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Orchestra presents Bolero!

The Northern Neck Orchestra, in association with the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts, last Saturday presented Bolero! at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The concert was dedicated to the memory of JoAnn Timm, a former Northern Neck Orchestra board member. The program opened with a tribute to W. A. Mozart, celebrating the anniversary of his 250th birthday. The orchestra, under the direction of Guy Hayden, performed Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor. Following an intermission, the program continued with a work by Maurice Ravel and four Peter Tchaikovsky dance pieces. Concluding the concert, the orchestra performed Ravel's Bolero! For an encore, the orchestra performed Mazurka from "Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky. (photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

Northumberland officials to interview three companies seeking school project

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board and the board of supervisors announced last week that they have selected three companies to continue to phase two of the competitive bidding process to build a new educational facility for students in grades 6 to 12.

The initial goal was to narrow the pool of applicants down from four to two, but the proposals looked so good, said superintendent Clint Stables, that the boards had a difficult time deciding. In the end, only Ritchie-Curbow Construction Company was eliminated.

First Choice Public/Private Partners LLC, Shockey LLC and H&M Construction Company have all agreed to continue to Phase 2, which requires that they pay a $25,000 application fee and submit a more detailed proposal.

The county has previously worked with the architects associated with First Choice, when the elementary school was built, and H&M Construction, during the middle school facility needs study.

The two boards will meet with the prospective contractors separately Thursday, March 14, in a closed sesssion at the school board office in Lottsburg. The meeting will be informational for the companies and contractual issues will be discussed, Stables said.

The board also will ask the companies to align their proposals in some areas, so that they can compare apples to apples. Stables noted that several of the proposals included additional items that the boards may want to see included in all the proposals.

At that time, the board also will set a public meeting for the proposers to make presentations to the community about their company histories and previous projects.

Phase two proposals are due May 1.

White Stone worries about Wal-Mart traffic

by Robb Hoff

WHITE STONE—White Stone Mayor Lloyd B. Hubbard Jr. last week announced that the town has sent letters to state and federal politicians requesting a traffic study for the impact of a Wal-Mart opening in Kilmarnock.

Hubbard said a committee of himself, town manager Garey Conrad, vice-mayor David Jones, and councilman Randy Reeves directed the correspondence that seeks support for emergency legislation in the 2007 Virginia General Assembly for both the traffic study and another study for a bypass route around downtown White Stone.

"The key factor in my situation is safety," said Hubbard.

The letters were sent to Sen. George Allen, Rep. Jo Ann Davis, Virginia Sen. John Chichesterand Del. Rob Whitman, said Hubbard.

Hubbard also said increased traffic from across the Rappahannock River into White Stone would compound the town's responsibility for police presence.

"Again, with the influx of traffic is some security problems that the chief-of-police will need to address," said Hubbard.

Jones said the opening of a Kilmarnock Wal-Mart has no benefit for White Stone, but does promise to bring more traffic through the town from the southern entry into Lancaster County across the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge.

"We hope they will do a traffic study to show us what they're anticipating," said Jones.

However, councilman Jack Johnson questioned whether or not the traffic would increase significantly from Middlesex County given the proximity of the Gloucester Wal-Mart for Middle Peninsula residents.

"I don't see many of the people coming from across the river," said Johnson.

Jones said that a figure of 45- to 50-percent of Wal-Mart's business would come from the south of Kilmarnock based on last month's presentation by Wal-Mart representatives at a Kilmarnock town council meeting.

"But they did admit that the traffic through the center of town (White Stone) would increase," said Jones.

Johnson also questioned the bypass route issue for the impact it could have on town businesses.

"I hate to see us take the traffic away from our retail merchants by taking the traffic around the town," said Johnson.

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What is Lancaster County?

LANCASTER—Public input sessions regarding the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan continue this week.

Sessions will be held March 10 at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church at 1413 Lumber Lost Road, and March 11 at 10 a.m. at the White Stone firehouse at 578 Chesapeake Drive and 2 p.m. at the Tides Inn at 480 King Carter Drive.

The sessions will be facilitated by the consultant firm LandDesign of Alexandria.

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

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

Comprehensive Plan approved; potential exists for more intense use along commercial corridors

by Robb Hoff

KILMARNOCK—After 14 months as a work in progress, an updated Kilmarnock Comprehensive Plan was finalized last month by the town council.

As approved, the plan includes changes to the land use designation map.

The biggest change designates the two largest undeveloped sections in the town from planned low-density residential use to more intensive mixed usage that would enable subdivisions and cluster development through planned unit development in addition to commercial uses for those developments. Those sections of town are west of East Church Street and between School Street and James Jones Memorial Highway.

"Those are largely undeveloped areas and they have the capacity for accommodating as many people as you have today if they were fully developed," said Jack Stodghill of the town's consultant firm PMA Inc. Planners & Architects.

Also, the changed land use designation map would extend the designation of the downtown district to the intersection of School and North Main Streets. It also designates the east, south, and west entries into the downtown as "gateways" that Stodghill said would enable the town to permit conversion of residences into businesses on a case-by-case basis.

"There will be a temptation to take some of these houses and convert them to other uses," said Stodghill.

The plan also includes a proposed connector road for Routes 3 and 200, which would loop around the east side of town from the Boys Camp Road area, cross Waverly Avenue, cross Jessie Ball duPont Memorial Highway above East Church Street, and reconnect with North Main Street at James Jones Memorial Highway.

Another significant change in the plan is designation of future commercial development along the north side of James Jones Memorial Highway west of its intersection with North Main Street. The area is designated as a site for a business and technology center.

In a separate action at last month's meeting, council approved more proposed commercial development along the James Jones Memorial Highway, currently an alternative route around the downtown business district.

Council unanimously approved (5-0) a request from Virginia and Forest Henry to rezone 19 acres from low density residential use

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Board meeting venues change

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland board of supervisors will meet at 3:30 p.m. today (March 9) at the courts building, a change of location to accommodate Northumberland High School's government class.

The afternoon agenda includes reports from Virginia Department of Transportation residency administrator Sean Trapani, superintendent of schools Clint Stables, Reedville Fishermen's Museum executive director Chuck Backus, volunteer fire department representative Tom Rhodes, comprehensive plan consultant Greg Haugan and county administrator Kenneth D. Eades.

The evening session will convene at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Northumberland High School to accommodate an anticipated large crowd for discussions on amending the county code to allow hunting with slugs in Northumberland County; a boathouse request from Carolyn Barley at 585 Main Street, Reedville on Cockrell's Creek; a request from Double D. Development to construct 32 condominiums on Fleeton Road; and a request by Watson Construction to establish a 12 single-family home cluster development on Main Street in Reedville.

Firehouse rock

More than 500 friends and family members of Marion Kay Vest turned out last Saturday night for a benefit dance at the White Stone firehouse. Joey and the Jammers featuring Ronnie Dameron of Weems, Rich Kersmarki of Gloucester, Joe Kersmarki of Gloucester and Mack Edwards of Poquoson played classic rock and roll for the dancers. Proceeds from the dance, silent auction, raffles and donations from businesses and individuals went to Vest, who is battling melanoma. To conribute, send donations to Mary Kay Vest at P.O. Box 494, Irvington, VA 22480. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

Northumberland taxpayers could face 15 percent increase in school funding

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LOTTSBURG—The Northumberland school board took its first look Monday at Superintendent Clint Stables' proposed budget for the upcoming school year.

Stables is seeking changes to the budget that would amount to roughly $1.6 million in new expenditures next year.

Nearly half of that figure covers mandatory increases for retirement, health insurance, life insurance, heating and fuel costs and regional program costs.

Another quarter of the increase would pay for a 3.25 percent plus step salary increase.

The remainder would pay for a new literary coach at the high school, a division-wide math specialist, a division-wide reading specialist, more money for the after-school tutoring programs such as Reading Partners, a larger master 's stipend for teachers, two new school buses and bigger supplements for coaches.

The school board made two changes to Stables' budget proposal Monday night. They added a half percent to the salary proposal to bring the increase, plus step, to six percent total, which is what the teachers were requesting.

They also recommended raising the county's contribution to the health insurance plan from the required 80 percent to 90 percent of the average of the two plans.

Together, these two changes would bring the overall new expenditures closer to $1.7 million.

The county would need to pick up nearly 65 percent of that bill, an additional 15 percent over last year. The county's contribution went up 15 percent as a result of the recent reassessment.

The exact figures are likely to change in the coming weeks. The board will hold a work session at 5:30 p.m. March 20 followed by a public hearing at 6 p.m. They will likely adopt the budget at that time.

As it stands, however, it looks like the school district could be asking the county for a local increase of some $1.3 million. Last year the county granted its largest funding increase to date: $452,000.

The Northumberland school district's total budget for 2006-07 is estimated at around $15.7 million.

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March

9 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 Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
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. The program begins at 12:30 p.m.
The Northern Neck Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will meet at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Parish Hall in Warsaw. $16, by reservation. 333-3562.

10 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
A Public Input Session will be held on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan at 7 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church at 1413 Lumber Lost Road near Weems.

11 Saturday

Apple Seeds, a Mac users group, meets at 10:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington.
The Northern Neck Computer Users Group meets at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Huxley Conklin of Virginia Broadband will be the speaker.
The Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society meets at 11 a.m. at the Essex County Library in Tappahannock. 321-1206.
A Bake Sale will be held at Ebenezer United Methodiest Church in Oldhams from 8 a.m. to noon.
A Yard Sale to benefit the Northumberland County Animal Shelter will be held at the school board office in Lottsburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley will present a Farmhouse Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Beane's home in Miskimon. $15, by reservation. 761-0103, or farmhouse_concerts@hotmail.com.
A Public Input Session will be held on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan at 10 a.m. at the White Stone firehouse at 578 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.
A Public Input Session will be held on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan at 2 p.m. at the Tides Inn at 480 King Carter Drive in Irvington.

Sculpture donated for auction

David Turner of Onley (above) works on a half-size resting great blue heron, which he is donating to the 2006 Chesapeake Academy Auction April 29 in Irvington. The sculpture will be available for viewing at Chesapeake Academy March 20 through April 28. For more information on the auction, call the development office at 438-6490.

12 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping immediately following church services.
The Richmond Ballet On Tour will visit Kilamrnock. The "On Stage" performance sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts will begin at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater. For tickets, call 435-0292.

13 Monday

The Lancaster County School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.
The Northumberland School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the school board office in Lottsburg.
The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazerene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.
Flotilla 33 meets at 7:30 p.m. at Grace House at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.
A Bird Walk will be conducted by the Northern Neck Audubon Society at Belle Isle State Park. Meet at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock at 8 a.m. to carpool to the park. 580-9066.
The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.
A Neromuscular Support Group meets at 10 a.m. at Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center in Tappahannock. 580-7315.
A Parkinson's Support Group meets at 2 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington.
The Cobbs Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington. Good Citizen Awards will be presented to students from Lancaster and Northumberland.

14 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.
Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Kilmarnock Museum board of directors will meet at 2 p.m. at the museum on North Main Street.
The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the northside branch of the Bank of Lancaster in Kilmarnock. 435-2143.
"Boat Talk," an exchange of ideas on classic and wooden boats, will be held at 4 p.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 462-9829.
The Lancaster Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.
A Yard Sale to benefit the Northumberland County Animal Shelter will be held at the school board office in Lottsburg from 9 a.m. to noon.
The Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. Preregistration is required for lunch. $13. Send checks to NNMOA, P.O. Box 788, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

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15 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 meet 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 RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Sandwich Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at noon. 462-0742.
Bedtime is the theme for Storytime with Tonya Carter at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Storytime for preschoolers begins at 10 a.m.
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 Annual Meeting of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy will be held at Menokin. The meeting begins with coffee and fellowship at 10:30 a.m.

16 Thursday

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The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The RFM Photographers meet at 2 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.
The Rappatomac Writers will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Chinn House at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.
The Planning Commission for Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Society meets at noon at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping.
The Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will meet at 12:15 p.m. at Wicomico Parish Church in Wicomico Church. Sandy Spencer is the featured speaker. Bring a brown-bag lunch.

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

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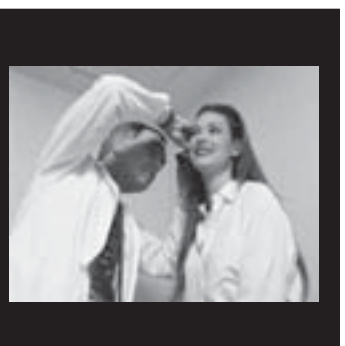
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Annual show to carve out spots for fowl artists

Bluebirds, wrens, sandpipers, red-tailed hawks, Canada geese, buffleheads, and canvasbacks are among the many species of wildfowl that will be depicted in paintings, decorative carvings, bronze sculpture, prints and folk art at the 27th annual Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show March 18 and 19 at the White Stone firehouse.

The Preview Night (March 17) door prize is a chickadee carving by Vince Ciesielski of Harrisburg, Pa. Over the 13 years Ciesielski has exhibited in White Stone, he has become one of the show's most popular exhibitors, said co-chair Pat Bruce. His songbird carvings are masterpieces in realism, she said.

"To examine the meticulous detail of the bird itself is only the beginning of looking at the whole carving," said Bruce. "If the bird is sitting atop an old pitcher, the viewer needs to also examine the pitcher, because that is all hand-carved and painted as well."

He carves all of his bases with exacting precision. The casual observer would never imagine that the garden trowel with the goldfinch on the handle or the old oil can with the wren on it are not the real things, said Bruce. They are made of wood. Ciesielski has frequently exhibited in the mid-Atlantic area and his carvings are in private collections all over the country.

Ed Hatch of Spring Grove is the artist of the year. Color prints of his painting of a blue heron will be given away each day. Ann Holloway of Salisbury, Md., has donated an original painting for the weekend door prize.

Several organizations will have exhibits this year. The Audubon Society of the Northern Neck will again have bluebird boxes and information. Lab Rescue of the Potomac will return. On Saturday, several labs may be adopted. The Virginia Waterfowler's Association will have an exhibit.

Vince Ciesielski donated a chickadee carving for the Preview Night door prize.

The carving competition will return. The Rappahannock Carvers and Collectors Guild will host their annual contest Saturday at the White Stone Women's Club building next door to the firehouse. Judging will begin at noon.

Business contributors to the Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show include The Bufflehead Society (donations valued over $1,000): W.F. Booth and Son Inc., Bank of Lancaster and Bay Trust, Connemara Inc., and Rappahannock Rentals; The Heron Society (donations of $600 to $999): Lawler Real Estate; The Cardinal Society (donations $200 to $599): B.W. Wilson Paper Co., Willaby's Catering, and Currie Funeral Home Inc.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 19. Admission is $7. Children under age 12 will be admitted free.

The show is sponsored by the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department. All proceeds benefit operations.

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■ Dinner at Seven

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■ Teen dance

A St. Patrick's Day teen dance will be held March 17 at the Community Center at 609 Browns Store Road.

The dance is for youth ages 12 to 16. The dance is from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

■ Farmhouse 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.

■ Relay for Life

The Piankatank Relay For Life event will be held at Middlesex High School June 2 and 3. Team captains, sub-committee members, corporate sponsors, any and all volunteers are needed to make this endeavor a success.

Planning sessions are held at Lebanon Worship Center near Saluda. Sub-committee meetings begin at 6 p.m. Team captain meetings begin at 7 p.m. Monthly meetings will be March 7, April 11 and May 16. For more information call 758-9777 or 776-8261.

■ Lunches to be served

Habitat for Humanity will serve a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon March 17. Lunches will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

Two separate meal choices will be offered: fried chicken with potato salad, roll and dessert; or chicken salad with potato salad, crackers and dessert. A donation of $7 is requested. To place a lunch order, call vice president Andrena M. Seawood at 435-0504.

Ballet performance is Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Richmond Ballet on Tour will visit Kilmarnock Sunday, March 12, for a 3 p.m. matinee performance at the Lancaster Middle School Theater.

The 'On Stage' performance is sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts with financial support from Entertainment Systems Inc. of Kilmarnock.

For tickets, call 435-0292.

The program will include three repertory works: Mauricio Wainrot's "From Far Away," Jessica Lang's "To Familiar Spaces in Dream" and Val Caniparoli's premiere work, "Violin."

Stoner Winslett serves as artistic director for The Richmond Ballet on Tour. Keith T. Martin is managing director, Malcolm Burn is artistic associate/ballet master, Judy Jacon is artistic associate/School of Richmond Ballet director, MK Stewart is production director, and Brett Bonda is education director/tour coordinator.

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

Soap making demonstration slips onto calendar March 18

"You don't need equipment to make soap, just the right ingredients that most people already have in their homes," said Carole Kindel of Old Dominion Soap Company.

She will demonstrate soap making at the George Washington National Birthplace Monument in Westmoreland, Saturday, March 18, starting at 2 p.m.

The demonstration will take place in the Log Cabin near the picnic area at the park.

This demonstration is the first in a series organized by the George Washington Birthplace Association, a non-profit organization devoted to supporting the Birthplace National Monument managed by the National Park Service.

At the soap-making demo, Kindel plans to bring all the ingredients to show everyone what goes into handmade olive oil soap. She will have soap at various stages of preparation. The ingredients include a variety of vegetable oils, lye, and essential oils for scents. The equipment includes wooden molds and mixing bowls. It may take some effort to get lye these days, she warns, but some stores locally still sell it or there is always the Internet.

Kindel now owns and operates her company in the former Hyacinth post office in Callao.

She has been a vendor at the Heathsville Farmers' Market. Her soap is also on sale at the Birthplace Gift Shop.

The next association program will be a combination bird watching and nature walk along Popes Creek and through the hiking trails on the park grounds. It will take place on Saturday, April 15, starting at 8 a.m.

For event and membership information, contact association president Jan Beckett at janbeckett@aol.com.

Wildlife biologist to speak

The Virginia Native Plant Society Northern Neck Chapter will feature Sandy Spencer Thursday, March 16. Spencer will speak on habitat management for birds and other wildlife at the Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge.

The meeting will be held at Wicomico Parish Church on Route 200 in Wicomico Church at 12:15 p.m. Attendees are urged to bring a brown-bag lunch. The hospitality committee will furnish beverages and light refreshments.

Spencer is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex. She has been stationed at the Rappahannock NWR since 2001. One of the refuge's primary missions is to protect and enhance habitats for migratory birds. Under this mandate, Spencer has been involved in forest restoration, and in restoring former agricultural fields to native grasslands or maintaining them in early succession stages for those suites of bird species that use these habitats.

She also studies bird-plant relationships and habitat use; managing/controlling invasive species; strategic land acquisition or protection agreements; protection of endangered species and species of conservation concern on the refuge, public outreach on the value of habitat protection; and providing opportunities for the public to enjoy the Rappahannock and other refuges in this complex.

Spencer has a master's in biology, concentrating in ecology, from George Mason University. Her research topic was "The Breeding Habitat Requirements of a Remnant Population of Marsh Wren at Dyke Marsh: Implications and Challenges for Conservation."

Spencer lives on the Rappahannock Refuge near Warsaw with her four birds.

Westmoreland Players announces comedy dates

The Westmoreland Players will present "The Art of Dining" March 25, 26 and 31, and April 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 at West Side Hall in Callao.

The comedy is written by Tina Howe, a two-time Pulitzer Prize for Drama nominee and a Tony Award nominee. The setting is an up-scale restaurant run by a young couple who have abandoned their other professions to open a gourmet eatery in their home. The wife is the chef, and a superb one at that. The problem is, the husband and maitre d' keep eating up all the ingredients. Natalie LaPrade and Jason Strong play the wife and husband who continuously operate at cross purposes.

When the various diners arrive, they too have their own set of issues with food.

First, there are the high-powered executive and his dizzy wife, played by Brian Tilbury and Maureen Murphy. They both have a lot to say, but seldom anything to each other.

Next is the tremendously awkward and shy writer and her editor, played by Tess Dumais and Alan Campbell. They make a pretty pair as she has a food phobia and he thinks gluttony should be one of the seven virtues.

And finally there are the "Red Hat Ladies" who have a knock-down, drag-out fight over "who gets the bass." They are Pam Scates, Janice Coates and Sharon Robertson.

Glenn and Joy Evans direct the show.

Parents should be advised that while there is nothing overtly inappropriate in the material, the play may not be suitable for young children.

Thursday through Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows begin at 3 p.m.. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students under 18.

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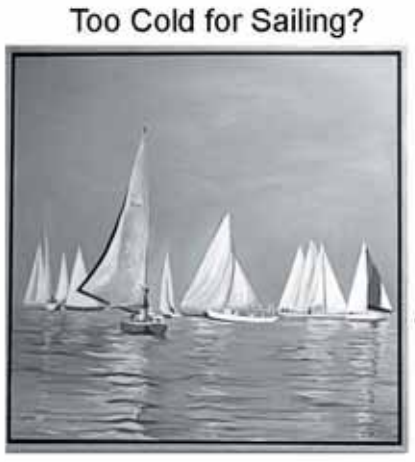

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Fiction or Fact

from Bob's Almanac

by Robert Mason Jr.

Let me tell you about the hottest Mardi Gras party north of Louisiana.

Strange as it may sound, my first visit to The Corner Pocket in Williamsburg was not to shoot pool.

I went to hear C.J. Chenier, the Crown Prince of Zydeco, and he is without a doubt the best Zydeco accordion player in the world.

Imagine my surprise to find the pool tables covered with table cloths and surrounded by chairs.

They had turned the classy pool parlor into a swank dining hall. There was just enough beads and party favors to set a festive tone.

I was expecting Dave Robicheaux to barrel through the bar any second. Even the servers wore a piece of The Big Easy.

And my server, Macon Gurley of Lancaster, assured me there was "nothing typical about tonight."

With an hour to spare before the show, I had plenty of time to order something from the special menu.

I sampled the shrimp etouffee with gumbo file and spiced vegetables. For desert I had a big chunk of orange chiffon King cake topped with mango sorbet. No sooner had I washed it down with a cup of steaming coffee, then the Red Hot Louisiana Band took the stage.

There's something about the rubboard that just makes me shake.

A song into the set, C. J. came on board.

Rockin' and reelin' in my seat, it wasn't long before I was on my feet doing the Zydeco boogaloo.

The band played for over two hours with a short break. I had a hard time keeping up on the dance floor, but I tried. I gave into temptation and called a few folks just to let them hear what they were missing.

Following the show, I had the opportunity to speak to C.J.

"Williamsburg kicked it in gear," he said. "I hope they all had a good time, I sure did. You can tell I'm having a good time when I sweat and I'm sweatin'.

"The Corner Pocket is always a fun time. They'll tell their friends and next time we'll have an even bigger party."

Ann Marie and Tom, a couple smokin' the dance floor all night, said it was an excellent show.

"I'm soaking wet," said Tom. "I came into the place with a bath towel."

"It's food for my soul," said Ann Marie.

Owner Lynn Alison was pleased.

"This was our 10th annual Mardi Gras party, C.J.'s third. He played twice before at the Corner Pocket's old location," she said.

"Everybody was dancing, and it's hard to get them dancing in Williamsburg."

The Corner Pocket hosts national acts about six times a year.

A jazz band plays every Thursday and there's southern rock on Saturday. Poison Dwarf, a local Celtic band, will play for a St. Patrick's Day party March 17.

The Corner Pocket is at 4805 Courthouse Street in Williamsburg.

It's only about an hour's drive from Kilmarnock.

Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

A few weeks ago I penned an item about the new volume of the late Robert H. Burgess's Chesapeake Sailing Craft. In it I referred to him by his rightful title, "The Dean of the Chesapeake." Well, as all of us duly acknowledged Mr. Burgess, we can also refer to former Maryland Congressman Gilbert Gude by another well-recognized and time-honored title, "The Dean of the Potomac."

The gentleman from the Old Line State was born and raised in Rockville. He studied horticulture at Cornell University and entered his family's long-established nursery business. He earned a master's in public policy from George Washington University and began building a parallel career in politics.

He served 10 years in the Maryland General Assembly, first in the House of Delegates and then in the State Senate. In 1966, he won election to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served for another 10 years, representing Maryland's Eighth District,

Given his popularity, he surprised everyone by his decision to retire from elective office in 1976. He left his congressional office one day, and reported for duty the next as director of the Congressional Research Service, the largest legislative research organization in the world. In that position, he worked closely with Daniel Boorstein, the celebrated historian who was Librarian of Congress.

While in Congress, he was the recognized authority on all matters relating to the Potomac River. He was responsible for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, from Georgetown in Washington to Cumberland, Md., becoming a national park, and for the magnificent Victorian home of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, becoming a national historic site. The canal today is the largest natural and recreation facility for the long Maryland shoreline of the Potomac, thanks to his foresight in shepherding the enabling legislation through Congress.

Perhaps the most public activity he undertook during his congressional service was leading a 385-mile fact-finding hike from the origins of the river in the mountains of western Maryland to its mouth between Smith Point and Point Lookout. The trek lasted for over a month in 1975 and drew attention to the historical and ecological concerns facing the river.

From that effort came his first book, *Where the Potomac Begins*, in which he described the coal and timber regions of western Maryland and West Virginia, chronicling the people and some of the ghost towns of the area. In l989, he published a second volume, *Small Town Destiny*, where he looked at five of the area's hamlets and wove a penetrating thread among them. It is a wonderful story of country living so close to the nation's Capitol. Both volumes belong in the library of everyone interested in the Potomac and the broader Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In the years since *Small Town Destiny* appeared, Mr. Gude has devoted his prodigious research and writing skills to the Potomac from Washington to its other end at the bay. He has come to know our area intimately, both as a student and as a lecturer to a wide variety of groups. Followers of his work, students at Georgetown University in Washington, where he has taught about the river, and history and nature enthusiasts, are eager to begin reading the next volume. Few writers have so profound an ability to combine the naturalistic and the historical perspectives in a unified narrative as well as he.

I write about Gilbert Gude today because it is his birthday, and with the hope that others may come to enjoy the lives he has documented, the stories he has told, and the history and natural beauty he has preserved, as much as I have over the years. Happy Birthday, Gilbert, "Ad multos annos!"

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the March 9, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen.)

Virginia's Legislature

The house Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries voted down the question of closing the Potomac River for two years.

Saturday's News Leader has a good likeness and sketch of Hon. John Curlett, representative from Lancaster and Richmond Counties.

The present is probably the hardest worked body of legislators the State has ever seen. Trying to cram six months' work into sixty days.

The House Committee on Schools and Colleges decided to locate the three proposed new State normal schools at Radford, Fredericksburg and Harrisonburg.

The Richmond papers claim that much valuable time has been wasted in both houses of the Virginia legislature in discussing the question of how to save time.

If there is to be an investigation of the commercial fisheries of the Chesapeake, accused of destroying food fish, the Legislature wants it done by the new Board of Fisheries (which goes into office April 1st) and not by junketing trips of up-country people and kid-glove fishermen.

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

Letters to the Editor

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.

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

I may be reached at 580-8210 or osprey@keyisp.net.Email would be preferred.

Ann Thompson
Heathsville

More on beavers

To The Editor:

The heart-wrenching pictures and story of the beaver trap claiming a heron caught my attention. It is such a sad story, but I felt that the article minimized the damage that beavers can cause and made it appear that living with them would be fairly simple and usually the right choice.

I was quite happy to watch the comings and goings of a large beaver that adopted a pond on my property. Then I went away for three weeks and returned to find 36 trees gone. Some of the trees had been five inches in diameter.

Property owners whose land attracts these creatures should be aware of some additional information. Beavers are the largest of rodents. They may grow to be as large as 80 pounds and as long as four feet. A beaver consumes the bark and branches of a two-inch diameter tree every day.

In Virginia, by state regulation, a beaver captured by a homeowner may not be removed and released elsewhere. In some instances individuals in contact with old beaver logs may be exposed to a pneumonia-like disease where fungal spores get into the lungs. Most of this information comes from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website.

Surely the increased development of our waterfront over the past decades has sent these creatures into new areas. Hopefully, they will regulate their population growth (as stated on several websites) by producing fewer offspring when they can't find enough food.

Meanwhile, there may be some difficult decisions for homeowners faced with nature a bit closer to their doorstep than they might have liked.

Barbara Hensler
Wicomico Church

Impressed by process

To The Editor:

Congratulations to county officials for their excellent design and superb handling of the "public input" session last Saturday at the high school.

I arrived about 20 minutes early and was immediately surprised to see all the effort that had gone into the preparation for the session, including tables and chairs arranged in roundtable fashion to facilitate discussions among small citizen groups; easels for recording citizen inputs and recommendations; and county maps for roads and zoning arranged in proximity to provide ready reference materials. Also, LandDesign, the firm selected to assist the county with the plan update, was busily making final adjustments to the room and supporting materials in preparation for the session.

The session began with an introduction by Don Gill, planning commission representative from that district, and was followed by the LandDesign project manager, Harriet Dietz, who provided a summary of the Comprehensive Plan "public input" process. Objectives were conveniently structured into four basic questions that individual citizen groups were asked to address.

Next, we were asked to form groups at each table and to begin the process of considering the four questions – each citizen group was assisted by a LandDesign facilitator who also recorded the results for their assigned group. At the end of the session, each citizen group selected a representative who presented the results of their deliberations, including recommendations, to the approximately 60 attendees.

As the groups reported their findings and recommendations, I personally felt that each of the five citizen groups offered both constructive and useful inputs to the process. As a result, I believe that the "public input" process itself was very successful, and that we as citizens can feel encouraged that the county successfully sought and gained our inputs for a future "vision" for the county that will be recorded in the plan.

I was impressed with the entire process, from the county's design concept for the session, to the LandDesign facilitators who professionally handled the groups and helped ensure the productivity of the process. I also was struck by the interest and diversity of the citizen attendees. For example, I was part of a group of 12 citizens that included five women (42 percent) and four African Americans (33 percent), and that represented age and occupational diversity as well—ranging from about 30 to 80 years of age, and from working persons to retired.

It is particularly noteworthy that many of our county officials showed their sincere interest in gaining the public's input, and demonstrated that by both attending and actively participating in the public input session. At the high school, county administrator Bill Pennell, District 2 supervisor Ernest Palin and planning commission chairman David Jones attended the session. Planning/land use director Jack Larson and Pennell are to be commended for developing a plan update that incorporates "public input" sessions that maximize our participation as citizens of the county.

Although we can all be encouraged by the county's successful efforts in designing and running the "public input" process, the ultimate results recorded in our plan depend on us as citizens to actively participate in the process. So, please join in the process and make your thoughts and recommendations known to ensure that the plan reflects the wishes of its citizens.

Bill Warren
Weems

Condo project should be approved

To The Editor:

The application for the condo project in Reedville should be approved subject to county officials requiring corrections to any problem areas.

There is an urgent need for the proposed housing in Reedville. The sewage system needs the connections. The county needs the tax base. Workers need the jobs. Supply houses would love to sell the materials. The opposition talks about too many boats added to the waterways, too many cars added to Fleeton Road, too much water being drawn from the ground and grasp at any other straws in their feeble attempts to stop progress.

Would the opposition advocate disapproving the next 32 building permits for single family homes accessed by Fleeton Road? How would it differ? If county officials are not prepared to disapprove applications for the next 32 houses, then why shouldn't they approve this project?

Approval seems the correct and right thing to do.

Bill Wiggins
Wicomico Church

Delegates Report

by Del. Rob Wittman

What a week we have had. It really is beginning to feel like everything is wrapping up here in Richmond. Not only have my bills reached their point of fruition, many bills that are of interest to constituents have reached that point as well.

The two bills that I have that made it out of both the House and Senate deal with biofuels production and high speed internet as an economic development incentive. I spoke about the high speed internet bill at length last week, so I will focus primarily on the biofuels legislation that passed the Senate March 2.

The goal of this legislation is to increase the production of biofuels in the hopes that if the supply of biofuels increases, the demand for it will also increase. This legislation allows for producers who make at least 10 million gallons of biofuels to receive monetary incentives based on their production.

The bill will help farmers by increasing the demand for farm harvests. It will help the environment by producing cleaner burning fuels. It also will decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

I was very fortunate to have this legislation pass the House unanimously and to have it pass the Senate 49-1.

There were several pieces of legislation that I received a fair amount of comments on, from a number of constituents. The popular bills dealt with smoking in public places, the taxation system for communications utilities, and teenagers talking on cellular telephones while driving.

The legislation that dealt with smoking in public buildings was an extension of the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act and would prohibit smoking in any enclosed structure, from a deli to a nightclub. This legislation made it through the Senate and was voted down in the House Committee on General Laws.

Another piece of legislation (HB 568) reforms the rate of taxation for communications. This would make the taxation on communications a flat 5 percent. In the end, the amount of retail communication and video services you used would determine how much money a person owed in taxes, making some people pay taxes on communications devices that are not currently taxed. While I did not support this bill because of the effects it will have on the revenue stream going to localities, it passed and will become a law once the governor signs it.

There were also many fixed feelings when it came to teenagers being allowed to talk on cellular phones while driving. Some argued that cell phones were necessary in cases of emergency. Others argued that those under 18 years of age are still learning how to drive and do not need to learn while talking on the phone. SB 137 would not allow those under 18 to use any cellular phone, even with hands free capacity, while driving.

Once this piece of legislation got out of the Senate it was referred to the House Committee on Transportation where it did not move out of subcommittee.

I truly enjoy hearing from constituents. If you need to reach me while I am in session, call 698-1099. Once session is over, I can be reached at 493-0508.

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Letters to the Editor

Preservation is the issue

To The Editor:

I take great exception to a general belief and, in particular, comments referring to the residents of Tipers Creek as "dissidents" with regard to the boathouse issue. Dissidents are customarily a small minority standing up to an overpowering leadership within a political body they occupy.

This is not the case in Northumberland County. Hundreds of residents from all across the county have voiced their opposition to boathouses, signing their names on petitions that were circulated. There is a definite common concern for the preservation of our waterways.

As a "come-here," I fully agree with the "been here" population to keep Northumberland County in its pristine condition. What some of the residents fail to take into consideration is the fact that the increase of waterfront construction will not preserve their county and keep things as they always have been. Already we have seen how the Chesapeake Bay Act is being totally ignored as more and more waterfront property owners deforest the banks of creeks and rivers, and inevidently replace the natural habitat with manicured lawns that require fertilization and weed control. Boathouses will only add to the environmental damage and decay.

The current status of the Chesapeake Bay is in part due to the disregard of these same residents' failure to responsibly observe pollution control. An example of evident lack of concern by the authorities is a recent review by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission with regard to an "after the fact" authorization for a 15-foot-long by 18.5-foot-wide roof extension and timber siding to enclose a boathouse and a 132-square-foot deck addition to a previously permitted boathouse adjacent to a property on a cove of Bridgeman's Back Creek.

My only concern here is preservation, not continuing devastation of habitat.

Ilona Duncan
Great Wicomico Bluffs
Wicomico Church

Connect the dots

To The Editor:

76 million dots—Where will the 76 million baby boomers go as 7,900 turn 60 years of age every day beginning this year?

ProMatura Group LLC recently presented the results of its research on the thinking of "baby boomer" homeowners to the National Association of Home Builders.

The group says 60 percent of homeowners 55 to 64 are "likely" or "very likely" to buy a vacation, second or new primary residence within 60 months, 6 percent are likely to purchase on or in view of a golf course, 8 percent are likely to purchase on or in view of the ocean and 25 percent are likely to purchase on or in view of rivers or lakes.

1,200 dots—With 1,200 miles of shoreline, the Northern Neck is one of the last places on the East Coast that offers prime habitat for wildlife and these baby boomer retirees. We are seeing less of the former and more of the latter.

Connect these dots and it's clear the pressure to "Fairfax" this area will be intense.

Ultimately, the five members of our board of supervisors are responsible for managing the development of Lancaster County. Our way of life is in their hands. Development must come, but it can be managed with a skillfully crafted Comprehensive Plan that is the guide for all subsequent decisions.

Our supervisors deserve our input, our support and our close scrutiny.

Kerley LeBoeuf
Lancaster

Welcome Wal-Mart

To The Editor:

We are all for Wal-Mart in our little town of Kilmarnock. This will give us more jobs and be more convenient than a long distance drive to Gloucester or Tappahannock.

This may cause some of the little stores to shut down. As for me, I'd rather have a big place to shop with all I need in one place. I have found it hard to have to go from place to place to get clothes and shoes, and even had to shop on-line because they have so little in Kilmarnock.

As for inviting crime, well there is crime everywhere you go, but with the community's help it can be controlled.

Annette Reed
White Stone

Spreading the blame

To The Editor:

There is plenty of blame to go around for the failure to stop the coming of Wal-Mart.

After the meetings and studies done in the late '90s we, and I certainly include myself, should have taken action at that time to install ordinances and restrictions to prevent them from coming.

Having said that, I think the town council and the mayor should bear the brunt of the blame. If our mayor and town council had any prior knowledge of Wal-Mart's intentions in our area, it is shameful that they did not keep the citizens aware of what was going on. If they had meetings with representatives and did not know whom they were representing, that might be even more shameful, and hard to believe.

Wal-Mart representative Laurie Smalling points out the average hourly wage in Virginia is $9.93. She also said, "Wages at particular locations are relative to competitive market wages in those areas." So much for $9.93.

Think back to how successful Wynn Dixie was with 24 hours a day. I'm sure the local police are thrilled with the added potential for crime.

The writer of one letter last week pointed out that Wal-Mart might donate $25,000 to local charities. Wow. That's almost as much as Lamberth probably donates.

When you consider all the local businesses that will be adversely affected, the loss in revenues to local charities is going to be very substantial. We are in the process of building a beautiful downtown Kilmarnock. If Wal-Mart starts putting stores out of business—that is what they do—beautiful downtown Kilmarnock might become a ghost town.

If a chain restaurant opens at the old Northside Grill, I congratulate Mike Robertson for a good business deal. If this is being done while he is mayor, maybe the tar and feathers will melt in the Florida sun.

Fred Gilman
Weems

NOTICE

Due to the volume of correspondence addressing current issues in the community, the Rappahannock Record no longer can accept "thank you" notes for publication as Letters to the Editor.

However, the Rappahannock Record will continue to accept "thank you" notes under Cards of Thanks in the classified advertising section, or as display ads.

Wal-Mart issues remain unresolved

To The Editor:

The following is a brief summary of my observations of the town meeting February 27, related to the unwanted arrival of Wal-Mart to Kilmarnock.

The meeting could have been a perfect community building opportunity the town council overlooked. Instead, the mayor tried to turn the community into passive observers of the council in "action."

Community members were chided for rudeness when eloquent—and appreciated—questions were asked and community participation was in general stifled. Without the vociferous objections of a few, community participation might not have been allowed at all.

Wal-Mart had a very professional team of presenters including employees, store managers and design consultants. They were all thorough, courteous and efficient. They proved why they have become the world's largest retailer: they are very effective at leveraging their huge economies of scale to move forward their agenda.

Unfortunately, they are more used to the rural communities into which they push, being comprised of "goobers" who will rollover, and not the active, intelligent and concerned citizens that they have encountered in Kilmarnock.

The information was presented as being in compliance with community desires which had been determined, they said, by a popular poll which created general confusion. In a totally non-scientific study, I have not found a single person who had been queried. I recommend the poll details and results be published in this publication to clarify this issue.

According to the poll, Wal-Mart determined they would break up the massive elevations of their 156,000-square-foot store and finish the exterior with materials used in our downtown in order to blend in. The quickly presented elevations showed split-face block and Exterior Insulation and Finish System, not the brick of which our downtown is predominantly comprised, and finishes which are fairly standard for this retailer.

The real issue however, is not tacking a couple of gables on the exterior of a monstrous store and cladding this tremendous box in "compatible" finishes. The real issue is the scale which is totally incompatible with the scale of our community and the adjacent communities. It would be similar to suggesting that the elephant in the iris garden is a tasteful gray. The irises are still being trammeled.

The limited traffic study which had been performed in accordance with planning requirements indicated that a mere 4,000 vehicle trips would be generated by the operation of the store. We were informed that Route 3 at the intersection with the Wal-Mart entry road has been designed for far more vehicles. Unfortunately, Route 3 north and south of Kilmarnock is significantly narrower in locations and is oftentimes access to single family home driveways.

Additionally, the presenters neglected to admit that not all those vehicles will be cars. Wal-Mart stores are stocked by trucks that are a standard 53-feet long. It will be interesting to see these trucks navigating the planned turn-about at the intersection in White Stone and the sharp dog leg in Montross. White Stone can put in their own bypass just as is being suggested for Kilmarnock.

Unfortunately, they will have to wait since Virginia Department of Transportation has their roads budget in place for the next five years at least.

The comments by the assistant mayor of White Stone gave us small comfort: it is not just the citizens of Kilmarnock who have not been consulted about the ramifications of this addition to our community. Indeed, it is obvious that the governing officials in the adjacent communities, which will be as seriously affected, have also not been consulted or coordinated with.

The Kilmarnock mayor will be leaving office at the end of this term but not without leaving his legacy on the town of Kilmarnock. His legacy will be "The Man Who Sold Kilmarnock."

Nan Harvey, RA
Kilmarnock

Not again with a tax increase

by Geoffrey F. Segal

As every day passes, it becomes ever more apparent that the General Assembly is headed toward another battle over taxes.

The governor is calling for new taxes to support government financed transportation programs. The Senate is again asking for more taxes despite surpluses in the billions of dollars—albeit it may not have the support it had just two years ago. And again, the House of Delegates remains the last line of defense against new taxes on every Virginia family.

There is no need to retell the story or the outcome from the last tax battle. It is, however, worth noting that the House has been proven right—that the Commonwealth would grow its way out of deficits, despite record spending; an important lesson moving into the current debate. To date the House hasn't presented a formal plan for transportation. Rather they're talking about fundamental reforms, both in designing and financing our transportation system. At this point only one thing is certain in the House: a majority has little or no interest for new taxes. Hopefully, we'll learn from the past and see that new taxes are not needed at this time.

Both the governor's and Senate's transportation plan lack the needed creativity and innovation. They are relics relying on traditional taxes, and tax increases to fund transportation projects. These plans are stuck in the mindset that government is the best provider of services. On the other hand, the House is much more innovative and provides leadership. The structural reforms it offers will more likely provide a long-term solution to our transportation needs.

Just as our transportation needs have changed, so has the way of financing them. Indiana governor Mitch Daniels announced last Monday that he'll be able to fully fund the state's 10-year transportation plan without raising taxes. How? A $3.8 billion concession deal to operate the Indiana Toll Road. Sounds similar to the Dulles Toll Road long-term lease conversation.

In the last 12 months, global capital markets have discovered the U.S. highway market. Literally trillions of dollars from global funds could be invested in our highways. The Indiana deal is part of a larger trend beginning to sweep across the nation. So far, in just four states, including Virginia, more than $20 billion worth of proposals are pending approval.

So what should the Commonwealth do?

First, embrace the global markets and consider leasing other existing toll roads and bridges. These revenues would greatly enhance the state's ability to fund projects both in the immediate area and throughout the state. There is great potential to raise billions of dollars this way. In addition, the state can further leverage this money with other public-private partnerships. Projects using this model would require far less public investment than traditional funding or design. We could get more projects, completed in less time, for less money.

Second, it should become a policy of the state to consider and/or implement tolls for all new major capacity construction. For example, any new lanes on I-66, I-95, and the entire beltway should be financed, in whole or in part, by tolling. In true public-private partnership fashion, the state could pay for a portion of these costs to lower the resulting toll for users. Another advantage of this model is the introduction of a pricing mechanism to some of our most congested roads that could provide a more long lasting solution to congestion.

Third, we need to consider total life-cycle costs for construction projects. VDOT should seek 20-year pavement warranties for all major reconstruction projects. New Mexico was the first to experiment with this and it's proven quite successful.

Finally, rethink very expensive rail projects. A recent study by the Thomas Jefferson Institute showed that the proposed Dulles rail project in Northern Virginia is roughly three times more expensive per new transit trip than the development of a Bus Rapid Transit system. As the study notes, that means that "a high quality transit system could be built in the Dulles corridor and in several other corridors in Northern Virginia" for the same cost. Doing so would bring more customers to transit, serve more communities, remain flexible, and do more to relieve congestion.

No one doubts that our transportation system needs investment and improvement. However, given the reality of a large budget surplus and the emergency of private capital in highways, the lessons are clear. We can do better, without new taxes.

(Geoffrey F. Segal is director of government reform at Reason Foundation and a senior fellow on government reform at the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy. Opinions expressed are his own, and do not necessarily represent the views of either the Thomas Jefferson Institute or its board of directors).

Republican committee opposes new taxes

The Lancaster County Republican Committee on February 21 adopted a resolution expressing opposition to higher state taxes proposed by Gov. Tim Kaine and by certain members of the Virginia Senate as a means of addressing transportation problems.

The resolution supports an alternative plan to reform Virginia's transportation system proposed by House Speaker William Howell and other Republicans.

Lancaster party chairman Joan Blackstone said the resolution was adopted unanimously.The resolution will be sent to Sen. John Chichester and to Del. Rob Wittman.

The resolution states opposition to both the governor's plan to raise taxes by $3.7 billion over four years, and the State Senate leaders' plan to raise taxes by $4 billion over four years.

Noting that the General Assembly increased taxes by $1.5 billion in 2004, and that there is a current budget surplus of $1.242 billion, the committee indicated "There is no need to raise taxes."

"Further, raising taxes harms economic growth, which is needed to increase revenues," states the resolution.

"The House plan makes transportation a top priority and does not draw funds away from other needed programs," it states.

Reagan Day Dinner auction planned

The auction items for the 2006 Reagan Day Dinner March 26 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club are still coming in.

A number of books have been donated by the Young American's Foundation (part of the Reagan Ranch) and Phillips International (owner of Regnery Publishing). Some of the books include *Riding with Reagan* by John Barletta, *Greatness* by S.F. Hayward and *How Reagan Changed my Life* by Peter Robinson.

Other books include *Miles Gone By* by William F. Buckley, *Flat Tax Revolution* by Steve Forbes, *The Heritage Guide to the Constitution* by Edwin Meese, Matthew Spalding and David Forte.

Peter Hannaford donated a signed copy of *Reflections of Reagan* and the Republican Party of Virginia sent a copy of *Dynamic Dominion* by Frank Atkinson.

Other items include a painting entitled "Tulips" from Sen. John Warner, a glass paper weight with an etched American Eagle from Rep. Bob Goodlatte. Sen. John Chichester sent a Virginia State flag flown over the state capitol. Photos and playing cards have been donated by local residents.

Of particular interest will be a Reagan Talking Doll, a baseball cap from the USS Ronald Reagan CVN-76 and an artist's proof of Reagan done for Rep. Clint Roberts.

Mistress of ceremonies, Rep. Jo Ann Davis will introduce Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, the keynote speaker, Attorney General Bob McDonnell, Del. L. Scott Lingamfelter and Rob Wittman and Leadership Institute president Morton Blackwell.

Admission is $40 per person. Checks can be made out and sent to the Lancaster County Republican Committee or LCRC at P.O. Box 1215, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

For more information, call treasurer Emerson Gravatt at 435-3350, or chairman Joan Blackstone at 435-6464. The club would like a head count by March 21.

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Letters on any subject of public interest are welcome and encouraged. When writing, please observe the following guidelines.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lee Hathaway

Hathaway, Headley wed

The marriage of Miss Kimberly Carol Headley to Matthew Lee Hathaway took place February 11, 2006, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lively.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Headley of Lively and Joe Headley of White Stone. She is the granddaughter of Flossie Taft Dortzbach and the late John W. Taft, and the late Anna B. George.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hathaway III of Weems. He is the grandson of Margaret Hathaway of Culpepper and the late Clyde Hathaway II, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arganbright.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her brothers, Troy, Robert and Jeffrey Headley.

Miss Megan Headley, niece of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Miss Christina Hathaway, sister of the groom, Miss Stephanie Hottle, Miss Becky Smith, and Mrs. Jessica Setzer, friends of the bride.

Mr. Hathaway served as his son's best man.

Groomsmen included C.D. Hathaway IV and John Hathaway, brothers of the groom, and Jim Forrester and R.J. Reynolds, friends of the groom.

Miss Baylee Hathaway and Miss McKenzie Hathaway, nieces of the groom, served as flower girls.

Damian Coates, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Ushers included Scott Griffith and Jonathan Chilton.

Following the service, a reception was held at the Corrottoman Civic Center.

The couple will reside in Hawaii after the groom's deployment to Iraq.

Mrs. Donna Slade and son, Rob, of Wake Forest, N.C., were with her mother, Mrs. Anna Jo Sanders in Kilmarnock last weekend.

Friends are glad to know that Mrs. Mary Allen is recuperating nicely at home following surgery at Rappahannock General Hospital last week.

Mrs. Ginger Philbrick and sister, Mrs. Anne Owen, have returned from a delightful two-week cruise to the West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" Rowell have returned home from two weeks in San Diego, Calif., where they were called due to the death of his son, Charles M. Rowell, USN (ret.). Sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Stuart Blackwell was the guest of Mrs. W. R. Keyser and Ms. Jeanine Abbott at a birthday luncheon on Tuesday.

Mr. Roy Conley is at his home in Ditchley after extended hospitalization at Medical College in Richmond.

Sympathy is expressed to Randall Marsh of Lively and family for the death of a brother, John D. Marsh of Gloucester.

Sunday visitors and dinner guests of Mrs. Paul Ticer were her grandchildren, Lydia Weaver of Mechanicsville and Daniel and Philip Harrison of Kilmarnock.

Christian Smith of The Brambles in Mathews County, was home for the weekend visiting his parents, Wayne and Sandy Smith, at Little Bay.

Ron and Ethel Bolle, Tom and Lucy Spafford, Emil and Rose Artolani, June Duckworth and Don Conn have returned from a 2-week Caribbean cruise.

Mrs. Dorothy Harcum is a resident at the Mayfair in Kilmarnock.

Mrs. Chandler Luckham and her sister, Mrs. Grace Lewis, returned on Monday from San Antonio, Texas, where they attended graduation exercises of Mrs. Luckham's grandson, Airman Adam McCarty, at Lackland Air Force Base. Airman McCarty is the son of Robert and Ann Saunders McCarty of Vandinburg Air Force Base in California.

SAR to hear about Jamestown 2007

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold a luncheon March 20 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury beginning at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker, Bette Dillehay, will describe the celebration of America's 400th Anniversary in 2007.

Although the premier event of the commemoration will be "America's Anniversary Weekend," May 11 to 13, 2007, many events begin in 2006. In May, the Godspeed will sail up the East coast to six major ports of call.

She also will discuss the importance of celebrations planned by communities across Virginia.

Ms. Dillehay is Director of the Mathews County Memorial Library and serves as a member of the Speakers Bureau for America's 400th Anniversary. She is also member of the Jamestown 2007 programs and events committee and chairman of the Mathews County Jamestown 2007 celebration committee.

Engagements

Helene Rose and Collin Rice

Rose-Rice

Helene Rose and Collin Rice announce their engagement.

Miss Rose is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jones of Clinton, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Frye of Brightwood. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rose Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Frye of Culpeper. She graduated from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's and a master's in computer science. She is employed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria.

The prospective groom is the son of Samuel and Cheryl Rice of Kilmarnock. He is the grandson of Vestelia Carter of Baltimore and the late McKinley Carter, and Vivian Bea of Weems. He is also the grandson of the late Nathaniel and Lucille Rice, formerly of Newark, N.J. He received a bachelor's in biology and pre-med from Norfolk State University and a master's of public health from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a chemistry teacher at Lancaster High School.

An August wedding in Maryland is planned.

Carolynn Eileen Eder and William Kenneth Lee Jr.

Eder-Lee

Ms. Jean A. Eder of Kilmarnock announces the engagement of her daughter, Carolynn Eileen Eder, to William Kenneth Lee Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lee Sr., also of Kilmarnock.

Miss Eder is the granddaughter of Mrs. Martha P. Abrams of Kilmarnock, the late Kenneth R. Abrams Sr., and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Eder of Oyster Bay, N.Y., and the late Alfred Eder.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Delano of Kilmarnock, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster E. Lee, also of Kilmarnock.

A June wedding is planned for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond Keith Jr.

Keiths celebrate 60 years together

Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond Keith Jr., formerly of Morattico, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary March 9.

James Raymond and the former Mary Virginia Osborne were married at the First Methodist Church in Hyattsville, Md. Mrs. Keith is the daughter of the late Hugh and Loretta Osborne of New Port Richey, Fla. Keith is the son of the late James Raymond Sr. and Mae Keith of Agricola.

Keith is a veteran of the United States Navy. He received the Purple Heart during World War II. Mrs. Keith was a former librarian at Amherst High School and Sweet Briar College.

Their family includes a son, Stanley and his wife, Janet, of Monroe; a daughter, Mary Frances Forrester and her husband, Gene, of Lancaster; and a son, Hugh and his wife, Crystal, of Gloucester.

The Keiths are pleased to have six grandchildren, Leigh Anne Forrester Muse, Jim Forrester, Kathy Randolph, Brian, Jessica and Jaclyn Keith. They are especially proud to have five great-grandchildren, Paige Elizabeth Forrester, Brian, Andrew, Hayley and Joseph Randolph.

The Keiths live in Elon.

Glenn M. Allen and Virginia J. Townsend

Townsend-Allen

Bryan Townsend, Jaime Townsend and Laura Allen announce the engagement of their parents, Virginia J. Townsend and Glenn M. Allen of White Stone.

Ms. Townsend is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. James, formerly of Leesburg.

The intended groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby L. Allen Sr. of Ocran.

The wedding is planned for April 5 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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By Ross Christiansen

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Garden Week 2006 to showcase Virginia homes and landscaping

From a 17th-century English Colonial cottage to a magnificent 12,000-square-foot villa, visitors will enjoy an inside look at more than 200 of Virginia's finest houses and gardens during Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 22 to 29.

Architectural styles, landscape designs, furnishings and artwork span more than four centuries of the Old Dominion's notable history. Events are sponsored by member clubs of The Garden Club of Virginia, and proceeds benefit the restoration of historic gardens and grounds throughout the state.

Tour locales range from the western mountains to the Eastern Shore and include rural, urban and suburban settings. Houses open represent every major architectural style found in Virginia, including stately 18th-century James River plantations, charming, restored Victorians, and elegant 20th- and 21st-century city designs. Gardens include formal parterres, backyard retreats, boxwood mazes, and water, cutting, herb and "secret" gardens.

Historic Garden Week in Virginia, celebrating its 73rd season, is the oldest and largest statewide house and garden tour event in the nation and is known as "America's Largest Open House." Each event offers an engaging variety of five to six local houses and gardens. More than 30 tours are conducted across the state on different days of the week by member clubs.

A list of tour dates and detailed tour information are available at www.VAGardenweek.org. A guidebook may be obtained by sending a $5 donation to Historic Garden Week, 12 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The book provides descriptions of houses and gardens open, directions, ticket prices, and the names and telephone numbers of local tour organizers. The Garden Week telephone number is 644-7776 and email address is gdnweek@verizon.net.

Tour tickets range from $10 to $40 per event. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at any of the properties open, at designated information centers, and at www.VAGardenweek.org.It is not necessary to buy tickets in advance, although bus groups may wish to make earlier plans. Tours will be held on their scheduled days, rain or shine.

All houses will feature superb flower arrangements created by members of The Garden Club of Virginia, with emphasis on colorful seasonal flowers and plants native to the state.

A number of the house garden tours also will feature special activities. These include flower arranging demonstrations; a luncheon fashion show; historic church organ recitals; renditions by a local symphony orchestra; displays of museum-quality miniatures and Civil War artifacts; discussions of the value of historic easements in preserving the beauty of rural farmlands; and presentations on the fragile ecology of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Gardens on tour range in size from private city walled spaces in Old Town Alexandria (April 22) to a newly created landscape of nine acres in Richmond's River Road Corridor (April 27). The glorious gardens and trial fields of Brent and Becky Heath, internationally known garden writers, photographers and lecturers, will be a highlight of the event in the Gloucester-Mathews area (April 22).

Houses rich in American history include one in Fredericksburg which sustained 30 cannonball hits during a major Civil War battle (April 25), a handsome 18th-century manor house once owned by members of George Washington's family in Clarke County (April 22-23), and several beautiful plantations owned by descendants of their original builders, on tours in the James River Plantation area during the week and in Virginia's historic Northern Neck (April 26).

The Jones House

Garden tour to showcase Richmond County homes

The 73rd Historic Garden Week in Virginia will feature tours statewide April 22 to 29.

The Garden Club of the Northern Neck will host a tour April 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Houses Through Time," will feature six properties in Richmond County.

The mansions of Sabine Hall (c. 1738) and Mount Airy (c. 1753), both still occupied by descendants of the builders, will chronicle the colonial story. Menokin (c. 1769) and Grove Mount (c. 1785) will portray life as freedom is fought for and a new nation born.

The Jones House (c. 1887) and The Chinn House (c. 1908) will tell of continued contributions to the nation by prominent area residents at the turn of the 20th century. Refreshments will be served at the stable at Mount Airy, and the gallery in The Chinn House will feature an art show.

Co-chairman for the tour are Mrs. William T. King and Mrs. Robert W. Stansell. Brochures and guidebooks are available at area businesses. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased in advance by April 16 by calling 394-2800.

Warsaw United Methodist Women will serve box lunches at the church for $8 on tour day. Advance lunch reservations are required by April 16. Call 333-4636 or bxlunches@hotmail.com.

Proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of historic gardens in Virginia.

Garden club plans 56th Daffodil Show

The Garden Club of Gloucester will host the 56th annual Daffodil Show April 1 and 2 at Page Middle School on Route 17 in Gloucester.

Show times are 2 to 5 p.m. on April 1 and noon to 4 p.m on April 2. The show is free and organized by volunteers, but a "green offering" is accepted to help underwrite costs.

The show offers a display of blooms. Many varieties of daffodils will be judged. It is accredited by the American Daffodil Society. Gardeners from throughout Virginia and beyond show their blooms here every year.

Brent and Becky's Bulbs, a three-generation Gloucester company, puts on an educational display. At 2 p.m. April 2, Becky Heath will give a lecture on "Growing Living Flower Arrangements in Containers with Bulbs." Door prizes will be awarded.

Among the new features of the show will be the "Daffodil Show and Tell," a short orientation for visitors to learn about daffodil cultivation and what the judges are looking for in the horticultural and artistic divisions. All children that enter the horticultural or artistic junior divisions will receive a free potted bulb as supplies last. All who take the "Daffodil Show and Tell" orientation will receive a potted Floretta, a popular cultivar labeled properly for entry in next year's show.

In addition to the displays of daffodils in the horticultural part of the show, the artistic theme for flower arrangements is "Women Famous and Infamous: A Retrospective." The artistic classes range from "Marie Antoinette" for French neo-classical designs, to "Amelia Earhart" for a suspended abstract design, to "Shirley Temple" for miniature arrangements.

The theme for the Junior artistic division will be "Pocahontas, Native American Girl." Children ages six through 13 can bring their daffodils March 31 and work on arrangements that capture the spirit of this famous Native American. The arrangements will be judged as part of the show April 1. Children who wish to enter the Junior artistic division must register by March 27 by contacting Sarah Hylton at 642-3786, or sphylton@wmconnect.com; or Sue Zima at 642-5270, or sueannz@aol.com.

Gardeners interested in exhibiting in the horticultural or artistic divisions may order a schedule for exhibitors from show chair Ann Rex at 695-9848, or DancgDiva@aol.com; or co-chair Kathy Klein at 693-5629, or kleinrkr@aol.com. Entries in the artistic division must be made in advance by contacting Karen Malo at 693-9474, or kmalo@3bubbas.com.

The Garden Club of Gloucester Daffodil show coincides with the Gloucester County Daffodil Festival which takes place on Main Street in the courthouse area and features a parade, arts and crafts, a food court and music to celebrate the county's history as a daffodil center. For more information on the festival, visit www.co.gloucester.va.us.

Kilmarnock Garden Club season to begin March 16

The Kilmarnock Garden Club will begin a new year March 21 with a luncheon, floral designs, horticulture exhibits and an overview of upcoming programs.

The meeting will begin at noon at Kilmarnock Baptist Church on Church Street in Kilmarnock.

Artistic designs for the March meeting will be "Ruffles of Spring," a luncheon table centerpiece using a container of choice to be viewed from all sides. All plant material used must be listed on a 3 X 5 card.

Horticulture classes to be judged are azalea, camellia, daffodil, bulb, pansy (three in a bottle), forced branch, perennial, collection of five and other classifications.

All horticulture specimens are to be exhibited in clear glass bottles, size appropriate for specimen, which is conditioned, groomed, wedged and labeled with its botanical name. All specimens and designs must be in place 15 minutes prior to lunch.

Guests are always welcome; call Barbara Ohanesian 462-7325.

Hannah Lee to be featured

"Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams," the national theme for women's history month, honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams.

This theme will be brought sharply into focus at Stratford Hall Plantation during March as the women who lived and worked there were strong role models who were generations ahead of their time in thinking and expressing concerns about women's rights.

Because their husbands were often afield participating in government affairs, the women of Stratford were expected to maintain order with servants, slaves, finances and family.

Hannah Lee, sister of Declaration of Independence signer Richard Henry Lee, was quite vocal in her concerns. As a property-owning widow, she once wrote a letter to her brother expressing her disdain and request for action over the fact that she wanted to be able to vote for the commissioners who controlled her property assessments and the use of them.

Richard Henry tried to smooth over the issue, telling her that voting places were "tumultuous assemblages of men." She continued to express her concerns throughout her life making her one of the true early American women's rights activists.

Each tour given throughout March will include expanded information on the incredible women of Stafford. Tours will be given daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hour. The fee is $10 per adult and $5 per child.

Genealogical society goes to war March 18

The Genealogical Society of the Northern Neck of Virginia will meet March 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary 's Whitechapel Episcopal Church at 5940 White Chapel Road in Lancaster. A social period begins at 9:30 a.m.

The program, "Four Colonial Wars that Impacted Virginia," will be presented by retired professional genealogist Peggy Hill. In addition to a brief overview of each war, there will be suggestions for obtaining genealogical information about ancestors who served in the wars.

The Genealogical Society of the Northern Neck of Virginia (GSNNV) was organized in 1992 to advance genealogical interests and activities in the counties of the Northern Neck.

The group holds four business meetings each year and a spring picnic. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in genealogy. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Annual membership dues are $10.

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Lt. Cmdr. Price to address Military Officers Association

Lt. Cmdr. Tania L. Price of the British Royal Navy will address the Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association Tuesday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Her topic is "Where NATO is today and how the structure has changed." This timely subject will focus on the changes taking place in NATO as new member nations are added and the mission of the organization has changed with the geopolitical alterations that have occurred during the last decade.

Price attended Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, gaining a commission in the Royal Navy at the age of 21.

As an engineer (training manager), she served 29 years in numerous posts throughout the British Isles, including Northern Ireland. During the 1980s, she was appointed to a U.S. Navy instructor-exchange post at Newport, R.I., training officer candidates in naval engineering.

Price started her military career as a teacher delivering specialized training to mid-career military students, before becoming a specialist in training design and course development utilizing the Systems Approach to Training. In the mid 1990s, the Royal Navy sponsored her to do full time study at Bath University where she earned a master's and studied for a doctorate.

Since then, she has been the commanding officer at a military English Language School near London training international military officers to speak or improve their levels of English.

Before assuming her current post at Norfolk as a NATO Briefing Team Officer in September 2005, she was a training resource and planning manager at the Joint Services Command and Staff College in Shrivenham, England. This academy trains future commanders and staff officers from all three of the United Kingdom Armed Forces, civil servants and military officers from many countries.

The luncheon fee is $13. Preregistration is requested. Send checks to NNMOAA, P.O. Box 788, Kilmarnock VA 22482.

Foundation is now accepting Preakness Party reservations

Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation is accepting reservations for the Preakness Party May 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.

Last year's Preakness Party realized $50,000 in net proceeds for the foundation.

Event planners hope to exceed that figure. All funds will be used to support the college's mission to promote the personal growth of RCC students, and prepare them for success as learners, professionals and citizens by providing quality educational experiences.

"A primary goal of the college is to make higher education accessible to anyone in our twelve-county service region who has that dream, regardless of their financial situation," said RCC president Dr. Elizabeth Crowther.

Highlights of the 2006 Preakness Party will include food prepared by "Five Gull" award-winning chefs from Mount Holly Steamboat Inn in Montross, The Tavern in Heathsville, The Tides Inn in Irvington, Tommy's of Reedville in Reedville, Steamboat Restaurant at the Piankatank River Golf Club, Eckhard's Restaurant in Topping, Seawell's Ordinary in Gloucester, and Rivers Inn in Gloucester Point.

Wines will be served by Belle Mount in Warsaw, Hummel in Montross, Ingleside in Oak Grove and White Fences in Irvington. The Brockmann Corbitt Trio will play jazz.

Participants will have an opportunity to bid on silent and live auctions. Items include travel packages, original art and prints from area artists, antiques, jewelry and curios.

Party tickets are $50 per person. For reservations, call 333-6707.

A shotgun-start golf tournament will also be offered at 8:30 a.m. for those who wish to make a full day of it. To enter the golf tournament, call 776-6516 for a special package rate.

Parkinson's support group to meet

The Parkinson's support group will meet at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington March 15 at 2 p.m.

Support group members Rita and Jay DePew and RW-C Wellness Coordinator will reflect upon the World Parkinson Congress they recently attended in Washington, D.C. Dr. Robert and Rosemary Nothwanger also attended.

The international conference brought together professionals, caregivers and people with Parkinson's to share medical, scientific and experiential information with hopes of expediting a cure and improved treatment for the neurological disease.

In addition to the Parkinson's support group for caregivers and people with Parkinson's, held at RW-C on the third Wednesday of each month, there is a separate caregivers' support group on the first Monday of each month in Main Street Station at RW-C. The contact person is Rita DePew, at 435-9553.

For more information about the monthly support groups, contact Tish Nystrom, R.N. at 438-4026.

The student waitstaff for the April 8 fund-raiser includes, from left, Melissa Schomer, Cheniera Wiggins, Marina McGrath, Brittany Davenport, Beau Nickerson, Danesha Walters, Shaina Baker, Cinnamon Lee, Latore' Middleton, Nicole Shelton and Elizabeth Flynn.

PTA to serve dinner prior to April 8 symphony concert

A fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Lancaster Middle School PTA will be held at the school prior to the April 8 Virginia Symphony performance.

The Virginia Symphony will perform an "On Stage" concert at 8 p.m. in the Lancaster Middle School Theater. The concert will be sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts. For concert tickets, call 435-0292.

Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 7 p.m. by students in the SCA, BETA and Builders clubs. The fee is $15 per person. The menu will include chicken cordon bleu, rice, broccoli, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea.

The proceeds will benefit the school's Science Fair, athletic, band and drama programs. Call Donna McGrath at 438-5803 for details.

Girl Scout cookie booth sales announced

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program is under way and the Lancaster Service Unit will maintain cookie booths beginning March 10 at Tri Star. Booths also will be maintained March 18 and March 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 a.m. to noon.

The 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.

Support of the cookie sale makes activities such as camping, trips to area museums and historic places, and community service projects possible for Girl Scouts in the Lancaster area.

For more information, contact Wendy Mataya, Field Executive for the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council, at 462-0322.

Post 86 plans St. Patrick's Day party

American Legion Post 86 will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the Post's Birthday on March 18 with a dinner prepared by the Women's Auxiliary of the Post.

All veterans and their families are welcome.

"This is a good chance to become acquainted with Post 86, and the community service work done by the members," said Fred Ajootian.

Guests will gather at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The menu will be roast beef, corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, salad, bread and a variety of homemade desserts.

Events slated at Washington's birthplace

The George Washington Birthplace Association recently announced a calendar of events for the year that dovetails programs organized by the park service at the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County.

Activities sponsored by the association include crafts, bird watching at the park and a bus tour linked to Washington's life.

On March 18 at 2 p.m. in the log house near the picnic area, Carole Kindle will demonstrate soap making and answer questions. Kindle, who operates the Old Dominion Soap Company in Callao, makes the custom soap for the Birthplace Gift Shop.

The gift shop will have a special display of her soap and soap dishes.

On April 15 at 8 a.m., the association will hold a bird walk along Popes Creek and through the hiking trails on the park grounds.

On April 30, the date of Washington's first Inauguration, the park service will sponsor a lecture at 2 p.m. in the visitors center.

Spring on the Plantation, an annual event sponsored by the park service, will take place May 6 and 7.

On May 17, the association will offer a one-day bus tour to places in Virginia important to Washington.

The tour is open to the public. A discount price will be available for association members.

Other programs will be announced for the remainder of the year, culminating in the second annual birthplace Christmas bazaar at the log house December 4, 5, and 6 starting at 10 a.m.

The George Washington Birthplace Association is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the Birthplace National Monument.

Membership is open to anyone interested in preserving and promoting the Washington heritage in the Northern Neck.

For event and membership information, email association president Jan Beckett at anbeckett@aol.com.

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Lancaster and Northumberland finish in top 10 at state Group A wrestling meet

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Topping last year's effort, Lancaster High's wrestlers scored 63.5 points to finish in 10th place at the Group A tournament last weekend at the Salem Civic Center.

Four of Lancaster's 11 state contenders medalled as one of the top eight in their respective weight classes, and three others were among the top 12 to score team points.

It was the best state showing for Lancaster's wrestling team in the program's seven-year history.

The Devils took a record 11 grapplers to the Group A meet and turned in a 20-2 season as the Region A champions.

"Our original goal was to finish in the top five and we weren't far off," said LHS coach Craig Oren. "Overall, it was a successful year. The state was a lot more competitive. The top teams were more evenly matched and it took a lot more points to stay in the top ten than it did last year."

Manassas Park scored an impressive 181 points to win the team title. Rural Retreat was second with 142, Glenvar third with 138 and Radford fourth with 100.

Lancaster and Northumberland had the best finishes among Region A teams with the Indians edging out last Lancaster for ninth place with 69 points.

The Indians produced a state champion with senior Colin Smith successfully defending his Group A title in the 215-pound weight class. Smith is a three-time state champ and capped a 37-1 season with his 4-2 decision over Chris Boyd of Randolph-Henry in the title match.

Mathews finished in the number 24 spot with 22.5 points and Essex was 29th with 18.5.

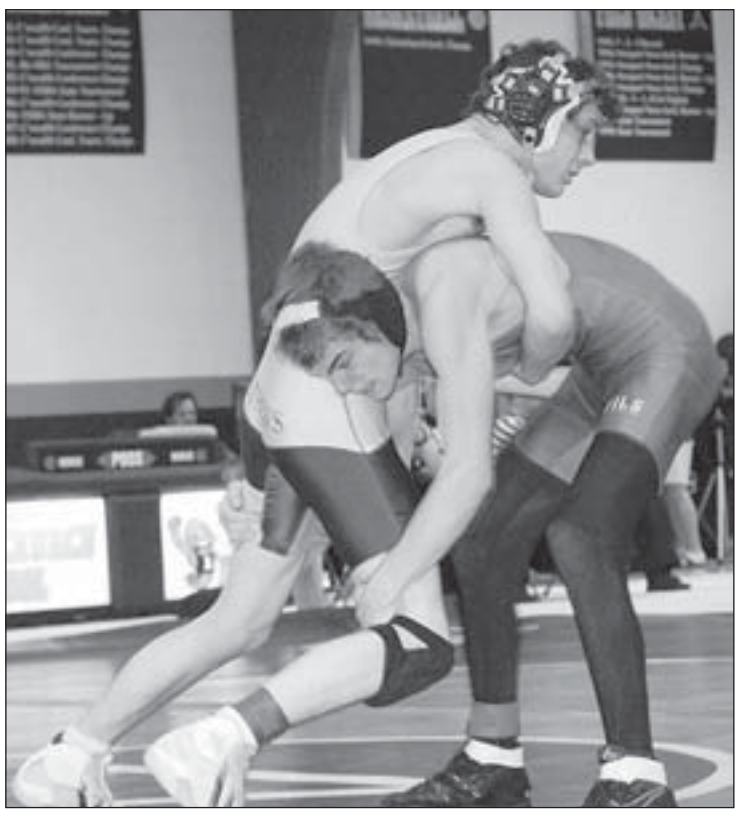
There were 42 teams from across the state represented at this year's competition.

Junior Thomas Frere returned to the state tournament to be the top finisher for Lancaster. Frere, who did not place last year, took bronze among 135-pounders. He earned the third-place distinction with a decisive 11-2 win over Grey Hood of Radford.

Frere went 4-1 on the day to cap a 34-3 record this season.

"Thomas was clearly the second best wrestler in his weight class, but in the semifinals he was unfortunate enough to bump into the the first four-time state champion in single A history," said Oren. "Otherwise, he had a really good, almost flawless tournament."

Todd Smoot of Manassas Park ousted Frere from the winners' bracket and went on to claim his fourth straight Group A championship with a pin of Steven Shillig of Rural Retreat in 32 seconds.



Lancaster senior Patrick Oliver (right) was eighth in his division at the Group A tournament.

Senior G. P. Wardlaw of Lancaster (left) finished fourth in his weight class at the Group A tournament.

LHS senior Gary Wardlaw went 3-1 in the 160-pound weight class. He capped a 32-7 campaign this season with a fourth-place state finish. Wardlaw won 4-2 over Ryan Phillips of Castlewood, then lost 2-1 in overtime on a controversial and contested call to Elmar Aparicio of Manassas Park in the third-place match.

"Gary had a real good second day [of wrestling] and improved on last year's performance," said Oren. "He has accomplished a lot in just two years of wrestling."

Freshman Sam Frere placed fifth in the 119-pound division in his first state appearance.

S. Frere went 28-6 this season and went 3-1 at the state meet. He pinned Chris Hicks of Castlewood in 2:16 in the fifth-place bout.

"Sam had an excellent tournament for a freshman," said Oren. "He had a real good chance, at one point, of winning the whole thing. The champ basically walked through the competition except for when he wrestled Sam."

Lorenzo Rios of Floyd County edged S. Frere, 4-0, to advance to the championship round and go on to win the state title.

Lancaster sophomore Robert Lally returned to the state meet to place seventh among 145-pounders.

Lally, who did not place at last year's Group A tourney, went 2-2 in this year's meet, losing to Essex High's Kevin Borron by a 7-1 decision in his final match. Lally upset Borron to win the Region A title two weeks ago. Prior to that, Borron had defeated Lally six times in two years.

"Borron had been a nemesis of Robert's off and on for two years now," said Oren. "Borron is a tough opponent. Robert got it done at regionals and Borron got it done at state."

Senior state veteran Patrick Oliver (125) went 2-1 to finish eighth. Seth Tomlin of Parry McCluer won a 10-5 decision to knock Oliver out of contention. Tomlin went on to finish third in the weight class.

It was Oliver's fourth trip to the Group A tournament.

"Patrick has had some tough draws at state over the past four years," said Oren. "And he did it again this year, but this time worked through it to place for the first time."

Oliver, who has amassed 115 career wins as the all-time leader at LHS, capped a 30-10 campaign this season.

Lancaster had three other grapplers win a match a piece to score team points including Louis Santangelo (189), Ross Kellum (112) and Corbin Marchand (171).

Three others — Austin Bynum (103), Ibraheem Bullock (110) and Graham Winnstanley (152) — advanced to the state tournament.

The Indians had four medalists including Smith and seniors Anthony Collins, Jordan Gates and Joshua Jordan.

Jordan finished fourth among 130-pounders, Collins fifth in the 125 weight class and Gates sixth in the 160 division.

Sam Frere

Thomas Frere

Robert Lally

Jordan capped a 39-5 run this season with a 2-2 performance at states.

Collins was 38-3 this year and Gates went 36-9.

Radio club to host sailors

The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Club will meet at the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building at 7990 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Feature speakers will be Jim and Pat Curlin.

In 2001, Jim Curlin and two friends sailed his 38-foot Shannon cutter, North Star, from Norfolk to the island of Flores in the Azores. During the 21-day trip, Jim used radio communications to ensure a safe trip and communicate with friends and relatives. A daily radio schedule with Herb Hilgenberg, Southbound II, on the marine frequencies provided weather information and routing advice on the trip across. One of Jim's mates and neighbor, Mike Geissinger, a professional photographer, sent pictures and a daily log by satellite to GlobalStar, a satellite service provider, for posting on its website on the passage to Flores.

Pat met him in Horta, Fial, Azores, and together they have sailed the Mediterranean over the past five years. They depend on an amateur radio service called "Winlink" for communication back home. Winlink and its e-mail client, Airmail, use digital communication over the amateur bands linked to volunteer stations throughout the world. In the Mediterranean, Jim uses stations in Italy, Germany, Austria and Qatar for e-mail connections.

Jim will discuss the use of digital radio communications for mobile and emergency use. Time permitting, a short travelogue of the Curlin's recent trip to Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt and Jordan will also be presented.

All sailing enthusiasts and persons interested in radio communications are invited to attend.

Audubon to explore state park

On Monday, March 13, the Northern Neck Audubon Society (NNAS) will conduct a bird walk at Belle Isle State Park. Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot of Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock by 8 a.m. for carpooling

The park features seven miles of Rappahannock riverfront; diverse tidal and non-tidal wetlands, lowland marshes, tidal coves and upland forests. It is home to many predator birds; and walk participants may see blue herons, hawks and bald eagles. White-tailed deer, wild turkeys and groundhogs are also common.

Those wishing to drive directly to the park should plan to arrive there by 8:20 a.m.

Binoculars and water-resistant footwear are recommended. For additional information, call Rick Skelton at 580-9066.

Aeronautical chapter plans meeting, trip

The March 16 luncheon meeting of the Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society will be held at noon at the Pilot House at Hummel Field in Topping.

The chapter is planning a bus trip to the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., on April 24. For more information, call Gary Ellis at 435-2947. The fee is $35. Reservations may be sent to Bob Schneider at 114 Club View Drive, Lancaster, VA 22503. He may be reached at 462-7763.

Anyone interested in aviation may attend the meeting and join the chapter.

And the winner is. . . .

From left, Northern Neck Family YMCA branch executive Mark Favazza and The Tides Inn general manager Gordon Slatford recently presented Melissa Kotelec of Kilmarnock an overnight package to the resort. Kotelec won a drawing for new members who joined during a campaign drive in January. The package included an overnight stay at The Tides Inn with breakfast, dinner and a spa treatment. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

Sport Fishing Seminar to hook first 250 anglers

The Chesapeake Angler and Northern Neck Anglers Sport Fishing Seminar will be held March 25 at the Northumberland County Community Center at 679 Browns Store Road.

Registration will start at 8 a.m. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. Seating will be limited to the first 250 people.

To pre-register, send a check for $10 (per person) payable to the Northern Neck Anglers Club to Tom Smith, 2380 Windmill Point Road, White Stone, VA 22578. Include name, address and phone number.

Admission includes a box lunch and cold drink.

The show will feature several fish boat captains speaking on a variety of topics.

Capt. Ryan Rogers will discuss fishing on the Maryland Middle Grounds.

Capt. Mike Quade will discuss trolling for flounder.

Capt. Bob Reed will discuss power chumming.

Tim Sherman will discuss proper tackle.

Capt. Jeff Grantnier will discuss trolling for Spanish mackerel.

Capt. Billy Pipkin will discuss trolling for rockfish.

Hunting retriever tests set March 18 and 19

The Old Dominion Retriever Club (ODRC) will hold its first double started and double intermediate hunting retriever tests at WatersEdge Training Grounds near Heathsville March 18 and 19.

A beginners test will be held March 18. The tests are administered according to the rules of the North American Hunting Retriever Association.

The started dogs have to retrieve three land marks and two water marks in order to qualify. The intermediate dogs work off the lead and have to retrieve to hand a double land mark, a double water mark, a blind retrieve on water, and have to show ability to quarter and to trail, in order to qualify.

Four qualifications gains a title and the dog moves up to the next level. At the senior level, the tests are more complex and lead to the title of master hunter retriever, and after 300 points, to grand master hunter retriever and after 1,000 points, to champion.

Spectators are welcome but must wear dark or camo clothing. To register, call 366-4901, or www.odrclub.com.

Little League extends registration

The Lancaster County Little League has extended its registration to Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dream Fields near Kilmarnock.

Children ages 5 to 18 are urged to register. The fee is $35.

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

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

The Little League is looking for someone to serve as secretary. Call Craig Smith at 435-6278, or Kathy Pittman at 435-0621, or come by Dream Fields Saturday.

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

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′
Sat	3/11	Moonset	5:02	Low	3:14	0.1′
		Sunrise	6:23	High	9:29	1.4′
		Moonrise	**3:09**	Low	**3:58**	0.2′
		Sunset	**6:09**	High	**9:40**	1.3′
Sun	3/12	Moonset	5:30	Low	4:02	0.1′
		Sunrise	6:21	High	10:10	1.4′
		Moonrise	**4:09**	Low	**4:36**	0.1′
		Sunset	**6:10**	High	**10:21**	1.4′
Mon	3/13	Moonset	5:53	Low	4:45	0.1′
		Sunrise	6:20	High	10:46	1.5′
		Moonrise	**5:08**	Low	**5:11**	0.1′
		Sunset	**6:11**	High	**10:58**	1.4′
Tue	3/14	Moonset	6:15	Low	5:24	0.0′
Full - 6:35		Sunrise	6:18	High	11:20	1.5′
		Moonrise	**6:06**	Low	**5:44**	0.1′
				High	**11:33**	1.5′
Wed	3/15	Sunrise	6:17	Low	6:02	0.0′
		Moonset	6:36	High	11:53	1.5′
		Sunset	**6:13**	Low	**6:16**	0.0′
		Moonrise	**7:04**			
Thu	3/16	Sunrise	6:15	High	12:06	1.5′
		Moonset	6:56	Low	6:38	0.0′
		Sunset	**6:14**	High	**12:24**	1.4′
		Moonrise	**8:03**	Low	**6:47**	0.0′
Fri	3/17	Sunrise	6:14	High	12:39	1.5′
		Moonset	7:18	Low	7:14	0.1′
		Sunset	**6:15**	High	**12:56**	1.4′
		Moonrise	**9:04**	Low	**7:18**	0.1′

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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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Lancaster celebrated its best season in four years, winning the Northern Neck District tournament championship and advancing as the number two seed from Region A to the state quarterfinals.

The Northumberland Indians were the Northern Neck's regular season and Region A tournament champs, advancing as a high seed to Group A play.

Eagles of a different school eliminate local teams in state basketball tourney

By Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Fans hoping for an all-Northern Neck state semifinal will have to wait. It won't happen this year.

Both hometown favorites, Northumberland and Lancaster, were eliminated from the Group A tournament in last weekend's quarterfinal games.

The Devils and Indians made history just by being there. The two teams have never advanced to the state tournament together.

Northumberland (22-6) advanced as top in Region A after edging Lancaster by a point in the tournament championship two weeks ago. The Indians were also the Northern Neck District's regular season champ.

Chesterfield Community High School, a new alternative school in the Richmond area, eliminated the Indians, 71-65, from state play last Saturday night at King William.

Lancaster (14-10), who entered Group A play as the region's number two seed, traveled to Strasburg last Saturday where they lost, 63-58, to Clarke County. The Devils came in second in the regular season after losing twice to Northumberland, then upset the state-ranked Indians to win the Northern Neck District tournament title.

Clarke County 63, Lancaster 58

It seems the state quarterfinal curse is still intact.

The hard-luck Devils have never won a Group A quarterfinal game.

Coach Brance Holmes had hoped last weekend's matchup against Region B champ Clarke County would be the spell-breaker.

The Eagles had other plans.

Christian Waters led four double-digit scorers for Clarke County, which took the lead for good in the first quarter en route to a 63-58 win.

Lancaster held its only lead, 5-1, in the first few minutes.

Down by two after the first quarter, Lancaster gave up six unanswered points in the second period and trailed by eight at the half.

Lancaster was already missing starting senior guard Montel Mitchell, who played through the region tournament with a fractured wrist, then got in foul trouble early in the third when Jamie Veney drew his third foul. Holmes pulled him.

"Waters hurt us in the third," said Holmes. "We lost Jamie and that opened [Waters] up."

Waters scored eight of his team's 12 points in the period, when they pulled away from Lancaster by 11.

Lancaster came out of the lockerroom down, scoring nine points in the third with Cleon Rice scoring five.

The Devils exploded for 25 points in a comeback attempt in the fourth, despite having the district MVP Andre Henderson foul out.

Trevor Henderson and Veney helped take up the slack. T. Henderson scored six off a pair of three-pointers and Veney came off the bench for seven.

Lancaster outscored the Eagles by six in the period.

"For a few minutes we switched from a press to a zone in the fourth quarter," said Holmes. "But at the beginning of the fourth, our pressure defense was really working.

"The problem was what we've struggled with all year," he added. "We missed a lot of front ends of one-and-ones."

Lancaster only made six foul shots on the night.

Clarke County hit 15 of 24, or 63 percent of their free throws.

"They were a good team," said Veney, who scored 11 points for the Devils. "We matched up with them and we could have beat them, but time ran out on us."

A. Henderson led Lancaster with 13.

The Eagles got 13 points from Kevin Liggins, 12 from Jesse Racer and 10 from Chandler Rhodes.

Holmes turned in his best season since taking over as head coach at LHS three years ago.

Although he loses four starters in Veney, Mitchell, A. Henderson and Curtis Henderson, he says "we're still very upbeat and excited about the guys we have coming back. We also have a lot of guys with some size coming up from JV.

"I really want to thank all the seniors for the hard work they put in and for getting us to the state tournament," he added. "And I want to thank all the fans for coming out and supporting us this year."

Lancaster.....11 13 9 25— 58
Clarke County.....13 19 12 19 — 63

Lancaster — T. Henderson 9, Wilson 0, Q. Henderson 3, Veney 11, George 0, C. Henderson 4, Taylor 0, Kuykendall 0, Segar 1, Saunders 6, A. Henderson 13, Rice 9. Three-point goals: T. Henderson 3, Saunders, Q. Henderson, Rice.

Clarke County — Racer 12, Rogers 6, Rhodes 10, Liggins 13, Waters 17, Hardesty 3. Three-point goals: Racer, Liggins.

Chesterfield Community 71, Northumberland 65

Coach Michael Stevenson couldn't have asked any more of his team. The Indians had put themselves in a position to take the lead with 30 seconds remaining in last weekend's Group A quarterfinal.

"We had a chance to go ahead by one, but the three didn't go," said Stevenson. "Somebody has to win and somebody has to lose. That's the way it is."

In this case, Chesterfield Community won and Northumberland lost. The Eagles, with a 71-65 win in the Group A quarterfinal, will advance to the state semifinal game this Thursday against Clarke County in Richmond.

The Indians cap a successful season at 22-6.

The two teams gave the crowd a thrill in a first half three-point shootout last Saturday. The Eagles and Indians hit five treys each in a first half that ended in a 35-35 knot.

Anthony Sally and David Copeland led Chesterfield from three-point land, hitting 11 combined on the night. In all, the Eagles took 21 three-point shots. Copeland nailed six and Sally five.

The Indians went outside even more, taking 32 shots from the cheap seats and hitting seven. Kyle Jones led with four three-pointers.

Jones was in the hot seat late in the contest after the Indians had cut a 12-point deficit to two.

The Eagles were up by a dozen with three minutes to play when the Indians scored 10 unanswered to cut the margin to two with 30 seconds to play.

Jones put up the three that didn't go.

"They had a game plan where they double and triple teamed [Brian] Seymour everytime he touched it," said Stevenson. "And they were giving us the outside shot. We just couldn't hit it."

Northumberland's plan was to hold 6'8" Anthony below his 22.5 average. Anthony ended up scoring 23 points.

"We didn't keep him below it, but we didn't give him a lot more," said Stevenson. "Everything was going according to plan until the freshman [David Copeland] stepped up and played the game of his life."

Copeland scored a career-high 26 points to lead all scorers.

"We really wanted to win and at no time did we think we weren't until with about six seconds to go. We were down by six and I could see the realization in their faces that hey, we're not going to win," said Stevenson.

"With two minutes to go and down by eleven or twelve, young kids would sometimes give up," he added. "But they didn't."

Johnathan Veney had 15 points to lead four double digit scorers for the Indians. Jones added 12 and Lavar Rich and B. Seymour chipped in 11 apiece.

Chesterfield Cty.....21 14 20 16 — 71
Northumberland.....16 19 13 17 — 65

Chesterfield Community — Sally 23, Neal 0, J. Copeland 6, D. Copeland 26, Cobb 8, Hashi 0, Alford 8. Three-point goals: D. Copeland 6, Sally 5.

Northumberland — Starks 7, Brooks 0, Webb 7, Jones 12, R. Seymour 0, Veney 15, Brunt 2, Palmer 0, Newton 0, L. Rich 11, B. Seymour 11. Three-point goals: Jones 4, Starks.

Virginia Motor Speedway race season to open April 1

Virginia Motor Speedway recently posted a tentative schedule for the 2006 racing season.

The Thurston Spring Service Dirt Series Championship action stretches 24 weeks beginning April 1 and ending September 23 with the 37th Annual Fall Classic.

The speedway will hold an open practice for all divisions March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All cars must be registered and inspected before practicing.

The Victory Lap Late Model $25K Challenge Series for steel head late models returns. The four-race series will pay a $5,000 bonus to any driver to win two of the four events; $15,000 to win three of four events; and $25,000 to win all four events. Track rules for the Victory Lap Late Model Division will apply.

"The Victory Lap Challenge has continued to successfully grow over the last three seasons and we feel it is imperative to bring back the Challenge Series and give our steel head late models four premier events during the 2006 season," said track owner Bill Sawyer.

Tentative dates for the series are April 29, June 10, August 5 and September 2.

The speedway also will hold four special events for the Super Late Models during the 2006 season. Tentatively scheduled are the World of Outlaws Late Model Series April 8 to be taped for the Speed Channel, the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series on June 24 also in front of the Speed Channel cameras and the MACS Series on August 19. All three races will be $10,000-to-win events.

The O'Reilly ASCS National Sprint Car Tour will visit May 27. Joining the sprint cars that night will be three of the tracks weekly transponder divisions.

"We are very excited to have Emmett Hahn's O'Reilly ASCS National Sprint Car Tour visit our speedway for the first time. With Emmett's reputation in the sprint car industry, we are expecting great things," said general manager Clarke Sawyer.

The Joe Weatherly Memorial for the AMA Ford Quality Checked Flat Track Championship Series will race July 15. It will be the first time in 36 years that the national motorcycle tour has visited Virginia.

Registrations are currently being accepted with all numbers being issued on a first come first served basis. Competitors can obtain a 2006 registration form at the track website, www.vamotorspeedway.com, or by calling the speedway, 758-1867, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The speedway is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda and 25 miles south of Tappahannock.

Bridge Results

Five-and-a-half tables were in play at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury March 1.

Winners north/south were first, Babs Murphy and Beverly Oren; and second, Dianne Monroe and Cynthia Birdsall.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; and second Arden Durham and Ginger Klapp.

The next bridge for the group is April 5, at 1 p.m.

The Woman's Club of White Stone held its monthly dessert bridge along with mahJong in play, March 3.

The dessert bridge hostess for March was Mary Nivin Stover. Helpers were Nancy Lee, Cathy Wagner and Grace Leach.

Madeline Hooper posted the highest score for the day.

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 April 7.

Five-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play March 2 at Indian Creek.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe; and second, Les and Kay Inskeep.

Winners east/west were first, Peggy Dent and Liz Hargett; and second, Marilyn Reed and Ginger Klapp.

The next bridge for this group is March 30 at 1 p.m.

Six-and-a-half tables of bridge were in play February 28 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; second, Cynthia Birdsall and Babs Murphy; and third, Mary Andrews and Al Jodrey.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; second, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and third, Virginia Adair and Beth Thornton.

The next bridge for this group is March 14 at 1 p.m.

Sports Shorts

■ Boat smart

Boat Smart, a basic boating skills program, will be offered by the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron March 18 and 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.

The sessions are for ages 13 to adult. The fee is $30 and includes a student manual and other educational materials. To register, contact Twy williams at 529-5093, or twynan@msn.com; or Chris Wynkoop at 462-5137, or chrismaya@toast.net.

■ Men's softball

A GSSA men's softball meeting will be held March 16 at 7 p.m. at Page Middle School on Route 17 in Gloucester.

All teams should be represented. Individuals not associated with a team but wanting to play may also attend. Discussion of rules, schedule, umpiring, concessions and

■ Tai chi

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington will offer tai chi lessons on seven consecutive Mondays at 4:15 p.m. in the Rappahannock Room, beginning March 13. Jack Fuller of Mathews is the instructor.

The first class is free for newcomers. The fee is $5 per class or $30 for six sessions. To enroll, call RW-C wellness coordinator Kori Poplin at 438-4290.

■ Boating course

Flotilla 3-10 will offer America's Boating Course March 25 at the Bank of Lancaster in Montross from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is provided.

To preregister, buy a text and compact disc, call Wayne Ploger at 472-3835.

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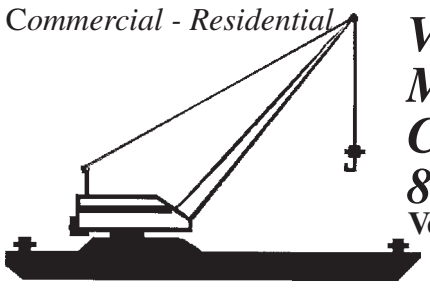

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‘Suddenly Alone’ seminar to set sail at Yankee Point

A “Suddenly Alone” boating seminar will be offered by Yankee Point Yacht Club March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m in the clubhouse at Yankee Point Marina. Seating is limited.

For reservations, call Karen Knull at 462-7801 or 462-7635. The seminar is free. Lunch ($5) may be ordered.

Commodore Charles Lytton and John McConnico will act as moderators.

Lytton has considerable blue-water experience with many offshore trips. He is also an accomplished ocean racer.

McConnico is a seasoned sailor with thousands of miles of blue-water sailing under his belt, including many Bermuda runs, Atlantic crossings and a trip across the Southern Ocean to Antarctica. He won the Racer of the Year award twice and started the Women’s Blue Water Award Program in 2000 to urge women to sail offshore.

Other planning committee members are Kyle Bransford, Ruth Bush, Carol Lytton, Dr. Sigsby Gayle and Arabela Denvir.

Bransford fishes with her husband, Ken, aboard their 28-foot Bertram. According to him, she handles the boat better than he does.

Ruth Bush has been sailing big and small sailboats for over 25 years. She was YPYC’s first female commodore and was the person who started and promoted the All Women’s Race. She also raced a 36-foot Catalina with an all-women crew in the CBYRA races on the Rappahannock.

Carol Lytton is an experienced blue-water sailor and racer with many miles of offshore adventures. She sails and races with her husband, Charles. They make it a priority to introduce a new woman each year to the joys and challenges of blue-water sailing.

Dr. Gayle has helped on numerous boat deliveries offshore and has treated patients in critical condition when aboard.

Arabela Denvir, an internationally ranked Irish match-racing sailor, taught sailing in Ireland and the Mediterranean Sea. She now teaches it with her husband, Philip, who helped plan the seminar.

Participants will learn how to use the radio, how to deal with a medical emergency, and when and how to call “May Day.”

From left, the planning committee includes (front row) Kyle Bransford and John McConnico; (next row) Dr. Sigsby Gayle, Arabela Denvir, Charles Lytton and Carol Lytton.

Window on Wildlife

by Joyce Firchett Russell

My Virginia Wildlife Calendar for March reminds us it is time to plant trees and shrubs. Flowers are beginning to bloom. Ospreys are back, and doves are nesting. The first rabbits are born.

Watch for flycatchers and hummingbirds to be returning here. In mountain streams, fish are beginning to move up. Spring comes March 20.

Chris McClintock calls to tell me she is up early every morning to hear the red-shouldered hawk calling over her home on Indian Creek.

Another friend reports that on a bird count, he saw 29 different species. That’s good news.

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

Seahorse Roundup

The Christchurch School girls basketball team finished third in the Virginia Commonwealth Conference with a 10-4 record, 13-6 overall.

Junior Alexandra Longest, the daughter of Richard and Geanie Longest of Urbanna was named to the All-Academic Team; junior Taylor Harris, the daughter of David and Kim Harris of Urbanna, was honorable mention, All-Conference; freshman Maddy Ahlborn, the daughter of Seth and Carrie Ahlborn of Irvington was honorable mention, All-Conference; sophomore Madeleine Przybyl, the daughter of Ken and Patricia Przybyl of Christchurch was named to the All-Conference and All-Tournament teams.

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Pictured is Gigi competing at an AKC Agility Trial.

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Bowling Results

Men’s League

On March 2, Sal’s Pizza won two games and lost one against Cap’n John’s. For Sal’s, Bill Hendershot bowled the high set of the week of 391 with games of 133, 124 and 134. Bob Huff rolled games of 126 and 146 in a 364 set. Clay Gill had a 125 game and Wayne Condrey rolled a 118 game. For Cap’n John’s, Ryan Dawson bowled the high set of 341 with a 137 game. Joe Hinson rolled games of 120 and 117. Herbert Hammock had games of 116 and 115 and Ernie George rolled a 115 game.

H&S Printing won two games and lost one against J&J Construction when John Hollowell bowled the high set of 374 with games of 120, 115 and 139. Gary Hodges rolled a 115 game and George Lee a 108. For J&J, Steve Edwards bowled the high set of 372 with games of 125, 123 and 124. Curly Lewis rolled a 119 game and Frank Perkins had a 116 game.

Evans Bowling Center won two games and lost one against D&L Marine Construction when Bunks Mitchell bowled the high set of 364 with games of 140 and 123. Woodie Evans rolled a 140 game in a 333 set. Richard Savalina had a 123 game and John Forrester a 118 game. For D&L, Doug Hundley bowled the high set of 345 with games of 131 and 115. Steve Hinson rolled a 116 game in a 331 set. Mark Obsharsky had a game of 104.

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

High set: Louis Coates, 467; Ernie George, 415; Wayne Condrey, 413; Steve Edwards, 411; Curley 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, 120; Wayne Condrey and Bill Hendershot, 119; Herbert Hammock, 117.

Standings

	W	L
H&S Printing	16	8
Evans Bowling	15	9
Sal’s Pizza	13	11
J&J Const.	11	13
Cap’n John’s	11	13
D&L Marine	6	18

Ladies League

Yeatman’s forklift won three games against Callis Seafood when Heather Hundley bowled a 310 set with games of 100 and 114. Pat Harris rolled a 319 set with games of 102 and 120. Clara Yeatman had a 134 game. Myrtle Royall bowled a 114 game and Alma George rolled games of 101 and 117. For Callis, Mary Savalina bowled a 328 set with games of 107 and 130. Gayle Conrad rolled a 305 set with games of 104 and 119. Elsie Henderson had a 301 set with games of 105 and 110.

TCH Oil won two games against Northern Neck Surgical when Marie Piccard bowled a 306 set with games of 102 and 111. Greta Walker rolled a 121 game and Sandra Evans had a 131 game. For Northern Neck Surgical, Terry Stillman bowled a game of 103.

Lively Oaks Girls won three games against Abby when Jean Reynolds bowled a 300 set with games of 104 and 105. Becky Thrift rolled a 105 game and Debbie Dodson had a game of 107.

R.P. Waller won three games against Young Country when Dee Atkins bowled a 387 set with games of 107, 132 and 148. Marsha Nash rolled a 335 set with games of 100 and 138. Ola Nash had a 111 game and Ilva Jett rolled a 107 game. For Young Country, Betty Steffey bowled a 321 set with games of 107 and 115. Joanne Paulette rolled a 335 set with games of 104 and 144. Cathy Savalina had a 320 set with games of 102, 107 and 111. Theresa Davis bowled a 308 set with games of 100, 104 and 104.

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

High set: Betty Steffey, 405; Alma George, 401; Marie Piccard and Dee Atkins, 387.

Standings

	W	L
Yeatman’s	15	3
Callis Seafood	13	5
Lively Oaks	13	5
R.P. Waller	11	7
TCH Oil 10	8	
Young Country	7	11
N.N. Surgical	4	14
A[illegible]	0	18

Sailors plan annual spring breakfast

The Northern Neck Sailing Association (NNSA) will hold its spring breakfast at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale Marina March 26 at 11 a.m.

Pat and Jim Curlin will show slides of their participation in the 2005 Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally and their continuing cruising of sailing grounds in southern Turkey.

NNSA sponsors a number of sailing and social events throughout the year. These include organized cruises, local picnics, seminars and our most recent, a Fleet Night at BoatUS, where special discounts were offered to NNSA members.

Anyone interested in joining NNSA, call commodore Lou Thomas at 529-7965.

4-H shooting club to organize

A new 4-H shooting education club will organize in the Northern Neck. 4-H members can learn the safe handling and use of firearms and archery tackle under the leadership of trained adult volunteers. The program will be a family centered, outdoor activity for boys and girls ages 9 to 19.

Project options include archery, hunter education, muzzle loading, shotgun, rifle and pistol.

An organizational meeting will be held April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. If interested but unable to attend, call the Northumberland County Extension office at 580-5694.

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Web network to launch regional initiative

Connect Rappahannock, a free network for people interested in building stronger communities through information sharing, will sponsor a program Thursday, March 16, in Tappahannock to launch its regional initiative.

The session begins with registration and networking at 2 p.m. at St. Margaret's School. The program begins at 3 p.m. Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending should contact Connect Rappahannock coordinator Leslie Franklin at 333-6789 by March 10. Refreshments will be served.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation executive director Ann Jennings will be the keynote speaker. Other remarks will be given by Rappahannock Community College president Elizabeth H. Crowther, Connect Network director Nancy B. Stutts and Jessie Ball duPont Fund senior program officer Rev. Dr. Edward King Jr.

Jennings will speak on "Saving the Bay with Passion and Professionalism." She oversees the foundation's environmental and legislative advocacy, resource protection, land conservation and grassroots programs in Virginia. Formerly, she was assistant director and senior scientist of the Virginia CBF office. A certified wetland scientist, Jennings served on the board for Professional Soil Scientists and Professional Wetland Delineators. She also served as chair of the South Atlantic chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, presented testimony before Congress and published articles in national wetlands publications.

She has degrees from Virginia Tech and Texas A&M University and is a graduate of Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institution.

ThroughConnectRappahannock, citizens, particularly those who work in the nonprofit and government sectors, can access research, data and each other through a website and an email list.

Resources also will include a searchable nonprofit and government services database, a database of volunteer opportunities, and a regional calendar designed for event planners. It is part of the Connect Network, managed by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at University of Richmond under a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. The regional project is housed at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

▼ *White Stone council . . . .*

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Councilman Jack Boles said the town could consult with the business association about the potential impact a bypass route could have for downtown merchants. However, he said he was not convinced that a bypass would negatively affect downtown businesses.

Boles also said a traffic impact study would allow the town to better prepare for an increase in traffic due to Wal-Mart opening in Kilmarnock.

"It'd be good to have the study," said Boles.

Separate studies

Jones reported that an ad hoc committee of government officials from White Stone, Irvington, Lancaster County The New Tides LLC and Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury has reached a conclusion for now on a sewer and water feasibility study for areas of Lancaster County including White Stone.

Jones said funding for the study by Lancaster Industrial Authority funds is running out. The committee has directed the engineering firm that conducted the study, Rickmond-Bury Inc., to finish its work, said Jones.

"So they're going to work towards that conclusion and prepare a final report," said Jones.

He added that the final report would be useful when the issue of sewer and water feasibility resurfaces.

"And we'll have something to start with and be able to move forward," said Jones.

Council also addressed a boundary line adjustment (BLA) study.

Council convened in closed session for legal counsel from Kenneth Poore of K.W. Poore & Associates, who the town hired to conduct a BLA study for expanding the town limits in all four directions.

No council action was reported following the closed session.

While the details of the BLA study did not surface during the open portion of council's meeting, the potential impact of a BLA for additional town revenues did.

Boles said the town should reconsider a previously tabled consideration item for implementing a meals tax in town, partly because current county residents would expect services from the town if the town incorporates them.

Boles also said the town is financially sound now, but could need additional revenues for the costs of operating its town office with staff and a police department in addition to funds for the town's Main Street enhancement project and any future reconsideration of bringing centralized sewer service to the town.

"But if we continue to go the way we're going, we're going to be spending more money than we're taking in," said Boles.

Mayor Hubbard directed Conrad to research avenues for revenue income, which Conrad said would be part of his presentation to council regarding the budget process for fiscal year 2007.

Correction

The March 2 article, "Chase's Farm project gets preliminary plat approval," incorrectly stated that Fred Ajootian accepted an appointment by the Lancaster board of supervisors to serve as a county citizen representative for the regional Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority.

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(R-3) to commercial use (C-1). The property fronts James Jones Memorial Highway adjacent to the site of the CVS store at North Main Street and James Jones Memorial Highway. The back of the property borders businesses fronting North Main from the intersection to the Chesapeake Commons shopping center.

"The commercial access at this time is on James Jones road," said Virginia Henry, a member of the planning commission.

She said a North Main Street access to the property from Christopher Street is intended to only serve a residence on the property and not provide access to commercial activity at the site.

Proffers for the rezoning include that the commercial use of the property would be limited to a shopping center with a conditional use permit, restaurants, hotels or motels, office buildings, building supply stores, antique stores, and mixed commercial and residential use in which the floor space and area applicable to the residential use shall not exceed 50-percent of the total square footage of the

LHS publishes first semester B Honor Roll

Lancaster High School recently published its "honors" B (3.0+) average Honor Roll for the first semester.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 9 are Andrew Barton, Samuel Brockman, Nechelle Brown, Matthew Christopher, Nathaniel Coleman, Jameson Crandall, KaTisha Crippen, Kimberly Crockett, Brandon Dunaway, Michael Ercelino IV, Chelsea Fay, Kimberly Felthouse, Samuel Frere, Matthew Grigsby and Megan Hudnall.

Also Latifah Jeter, William Kesner, Carson Klein, James Kuykendall, Andre Lee, Raven Lee, Brittany Levere, Marcel McLean, De'Ane Means, Victoria Mieras, Matthew Mitchell, Tiffany Pittman, Tyler Pittman, Brianna Ritchie, Detric Smith, Lauryn Turner and Melvin Whitaker.

Students named to the B Honor Roll in grade 10 are Chevelle Ball, Clinton Bennett, Tamika Betts, Tanika Betts, Austin Brown, Heather Davis, Justin Guthrie, Candice Hall, Taylor Harris, Nathan Haynie, Marcus Holden and Derrick Jeter.

Also, Kenneth Kuykendall, Ashley Landers, Lauren Mason, Peter Merrick, Darius Mitchell, Shaymeka Owens, Brittanie Pinn, Abigail Robbins, Brittany Rose, Kirstin Schlutow, Jonathan Somers, Candace Wiggins and Miesha Wiggins.

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