also feature a significantly upgraded wastewater treatment system.

Don Caskie of Bay Design Group PC said the two-lagoon system serving the property would be replaced with an equalization and aerated processing system. Nutrient reduction would also be addressed through chemical treatment that would produce levels of one-half gallon of nitrogen discharge per day and one ounce of phosphorous per day based on the 80,000-gallon per day discharge permit being sought through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

"This plant—this discharge—is in total compliance with the bay tributary strategy," said Caskie.

The plant could be expanded in the future, he added. The treated wastewater will be discharged into the boat basin at the site.

"This water is actually cleaner than what's in the basin," said Caskie.

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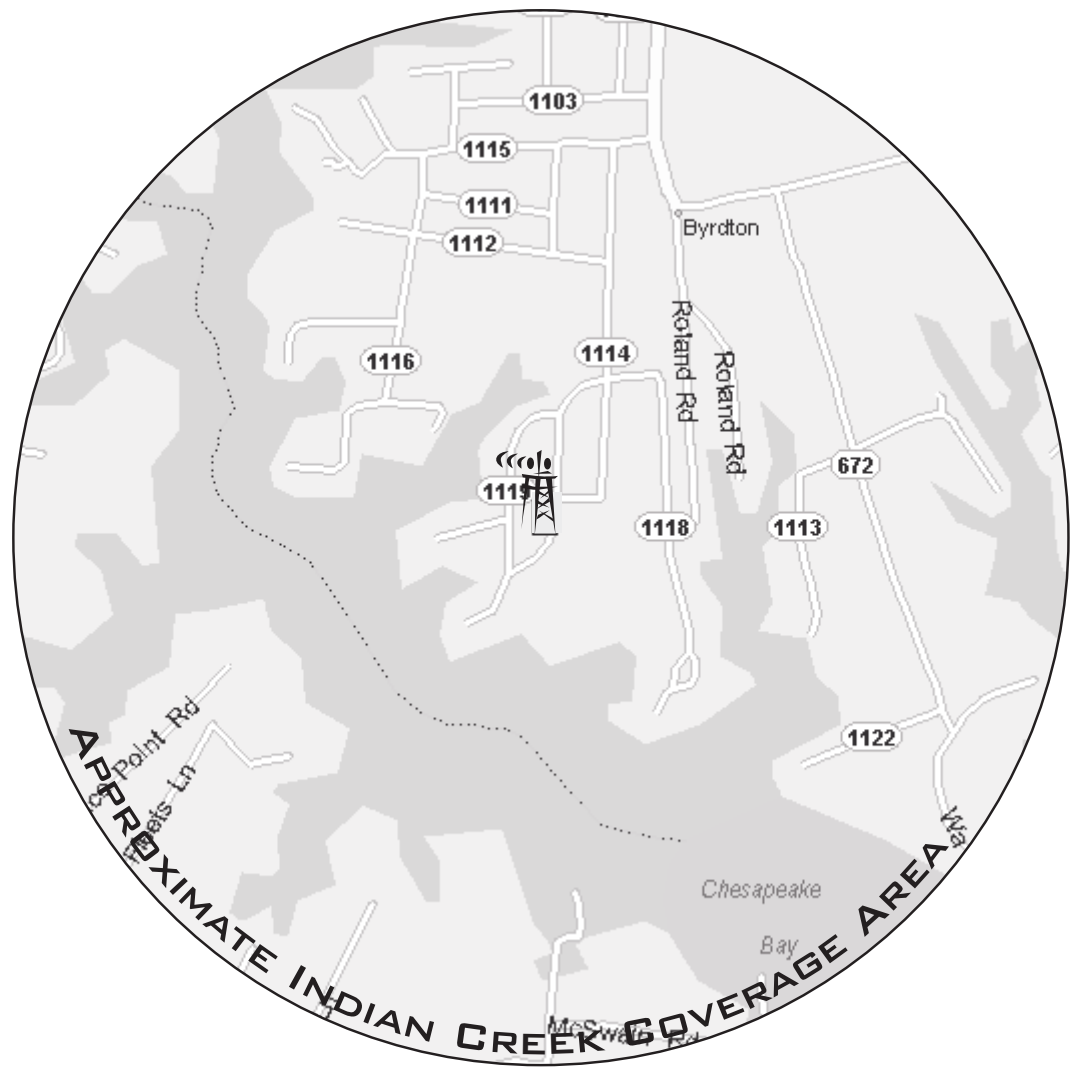

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