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Pink and purple flowers line the bank at the home of Carolyn and Bob Queener in Lancaster. The Queener garden was one of six stops along the Just Garden tour last Friday and Saturday. The annual tour raised about $12,000 for The Haven Shelter and Services building fund. The gardens of Suzanne and Carter LaPrade, Shirley and E. C. Campbell, Diane and Varley Wrick, and Mary and Leonard Hoerneman, and Jo and George Crichton also were on the tour.

Just like spring

Guests at the garden of Carolyn and Bob Queener in Lancaster stopped to admire and photograph a running rose during last week's Just Gardens tour. The two-day tour attracted some 850 visitors. Six Lancaster gardens were featured. (Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

Sunny skies and warm weather made for perfect touring last week as guests walked along a path on the riverbank, admiring the shrubs and flowers at the home of Mary and Leonard Hoerneman of Lancaster.

New property tax revenue projections show decline; other sources post growth

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—In a year when budget expenses may be mushrooming, county administrator Bill Pennell reported some discouraging news to Lancaster County supervisors May 11. He said new property tax revenues for fiscal 2007 are expected to be down over $250,000.

The supervisors had been anticipating the news, and had already talked with Lancaster Commissioner of Revenue George E. "Sonny" Thomas to see if anything can be done. Thomas explained that a home can't be fully taxed until it is completed, and many being constructed in Lancaster were not done by the cut-off date.

Supervisor Wally Beauchamp noted later that some contractors are now telling folks it will be "two years" before they can start a new project because of the demand already in the pipeline. Some eager prospective homeowners are choosing to bring contractors out of Richmond or Northern Virginia to solve the local delay, he added.

However, most of the other revenue sources for the county are projected to increase, from over $200,000 in other local funds and fees to over $825,000 in federal funds. School operating revenues and cafeteria revenues are expected to increase by about $435,000.

Funds from the Commonwealth can't be accurately anticipated until the state adopts a budget, but even a modest increase would suggest that the county's total increase in revenue for 2007 would be over $650,000.

The total operating budget for the current year is $24.7 million; the draft proposal for 2007 is about $25.4 million.

Chairman F.W. Jenkins Jr., asked Pennell to project 2007 expenses based on all county departments receiving the same 9 percent increase in funding granted to the schools.

"What would the bottom line be?" he asked.

Pennell suggested two additional budget work sessions: one to hear from local organizations petitioning the county for funds and another to bring a "sharp pencil" for trimming.

A public hearing on the county budget will be scheduled in June.

Northumberland approves cluster project

HEATHSVILLE—Following a public hearing last week, the Northumberland board of supervisors unanimously authorized a 26-acre cluster development with 1,200 feet of frontage on Hack's Creek.

By a 5-0 vote, supervisors approved a conditional use permit for "Skiff Cove," to allow for the clustering of 13 homes on a tract owned by David Nelson and A. John Armstrong. The property must be developed according to the site plan submitted by the developers with the application.

Among other conditions recommended by zoning administrator W. H. Shirley and approved by the board, no further development of the property will be allowed to protect the open space as shown on the site plan. The applicant must provide the county with a complete erosion and sediment control for the the road construction and the residential construction, prior to the issuance of land disturbance permits. Before any

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Kilmarnock raises minimum water rates some 133 percent

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—For the 40 citizens who showed up at Monday night's public hearing to protest steep increases in utility rates, the wind was taken out of their sails before they had a chance to speak.

In a presentation that some might say included more numbers than they cared to see, Cheryl Stephens, a civil engineer with Draper, Aden & Associates, started the meeting by showing 23 charts detailing Kilmarnock's water/sewer operating and maintenance expenses and the projected capital expenses necessary to meet new growth.

At the same time, Stephens predicted a shortfall from income generated at the higher user rates, meaning the utilities must continue to be supplemented by the town's meals tax.

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Kilmarnock Crab Festival opens Friday

KILMARNOCK—The second annual Kilmarnock Crab Festival opens Friday, May 19.

Food vendors and artisans will operate along Augusta Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities continue on Saturday, May 20, with a Children's Rivahfest Parade at 10 a.m., a crab soup cook-off from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a crab picking cntest at 2 p.m., and the winners of a crab pot design contest announced at 5 p.m.

The festival is sponsored by the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce.

Crabs will be available for consumption, a number of ways.

Meanwhile, a Coles Carnival will be featured at the Kilmarnock Town Centre to benefit the Lancaster Athletic Boosters. for more details, see page A10

Car-truck-bike show coming to White Stone

Mike Ercelino (left) and Paul Jones, show coordinators for the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department Car-Truck-Bike Show, look over the trophies and specialty awards to be awarded to the "Best of the Best." The show will be held Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the firehouse in White Stone. Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon. Spectators will be admitted free. Trophies will be awarded at 4 p.m.

Virginia's First Lady focuses on teens

by Joan McBride

"Our children deserve better," said Virginia's First Lady, the Honorable Anne B. Holton, wife of Governor Tim Kaine. "When a family can't step up to the plate, the community has to be the parent."

Holton was a guest speaker May 9 during a luncheon at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club sponsored by the Northern Neck Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. She spoke passionately about her experiences and interest in children, especially troubled teens.

She spoke of the work CASA does to "open that other world [of abused and neglected children] to the court" — the children who have "grown up without the very basic things we and our kids couldn't do without."

Holton has chosen to focus on foster-care teens as her mission while Virginia's First Lady. She said she believes the task with younger kids is to get them services quickly and then home to parents, or with relatives, or into foster care.

She spoke of parental failings, "sometimes out of ignorance, sometimes willful neglect, and sometimes active abuse."

A mother of three, she identified the three key problems among parents who are failing in this role: drugs, mental illness, and very young parents who "never grew up with a parental model themselves."

First Lady Anne Holton

She expanded on these three themes, sometimes offering heartbreaking stories that demonstrated her caring for kids.

"I really miss working with troubled teens," she added.

Holton spoke of CASA's important contribution to older children. While acknowledging the crucial roles social services and the courts have to play, "The CASA [volunteer] sometimes is the longest standing stable relationship some of these kids have," said Holton.

In Richmond the CASA program focuses strictly on foster-care kids and "It's made a huge difference," she said.

Holton said Richmond had 800 children in foster care eight years ago, and now has 550.

Turning to check with Northern Neck Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge J. Maston Davis,, she learned that his case load of foster kids was about 40.

Holton said half of the children in foster care in Richmond are teens, and they are "not always eager to be in care."

"They're not always cuddly and lovable like little ones, but they are loveable," she added.

In many ways she was "preaching to the choir" since the audience was comprised of court clerks, representatives from county social service departments, guardians ad litem, CASA board members, and CASA volunteers and supporters.

In addition to Judge Davis, Holton was joined at the head table by CASA State Coordinator Melissa O'Neill and Thomas Payne of the Virginia Law Foundation, which contributes annually to the CASA program.

Northern Neck CASA board chair Kyle Bransford also recognized Holton's parents. Her mother, Jinks, has been a member of the CASA board for four years and former Gov. Linwood Holton is the First Lady's father. Bill Hope of Connemara Construction was recognized for the company's generous donation to the luncheon event.

Holton has devoted her career to serving as an advocate for the Commonwealth's families and children.

A few years after graduating from Harvard Law School (where she met Tim Kaine), she joined the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society as an attorney in 1985.

While there she helped design a volunteer lawyer program for Richmond which earned her Metropolitan Richmond's "Women of Achievement Award" in 1995.

For about seven years she was a judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the city of Richmond. While there she helped improve court processing of abuse and neglect foster-care cases, until resigning following Kaine's election.

She had also served as a member of a state committee which focused on foster-care and adoption issues.

While touring the area last week, Holton also visited with Northern Neck Together, the Northern Neck Family YMCA Child Care Center, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, and the Y's after-school program.

May

18 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
American Legion Post 86 meets at 7 p.m. on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
The Planning Commission for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
The Planning Commission for Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The Rappatomac Writers will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Chinn House at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.
The Lancaster Middle School Chorus will present its annual spring concert in the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the campus of Rappahannock Community College. An opening program will begin at 6 p.m.
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 are needed. 435-2755.
"Play into Summer" with bridge/mahjongg will be held by the Women's Club of White Stone at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury at 11:30 a.m. The $18 fee includes meal, complimentary glass of wine and chance to win door or game prizes. For reservations, call Helen Withers at 438-4152.
Master fiddler John Turner will perform early colonial music at the 48th annual meeting of the Foundation for Historic Christ Church at 11 a.m. at Christ Church near Irvington. A picnic lunch will follow on the churchyard lawn. Admission is $10 by advance reservation only; call 438-6855 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Graveside Flags will be distributed by American Legion Adams Post 86 in Kilmarnock at 6:30 p.m. at the post home on Waverly Avenue.
The Crab Festival Carnival will open at 5 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Town Centre.

19 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.
The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the campus of Rappahannock Community College.
Steve Keith will be featured at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock. 435-7005.

LMS Chorus in concert tonight

A few of the Lancaster Middle School All-School Chorus members recently performed for the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts board of directors. From left are (front row) Thomas Hyde, Mathew Bulis, Kate Nelson, Cheyenne Cooke and Cameron Brent; (next row) Justin Lewis, Tyler Colding, Holland Fisher, Michelle Crowe, Allesia Maschette, Aleah Hill and choral teacher Saragrace Hendren. The chorus will present its spring concert, "From Jazz to Hip-Hop," tonight (May 18) from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The LMS Jazz band and the Lancaster High School Chorus also will participate in the concert.

19 Friday

Chronyx will play from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.
The Second Annual Kilmarnock Crab Festival will be held in Kilmarnock. Children's parade; crab soup, crab-picking and crab pot decorating contests, vendors, food, carnival. 435-9627.
The Crab Festival Carnival will open at 5 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Town Centre.
The Lancaster High School Bands will present a Mardi Gras dinner and concert in the LHS commons beginning at 6:30 p.m. $12 adults, $6 children. Purchase tickets in advance at the high school or call 462-0697.
Eric Mills, author of *Chesapeake Bay in the Civil War*, will lecture and sign books at the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington at 4:30 p.m.
20 Saturday

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Armed Forces Day

The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the campus of Rappahannock Community College. An Armed Forces Day celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley will open the Music by the River family concert series at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster. The Gurley trio will play old-time, bluegrass, country, gospel and folk favorites from 6 to 8:30 p.m. A $3 parking fee applies. Bring the kids, a picnic and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be crafts for the kids before the concert and during intermission.

20 Saturday

Steve Keith will present a free concert at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury near Irvington at 4 p.m.
Steve Keith will be featured at Rose's Crabhouse in Kilmarnock
Forgotten Spies will play from noon to 4 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.
Chronyx will play from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.
The Heathsville Farmers' Market begins at 9 a.m. at Hughlett's Tavern/Rice's Hotel in Heathsville.
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The Crab Festival Carnival will open at 1 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Town Centre.
A Bluegrass Show to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. Donations are accepted. 725-3495.
Rappahannock Fire Association One Day Firemen's Competition will begin at 10 a.m. at the White Stone firehouse.
An Antique/Custom Car/Truck/Bike Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at White Stone firehouse. Vehicle registration is from 8 a.m. to noon. Free spectator admission.
A Dance to support the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department competition team will be held at the White Stone firehouse from 7 p.m. to midnight with a DJ. $5. 21 and over only.
The Lancaster High School Bands will present a Mardi Gras dinner and concert in the LHS commons beginning at 6:30 p.m. $12 adults, $6 children. Purchase tickets in advance at the high school or call 462-0697.

20 Saturday

Susan Schmidt will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the Rappahanock River Yacht Club in Irvington, regarding her recent book, *Landfall along the Chesapeake*.

21 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Great Fortune in Kilmarnock immediately following church services.
The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the campus of Rappahannock Community College.
Raymond Curry's Famous Fried Chicken Dinner will be served by the Mid-County Rescue Squad Auxiliary at the squad house off Route 360 east of Heathsville from noon to 3 p.m. $10 adults, $5 children.
Dinner at Seven will meet for brunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Holly Steamboat Inn. 462-5430.
The Crab Festival Carnival will open at 1 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Town Centre.

22 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.
The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the campus of Rappahannock Community College. A closing ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.
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. 462-7605.
Party Bridge is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. $5. For reservations, call 580-8205.
The Democratic Committee for Lancaster County meets at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.
Susan Schmidt will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the Rappahanock River Yacht Club in Irvington, regarding her recent book, *Landfall along the Chesapeake*.
The Rappahannock Art League meets at 1:30 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock.

23 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church.
The Lancaster Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Landing Restaurant in White Stone.
Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

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Area Events

■ Silent auction

A silent auction will be held at the Relay For Life of Lancaster/Northumberland on June 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Northumberland High School. Proceeds from the auction will go to the American Cancer Society. Art and other items have been donated by local businesses and individuals. The auction is open to the public.

■ Fried chicken

The Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary will host a fried chicken dinner Sunday, May 21, at the squad building at 7950 Northumberland Highway east of Heathsville from noon to 3 p.m.

The menu includes the famous Raymond Curry fried chicken, sweet potatoes, string beans, mashed potatoes, apple rings, desert and beverage. The fee is $10 for adults, $5 for children ages 4 to 12, and free for children ages 3 and younger.

■ Auto show

An Antique/Custom Car/Truck/Bike Show will be held Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Stone firehouse. Free spectator admission. Vehicle registration is from 8 a.m. to noon. Trophies and special awards will be presented at 4 p.m.

■ Honor Veterans

Honor the deceased Veterans of Lancaster County, family or friends, by placing a flag at the grave in observance of Memorial Day.

American Legion, Adams Post 86, will furnish reusable grave flags to veterans' families, or church representatives, Thursday, May 18, and Thursday, May 25, at the Post home on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 6:30 p.m. prior to bingo. For more information, call Fred Ajootian at 435-6305.

■ Island grass

On Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., a music show featuring bluegrass, country and gospel music will be held at Gwynn's Island Civic League building to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum.

The show will feature Dragon Run Band and Honey Wind from Gloucester. Admission is by donation; concessions will be served by the Civic League. For more information, call Richard or Diane Callis at 725-3495.

■ Bay Tones

The Northern Neck Bay Tones Barbershop Chorus recently performed at the concert hall in Mount Vernon. The group is looking for men who like to sing. The group practices at St. Andrews Church in Kilmarnock at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

■ Yard sale

St. Francis deSales Catholic Church in Kilmarnock will hold its annual yard sale June 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale includes appliances, furniture, computer gear, tools, clothing and linens. Donations will be accepted Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Author to speak

Eric Mills, author of *Chesapeake Bay in the Civil War*, will lecture and sign books at the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington Friday, May 19, at 4:30 p.m.

The museum is at 156 King Carter Drive. Mills, whose book is the cornerstone of the museum's current exhibit, "The Bay At War," is an editor at the Naval Institute Press in Annapolis.

He specializes in writing and editing works on naval history.

Auction afghans

Sharon Mann (above) of the Rappahannock Community College Warsaw campus business office is among staff members who have donated items to help make the 2006 Preakness Party auction a success. She displays the two hand-knitted afghan throws that she created especially for the event. Proceeds from the Preakness Party May 20 at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield will benefit the RCC Educational Foundation. For reservations, call 333-6707 through the end of business hours on May 19.

Upcoming

23 Tuesday

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC Headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Fisheries hearings begin at noon.
Books Alive! meets at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.
A Standard Flower Show will be held by the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Festival Halle in Reedville.
A Spring Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club by the Lower Northern Neck William and Mary Alumni Chapter. The guest speaker will be college president Gene R. Nichol. For details, call nancy Kiser at 580-8800.

24 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meets at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
A Grief Support Group meets at 4 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. 435-7585.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

25 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
The Board of Supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.
"Give My regards to Broadway" will open at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The musical will be presented by the Lancaster High/Middle School Drama Club. The show will begin at 6 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children.
Mahjong will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert provided. Tables of three or more. $2 per person. 438-4152.
The Democratic Committee for Northumberland County meets at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland County Community Center on Browns Store Road.
Graveside Flags will be distributed by American Legion Adams Post 86 in Kilmarnock at 6:30 p.m. at the post home on Waverly Avenue.

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

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

One day recently, the Younger B.E.'s fourth-grade teacher was going over synonyms and antonyms with the class, asking the pupils to cite examples of each. When she asked for the antonym for the word, "native," the B.E. raised her hand and said, "Come Here." After much laughter, the teacher noted that Come Here is a regional antonym, which may not have meaning away from the Northern Neck.

The story reminded me of a quote from the late State Senator Robert O. Norris Jr. for whom the White Stone Bridge is named. One day a gentleman commented to the senator that he had lived in the Northern Neck for most of his life, had gone to school here, worked here, paid taxes here, and ultimately retired here, but admitted that he had been born in Baltimore.

He then asked when he no longer would be considered a Come Here. The senator replied, "Not in this life."

I am amused by the different permutations of the term on folks' license plates. I think the most interesting combination is that of Janet Palmiotto who drives up and down the road with the license plate, "RHERE87." When I asked her to explain the meaning, she responded that she and her husband, Mike, were not natives of the Northern Neck, but they had lived here since 1987, and thus had not recently come here. Rather, in their situation, they simply "R (are) Here."

Jean Dize, who came here with her parents from her native Chase City when she was 6, likes to refer to herself as "the Original Come Here," although marriage, children and 40-odd years working at the Rappahannock Record in her case have tended to blur the distinction. Still, The Original Come Here would be a great title if Jean ever decides to write her autobiography.

The fortuitous years of Rappahannock General Hospital's offering maternity care helped to boost the native population by over 4,000. In the period after home births declined, many expectant mothers had gone to Richmond or Baltimore to deliver. The quarter century when that was not necessary saw the arrival of such a spate of native-borns that even some of the Come Here parents got new bragging rights as the progenitors of natives.

Ironically, the presence of the maternity service was the saving grace which kept the Norris Bridge open 24 hours a day during the repairs from 1993 to 1996. The argument for keeping it opened hinged primarily on the need for accessibility to the hospital for expecting mothers from across the river.

Now that the hospital no longer offers a maternity ward, the growth of a native-born population will increase only incrementally, giving an even higher level of exclusivity to the natives, such as the B.E.s and others born in the good old days at RGH.

The debate between natives and Come Heres is a microcosm of the larger debate between present-day Americans and immigrants. Recent news accounts remind me of the time President Franklin Roosevelt addressed the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Roosevelt could trace his own Dutch ancestry back to the mid-17th-century settlement of New Amsterdam, later New York.

After his introduction, the president's opening three words entered the lexicon of American humor. They were, "My Fellow Immigrants." To quote the old French proverb, the more something changes, the more it remains the same.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

I am glad to report that some progress is being made on the state budget.

The House passed the caboose budget bill May 10. At the end of each budget year, final adjustments have to be made. The adjustments are based on the funds received by the state treasury, above or below the amount previously estimated. Such adjustments have come to be known as the "caboose" budget since they come at the end of the cycle. This enables us to close the fiscal year ending June 30 with receipts balancing expenditures. The Senate also passed the caboose.

Work still needs to be done to adopt a budget for the 2007-08 biennium. There have been discussions among members of both bodies, but no formal meeting took place last week. After adopting the caboose budget, I feel that the wheels of progress are beginning to turn and hope that this will lead to the adoption of a biennium budget. I have heard the views of district residents on the budget and transportation and have passed them on to the leadership.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend several great functions in the district. On May 6, I saw Dr. Ralph Stanley perform at the Menokin Bluegrass Festival. I also attended the Westmoreland Relay for Life Walk where volunteers raised funds for the American Cancer Society. Both events were opportunities to talk with and listen to folks about the budget and how it is affecting them.

On May 7, I started the day by presenting a commending certificate to Jonathan Frith at his Eagle Scout ceremony. He has worked hard to reach that rank and should be applauded. Later that day I found myself in Reedville at the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony marking the beginning of the menhaden season. Churches, fishermen and community members came to pray for a safe season.

On May 8, I met the King George, Colonial Beach and Westmoreland Chambers of Commerce at their joint meeting. On May 11, I went to the NSWC Naval Base in Dahlgren to meet the Potomac Gateway Alliance for breakfast and then got a tour of the base. I have been on the base many times before, but learned much from having a formal tour. The Dahlgren Naval Base is a major asset to our region, the state and the nation. I will work with all involved to assure that the base continues to prosper in the future.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the May 18, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen).

Mollusk

Miss Belle Ball closed her school here last Friday. She treated the children to lemonade and cake. Miss Grace Stoneham won the scholarship medal.

Miss Maggie Haywood, after two weeks' visit to friends near Millenbeck, has returned home.

J. W. Haywood is getting lumber in place to build his new house near White Chapel.

Miskimon

Mathias Dunaway has a litter of foxhound pups. Anyone desiring pedigree and prices of these pups can secure same by addressing Miskimon Kennels, Miskimon, Va.

C. E. Dawson has purchased for his son, Wharton, the 135-acre farm, "Plainview," near Brown's Store.

Z. A. Gill is at work on a beautiful pastel portrait of Miss Homotelle Walker.

Fleeton

Eddie Webb is giving his house a coat of paint which adds lots to its looks.

Some unknown parties took a lot of trouble on themselves one night recently by removing and exchanging all the gates on the road side.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Storymobile is beneficial

To The Editor:

Joan McBride's excellent series on early childhood education makes it clear that this community recognizes the importance of getting a good start. Nothing contributes more to this than a kid-friendly public library, and we are very lucky to have one of the best.

Lancaster Community Library supports, with books and materials and facilities, every one of the programs and groups identified by McBride, and conducts its own programs to enrich the learning experience of the area's children.

One such program in particular is the StoryMobile, which takes books and other materials to children on their own home-turf whose parents can't bring them to the library. And the specially trained instructor-operators help the kids to read, color, and simply experience the wonder of books from as early as age two.

From my perspective as a father, a grandfather, and now a great-grandfather, I can't think of another program that could help our children more.

Art Hicks
Irvington

Don't forget Storytime

To The Editor:

I appreciate your making preschool education front page news. However, one important thing was missed: the story hours held at many local public libraries. Here at Lancaster Community Library there is a regular Wednesday morning Storytime plus the Storymobile which visits daycare providers in Lancaster and lower Northumberland counties.

While attending these programs, small children learn to enjoy reading stories and poems, singing songs, and talking about everyday activities.

Learning early on to enjoy books is so valuable in preparing for the hard work of learning to read. Learning, particularly vocabulary, starts well before any formal schooling, even preschool.

The local public libraries have books, storytelling kits, stories on tape and CDs to make this easier and fun for parents. This is an opportunity that's just too good to miss, and most of it is free.

Susanna Collins, director
Lancaster Community Library

Phone records raise questions

To The Editor:

The National Security Agency domestic phone records program is common sense. President Bush and NSA's General Hayden have assured us that they have always acted within the law.

So why did NSA refuse to validate to Qwest the legality of its 2001 request for the company's customer phone records? Why did NSA refuse to provide Qwest with a simple letter of authorization from the Attorney General's office? Where was the harm in what Qwest asked for? What can NSA's refusals mean?

These are troubling questions.

Next, HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson publicly withdrew his cautionary tale about the need for political loyalty from contract winners. The White House supported Jackson in his new assertion that all such contracts are in fact stringently merit-based. So why did NSA staffers tell Qwest management that their refusal might affect their ability to get further government work?

Surely government should reinforce, not threaten America's bedrock values?

Jerry Peill
Lancaster

Remembering Cassie Mealer

To The Editor:

The article in the May 4 edition of the Rappahannock Record about Catherine "Cassie" Mealer of Prince George was short, sweet and to the point, but left out information that clarified how she was a member of our community.

Cassie was not just a girl passing through the county. She graduated from New Kent High School in 1998 where she was a star pitcher for the girls softball team.

Cassie eventually moved west to be a part of an apprenticeship working on one of the largest Arabian horse farms in North America. After a few years there, she decided to return to Virginia. She found her way to the Flowerdew Hundred Plantation in Hopewell where she served as the wildlife resource manager and program director.

Cassie eventually decided to move to Lancaster County. She commuted from Lancaster to Hopewell on a daily basis for several months until she could find a position locally, which she eventually did at MDAssociates Inc.

The night Cassie Mealer passed away, she was on her way to her boyfriend's house. She had been living and working in Lancaster County, which in our minds, made her a member of this community, despite what her driver's license or the news article said.

Those who were thoughtful enough to place flowers at the scene of her accident and took the time to send Cassie's family their condolences should know that their kindness is appreciated by her loved ones. Her family is awed by the concern and support shown by our community and appreciates everything that has been said and done.

Angie Crabbe
and friends of Cassie
Kilmarnock

Rep. Davis's bill would extend the Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment deadline

Citing the need to provide seniors more time to review and familiarize themselves with the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug benefit, Rep. Jo Ann Davis has introduced legislation that would extend the May 15 deadline a year, for enrolling in a prescription drug plan without paying a penalty.

The legislation also would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs. "The Medicare Prescription Drug plan is a needed benefit for those on Medicare, and although not a perfect plan, seniors are receiving a benefit that they did not have prior to this legislation being enacted into law," said Rep. Davis. "However, this plan has two shortcomings that my legislation would rectify—it would allow seniors more time to sign up for a plan without being penalized, and it would allow the Department of Health to negotiate prices with the drug companies to lower overall costs. Making important health care decisions is not something that should be rushed, and I believe seniors need more time in making these decisions. Folks should not enroll in a rush and under fear of being penalized if they go past this May 15 deadline.

While Part D enrollment efforts have been successful, with 29 million seniors signed up by April 2006, there is still a significant amount of confusion, misinformation, and inaccessibility surrounding the new benefit. Providing seniors an additional year for initial enrollment will ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have the adequate time to find the plan that best meets their needs, without being subject to a significant late enrollment penalty fee.

Allowing the Secretary to be involved in the price negotiations for Part D plans would lead to overall cost savings for both Medicare and its beneficiaries. It is already known that price negotiation has yielded significant savings for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). While the VA is a markedly different system than Medicare, the benefits of having a single negotiator could still be achieved for Part B plans.

"Price negotiation would also make sure that prescription drug plans were more consistent. Seniors would not have to worry if their medication might be less expensive under a different plan, or be forced into a plan because it is the only one that carries their medication," said Rep. DAvis. "Consequently, Medicare beneficiaries would be less confused by the plethora of choices in drug plans, and more confident that their plan will provide them access to affordable prescription drugs."

The bill has been referred to the Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce committees.

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From left are Lori Duncan, Joan Blackstone and Allen Webb.

Republicans campaign during bluegrass festival

The Richmond County Republican Party hosted a booth at the recent Menokin Bluegrass Festival. The local Republicans provided lots of information for children, including coloring books with information about the Virginia General Assembly, booklets describing the State symbols and pamphlets outlining the history of Virginia.

"It is important for our youth to understand their heritage and the history of our county and our Commonwealth," said Richmond County Republican Party chair Lori Duncan.

"Del. Wittman's office provided some wonderful brochures geared toward the children. I am truly encouraged to see so many families attend this event and support the rebuilding of this piece of Richmond County's history," said Duncan. "We must continue to encourage the study of the great men and women who risked their lives to forge this nation into a Republic."

They also handed out signs, stickers and literature in support of Sen. George Allen and Rep. Jo Ann Davis.

Also attending the event and helping greet visitors from all across the Northern Neck were Lancaster County Republican Committee chair Joan Blackstone and Northumberland County Republican Committee chair Allen Webb. Members from the Richmond County Committee included Bob Smith and Deborah Harper. Members from the Northumberland Committee included Ron, Linda and Sarah Herring. Del. Rob Wittman and Legislative Assistant Blake Hite spent the day speaking with constituents and enjoying the many delights offered by the local vendors.

To join the Richmond County Republican Party, call Duncan at 663-9613.

Lancaster Democrats post agenda

The regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the Bank of Lancaster north side branch in Kilmarnock.

The agenda will include a discussion of the results of the First Congressional District Convention at which Shawn O'Donnell was nominated to be the party's nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in November. Ways that the committee can support O'Donnell in Lancaster County will be explored.

Also on the agenda will be a discussion of the June 13 Primary which will decide the Democratic candidate for a Senate run in November. Harris Miller and Jim Webb are seeking the nomination.

Anyone interested in Democratic activities should contact committee chair Donna Thompson at 436-0605, or visit www.lancovadems.org.

Northumberland Democrats to meet

The May meeting of the Northumberland Democratic Committee will be held Thursday, May 25, at the Northumberland County Community Center on Browns Store Road. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The committee will hear reports from delegates to Virginia's First Congressional District Democratic Nominating Convention May 15 in Williamsburg. Several Northumberland Democrats were among the 184 Virginia delegates in attendance.

This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

What experiences made you what you are?

Paper is the bane of my life. I have five four-drawer filing cabinets - that's a total of 20 large drawers. I have file folders for everything, from Appliances to Recipes.

My recipe folders go from appetizers to soups. But my appliance folders are more numerous. There's a folder for each appliance we own, whether a coffeepot, an electric toothbrush or a washing machine.

I have separate folders for each of the more than 700 weekly columns written in the last 15 years. And a drawer of folders for column ideas waiting to be written.

Even with good organization, I often feel terribly overwhelmed by paper. So last week, I looked through some obscure folders, hoping to toss lots of paper.

As I leafed through the folders, I once again remembered why I have so much paper. The most interesting thing I found was an undated sheet of paper titled "Important themes of youth that made me what I am."

This introspective piece was written more than 20 years ago. I know because it was printed on an antiquated dot-matrix printer.

I had eight points that "made me what I am." The first one was "Happy/everything was fun." Then, I went on to say money and happiness are not connected and it's a "good idea to be a little extravagant even when poor."

My parents bought a farm just before the crash, and they never fully recovered financially. But being strapped for cash didn't affect the happiness of my young life a bit. Eating an "Eskimo pie" after a fishing trip or roller-skating to visit our neighbors was enough happiness for me.

As the first grandchild on the maternal side, I had a "world of significant adults."

I thought I was special to my grandmother, but it may just have been her way of making everybody feel special. Aunt Naomi and Uncle Lee - ages 16 and 13 - were delighted to have a baby in the family.

But at the same time I had "No pressure to perform. The important people in my life liked me for being me, not for what I did."

As a result, I didn't do very well in grade school or high school. But my internal controls took over later, and by graduate school I was a straight A student.

There were very difficult experiences. Like the time my four-year-old brother was hit by a car and I felt guilty that I hadn't stopped him from crossing the street. But still, I prefer to focus on the happy times.

In my world view, happiness is not connected to great riches and people are more important than their accomplishments.

What were the early influences in your life? Why not make a list of "Important themes of youth that made me what I am." Were you happy, or did you have some scarring experiences? Did you grow up poor or affluent? Did you love school, or was school hard for you?

No matter what the answers, think about how those experiences shaped your life and influenced how you see the world. If some of your experiences make you feel bad, decide to focus on ones that make you feel good. Then build on those positive memories to create a wonderful NOW.

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Lancashire Lines

by Joan M. Foster

Lancashire residents showed off their artistic talents during arts and crafts on Monday. The afternoon featured a checkers marathon. Jim Conley led an evening Bible study.

Jay Jarvis and Herbert Carter presented a gospel music program Tuesday. Alease George was high scorer in bingo.

Rev. Hall hosted a Wednesday Bible study. Residents challenged one another in bowling.

Miss Marie and Miss Joan led a music program Thursday. Rappahannock residents reminisced about "mom-isms," those famous sayings for which moms are best remembered. Doris Hurst was top winner in bingo. Suzy Norman brought smiles to all during pet therapy.

A hymn sing was held on Friday. Miss Emma led a fun Mother's Day focus.

Jones Ministries hosted a praise service on Saturday.

The Mother's Day worship service was led by Calvary Baptist Church. Volunteers helped to make this a joyous week.

Thomas rekindles past prior to the fire of 1950

Few members of the Northern Neck Rotary Club remembered or could imagine a Kilmarnock Main Street with four supermarkets, four automobile dealers all with gas pumps, a hotel, and movie theater. Then few have been residents of the area and could remember what it was like 60 years ago.

Commissioner of Revenue Sonny Thomas, an honorary lifetime member of the club, related how things were "before the fire" to the members of the breakfast Rotary May 10.

Kilmarnock was a bustling community in the late '40s and early '50s. Main Street was a shopping Mecca for the entire Northern Neck. According to Thomas, folks from as far away as Colonial Beach would come to town during Kilmarnock Days and sleep on the sidewalk or the hotel on the corner of West Church Street just to be here when the stores opened. Many folks came to town on Saturdays, stayed for dinner, took in a movie and returned home after midnight. Stores, restaurants, and the local soda fountain stayed open until the movie attendees had a chance to shop or get ice cream after the movie was over.

Then there was the fire, March 17, 1950. Rumors abound as to how it started at the hotel, but it raced down the street through all the buildings down to what is now Booth's Furniture Store. When it was over, a hardware, Western Auto, and many other stores were gone.

Things and times change. Only two family-owned businesses survive from the '50s: Lee's Restaurant and W.F. Booth, each four or more generations on Main Street.

Thomas cited the current construction downtown which is an effort to recapture a bit of this bygone era. One need only look around to see the change coming.

Part of the Commissioner of Revenue's job is to keep up with this change. Last year, more than $65 million in new construction has allowed the tax rate to remain low, one of the lowest seven in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Thomas said that he never thought he would live to see the day when there would be pressure (demand) for non-waterfront properties, but it has arrived. More than 1,000 new homes have been approved for the White Stone, Kilmarnock, Irvington triangle. The commercial efforts and new construction, including Wal-Mart and perhaps other big box stores, are the result of change and growth in the county, not the cause of the change, according to Thomas. Were it not for the changes in the business environment, these businesses would not see the potential for growth that would allow them to be profitable in the county. Thomas hastened to say that growth is not all good, but neither is it all bad.

The Northern Neck Rotary Club meets at Lee's Restaurant each Wednesday for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Historical society hears Stratford Hall miller

The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society held its annual spring membership meeting May 10 at Stratford Hall Plantation.

During the morning business session, the Robert O. Norris history award was presented to Stephen Bosher, a first-year student at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw.

Presentations were made by Rev. David Russell of Stafford County Historical Society, Elizabeth Lee of the King George Historical Society and Museum, Art Buswell of the Colonial Beach Historical Society and Museum, Lois Harrison Jones of the Amstead Tasker Johnson Museum, and Marion Zingler of the Westmoreland County Museum. Society president Virginia Brown spoke of the Kinsale Museum as its director was unable to attend.

The afternoon session featured a talk by Steven Bashore, the miller at Stratford Hall. He was introduced by Judith Hinson, Stratford's director of research and collections. Bashore discussed the history of milling from 75 BC to the 20th century. He discussed the progression of milling from the turning of stones by hand to the use of animals, water, and wind to provide the power mills.

Regarding mills of the Northern Neck, Bashore showed examples of many mills still standing (though not operating). He pointed out that there are some with all of their operating parts that could and should be preserved.

He concluded his talk by discussing the Stratford Mill which has been restored and is operating. Cornmeal, flour and grits may be purchased at the Gift Shop. Following his talk, he invited participants to a demonstration.

The fall meeting will be October 18 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock. Michael Quinn, president and executive director of the Montpelier Foundation, will speak on Presidents Washington and Madison. To attend or become a member, call 224-0163 or 580-8702.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas Bonanza

Bonanza-Holt vows exchanged

The marriage of Miss Jennifer Noël Holt of Weems, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Holt Jr., also of Weems, to Michael Thomas Bonanza of Newport News, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bonanza of Cochecton, N.Y., took place April 1, 2006, at Lower United Methodist Church in Hartfield with the Rev. Les Trail officiating.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents at the double-ring ceremony. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Smith of White Stone and Frostproof, Fla., and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Holt Sr. The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grabek and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bonanza.

Miss Hillary Holt of Weems, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Courtney Bega of Hopewell, friend of the bride, and Mrs. Amber Gregory of Newbury, N.Y., friend of the groom. Miss Zoe Montag of Lancaster, friend of the bride, was the flower girl.

Colin McCann of Chesterfield, friend of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Don Spagnoli of Hortonville, N.Y., and Jon Brooks of New Jersey, friends of the groom. Sebastian Bonanza, son of the groom, was the ring-bearer.

Mrs. Sherry Ketner of Kilmarnock, friend of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Sandra Smith of White Stone, aunt of the bride, was the reader. Mrs. Rose Bonanza of Wilmington, N.C., aunt of the groom, was the vocalist. Sonja Headley of Kilmarnock, friend of the bride, was the greeter.

The rehearsal dinner and the reception were hosted by the bride's and groom's parents in the church social hall.

A bridal shower was given by Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mrs. Sherry Ketner, both of Kilmarnock.

The bride received a bachelor's in anthropology from Longwood University in 2003 and is presently pursuing a master in education from Old Dominion University. She works part-time at Jared in Newport News.

The groom is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Eustis. He recently returned from a ten-month tour in the Pacific Ocean, prior to which he attended leadership training in Fort Knox, Ky.

After a honeymoon at the North Lodge in Asheville, N.C., the couple will reside in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Walker Sr.

Walkers celebrate 50 years

James E. Walker Sr. and Joyce Rogers Walker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 29, 2006, at Remlik Wesleyan Church with many family and friends.

The event was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rogers.

The couple were married April 26, 1956, in Greenwood, Miss. The Walkers lived in Edwardsville and Weems until they moved to the Charlottesville area in 1971, where they currently reside. Their children are the late James E. Walker Jr. and Michael T. Walker of Charlottesville. They have three grandchildren, Brandon Walker, Lindsay Walker and Sarah Walker.

James Walker is retired from Centel-Sprint in Charlottesville. Joyce Walker is retired from the dental profession in Charlottesville. She is the former Joyce Lee Rogers of Weems.

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Mrs. Nannie Booth of Warsaw recently spent a weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Gilliam and Shirley Hall of Wicomico Church.

Gilliam and Shirley Hall of Wicomico Church were in St. Mary's County, Md., on Saturday to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill and Francis Trossback at the Chrystall Ball in Calloway, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spafford of Kent Point were in Woodstock last weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Gene and Judy Ramey. Other family members joining them were her sisters and brother-in-law, Ms. Betty Brown of Falls Church and Debby and Danny Mastervich of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sellew of Smokey Point, Kilmarnock, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rothermel of Richmond were Mother's Day guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sellew and children, Janna, Amanda and Lindy in Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crawford and son, Robert, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. David Humphreys and son, Phillip, of White Stone were Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Marsh in Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamberth of Midlothian spent Mother's Day weekend with his mother, Mrs. Joe Lamberth.

Ms. Lynn Wiles of Alexandria and Mrs. Arthur Dize have returned after spending a week in Maceo, Ky., with Mrs. Dize's niece, Ms. Suzanne Smiley, and Ms. Maureen Kohl.

Mrs. Wallace Carter and daughter, Ms. Lindy Grigsby, were in Newport News last weekend as guests of Lindy's son-in-law and daughter, Tim and Jenny Pannell. Mr. Carter was in Bridgewater with his son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Carter, Sarah, Sam and Steve, to celebrate Sam's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Somervell and daughter, Carley, of Gloucester spent Sunday with his mother, Ms. Maxine Somervell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Forrester spent Mother's Day weekend with a son and his family, Michael and Ursula Forrester, Caroline and Henry, in Rocky Mount, N.C.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gill this week are his sisters, Mrs. Rubinette Dunaway and Mrs. Marie Jobe, and a niece, Joan Craun, all of Fairfax. They are here to celebrate his 73rd birthday which was on Tuesday.

Miss Hope Towner is with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sibley Towner, on Prentice Creek.

Helene Braatz reunited with her college roommate, Anne Monteith, from Minnesota in Williamsburg. They graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. This is their first get-together in over 40 years.

Jonathan Chilton, who graduated from Ferrum College on Sunday, and Catherine Chilton of VPI were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chilton, for several days. Catherine will return to VPI for summer school.

Mother's Day weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Taliaferro in White Stone were their sons, Paul Taliaferro and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taliaferro, all of Richmond.

Mrs. Emily Hudnall is home and doing well following hip surgery at Sentara Careplex Hospital in Hampton.

Miss Gretchan Urban and Miss Kelle Urban of Radford University arrived last Thursday to spend the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Debbie Urban, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Urban. Will McClain of Richmond joined the family on Sunday.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Jesse Dize enjoyed a mother-daughter get-together with her daughters, Ms. Jessica Dize of Toano, Mrs. Kelley Anderson of Ocean View and Mrs. Leslie Ann Sturtz of Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sheridan have recently moved from Washington to their handsomely renovated home on Prentice Creek. Sunday guests were her mother, Mrs. Mike Fisher, her brother-in-law and sister, Grayson and Suzanne Mattingly, and Mrs. Jean Dize.

Engagements

John Fletcher Smith V and Shannon Elizabeth Crum

Crum-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shiflett of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher Smith IV of Urbanna announce the engagement of their children, Shannon Elizabeth Crum and John Fletcher Smith V.

Miss Crum is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. She is originally from Baltimore and is the granddaughter of Mr. William Crum and the late Kathryn Crum of Maryland.

The prospective groom, formerly of Middlesex County, is a graduate of Rappahannock Community College at Glenns, and an honor graduate of Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Fla. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar A. Feil of Irvington, and the late John Fletcher Smith III, formerly of Petersburg. He is also the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Linwood R. Dix Sr., formerly of Petersburg.

The couple will be married at Urbanna Baptist Church June 17, 2006. After a wedding trip, the couple will live in Orlando where they are both employed by Orlando Baptist Church.

Salvation Army seeks to send children to camp

The Salvation Army is seeking contributions to send kids to camp.

"Once again, it is time to get children ready for Camp Happy Land," said local Salvation Army chairman Dianna Carter.

The fee per camper is $145. The Salvation Army also provides lunch for them to go to camp and pays for a bus driver.

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Antiques Fair is May 27 and 28

Antiques dealers will exhibit at the third annual Northern Neck Antiques on the lawn at Epping Forest Plantation May 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The dealers include Nettie Dolbow of Gibbstown, N.J., a favorite on the show circuit. She offers decorative accessories and fun items.

Fair manager Louise Jesse of Epping Forest Antiques said, "Nettie is the most exuberant of our antiques dealers this year. Her enthusiasm is matched by her great inventory."

Mark Stulginsky of Pennsylvania will return. He specializes in Majolica and painted country furniture. Veronica Komansky of Bridgeton, N.J., will exhibit fine linens. Tom Delacambre of Moss Point, Miss., specializes in small period pieces and fine furniture.

Rebecca Perrine of Richmond will bring fine French and European furniture and accessories. Salli LaGrone of Franklin, Tenn., has a huge selection of fine prints, small period pieces and objects d'art.

Jim and Janet Fanto of Janet Fanto Antiques and Rare Books of Easton, Md., featured in a Martha Stewart segment, will join the group. They carry 17th-, 18th- and early 19th-century ceramics, furniture and garden ware.

New to the fair will be Christopher Robin Allen Antiques and Fine Art of Durham, N.C., Southern Traditions of Hamilton, Paul Blake Antiques of Pinehurst, N.C., Romancing the Past of Hartwell, Ga., Lady Di's Antiques of China Grove, N.C., Mark Antibbe Fine Silver of Atlanta, Ga., and Frank Langford of Richmond.

Other Richmond dealers who will attend are Robert and Deanna Taylor, Louis Sikkelee and Beck's Antiques.

Jim Francis of Kilmarnock will bring period firearms and Katherine Chase Antiques and Dale Mauney Antiques, both of White Stone, also will attend.

Other returning dealers include Kent Lambert of Baltimore, Ostrich Hill Farm Antiques of Lititz, Pa., Antiques on Eleven of Verona, Ricki Schmidt of Williamsburg, Susan Curran Wright of Raleigh, N.C., and Joan Henn of Silver Spring, Md.

The show is sponsored by Lancaster County Historic Resources Commission.

No pets will be allowed.

Epping Forest Plantation, birthplace of Mary Ball, George Washington's mother, is on Route 622, off Route 3. Volunteers are needed for parking and taking tickets. Call Jesse at 462-7960, or visit eppingforest@rivnet.net.

Admission is $5. Show cards at businesses and ads in the papers are good for $1 off, or clip this article and show it upon admission for the discount. Parking is free. The Antiquer's Cafe and Food Court will be in front of the plantation house. The Corrotoman Hunt Club will provide food and beverages.

Returning dealer Tom Delacambre is shown with samples of the antiques and porcelains he will bring to the Northern Neck Antiques Fair Memorial Day weekend.

Births

Sean Patrick West

Abigail Colleen West of Deltaville announces the birth of her brother, Sean Patrick West, born April 19, 2006, on her second birthday. Sean was born at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

His parents are Eugene and Bonnie West of Deltaville.

His grandparents include John and Betsy Hudgins and Benja Callis, all of Deltaville, Eugene West and Darlene Callis of Kilmarnock, and Patricia Gaines of Farnham.

His great-grandmother is Velma Glascock of Deltaville.

Computer users to meet

The Northern Neck Computer Users Group sponsors a Photoshop Special Interest Group (SIG) that provides help to its members in the taking of photographs and the manipulation of the photos using the Photoshop Elements software program.

Jim Sapione is the leader of the Photoshop SIG and provides information at each meeting about camera equipment and taking photos. Joe Moeller follows him with his sessions on using Photoshop Elements.

Each month there is an optional photo contest where members can test their skills. The May contest was to create a poster for the Memorial Day Service to be held at Christ Church on Monday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. In preparation for the contest, Cliff Freeman arranged a "photo shoot" in Richmond at the Hollywood Cemetery and various other historic sites and Judy Sapione, a graphic artist, gave a talk on posters and how to create them. Bev Thompson created a poster chosen to announce the upcoming Memorial Day Service and this poster will be displayed in various businesses around Kilmarnock.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Library in Kilmarnock. Dues are $20. For more information about the Photoshop SIG, call Jim Sapione at 462-5831.

Books Alive to feature Faulkner trio

Books Alive meets Tuesday, May 23, at the Northumberland Public Library at 7 p.m.

Bob Lindsey will discuss William Faulkner's novels *The Hamlet, The Town* and *The Mansion.* The trilogy tells of the rise of the notorious Flem Snopes from son of a sharecropper to bank president by means of financial chicanery too astoundingly bold, shrewd and merciless for the community to resist.

The novels that make up the "Snopes Triology" are set in Faulkner's fictional world of Yoknapatawpha County, Mississippi. Flem Snopes's passage through the hamlet of Frenchman's Bend and the town of Jefferson on his way from penury to wealth and power challenges those communities' traditional relationships and moral strength to an irreparable degree. The trilogy takes the reader through episodes of deep and disturbing human drama as well as outrageous, fall-off-the-chair comedic scenes.

"One of the great literary pleasures is reading just about anything written by William Faulkner. Even greater is reading one of those works a second time," s aid Lindsey. "Any fan of Faulkner is going to enjoy this discussion, and anyone who has not read him will come away wanting to do so."

Refreshments will be served. In addition, Lindsey will provide copies of the map of Yoknapatawpha County and genealogies of its most prominent families—Snopes, Compson, Sartoris, McCaslin and Sutpen—for all who attend.

The June 27 Books Alive Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will feature a review of "summer reading" selections by library director Jayne McQuade.

For more information about Books Alive or to suggest a book review, call Earline Walker at 529-9362.

Blake to sing in Italy

Pervis O. Blake of King and Queen is scheduled to sing in three productions of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." The productions are part of The Amalfi Music Festival in Naples, Italy.

The festival will be staged from July 14 through July 26.

Blake will perform the roles of the second priest and second armored man. This festival gives him the opportunity to work with conductors and musicians from around the world.

Blake is the son of Ervin L. Blake and Pearl Gresham-Blake, and the grandson of Georgianna Blake and J. Emmett Gresham.

In 1997, he graduated from Central High School. He then moved to Virginia State University, finishing with a major in vocal performance in 2002.

From 2002 to 2005, Blake taught music in the King and Queen school system. Since 2000, he has been a choir director at Union Prospect Baptist Church, and works with other area churches as well. As a member of the Virginia Opera Chorus, he performed in "Norma" in March and April of this year.

Pervis Blake

Blake is seeking support in making his dream a reality. The total cost of the trip including hotel accommodations and roundtrip flight is $5,000.

Please make checks and money orders payable to Pearl Blake, P.O. Box 852, White Stone, VA 22578. For tax deductible donations make checks to Union Prospect Baptist Church, c/o Pervis Blake Italy trip.

If there are any questions, Blake can be reached at 370-4325.

Local blood donor could win a Jeep

The Northumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross will have a blood drive on June 13 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church in Lottsburg.

The need for blood is constant, according to the American Red Cross, and must be replaced on a daily basis. Blood cannot be manufactured, it must come from human donors.

"Roll up you sleeve and roll away a winner." This summer the American Red Cross and Greenbrier Chrysler-Jeep, part of the Southern Hospitality Auto Group, are offering a red 2006 Jeep Liberty to donors.

Every time a potential donor signs in to give blood to the Red Cross Mid-Atlantic Region from May 1 to October 1, they will be automatically registered to win the Jeep Liberty. On October 18, a winner will be drawn from the Mid-Atlantic Region's blood drive sign-in sheets.

Art teachers to address art league

Art teachers from the three Lancaster County public schools will present the program for the Rappahannock Art League (RAL) meeting May 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Mary Grafton Yagel, Shauna McCranie and Marilyn Sprouse will team up for a lively and entertaining slide show of children creating their art along with anecdotes that are part of the teachers' experiences.

RAL contributes $500 to each school and these teachers put a lot of time and creative effort into their work. They will report how RAL's gifts enrich their program.

This will be the last regular meeting until September. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Cox to exhibit at Bay School

Having completed a two-month exhibit at the Northumberland Public Library, local artist Ron Cox of Kilmarnock will display his works at the Bay School Cultural Arts Center in Mathews during June.

Using a combination of paint, pen and ink, colored pencil and pencil, Cox employs contrast, form, color, repetition and other elements of art to portray his reaction or response to various situations in life.

"I would like to thank all who attended my show in February and March and invite everyone to the show in Mathews in June," said Cox.

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The Moving Wall to visit Warsaw

The Moving Wall, a replica of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will arrive Thursday, May 18, in Warsaw. It can be viewed from May 18 to 22 on the campus green of Rappahannock Community College.

An opening ceremony will be held Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. On Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, a large Armed Forces celebration will be featured from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The closing ceremony will be held Monday, May 22, at 3 p.m. The public is invited to the ceremonies.

Five local young men who lost their lives in the Vietnam War are listed on the panels. Each one will be commemorated by a small sign placed in front of their listed panel to assist those who wish to pause and remember their supreme sacrifice for freedom. They are Lewis Rodney Cain of Kilmarnock, Nathan Johnson Jr. of Lancaster, Grady Rudolph Lester Jr. of Wicomico Church, William Steven Potter of Lancaster and Rodney Leroy Stinson of Lancaster.

Any artifacts that are left at the Moving Wall will be collected, boxed, and marked for this location. These are then sent to a Memorial Fund warehouse/office complex in California.

When the Moving Wall has fulfilled the needs for which it is created, a permanent site will be developed and landscaped. The artifacts will then be moved into a museum that is being planned. The artifacts will be displayed in glass cases below each state flag that the Moving Wall has visited.

The names are arranged on the Moving Wall in chronological order, according to the date of the casualty. Within each day, the names are alphabetized. For MIA's (Missing in Action), the date of causality is the date they were reported captured or missing. The list starts at the apex (center) of the Moving Wall, beginning with the date 1959 and ending with the date 1975.

On Armed Forces Day, May 20, Rep. Jo Ann Davis will be the main speaker for the program in Warsaw. Rep. Davis will be joined by Del. Rob Wittman and other dignitaries as the community honors the nation's military personnel and those who served and those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Vietnam War. Local veterans will participate in all three of the planned events. Additionally, music will be provided by the St. Margaret's Treble & Ensemble Choir, Beverly Gordon, director and eighth-grade violinist, Devin Long, from Richmond County.

As part of the Moving Wall's community obligation, a reading of the 58,228 names listed on the Moving Wall will be done. Community volunteers will read from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Only during the ceremonies will the reading cease. Call 333-3420 to volunteer.

The project is being produced jointly by the Richmond County Fair Association and the Northern Neck Tourism Council. Contributions may be sent to the Richmond County Fair Association, P.O. Box 152, Warsaw, VA 22572. (Please note on check memo – Moving Wall).

Any additional funds, over and above Moving Wall expenses, will be contributed to the Vietnam Combat Veterans group to offset operating expenses and to maintain the collection of items and memorabilia left at the Moving Wall.

Former resident and successful Kilmarnock realtor Bonnie Gwathmey stands in front of her soon-to-be-completed Casa Vista Azul (house with the blue view) hotel in Playa del Coco, Costa Rica. Gwathmey has donated a seven-night stay for auction at this year's CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction.

Gwathmey donates island accommodations to auction

Bonnie Gwathmey decided to retire from a successful real estate practice and see those things she had only read about.

She said she went to Costa Rica in January 2005 to escape the cold winter. The first morning, she was first awakened by the monkeys, then the roosters then the sun and she decided to stay. Gwathmey discovered that others were flocking down to enjoy what the "Ticos" call "Pura Vida" which is translated Pure Life.

Soon she began planning and the idea of Casa Vista Azul, a small intimate hotel on a hillside with a view of the ocean began to rise from the ground. Gwathmey adds that nearby activities would include a visit to the Arenal Volcano, one of the most active in the world; canopy tours in the rain forest, sport fishing, nature tours and massages on the beach.

The successful bidder at the CAPINNÉ Charity Dinner and Auction will be able to join Bonnie at the Casa Vista Azul for seven nights. The stay may be divided so the visitor can visit the amazing attractions in the area and nearby countries.

The CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction will be held July 15 at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Tickets soon go on sale at $60 which will buy a wonderful evening including a gourmet dinner, open bar, and silent and live auction of hundreds of items donated by local businesses.

All funds from the fund-raiser will be used to support local charities and programs.

Del. Rob Witman will speak at annual Memorial Service

The annual Memorial Day service, sponsored by the Northern Neck Chapter of the Military Officers Association and the American Legion Adams Post # 86 in Kilmarnock, will honor America's military personnel, with special reference to those who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation.

It will be held at Christ Church on Monday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. David H. May will be the officiant, and the guest speaker is Del. Rob Wittman. Also participating in this traditional event will be the Lancaster High School brass ensemble and the color guard from Post 86.

The designated honoree at this year's service will be Col. Arval Roberson, originally from Indiana and now living near White Stone. He joined the Army Air Force in 1942 and became an aviation cadet, flew P-39 Aircorbras and P-51 Mustangs, and when stationed in England saw his first combat mission in February 1944 and became an ace. He flew a total of 76 combat missions during WWII with a total of 6 victories, one probable and one on the ground.

Col. Roberson returned to combat during the Korean War, logging 100 missions in Mustangs and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He later served as liaison officer with the Vietnamese Joint Chiefs of Staff, but still managed to log 26 combat support missions in the C-47. He was promoted to colonel, and his last position was as Commander, Otis AFB, on Cape Cod. He retired from the Air Force in March 1973, with 31 years of service.

Col. Roberson's military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with an OLC, the Air Medal with 15 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal, the French Croix de Guerre, the RVN Armed Forces Honor Medal and the Russian Medal of Freedom.

The service at Christ Church is open to all persons wishing to attend and who desire to show their appreciation for the sacrifices by the members or the nation's armed forces.

Native Americans to gather

Native Americans across the region will join the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe to celebrate their 19th Annual Powwow/Festival May 27 and 28. They will gather on the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Grounds on Route 30 in King William County. Grounds will open at 10 a.m. both days with grand entry at noon on May 27 and 1 p.m. May 28. The Powwow will feature Native American dancers, drummers, singers and crafters.

Native American crafters will have jewelry, pottery, beadwork, leather crafts, and other Native American arts and crafts for sale. Mildred Moore of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe will demonstrate traditional pottery making. Powhatan Red Cloud-Owen, a member of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, will return as the master of ceremonies for this year's powwow. The Yaughtanund singers, a multi-tribal drum, will serve as host drum.

The festival is open to the public. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children ages 6 through 12 years. Children age 5 and younger are admitted at no charge. Attendees are urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

Pets are not permitted on powwow grounds.

Big and sweet Strawberry Festival planned

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held May 27 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville.

While a lot will be the same as in past years, there are several new additions.

There will be 1,000 quarts of strawberries for sale. Most are grown in the Montross and Northern Neck area and are expected to be sweet, succulent and big.

According to George Beckett, the coordinator of this event, 113 vendors will be pitching their tents in St. Stephen's front yard and offering a huge variety of handicrafts and art work.

Food and drink will be available. Local entertainers include The Dragon Run Band.

Ceremony set at Bethel Cemetery

The 17th annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively.

If weather permits, the ceremony will be held outside near the cemetery. The church is on White Chapel Road west of Lively.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 29, and will last about 45 minutes.

A wreath will be placed in honor of the 115 servicemen buried at Bethel Cemetery. A color guard will be provided by American Legion Post #86, in Kilmarnock.

Short talks will be given by Brennan Cutting and Richard Wilmore, who will graduate from Lancaster High School this year and will enlist in the armed forces. The "Call To Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Lancaster High School band director Robbie Spiers.

The name of deceased servicemen at Bethel Cemetery will be read by members of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men. The Men's Chorus will sing "For Spacious Skies."

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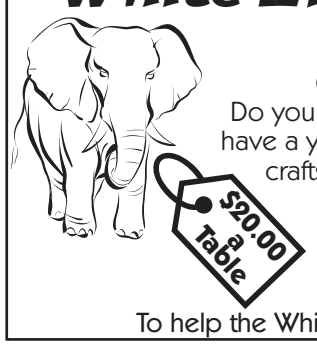

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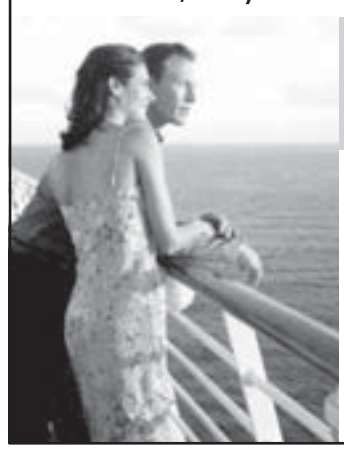
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Bay Transit, a service of Bay Aging, recently announced that trolley services are now available to the residents and visitors to the Kilmarnock area in the Northern Neck.

Trolley hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays; on holidays weekends, the trolley hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays and noon to 5 p.m. Mondays. Clip and save the trolley schedule for use through the Labor Day weekend. Trolley rides are 25 cents each way.

What a wonderful way to tour the area, said Bay Transit director Ken Pollock.

The trolley can be used as an alternative form of transportation around town.

Visit www.bayaging.org for more information on Bay Transit public transportation services or to learn more about Bay Aging's many programs and services for the frail and older adult population.

TROLLEY SCHEDULE

Half Hour	Trolley Stop
:00 & :30	Lancaster Middle School
:05 & :35	YMCA
:09 & :39	Second & Claybrook St
:10 & :40	Nail Expo
:11 & :41	Bank of Lancaster
:13 & :43	Smokin' Joe's
:14 & :44	Public Parking Lot
:16 & :46	Masonic Lodge
:21 & :51	Food Lion
:25 & :55	Peebles/Dollar General

The Bank of Lancaster has donated a numbered print, "Reflections," by Franklin Saye to be raffled at the spring concert. The print was commissioned in honor of the bank's 75th anniversary. From left are investment services officer Ed Pittman, bank employee and band booster secretary Diane Luttrell and band director Robbie Spiers.

LHS bands to offer New Orleans experience

The bands of Lancaster High School will present "Mardi Gras 06" on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lancaster High School commons.

Tickets can be obtained by calling 462-0697, or by visiting the high school.

The freshmen, concert and symphonic bands will fill the commons with music, all in the Mardi Gras theme. Decorations will take diners to New Orleans, complete with beads, masks and glitter.

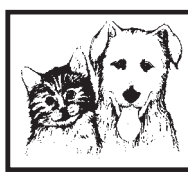
The menu will be authentic New Orleans fare, including cajun or barbecue chicken, rice, salad, veggies, rolls and homemade bread pudding.

"The music we have chosen this year is just plain fun. It is a joy to play, listen to and experience," said band director Robbie Spiers. "We have so much talent in this school, and we have arranged this program to not only showcase the bands, but to showcase several individuals in solo roles. You'll be amazed by many of these young people."

As a bonus, members of the ACCA Temple "Million Dollar" Band from Richmond will perform favorite dixieland jazz favorites before, after, and between groups.

Under the direction of Harry Seeley, this combo will really set the mood, said Spiers.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12.



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Supporting 'Music by the River'

Friends of Belle Isle State Park president Carol Dawson (left) receives a donation from Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts president Allen Marple towards the 2006 Music by the River family concert series. The series opens Saturday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the park with Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley. The RFA contribution is made in association with the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The series is sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle State Park. Other major contributors include the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary, the Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men, the Rappahannock Record and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Drama Club to present Broadway play May 25-28

The Drama Club of Lancaster High and Middle schools is rehearsing "Give My Regards to Broadway" which will be performed at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock May 25 at 6 p.m., May 26 at 9 a.m., May 27 at 7 p.m. and May 28 at 2 p.m.

Daniel Revere will play Dick Foster, Jessica Barefoot will be Mary Collins, Everrett Shorts impersonates Legs Ruby, Ben Conboy is a pianist and Grace Perkins is Betty, a Virginia belle.

Songs include "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and the title tune, "Give My Regards to Broadway."

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children and may be purchased at the door, or at LMS beforehand. Group sales are available.

From left are leads Daniel Revere, as Dick Foster, and Jessica Barefoot, as Mary Collins.

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Lancaster's Jamie Veney travels 41′ to win the triple jump. He also won the 200-meter dash, 400-meter run and placed third in the long jump.

Lancaster sprinters Larry Brown (far left) and Nick Beale (far right) come off the start line against Essex runners in the second heat of the 100-meter dash.

LHS teams place first and third

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster's track and field boys won seven of 15 events last Wednesday to beat both Essex and King William in a tri-meet.

The Devils edged the Trojans by 14, scoring 79 points for the win. Essex was in second place with 65 and King William third with 12.

The Lady Devils struggled, finishing third in the home meet. The Lady Cavaliers won 10 events to finish in the top spot with 81 points. Essex had 51 and Lancaster 30.

Jamie Veney led the LHS boys' team by winning three events, including the 200-meter dash (24.3), the 400-meter run (56.5) and the triple jump (41'). Veney also placed third in the long jump (18'5").

The Devils nearly swept the triple jump event with Veney winning, Andre Henderson finishing second (38'9") and Nick Beale coming in fourth (37'6").

Kenny Wilson and Rakeem Laws excelled in the field events, with Wilson winning the shot put (46'3") and taking second in the discus throw (130'9") behind Laws, who won the event with a 130'11" throw.

Nick Beale led the sprinters, winning the 100-meter dash in 11.6. Larry Brown came in second in 11.65. Beale also took second in the 200-meter dash in 24.3.

Lancaster's Aaron Holzbach paced the distance runners in the two-mile, winning that event in 11:56.

Lancaster had only one winner in the girls' meet: Lisa Faulkner led the pack in the 3200-meter run. Faulkner won the race in 13:51 and teammate Erica Patton was fourth in 15:23. Faulkner also placed third in the mile in 6:36.5 and Patton took fourth in 6:57.

In field events, Ashley Reese took second in the discus throw (75'1") and Tabitha Rinehart was third in the high jump (4'4"). Rinehart also took third in the high hurdles in 18.9.

Brianne Oltermann led Lancaster's middle distance runners with a second place finish in both the 400-meter (1:13.7) and the 800-meter (2:55).

Lancaster's girls took three of four places in the 400-meter run with Oltermann finishing second, Tonesha Scruggs placing third (1:15.5) and Sarah Hollowell coming in fourth (1:18.9).

The Devils competed in the Northern Neck District meet earlier this week and will vie for the Region A title next Thursday, May 25, at West Point.

Jackie Dawson of Lancaster clears a hurdle in the 100-meter event during a tri-meet last Wednesday.

Blake's homer lifts Devils over Eagles

Tim Blake hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh last Thursday to help secure a playoff berth for the varsity Devils.

Blake's shot lifted Lancaster, 4-2, over Washington & Lee to give Lancaster a lock on fourth place in the league and a spot in next week's Northern Neck District baseball tournament. The Devils are now 2-4 in the district and 6-10 overall.

Blake led the team all around against the Eagles, retiring four of five batters in the final two innings for the win. Adam Benson started on the mound and went 5 1/3 innings with no decision. Benson struck out four, allowed five hits and walked two.

The Devils trailed by a run, 2-1, going into their last at-bat when Michael Saunders singled and the Eagles intentionally walked Jonathan George with two outs. The strategy backfired when Blake hit the game-winning homer. He batted 2-for-4 with a walk and 3 RBI to lead the offense.

Saunders was 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Lancaster had seven hits with Jonathan Frith and Trevor Henderson recording one each.

Earlier last week, Essex routed the Devils, 15-4, with Jonathan Somers as the losing pitcher. James Jackson closed. The two gave up a combined 11 hits and walked eight.

George led Lancaster at the plate, hitting 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI. He scored Saunders off a two-run homerun in the fifth inning.

Saunders and Blake both went 2-for-3 with a run and Frith was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Junior varsity

Essex edged Lancaster, 3-2, last Tuesday as the JV Devils fell to 2-3 in Northern Neck District play and 2-8 overall.

A game against Washington & Lee last Thursday was cancelled because of severe weather and will most likely not be rescheduled.

Ryan Reynolds struck out eight and didn't give up an earned run as the losing pitcher against the Trojans.

Reynolds and Sam Brockman led the offense with a double each.

Both the varsity and JV teams end regular season play today (May 18) against Northumberland. The varsity Devils go to Heathsville. The JV team hosts the Indians at Dreamfields.

LHS softball teams searching for a win

Washington & Lee scored the winning run in the top of the 10th inning last Thursday to break a scoreless tie and beat Lancaster, 1-0, in varsity softball.

Essex also beat the Lady Devils, 6-0, earlier last week as LHS fell to 1-5 in Northern Neck District play and 6-10 overall.

Lancaster needs to win this week over Rappahannock and Northumberland to secure a spot in next week's district tournament at Essex.

Tiffany Lee was the losing pitcher in last Thursday's marathon, putting in all 10 innings of work with 15 strikeouts, one walk and five hits.

The Lady Devils managed only three hits in 35 times to the plate with Sara Caudle, Brandy Gilbert and Lucy McCann all batting 1-for-4.

Gilbert got the loss last Tuesday, striking out five, walking three and allowing six hits in seven innings.

Caudle led at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a walk. Natalie Stickel batted 1-for-2, while Gilbert and Madison Smith each went 1-for-3. Kori George was 1-for-4.

The varsity Lady Devils will host

(continued on page A13)

Scoreboard

Varsity baseball
Lancaster 4, W&L 2
Essex 15, Lancaster 4
JV baseball
Essex 3, Lancaster 2
Varsity softball
Essex 6, Lancaster 0
W&L 1, Lancaster 0 (10 innings)
JV softball
Essex 5, Lancaster 0
Varsity soccer
Lancaster 6, W&L 5
Lancaster 3, Rappahannock 3
JV soccer
Lancaster 5, Northumberland 1
W&L 2, Lancaster 0
Track
Boys meet
Lancaster 79, Essex 65, King William 12
Girls meet
King William 81, Essex 51, Lancaster 30

Upcoming Games

Varsity baseball/softball
May 18:
Lancaster at Northumberland
May 23:
Northern Neck District baseball tournament semifinals at Rappahannock (5 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
Northern Neck District softball tournament semifinals at Essex (3 p.m. and 5 p.m.)
May 25:
Northern Neck District baseball final at Rappahannock (7 p.m.)
Northern Neck District softball final at Essex (5 p.m.)
JV baseball/softball
May 18:
Northumberland at Lancaster
Soccer
(JV 5:30 p.m.; varsity 7 p.m.)
May 18:
Lancaster at W&L
Track
May 25:
Region A meet at West Point High School (1 p.m.)
Lancaster County Little League
Minor league softball
May 23:
Mathews at Lancaster (6:30 p.m.)

The Fishing Line

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

Fishing in the bay and rivers is steadily improving as more fish are migrating into the area. The bay water temperature, in the low sixties, remains cooler than normal. The result is a bit slower migration.

Striped bass fishing remains good. It has yet to transition from trolling to chumming. The larger specimens continue to be found in southern Maryland locations and are funneling through the main shipping channel of Virginia waters as well. In years past, these fish would have migrated to and below the Maryland-Virginia line at this time. Conversely, the influx of smaller striped bass that are commonly found while chumming have not yet settled into the region in large numbers. Water temperature is a major factor in not only the migration, but in the feeding habits of fish.

In Maryland, trolling has been yielding 34- to 40-inch fish daily along the channel edges between Buoys 68 and 72 west of the Northwest Middle Grounds. There have been scattered catches in and around the Buoy 65 area just north of Smith Point as well.

In Virginia waters, the western channel edges from Smith Point Light down to Buoy No. 1 outside of the Great Wicomico River is holding fish in the mid to upper 30-inch class. The Cut Channel off the Rappahannock River is experiencing southern migration along its edges. Catches are not consistent in any one location due to the constant migration of fish. Each day it is necessary to work the channel edges at different depths as well as in a north-south pattern.

Umbrellas continue to do a good job with white being the primary color and chartreuse being more effective when the water is churned up, and also during periods of dark, overcast skies. Some days the single drops and tandem parachutes produce better. For best results it is good to mix and match.

Croaker are being caught in the rivers and feeder creeks. The mouth of the Rappahannock River, particularly along the south side, is holding croaker in the 9- to 12-inch range. Many mid-river locations have yielded catches as well. Although the bite is best during the evening hours, catches during the daytime can be found along the deeper edges. Bloodworms are enticing the best results. We are finding an improved croaker catch in Ingram Bay and in creeks feeding the Great Wicomico River.

On the Potomac River, the Coan River has been holding some nice croaker mixed with **stiff-back perch**. Squid and bloodworms are working well, but as the water warms a bit, small silver Mepps lures work well for the perch.

"To be a successful angler, one must have a good knowledge of fish, for to understand the quarry is to defeat him." - Tiny Bennett

I wish you an abundant catch and more importantly, a great experience.

Until next time…Fair winds.

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

Fri	**5/19**		Moonrise	1:34	High	4:50	1.6′
			Sunrise	5:53	Low	11:35	0.1′
			Moonset	11:46	High	**5:19**	1.4′
			Sunset	**8:12**	Low	**11:48**	0.2′
Sat	**5/20**		Moonrise	2:06	High	5:51	1.5′
			Sunrise	5:52	Low	**12:31**	0.1′
			Moonset	**12:59**	High	**6:23**	1.5′
3rd Q. - 5:21			Sunset	**8:13**			
Sun	**5/21**		Moonrise	2:34	Low	12:57	0.2′
			Sunrise	5:52	High	6:54	1.5′
			Moonset	**2:10**	Low	**1:27**	0.1′
			Sunset	**8:13**	High	**7:26**	1.6′
Mon	**5/22**		Moonrise	3:01	Low	2:06	0.1′
			Sunrise	5:51	High	7:56	1.5′
			Moonset	**3:21**	Low	**2:22**	0.0′
			Sunset	**8:14**	High	**8:27**	1.7′
Tue	**5/23**		Moonrise	3:26	Low	3:11	0.1′
			Sunrise	5:50	High	8:56	1.4′
			Moonset	**4:32**	Low	**3:16**	0.0′
			Sunset	**8:15**	High	**9:24**	**1.8′**
Wed	**5/24**		Moonrise	3:53	Low	4:11	0.0′
			Sunrise	5:50	High	9:53	1.4′
			Moonset	**5:44**	Low	**4:08**	-0.1′
			Sunset	**8:16**	High	**10:18**	**1.8′**
Thu	**5/25**		Moonrise	4:24	Low	5:06	0.0′
			Sunrise	5:49	High	10:46	1.4′
			Moonset	**6:58**	Low	**4:59**	-0.1′
			Sunset	**8:17**	High	**11:10**	**1.9′**
Fri	**5/26**		Moonrise	4:59	Low	5:58	-0.1′
			Sunrise	5:48	High	11:37	1.4′
			Moonset	**8:11**	Low	**5:49**	-0.1′
			Sunset	**8:17**			

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

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Lancaster High soccer team rises to the top

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

With an unbeaten Northern Neck District record and first place in the league, the Lancaster High soccer team is finally back on top.

The varsity Devils are enjoying their most successful season since 1999 when the team went 17-1-1 and advanced to the Group A quarterfinals.

With a 6-5 win over Washington & Lee last Friday and a 3-3 tie against Rappahannock Monday night, Lancaster is now sporting a 5-0-1 district record and a 7-3-1 overall mark. The Devils will end regular season play tonight (May 18) at Washington & Lee.

Daniel Robertson of Lancaster (right) goes head-to-head for ball control against a Washington & Lee opponent during a district game last Friday.

Billy Jackson had a hat trick in the first half last Friday to lift Lancaster to a 5-1 halftime lead.

Chris Wyvill opened the scoring on a pass from Justin Guthrie about five minutes into the game. The Eagles answered within a minute to tie the contest at 1-1 before Lancaster scored four straight goals for the lofty lead.

Jackson hit first on a fast break. He went one-on-one with the Eagle goalkeeper, who came out of the box for the attempted save. The goalkeeper went down leaving the net unattended for Jackson's shot.

About eight minutes later, Jackson scored again on a header off a corner kick from Guthrie. The two paired up a second time, again on a corner by Guthrie and a kick by Jackson with about 10 minutes to go in the first period.

Jacob Jackson capped the first-half scoring with a solo shot.

J. Jackson stuck in his second goal 10 minutes into the second half on a fast break pass from B. Jackson.

Lancaster had a comfortable 6-1 lead when W&L pulled up a defender to put an extra man in the offense and scored four goals in the final 30 minutes.

Trevor Winnstanley had saves in goal for Lancaster.

The Devils and Raiders played to a 3-3 tie after two five-minute overtimes Monday night.

Wyvill had the first goal for Lancaster off a corner kick by Guthrie. Leif Mieras scored the second goal for Lancaster with an assist to Sven-Eric Woehlk and J. Jackson scored off a pass from B. Jackson.

With the score locked, the intensity rose.

"We wanted to win and they wanted to win and the emotions were high," said LHS coach Amy Stamm. "I had a hard time getting them to concentrate on playing soccer.

"It should have been a win for us," she added. "The defense didn't start acting like the defense we usually have until the second half."

Winnstanley had nine saves.

Junior Varsity

Lancaster's JVs picked up their second win of the season last Wednesday with a 5-1 victory over Northumberland.

Lancaster's Sven-Eric Woehlk gets shoved in the back and out of bounds by a Washington & Lee defender. The Eagle player drew a yellow card on the play.

Chris Bennett had a hat trick to lead the Devils' offense.

Ryan Rinehart opened and ended the scoring with Bennett sandwiching his three goals in between. Rinehart and Bennett had one each in the first half to give LHS a 2-1 lead at the break.

In goal, Sam Frere made six saves.

Washington & Lee took advantage of a pair of LHS fouls last Friday, scoring on a couple of indirect kicks to blank the Devils, 2-0.

The first goal came late in the first half to give the homestanding Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Frere had 12 saves.

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From left, third flight first-place winners were Roy Hall Sr., Curtis Walker, Tom Gale, master of ceremonies, Roy Hall Jr. and John Luttrell.

Swift-Walker Memorial winners are announced

Some 36 teams competed in the sixth annual Swift-Walker Memorial Golf Tournament April 28 at the Tartan Golf course.

Overall low gross winners were Gary Hodges, Marty Carter, Alan Abbott and John Abbott.

First flight winners were first, Ken Bransford, Emerson Gravatt, Top Allaun and Craig Smith; and second, Joe Hudnall, Scott George, Craig Giese and Robbie Crowther.

Second flight winners were first, Bill Packett, Chuck Elbourn, PeeWee Blake and Tommy Major; and second, Joey Walker, Brian Walker, Rachel Walker, Nick Walker and Trey Walker.

Third flight winners were first, Roy Hall Jr., Roy Hall Sr., John Luttrell and Curtis Walker; and second, M.P. White, Wayne Moore, Tim Moore and Vincent Pritchett.

Prizes for the flight winners were charter fishing trips donated by Capt. Danny Crabbe of the Kit II, Capt. Ryan Rogers of the Midnight Sun and Capt. Gene Pittman of the Mystic Lady II. Other prizes for the winners were rounds of golf for four donated by Royal New Kent, The Crossings, Tartan Golf Course and Piankatank River Golf Course. The hole-in-one sponsor was Jett's Marine.

Following the tournament, a memory walk was held for the sponsors, donors, golfers and their families. Over 250 signs were displayed in honor of cancer survivors or in memory of cancer victims. The walk was led by Neil Smart of the Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band, Tom Gale who was master of ceremonies for the event and Lee Farmer, pastor.

A cookout followed for everyone. A raffle and auction offered many gift certificates, prizes and golf rounds donated by many local businesses and golf courses. The Swift and Walker families thanked those who participated or volunteered to make the tournament successful.

Tournament proceeds benefit the Swift-Walker Fund, a permanently restricted endowment fund supporting the Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Treatment Center.

Swift-Walker children gather the memorial wreath to end the memorial walk with Tom Gale, master of ceremonies.

Coach Betty Taylor (left) observes Ted Haynie firing from a "field" position steaded on a plastic chair.

Haynie wins match

Ted Haynie of Reedville took top honors with a 380 out of 500 to win the sporting rifle match fired May 13 at the White Stone range of the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club Inc.

This was Haynie's second blue ribbon in the 2006 competitive season.

Close behind, Bob Evans of Gloucester and Ed Sherrill of Weems with 370s, tied for second. In the shoot-off (five shots standing at 100 yards), Evans beat Sherrill. Sherrill did not have a gun and borrowed Betty Taylor's 22 and managed to beat her by 10 points.

The sporting rifle match, considered to be a fun match, was the brainchild of Larry Taylor who also ran the match. There are several unknowns in the match which consisted of 50 shots in 20 minutes at distances of 10 yards up to 100 yards. Competitors shot at animal silhouettes, five shots each at sparrows, fox, ram, turkey, squirrel, crow, rabbit and deer. And 10 shots at 100 yards at a bull's-eye target.

Shooters had to use several positions—sit, kneel, standing and field position. No corrections of sights were allowed and each competitor had a coach to keep track of shots and advise shooter what position to use for each target. Any rimfire rifle with any sights could be used.

The next scheduled event will be a centerfire benchrest match May 27 at 9 a.m. Call Larry Taylor for further information at 435-2143.

▼ *Softball teams. . . .* *(continued from page A11)*

the Lady Indians today (May 18) at Dreamfields in the last regular season game.

Junior varsity

Essex High shut out Lancaster, 5-0, last Tuesday as the JV Lady Devils fell to 3-2 in Northern Neck District play.

Nicole Shelton was the losing pitcher, giving up two runs in two innings. She faced 13 batters to allow two hits, walk one and strike out four. Closer Takeia Jones pitched five innings with five allowed hits, four strikeouts and no walks.

At bat, Lancaster had five hits with Jones and Tyesha Harvey going 2-for-3 each to lead. Ariel Grulkowski was 1-for-2.

The Devils are 10-2 overall and will end the season on the road today (May 18) at Northumberland.

Mayers join golf club as new pros

PGA golf professionals Mike and Brenda Mayer have joined the staff at the King Carter Golf Club on Route 200 between Kilmarnock and Irvington.

Mike Mayer will be the resident pro and Brenda Mayer will be the assistant pro. They were previously employed by Wintergreen Resort.

Mike Mayer, a graduate of the University of Virginia, was the director of golf and head professional for the past 20 years.

Brenda Mayer, a graduate of James Madison University, was a 10-year teaching professional in the resort's golf school. The Mayers will relocate to Lancaster County with their two girls, Megan and Andi.

Instructional programs will be designed to increase participation. The instructional focus will be to create a more efficient and consistent swing. Private lessons, adult and junior clinics, video analysis and club fitting will be offered.

Pit Stop

Virginia Motor Speedway
May 13 results:

Late models – Tom Cohick, first; Jamie Lathroum, second; Jared Powell, third.
Sportsmen – Walker Arthur, first; Roger Jamerson, second; Donnie Owens, third.
Modifieds – Bret Hamilton, first; Brian Dobie, second; Chuck Marks, third.
Chargers – Davis Lipscombe, first; Bob Terry, second; John Imler, third.
All-Americans – Dustin Owens, first; Vernon Kirby, second; Marty Coltrain, third.

May 20 upcoming races:
(VMS is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda.
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Bridge Results

Six tables of bridge were in play May 9 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Cynthia Birdsall; second, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; and third, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first (tie) Margaret Livesay and Marilyn Reed, and Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and third, Virginia Adair and Jim Hazel.

The next date for this group is Tuesday, May 23, at 1 p.m.

Six and a half tables of duplicate bridge were in play May 10 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners north/south were first, Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham; second, Babs Murphy and Helen Hopton; and third, Barbara Bryant and Mary Jon Gilchrist.

Winners east/west were first, Brown Mobley and Phyllis Forbush; second, Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger; and third, Margaret Livesay and Lois Spence.

The next bridge for this group is Thursday, May 18, at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Little League Report

The Lancaster Fireballs and Mathews Braves played to a 12-12 tie in minor league girls softball last Saturday.

Cassie Haydon did most of the work on the mound, striking out four batters in the first 2 1/3 innings. Amber Cutting came in to finish the third and Haydon took the mound again in the fourth and closed the game.

Katherine Keyser led at bat with one hit for the Fireballs.

The Mathews Astros beat the Fireballs, 10-4, last Wednesday with Amber Cutting leading Lancaster at the plate with an RBI.

The Fireballs will host Middlesex at Dreamfields Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

Peter Knight (left) receives his award from fleet captain Gary Fricke.

Yankee Point Yacht Club holds spring regatta

On May 6, Yankee Point Yacht Club held its annual spring regatta and dinner.

Sailboat races were held on the Rappahannock River between Carter's Creek and the Corrotoman River. It was a sunny afternoon with winds that varied from 6 to 15 knots. The skippers competed in two classes, spinnaker and non-spinnaker.

Philip Denvir in his J-24 "Rattlesnake" took first in the spinnaker class and Peter Knight in his Pearson 34 "Salute" earned a first in the non-spinnaker class. In the spinnaker class, skippers Jerry Latell, Dwight Timm and Anker Madsen placed second, third and fourth, respectively. In the non-spinnaker class, Don Gallagher, Mike Sachen and Alan young finished second, third and fourth, respectively.

The races were followed by dinner at Yankee Point Yacht Club. Members and guests were served beef tenderloin, potatoes au gratin, creamed spinach, Caesar Salad and Strawberry shortcake. The diners were entertained during the meal by violin and flute musicians Mei Li Beane and Laura Rowe of the Northern Neck Orchestra. The dinner was hosted by Charles Lytton and his wife, Carol, who were assisted by club volunteers.

During the gathering, Brian and Jill Latell announced the birth of Yankee Point Yacht Club's newest junior member, Jackson Latell, son of Jerry and Andrea Latell.

During the remainder of the month of May, the yacht club will hold its Wednesday evening series of races. On May 27, 28 and 29, members will participate in a Memorial Day cruise.

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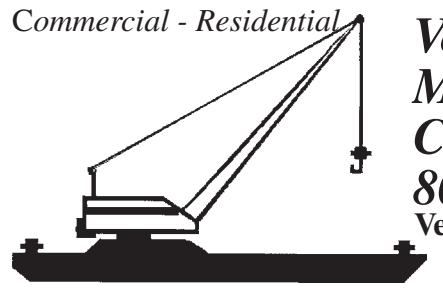

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Shooting club certifies eight NRA instructors

Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club chief instructor and safety officer Larry Taylor recently conducted classes and practical qualification to certify three new basic rifle and five basic pistol instructors.

Bob Evans, Henry Cathey and Bob Berry completed the National Rifle Association (NRA) course requirements to become certified as basic rifle Instructors. Peggy Cathey, Barry Kennedy, Floyd Darden, Karl Kozack and Dave Peterson completed the requirements to become basic pistol Instructors.

The instructors are qualified to conduct NRA-approved courses to meet the increasing demands for handgun and rifle safety classes. The handgun safety classes offered meet the requirements of the local Sheriff's office for a handgun safety class to obtain a concealed carry permit.

Anyone interested in a handgun or rifle safety class may call Barry Kennedy at (804) 435-2909 for additional information.

From left are instructors Karl Kozak, Henry Cathey, Peggy Cathey, chief instructor Larry Taylor, Bob Evans, Barry Kennedy, and Bob Berry.

A Doctor Speaks

by George Moore, MD

Is bird flu a danger to U.S.?

It seems that fear has caused us to overreact to the remote threat of bird flu. Fear causes the public to blur the distinction between birds and people, and so, as the H5N1 virus infects flocks of birds in Asia, nightly news watchers track the path to the United States. The poultry industry cringes as migratory birds that may be carrying the virus make their way closer to the northern shores of the U.S.

Avian flu is an infection caused by bird flu viruses that occur naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the viruses in their intestines, but usually do not get sick from them. However, the flu is very contagious among birds and can make some domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks and turkeys, very ill and kill them.

Humans contract H5N1 from handling infected fowl, or their carcasses, or from exposure to their secretions or excrement. Direct contact with infected poultry, or surfaces and objects contaminated by their feces, is considered the main route of infection. There is no evidence that there is a risk of getting flu from consumption of fowl or eggs cooked to 180 degrees Fahrenheit.

The people who have gotten sick have had close contact with birds such as by working in a chicken coop. Only about 190 confirmed cases of human infection and approximately 62 deaths in Southeast Asia have occurred since 1997. The H5N1 virus has not been found in North America and there are no known cases of human illness.

The influenza pandemic of 1918-19 killed over 20 million people worldwide, but the biological properties that confer virulence to pandemic flu viruses were poorly understood. Research to better understand the genes of the 1918 epidemic influenza virus have been conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institute of Health (NIH) of the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Their findings show that the probability of the 1918 virus re-emerging from a natural source appears to be remote. A pandemic could only occur from an influenza subtype to which there is little, or no, pre-existing immunity in the human population.

So far, spread of the H5N1 virus from person to person has been rare and has not continued beyond one person. Nonetheless, because all influenza viruses have the ability to change, scientists are concerned that the H5N1 virus one day could be able to infect humans and spread easily from one person to another. And because these viruses do not commonly infect humans, there is little or no immune protection against them in the human population. In Asia, more than half the people infected with the virus have died. Most cases have occurred in children and young adults.

If H5N1 virus were to gain the capacity to spread easily from person to person, an influenza pandemic could occur; however, experts from around the world are watching the H5N1 situation in Asia and Europe very closely. There currently is no commercially available vaccine to protect humans against the H5N1 virus detected in Asia and Europe. Vaccine development efforts are taking place. Research studies to test a vaccine to protect humans against H5N1 began in April 2005 and a series of clinical trials are under way. GlaxoSmithKline is testing volunteers in Germany and Belgium. They are also developing a new adjuvant that will protect people against a broader range of H5N1 strains. This is important because no one knows exactly which form of H5N1 could emerge as the strain that causes a pandemic. If Glaxo can come up with a vaccine that protects against a wide range of virus strains, it could be given to people before a pandemic begins. The Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service is helping companies develop new tests capable of quickly singling out bird flu in infected humans. A rapid and accurate test capable of pinpointing the flu would serve as a vital tool in checking any outbreak of the disease should it jump to humans.

In 2004 and 2005, the CDC provided state and local health departments with recommendations for enhanced surveillance of H5N1 influenza in the country. The alerts reminded public health departments about tips for detecting, diagnosing and preventing the spread of H5N1 virus. Plans would be available to use drive-through exams for signs of infection. The program is modeled after a drive-through flu vaccination program conducted last year. In addition to the vaccine campaign, rapid use of several million doses of anti-viral medications such as Tamiflu could help stem an outbreak.

Every case of human bird flu in the world is now brought under thorough examination and viral studies. If bird flu should occur in this nation, it too would be quickly investigated. A human case would be placed in strict quarantine. Hospital personnel would qualify for the first shipments of vaccine. Closing schools, restricting travel and avoiding large gathering places may be indicated. Every effort would be given to stop the spread of infection. If H5N1 should mutate to a dangerous human virus, it can be assumed that it would happen in Asia, thus insuring some time to prepare for its appearance here. Certainly, our vaccine against it would be in preparation. The CDC would assume the leadership for pandemic prevention and preparedness activities. The NIH is responsible for vaccine safety and further research on influenza subtypes.

Other tips are that the current seasonal influenza vaccine does not protect against bird flu; handling feather products imported from countries experiencing bird flu are a risk; there are no travel restrictions to affected countries at this time, but travelers are warned to avoid poultry farms and live food markets; small flocks of chickens are safe to keep, knowing that the U.S. Department of Agriculture monitors potential infection of poultry and poultry products; and hunters are advised to not handle or eat sick game.

There is a good chance that the H5N1 bird virus may never mutate to create an epidemic, but if it does, this country would fare well due to our preparedness and health care resources. The last flu pandemic, in 1968, killed 38,000 Americans, slightly less than the number who usually die here of flu in an average year. Other nations, especially underdeveloped ones, may suffer most in a world pandemic. They are susceptible to 1918 conditions. We are not. Please do not react to "a pandemic of ear." Bird flu is a killer worthy of respect and attention. But the most contagious virus among humans is our fear. Let's have faith in our nation and God.

Sports Shorts

■ Safety course

On Saturday, May 20, the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron will offer Boat Virginia, a one-day boating safety course at Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The course is free and is co-sponsored by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Completion of the course satisfies requirements for a Commonwealth of Virginia safe boating certificate. To register, call Twy Williams at 529-5093.

■ Basic bridge

A follow-on course of five sessions will be held for those who attended the Beginning Bridge Lessons and anyone who wishes to brush up on basic bidding and play of the hand.

The sessions will be held Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster Clubhouse starting May 23. The fee will be $30. Come and encourage your friends to come with you. To enroll, call Betty Thornton at 462-0742, or enroll at the session on May 23.

Life jacket use urged

Judy Cook of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron and Bob Vogel of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33 demonstrate light and comfortable life jackets. Cook wears an inflatable vest and holds one with a mesh back. Vogel wears a belt-pack inflatable. The short vest he holds is designed to be comfortable while paddling.

Sailing group sets raft-up/picnic

The Northern Neck Sailing Association (NNSA) will hold its annual raft-up and picnic May 27 and 28, of the Memorial Day weekend. This event is the symbolic kickoff of the sailing season for NNSA members.

The raft-up will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Kane's Cove on The Glebe. Bring the beverage of choice and an appetizer to share.

The picnic will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Kane's home on The Glebe. NNSA will provide brats, burgers, beans, slaw, sodas and beer. Members are requested to bring an hors d/oeuvre or dessert to round out the menu.

The NNSA is sponsoring a cruise to Tangier Island, Onancock, Crisfield, Smith Island and the Coan River that will depart May 21 and return May 26 in time for the raft-up on May 27.

For more information on the cruise, contact cruise captain Mark Rickey at 360-8310, or mrickey@insurintel.com.

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building permits will be issued, the applicant must acquire all septic permits and a community well permit. All exterior lighting must be non-reflective and directed downward.

Scott Pierce, president of Benchmark Custom Builders, and engineer Jeff Howeth presented the plan to the supervisors and responded to most of the questions raised by the board and adjacent property owners. Nelson and Armstrong also were present and fielded several questions.

Pierce explained that the density, roughly on home per two acres was well within the county guidelines, footprints for all 13 homes are beyond the Chesapeake Bay Act, resource protection area buffer. Some 88 percent of the property would be preserved as open space 12 percent would be disturbed and 11 percent would be impervious cover.

Residents would have an opportunity to select one of three custom cottage designs ranging in size from 2,000 to 2,600 square feet. Homeowners would purchase the building site. The common space would eventually be owned by a homeowner's association. The homeowners would ante up annually to maintain infrastructure and the open space.

The main road serving the subdivision would be constructed and hard surfaced to meet VDOT standards. Lanes leading to the clustered building sites would be paved with gravel, said Pierce.

Adjacent property owners noted concern for nesting eagles somewhere on the property, standards for maintaining the open space, an old cemetery on the property, the septic systems and drainfields, a 14-slip community pier, waterfront erosion due to increased boat traffic and covenants.

No one voiced objections to the plan.

Pierce indicated that the appropriate agencies were notified regarding the eagles. Although they hadn't found a cemetery on the property, they were aware of the possibility according to so many longtime residents who thought there may be one there, he explained. They would consult local authorities on the subject, he said.

Howeth noted the homes would be served by engineered septic systems and all drainfields were beyond the 100-foot buffer.

Leroy McDaniel asked if any thought had been given to dedicating a 50' right-of-way along existing access across a portion of the property serving adjacent residences. The new property owners said they would consider it, relative to the overall scope of their project.

Tommy Tomlin supported the concept as proposed, however he suggested the board consider something more legally binding regarding the open space, possibly a conservation easement. There's no assurance that a future board can't amend the site plan or conditional use permit.

However, county attorney Les Kilduff advised against the county requiring such an easement.

"This is a very good project and I'd like to see more like this one in the county," said supervisor Richard F. Haynie. He introduced a motion to approve the permit according to the application, and site plan as presented with the conditions suggested by staff. Supervisor Jim Long seconded the motion and the board approved it.

Other action

The board approved, 4-0, a request by Robert B. Davis Jr. for a conditional use permit to construct an assembly hall adjacent to Bethany Baptist Church in Callao with the condition that he must move the building west on his property so that the driveway is inline with the crossover on Route 360.

Davis plans to use the assembly hall to hosts weddings and receptions and possibly even the high school prom. A letter from Bethany Baptist expressed concern that the assembly hall would conflict with church activities. The church asked that the assembly hall be moved at least 50-feet away from the shared boundary line. County staff recommended the move west to line up with the crossover on Route 360 based on advice from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Davis and his partner fought against moving the structure, stating that they had already spent a great deal of money on site planning. Several members of the board said that the partners should have come to the county prior to the site planning. Shirley said he would have brought up the issue of the crossover had the applicants approached him first.

Pamela Russell abstained from this vote citing a conflict of interest.

The board approved, 5-0, a request by Mallard Bay Property Owners Association for a permit to extend its existing pier community pier, but specified that the T-head should reach no more than 30 feet in either direction. David Stinson, who lives on the property adjoining the pier, contested the extension. More than a dozen residents of Mallard Bay came to the hearing to show their support for the project.

The board approved, 3-2, a request by the Kobika Estate to allow the construction of a dwelling within the 50-foot buffer on a pre-Bay Act lot in Bay Quarter Shores. Chairman Ronnie Jett said that while he was not happy about the situation he felt that the board could not lawfully take away the owner's right to build on the lot, even if it requires encroachment within the 25-foot buffer. Russell and Jim Long voted against the motion, stating that the owners had plenty of time before and after Bay Act was passed to apply for a building permit.

The board denied, 5-0, a request by Hilda Barry to build a boathouse on the Great Wicomico River within the Great Wicomico Bluff subdivision due to opposition by adjacent property owners.

Boathouse requests by Malcolm J. Long and Gregory and Shirley Smith were tabled until July.

The board also set May 19 as the deadline for disposition of all applications by the Board of Equalization. Notices to those who filed appeals should be mailed out the following Monday.

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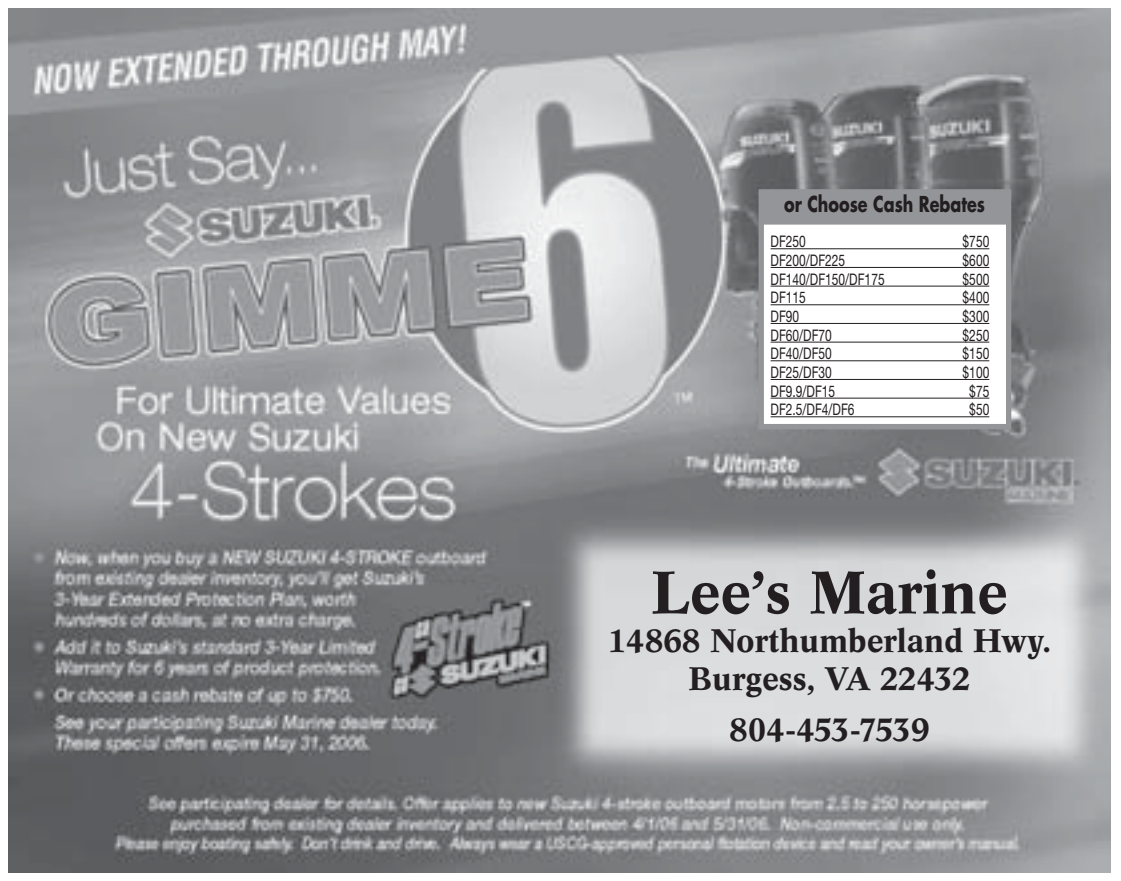

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New Irvington landmarks

Giant corkscrews erected at the entrance to White Fences Vineyard in Irvington add a dramatic touch to the landscape. They have been the talk of the town since they arrived several weeks ago. (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

Menhaden players are fishing for action

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

WASHINGTON, DC—The local menhaden industry is about to find out if Gov. Tim Kaine is as good as his word.

Gov. Kaine said last month that he would like to impose the federally-mandated cap on Omega Protein, but that his hands are tied as long as the General Assembly remains in session.

His chance may still come.

The Atlantic Menhaden Management Board decided last week to wait until its August meeting to take action against Virginia for failure to comply with the new mandate.

Last August, the board imposed a roughly 105,000 metric ton limit on the annual harvest of menhaden from the Chesapeake Bay. The cap primarily targets Reedville-based Omega Protein, the only reduction fishery currently working on the bay.

After the menhaden management board approved the cap, it was up to the Virginia General Assembly to turn the new regulation into law. But Omega successfully lobbied against four bills attempting to impose some sort cap during the General Assembly's regular session.

"The General Assembly took this issue up and decided that a cap is not necessary to comply with the Atlantic Menhaden Management Plan," said Toby Gascon, director of government affairs for Omega Protein. "We applauded them for that decision."

After adjourning its regular session, the legislature soon reconvened to sort out budget issues. That drawn-out special session still continues, prohibiting the governor from exercising his executive power with regards to the menhaden industry.

When the Menhaden Management Board met last week, commissioner Jack Travelstead asked the board to give the state until the July 1 deadline before it takes action against the state.

Howard King, the Maryland commissioner, said he came prepared with several motions but that he would trust in the state's good faith effort and would wait until after the July 1 deadline to introduce his motions.

Travelstead noted that the General Assembly is currently in session and could take still action. The governor could also potentially take action if the legislature adjourns prior to July 1.

In an ironic twist, Omega Protein actually requested and supported the legislation last year that grants the governor power to enact mandates while the General Assembly is out of session. It was a counter to efforts that would have given the Virginia Marine Resources Commission regulatory power over the industry.

Gascon said Omega questions the governor's authority to act at this point, since the menhaden season has already begun.

The language of the approved law is a bit confusing. It states that the governor may implement by proclamation any menhaden fisheries management measures, "whenever the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission requires the Commonwealth to adopt such measures ... by a date certain and the General Assembly is neither in session nor is scheduled to be in session to adopt such measure by statute on or before such date."

However, the act states, "the Governor shall not issue a proclamation to implement any measure that has been adopted by the ASMFC within 30 days of the start of the menhaden fishing season."

Since the General Assembly had the opportunity to adopt the measure, but chose not to, the governor's authority by this article does appear to be questionable.

"The governor would be overriding a decision that the General Assembly made," Gascon said.

In August, the menhaden management board must first determine whether or not Virginia is out of compliance.

If the board does find the state to be out of compliance, the ASMFC policy board would then review the case. If it also determines that Virginia is out of compliance, then the case would go before the full commission.

This entire process could take less than a week, said fisheries manager Nancy Wallace.

The commission would then have the opportunity to ask the executive director to write letters to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Interior.

"Then it's a federal decision," Wallace said. The Secretary of Commerce has the real decision-making power. In the worst case scenario, he could impose a moratorium on all menhaden fishing in the bay.

"If that ever happened, we would have the most to lose," Gascon said. "We would never allow that to happen to ourselves or our fellow fishermen."

According to Wallace, no case of non-compliance has ever required such an extreme measure.

In the meantime, research programs to study the menhaden population in the bay are under way. NOAA Chesapeake Bay is funding several ongoing projects. The Menhaden Technical Committee has secured funding for a LIDAR program set to begin in August which will attempt to literally count the fish in the bay.

Omega continues to insist that science first prove that regulatory measures are needed to conserve the Atlantic menhaden fishery. Without the sound data to support the cap, Omega says the menhaden management board has no legs to stand on.

▼ *Kilmarnock water rates rise . . . .*

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While Stephens indicated Kilmarnock residents and businesses have been getting a bargain on the price of their utilities, the key factors in driving increases so high are sewer facility upgrades required by the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Act of 2005.

According to town manager Lee Hood Capps, to improve environmental protection, state and federal government mandates require municipalities to incorporate into their wastewater treatment facilities new pretreatment technology that will prevent the pass-through of toxic contaminations into rivers and streams. The technology must be in place and operating by 2010.

The cost of equipping the wastewater treatment facility with the advanced technology to meet the mandate is expensive, particularly for localities that discharge to the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

To offset some of the expenses, the Virginia General Assembly authorized partial grants to communities with publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities within the Chesapeake watershed. However, in order to meet the conditions for grant monies, communities must comply with standards on equity utility pricing to customers without being subsidized by other means.

This puts into question Kilmarnock's ability to qualify for a grant in light of the meals tax subsidy. However, Capps said he plans to meet with state officials to work something out, an indication there could be additional rate increases in coming years.

Kilmarnock is seeking grants and no-interest loans of up to $4 million for the improvements. The estimated cost of the work is $8.6 million.

While many citizens expressed dissatisfaction with overnight increases that will more than double rates, Stephens said her company was delivering the same message that night to town or county governments in Montross, Petersburg, Tangier Island, Waynesboro, King George, Charlottesville and Bedford.

"I'm not nearly as unhappy as I was," said resident Howard Straughan, although he expressed the need for council to make incremental raises in the future, a popular consensus of those present.

Businessman Shawn Donahue said he had come to the meeting prepared to protest the increases, but he was more tolerant after hearing the reasoning. "I'm pleased with the results of the report," he said.

Luci York said the presentation answered most of her questions but she is still concerned about the impact on low- and fixed-income families.

When the motion was put to a vote, councilmen Fletcher Brown and Paul Jones called it an unavoidable evil. But while Brown went with the majority vote, Jones voted against the price increase based on his opposition to the base usage being reduced from 6,000 to 4,000 gallons. "This is going to hurt the average person. It's going to go up even more," he claimed.

As of July 1, residential customers who use 6,000 gallons of water will see bi-monthly bills increase from $40 to $93.10, an increase of $53.10 or 133 percent. Commercial customer rates on 6,000 gallons will go from $80 to $186.20, an increase of $106.20 or 133 percent.

In addressing facility and connection fees for new customers, Mayor Mike Robertson raised an objection to the proposed out-of-town rates. He warned council about "pricing ourselves out of business," comparing the cost of a new well and septic system in Middlesex County at $11,000 while Kilmarnock's proposed fees total nearly $17,000.

Hills Quarters' developer David Donofrio agreed, saying, "It doesn't cost $17,000 to put in a well and septic system. Once the number goes up, it won't come down."

Accordingly, a revised motion passed, setting the in-town fees at $9,500 per facility with $595 for connection (due at time of hook-up) and out-of-town fees at $14,250 and $892.50, respectively. Facility fees are applied to capital improvements while connection fees pay for the hook-up and testing of water/sewer lines.

All rates and fees will now be reviewed annually by council.

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