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Don't be surprised to see the logo above on local roads and streets this weekend as Northern Neck RiverRide brings 500 cyclists to the area. An informational insert appears elsewhere in the Record.

RiverRide is Saturday

What better way to celebrate the conclusion of National Century Month than to bike the wonderful, scenic and flat back roads of Virginia's Northern Neck between the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers. Join 500 cycling enthusiasts Saturday, September 30, for the Northern Neck RiverRide.

Within the tour are five bicycle routes which best represent the essence of the Northern Neck: the natural areas, strong ties to the water, picturesque farms, and of course, the history. Cyclists can choose tours of 30, 50, 62 or 100 miles in length or complete a full double metric century ride of 124 miles!

The non-profit BikeWalk Virginia in cooperation with its local chapter, Northern Neck BikeWalk Trails, has organized the Northern Neck RiverRide to further its support of bicycling education and safety. All participants will attend a cycling orientation covering the basics of safe cycling, especially in a large group.

"The Northern Neck is a wonderful area to bike—scenic back roads through fishing villages and fields that have been farmed for centuries—with little traffic!" said Allen Turnbull, executive director of BikeWalk Virginia.

All routes will be clearly marked and monitored from start to finish. Free energy snacks at rest stops will help riders keep up their strength. SAG vehicles will patrol the routes to give a lift to tired riders and their bicycles. Sports therapists will offer massages to relax tired muscles. Free camping is available Friday and Saturday at Lancaster Middle School for cyclists and their families.

The registration fee for the Northern Neck RiverRide is $50 for adults; $25 for children ages 13 to 17 and $15 for children 12 and under. A Northern Neck Resident registration fee of $25 is also available for all local cyclists.

Registration includes lunch, free food at all rest stops, free admission to local museums along the route, a tour book with maps and route notes, SAG support, free Friday and Saturday camping and the Northern Neck RiverRide t-shirt.

For more information, visit www.riverride.org, or call 757-229-0507.

Supervisors to discuss personal property tax issue created by state

LANCASTER—The Lancaster board of supervisors tonight (September 28) will explain to citizens that the board is not responsible for the more than 50 percent increase this year in the portion taxpayers must pay for cars valued at less than $20,000.

At the board's 7 p.m. meeting in the General District Courtroom, citizens will learn more about the issue, including the tax on cars valued at more than $20,000.

According to county administrator Bill Pennell, the 2005 Virginia General Assembly adopted a cap on the state's reimbursement for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act resulting in the "No Car Tax" amount being slashed from a 70 percent reimbursement to the counties to just 52 percent.

Pennell says it was the Commonwealth who "reneged" on the reimbursement rate, and that the local government is "not responsible for this action," although he expresses concern that citizens will believe it was the local government which did something to "raise their personal property taxes."

Last year, a citizen paid 30 percent of the car tax and the county was reimbursed the remaining 70 percent by the state. However, this year, the citizen's rate jumps to 48 percent since the state is only reimbursing the county 52 percent.

On a car valued at $10,000 the total tax is $152. Last year the taxpayer's share would have been $45.60 while this year the bite will be $72.96.

Another item on the consideration docket tonight will be Tynesha Davenport's application for a special exception in order to place an individual manu-

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Planners and public address lots and water

by Joan McBride

LANCASTER—The county planning commission and interested citizens reviewed several chapters of the proposed comprehensive plan last Thursday.

Chairman David Jones observed at the end, "The give and take tonight has been wonderful."

Cluster development proved to be an issue demanding much give and take between planners and citizens.

The commission favors smaller lots clustered together when a large parcel is developed so a large block of open space is left, but the same number of parcels are offered for homes.

Ideally, parcels would be developed relatively near the county's incorporated towns or small villages.

"I don't want bigger lots in Lancaster County—not lots too big to cut [mow] and too small to farm," Jones said voicing a recurring sentiment among planners in each of the last several commission meetings.

Another issue of concern to many was the status of the county's fresh water supply, both quality and quantity.

"The quality of water in our surficial acquifer is very good," the Rev. Gayl Fowler of SAIF Water told the commission.

She then explained that the problem with contamination in so many shallow wells is the "homeowners don't know how to take care of them" with respect to proximity of agricultural operations, chemicals and other contaminants.

On the quantity issue, Fowler stated emphatically that the aquifer serving the county is offering "a dwindling supply," then submitted several pages of suggestions.

In other business, the commission received a memorandum from the acting commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) concerning new subdivision roads.

VDOT doesn't want to upgrade the subdivision roads for acceptance into the state highway system and wants the county governments and both the developers and homeowners to know that they will not continue a previous policy where a certain level of construction was demanded so that VDOT could be petitioned to absorb the roads and take over their maintenance at a later date.

According to recent action of the General Assembly which took effect July 1, counties may

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From left are Bill, Haley and Missy Lewis, the 2006 Lower Northern Neck "WalkAmerica" Ambassador Family.

2006 'WalkAmerica' event is Sunday; Ambassador Family notes challenges

The 2006 Lower Northern Neck "WalkAmerica" event to support the March of Dimes will be held Sunday, October 1, in Kilmarnock. Registration begins at 2 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center on School Street. The walk will begin at 3 p.m.

The Ambassador Child is Haley Ann Lewis, the daughter of Bill and Missy Lewis of White Stone.

"In March 2005, we found out we would have our first baby in November," said Missy. " My pregnancy was going well without any problems. Then, at almost 24 weeks pregnant, my ob-gyn in Williamsburg discovered I had severe pregnancy-induced hypertension and sent me to Norfolk Sentara to see a specialist. The next day, I had an emergency c-section and Haley Ann Lewis was born, weighing 1 pound, 6 ounces."

Haley was so early and so small they transferred her to the NICU unit at CHKD in Norfolk. Due to her small size and the risk of giving her germs, her family was not allowed to hold her or even touch her. She had two ventilators and numerous IVs giving her little body the life-supporting measures she needed.

"At three weeks, Haley developed bilateral pneumonia and was very sick," said Missy. "When she finally recuperated, we were told she needed surgery to correct the blood flow from entering her lungs."

The surgery went very well and the doctors were able to remove her ventilators and IVs and put her on wall oxygen.

"Haley improved and then we were told she needed eye surgery to correct premature retinopathy; if not corrected she would be blind," said Bill. "Haley endured another surgery, and due to the advancements of medicine our Haley now has perfect vision."

Finally, after five months, they were able to bring Haley home with many medicines, oxygen and a heart monitor.

"This was the best present I received for Christmas that year," said Missy. "With the support of family, friends and dedicated medical staff, Haley has overcome many obstacles. Thanks to God and medical miracles made possible by the March of Dimes, we enjoyed watching Haley, now oxygen free and growing strong, just turn 1 year old. We truly appreciate the honor of Haley being chosen for this year's March of Dimes Ambassador Child."

Zoning process off to rocky start in Northumberland

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—Zoning issues are notoriously controversial, and last Thursday's planning commission meeting proved that Northumberland's attempt to restructure its zoning code will be no exception.

Strong emotions floated to the surface during discussion about a proposed highway corridor overlay district in Northumberland County, as well as suggested restrictions on lighting and signage.

It was to be the first of five meetings on the zoning code at the planning commission level. County staff had hoped to move these discussions on to the board of supervisors and had aimed for final approval in February, but a motion by commission member Allen Webb put the brakes on the entire process.

Webb called for a work session next month to discuss the issues brought forth by the public prior to making a recommendation at next month's meeting. His motion, which was supported by the entire commission (9-0), sets a precedent that could delay final adoption of the revised code until this time next year.

"It was the right thing to do," said facilitator Greg Haugan after the meeting.

Haugan was in the hot seat for most of the night, fielding many of the questions from the public.

"We want the public input on what we've done to make sure it's what the people want," he said.

All these issues, from the overlay district to signage, were discussed without much ado when the comprehensive plan was revised last year.

"The numbers are new, but the philosophy is in the comprehensive plan," Haugan said.

But, when it came time to turn the concepts into regulation last week, local businessmen emerged out of the woodwork to complain.

That there was so much controversy surrounding all the issues at last Thursday's meeting came as a surprise to staff.

"We thought we were picking things that were pretty straightforward," said assistant county administrator Luttrell Tadlock. "We were trying to get our feet wet and get everyone used to these procedures, since we weren't doing it the same as the comprehensive plan."

The pubic exploded over the proposal for a highway corridor overlay district. The overlay, which would apply to property within 500 feet of the centerline on Routes 200 and 360, sets strict requirements for new development in these areas. Parking lots, signage, lighting, landscaping entrances and architectural design would all be strictly regulated by the overlay.

"Of the four Northern Neck counties, we have the lowest tax base of all," said Tommy Tomlin of Wicomico Church. "We have a need for businesses and this highway corridor is a bit too oppressive."

"This is a rural county," said Lawrence Moore of Wicomico Church. "Businesses here get light foot traffic. The reason you can survive is because it's less expensive to develop. This overlay is detrimental to business. ... I would like to see it tabled."

Others supported the overlay, however. "Northern Virginia is not that far away," said Joe Madej of the Economic Development Commission. "If we don't manage our growth we are going to look like Route 17 toward Newport News or Fredericksburg."

Details on the proposed overlay district and other changes are available in the draft document

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4-H program has cause to celebrate

by Joan McBride

The 4-H program, highly favored by rural boys and girls in decades past, has leapt into the 21st century, showing how a 104-year-old kids' organization updates itself to meet changing times.

One significant way the program has changed over the years can be seen by noting where its members live. In 2005, just over half (55 percent) of the members lived in cities, large towns and their suburbs, while only 45 percent lived in small towns and on farms.

And 4-H is found everywhere: all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the U.S. territories, and on U.S. military installations worldwide. That means lots of folks will celebrate National 4-H Week October 1-7.

More than 6.5 million young people ages 5 to 19 make 4-H one of the largest youth development organizations in America, according to Wendy Herdman, the Lancaster and Northumberland Cooperative Extension agent leading the 4-H Youth Development program for both counties.

Nationally, youthful members are assisted by 538,000 volunteers and 3,500 Cooperative Extension staff.

Herdman reports that 512 kids in Lancaster and 498 kids in Northumberland have participated in a 4-H program in the last year or currently are participating.

Both counties offer in-school enrichment programs as well as smart choices nutrition education programs, with Lancaster offering after-school programs as well.

Jamestown's 4-H Junior Camp is another popular choice for kids in both counties.

In addition to Northumberland's livestock club, a "Farmer for the Day" program at the Richmond County Fair, and

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Charles Samuels cooks something up at "Farmer for the Day" during the Richmond County Fair.

Sept.

28 Thursday

Bingo is played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.

Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.

Mahjong will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert provided. Tables of three or more. $2 per person. 438-4152.

No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.

The Democratic Committee for Northumberland County will meet at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland County Community Center on Browns Store Road.

The Board of Supervisors for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Lancaster.

The Bay Window in Irvington will host a beginner knitting class from 5 to 7 p.m. $20 plus supplies.

Come To the Table, a dinner featuring recipes from a new cookbook by the same name, will be served at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. Seatings at 5 and 7 p.m. $7. Purchase tickets by September 25. 435-1797.

29 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7 p.m.

Joey and the Jammers will play on the deck at Smokin' Joe's Barbecue in Kilmarnock from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Bay Window in Irvington will host a knitted and felted flowers class from 1 to 3 p.m. $20 plus supplies.

Alice Hershiser plays the piano from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock.

30 Saturday

The Northern Neck River Ride from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. will offer cyclists double metric, metric, full, half or quarter Century along the flat back roads of the Northern Neck. Rides begin from Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock.

Working hard at Storytime

Demetrius Gergerich (left) and his sister, Dymphna, work on a project at a recent Storytime at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. Storytime is every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

30 Saturday

The Wayne T. Holt Band will play bluegrass and gospel favorites for the Big Dawgs' Chicken Barbecue and Bluegrass Gospel Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive near White Stone. The menu includes a slow-roasted traditional Shenandoah Valley recipe barbecue chicken half, baked beans, cole slaw and beverage. $10 per person. Proceeds benefit church missions worldwide. A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate. For advance tickets, call 435-9886, or 435-1165.

Alice Hershiser plays the piano from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock.

Mercy Creek returns to Café Mojo in Urbanna. The aggressive folk show will begin at 10 p.m. Steve Keith will sit in. 758-4141.

Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith will be shown on an outdoor screen at Northern Neck Solutions Inc. at 72 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. The show will begin at dusk.

Lauren Woodrum will be featured at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

The 11th Annual Fall Festival will be held at De Sales Hall at 151 Church Street in Kilmarnock from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Farmers' market, crafts, art, displays and food.

A Yard/Bake Sale will be held at Afton Church on Route 644 in Ophelia from 8 a.m. to noon.

30 Saturday

The Annual Fish Fry will be held by the New St. John's Usher's Ministry, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church in Kilmarnock. Dine in, or carry out. 435-3970.

The Bay Window in Irvington will host a socks magic loop class from 1 to 3 p.m. The class continues October 1, 8 and 14. $60 plus supplies.

Lawnmower Races, sponsored by the Lancaster Moose Legion, will be held at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department pavilion in Lively beginning at noon. $5.

October

1 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at the Crazy Crab in Reedville immediately following church services.

The Bay Window in Irvington will host a knitted and felted flowers class from 1 to 3 p.m. $20 plus supplies.

The Bay Window in Irvington will host a socks magic loop class from 1 to 3 p.m. The class continues October 8 and 14. $60 plus supplies.

A Tai Chi Demonstration will be held at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury at 4:14 p.m.

2 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

The First-Place Weight-Loss Class meets at 6:45 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 57 Whisk Drive. 435-5701.

Open Mike Night is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gables Coffee and Ice Cream Shop on Main Street in Reedville.

3 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 Bridge Discussion Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at 1 p.m. 462-0742.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 12:15 p.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. 529-7029.

The Tavern Quilt Guild meets at 10 a.m. in the transportation building behind Rice's Hotel/ Hughlett's Tavern.

U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis's Staff will conduct satellite office hours from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumaberland Highway in Heathsville.

The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. at the town office in Kilmarnock. 435-1302.

The Rappatomac Writers Critique Group meets at 10 a.m. at Wicomico Parish in Wicomico Church.

The Northern Neck NARFE Chapter will meet at noon at the China Inn in Warsaw.

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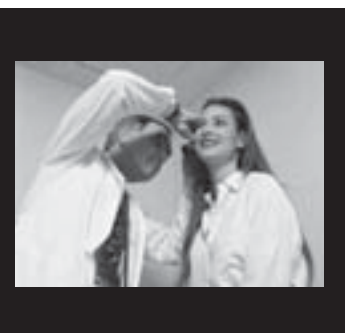
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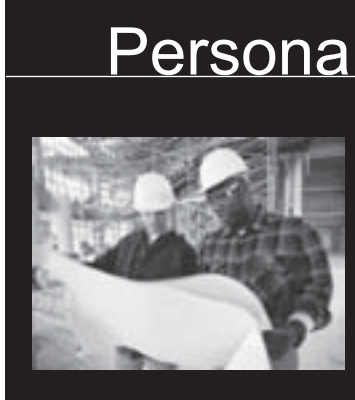
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Upcoming

3 Tuesday

The Photoshop Special Interest Group meets at 9 a.m. at Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. The contest theme is "spooky."

4 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.
The Kiwanis Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.
The Rotary Club for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.
The Northern Neck Bay Tones meets at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 438-5127.
The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
A Grief Support Group will meet at White Stone United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.
An Art Jam And Open Mike will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sunrise Studio Gallery at 197 Whittaker Lane near Hughlett Point. 435-2880.
A Snow Vendor Fair will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Northern Neck Residency of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Vendors will be able to sign up for e-VA and Department of Minority Business Enterprise. Representatives will help with the registration process and answer questions. 333-3937.

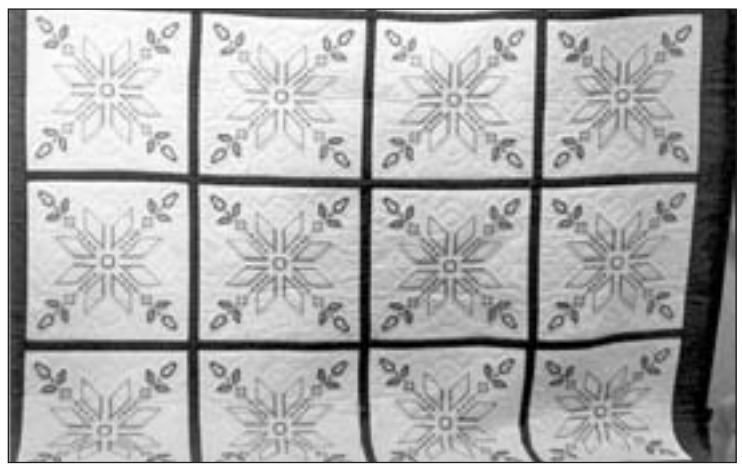
4 Wednesday

The Woman's Club of White Stone meets at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch; drinks and dessert furnished.

5 Thursday

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
Al-ANON meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock.
Al-ANON meets at 7 p.m. at Riverside Warsaw Medical Arts building in Warsaw.
The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.
The Airport Club of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.
No-Name Needlers will gather at 1 p.m. at The Art of Coffee in Montross. 493-0873.
The White Stone Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the town office.
The Wetlands Board for Northumberland County will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heathsville.
The Marine Corps League Detachment will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao Volunteer Fire Department building. 580-3803.
Square Dance Classes, sponsored The Square Pegs, begin at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 580-4009.

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



Handmade quilt is raffle prize

This double-bed-size blue and white cross-stitch quilt is the second raffle prize at the Historyland Community Workshop's annual greens and gift sale. The 20 squares were given to the workshop by long-time member Doris Low before her death. It will be on display at Historyland's sale November 18 in the Lancaster Middle School cafeteria. Raffle tickets are on sale at local merchants.

Area Events

■ Chorale rehearsals

Rehearsals begin Monday, October 2, for the Chesapeake Chorale's tenth anniversary holiday concerts and will continue each Monday evening through November 27. The rehearsal begins at 7 p.m. at Harmony Grove Baptist Church in Topping

Performances are set for Saturday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock, and Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. at St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill.

■ $5 Jewelry Sale

The Rappahannock General Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will sponsor "Phantasia's $5 Jewelry Fund-raiser" October 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Rappahannock General Hospital Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Center.

All items are $5 each.

■ Cat show

The CFA Southern Dixie Annual Cat Show 2006 will be held at The Showplace-Annex at 3002 Mechanicsville Turnpike, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 804-746-0958, or visit WWW.southerndixie.net.

■ Black powder and paint

Gloucester's historic Main Street Court Circle will come to life for the fourth annual Black Powder and Paint Living History Weekend, October 6, 7 and 8.

The hours on Friday and Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 693-0014.

■ Community sale

The Mathews County Visitor and Information Center will sponsor a final Community Yard Sale for the year Saturday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street in front of the Foster-Faulkner Building and Johnson Law Center.

Reservations are recommended, as space is limited. Sellers rent a 10-foot-by-10-foot space for $10. Contact the Mathews County Visitor and Information Center at 725-4229, or mcvic@vistismathews.com.

■ Book discussion

The Friends of the Library Book Group will meet October 9 at 11 a.m. in the Chinn House at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Educating Alice: Adventures of a Curious Woman by Pulitzer Prize winner Alice Steinbach will be discussed.

■ Opportunity fair

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church will host an opportunity fair for volunteers October 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at The Bayne Center. Refreshments will be served.

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Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

About 25 years ago, while I still was in exile awaiting my return to the Northern Neck, I purchased a book which I thought I should delight in reading. I brought it home, set it down, and over the years moved it on numerous occasions. This month I finally decided that the time had come when I should read it, and I put it on the "must read" pile next to my bed.

The book is *Life in the English Country House, A Social and Architectural History,* by Mark Girouard. The publication date was 1978, when the author held appointment as Slade Professor of Art at Oxford University in England, and the volume consists of lectures he delivered there in the course of his academic career.

The book covers almost a thousand years, from the austere fortresses of the Middle Ages down to the beginning of the 20th century. As the story begins, we see stone fortresses which truly were "great houses" serving local lords and their attendant households.

The centerpiece of the establishment was the Great Hall in which the entire assemblage dined, and entertained themselves thereafter. From the formality of the servants processing in with the lord's food on through the dining itself, Girouard presents a vibrant portrait of life in the medieval period.

He proceeds to describe country life under the Tudors and Stuarts, and the contrasts which had evolved in country life. He discusses the era of the formal house, which succeeded that of the Elizabethan and Jacobean. Here we see the importance of symmetry in house design. The idea that balance in architecture should reflect balance in life resonated throughout the 18th century. Gone were the days of the entire retinue eating together in a great hall.

That was also the period when house libraries indicated an owner's social and intellectual standing in society. Later, as interest in nature grew, so did irregularity in architectural design. The house began to flow with its surroundings, and the concept of balance went away. The new informal age brought in a romanticized notion of the medieval house, which resulted in the style which we term Gothic Revival. Those buildings attempted to replicate earlier medieval forms.

A fascinating chapter tells of the evolution of in-house technology, specifically focusing on plumbing matters. Here the use of the moat as a cesspool passed into history, and the introduction of baths and water closets produced the newest fad. Of course, only the upper class enjoyed such newly fashioned luxury. For those below, the chamber pot continued to reign supreme.

I found the most insightful observation in the area of the changing importance of land. Girouard covers the importance of land as the most durable and impressive of assets. It always is there and its possession demonstrated wealth and privilege. Normally, its ownership went back generations, but in the 19th century, the new industrialists, merchants and brewers could afford to buy land, thus elevating their social standing.

For many of the landed families, the land became a burden. Cheaper American corn reduced the price in Britain, thereby hurting many who depended on land for their income. As a result, often venerable old estates came on the market, as the landed gentry and upper class no longer could afford to keep them.

The plight of the country houses in England is not far different from that of their American cousins. The imposition of heavy death duties often forced liquidation, or else new sources of revenue had to emerge. Tourism offered only a partial remedy, but the paid admissions of those on holiday wishing to see how the other half lived definitely added to the deep coffers necessary to maintain many of the traditions.

I regret that it has taken me a quarter of a century to read this monumental study, but I console myself by the current pleasure it has afforded me. The illustrations alone are veritable gems and Girouard's text is elegant and precise. Read and enjoy.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

The House Transportation Committee met for the first time during the special session September 25 to go over the bills that propose transportation solutions.

Several bills propose ways to make Virginia's toll roads more efficient. One proposal would require the Virginia Department of Transportation to optimize all state owned or operated toll roads for electronic tolling, in order to improve traffic flow. Current traffic flow problems at toll booths are not due to the amount of traffic, but result from unnecessary delays caused by folks stopping to pay cash. Increasing or requiring the use of devices like "Smart Tag" or "EZPass" can minimize such delays.

There are several bills that address potential ways to fund transportation projects in northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. These bills provide supplemental funding for the statewide Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and create a Special Transportation Fund for northern Virginia and Hampton Roads dedicated for projects to be used by the regional transportation authorities. These authorities are made up of local and state elected officials, members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the VDOT Commissioner. They would be charged with distributing the funds throughout the participating localities and constructing projects that move the most people or commercial traffic in the most cost-effective manner. The bills permit a variety of fees to be imposed in the affected regions.

Another bill would require VDOT to competitively bid all the functions it performs. This bill is designed to ensure that activities that could be done more efficiently by the private sector are given to it. Jobs that can be done most efficiently by VDOT would be retained by it. Decisions as to who can do the work most efficiently would be made at the district-administrator level.

I have submitted legislation that allows a locality that has established a purchase of development rights program to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for the voluntary proffering in writing, by the owner, which shall include the payment of cash to the locality to be used for local purchase of development rights. The properties upon which the development rights are purchased will be dedicated as easements for conservation, open space, or other purposes pursuant to the Open-Space Land Act.

On September 20, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission held a public hearing in Northumberland County to receive comment on the proposed cap on the menhaden reduction fishery. There were many folks at the hearing, all of whom spoke in favor of the proposed cap and many of whom spoke of the importance of the menhaden fishery to lower end of District 99.

To share views on these matters, contact my district office at 493-0508, or e-mail robwittman@verizon.net.

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Letters to the Editor

Challenging comments on Ashkenazi Jews

To The Editor:

With all due respect, I believe we are victims of a very low, consistent level of brainwashing. According to one definition, brainwashing requires compliance, persuasion and propaganda. In simple terms, brainwashing influences one to perform a behavior, change an attitude, and accept forced knowledge and beliefs.

Certain individuals, lobbying groups, and governments use a low level of brainwashing to spin certain events through the compliant and contrived media. While certain media companies and publishers are objective, a majority of them simply accept, comply and publish.

I believe this may be beneficial for society.

While there is a need for society to believe that things are good, we also need to learn how to question propaganda and what behavior we should perform, and let our attitudes guide themselves.

In a September 21 letter to the editor, the writer noted that the great majority of Ashkenazi Jews are products of converts.

This is a prime example of why we need to check our acceptance of certain knowledge, how that knowledge affects our attitudes, and carefully observe our behaviors.

Disinformation has and will always be aligned with history. I am happy that the writer was "amused"; he's proved my point. His statements regarding Ashkenazi Jews are irresponsible, offensive and unwarranted.

David Messinger
Irvington

Terrorists are not party to the Geneva Convention

To The Editor:

For some time now, there has been much political posturing regarding the treatment of captured terrorists. I personally am offended by this posturing and, I believe, Senator McCain, among others, must fit into this category because he, of all people, should know better.

The rationale is often cited that should we not treat our captured enemies in a sensitive, humane manner, our troops will not be treated nicely. Those who spew this nonsense either are totally ignorant of this nation's military history, or are just plain dishonest.

I spent the major part of the '60s in the military and, believe me, the North Vietnamese did not treat our troops in accord with the provisions of the Geneva Convention. Our World War II enemies, the Germans and the Japanese, murdered, starved and tortured captured American troops. Since the signing of the Geneva Convention, no enemy of the United States has treated captured American troops in accord with its provisions.

Regardless of what liberal judges may say, the Islamic terrorists are not a party to the Geneva Convention, do not adhere to its provisions of prisoner treatment, and do not otherwise qualify for treatment under its provisions. They are terrorists, not uniformed military of a nation state.

Readers might ask themselves this question: If the person you love most were to be taken captive by terrorists and scheduled for death, would you agree to the torture of the terrorist who had the information that was necessary to save your loved one's life?

Garey Conrad
Urbanna

Support during Ernesto is acknowledged

To The Editor:

The River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross heartily acknowledges Kilmarnock Baptist Church for assistance in providing meal services; the YMCA for opening its shower facilities and for offering breakfast on the Saturday morning; and Henderson Cleaners for blanket cleaning following the tropical storm Ernesto emergency over the Labor Day weekend.

We would also like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the other emergency services as well as our own volunteers who came out during the storm and its aftermath throughout Labor Day Weekend.

Red Cross volunteers were able to supply food and water to those in need throughout the Labor Day week. However, the Red Cross chapter is in need of additional volunteers from Lancaster County to be trained to respond to future disasters.

While most of us think of hurricanes or damaging storms as disasters, the most common need in Lancaster County is to respond to house fires that can be equally disastrous to affected families and the elderly. Our chapter's objective is to respond to such incidents in two hours or less every day of the year.

American Red Cross, River Counties Chapter relies totally on both volunteers and financial support to be able to bring these important and necessary services to our Community.

To help your community, please contact Julie Dudley at 435-7669.

When you help others, you help yourself.

Shawn Donahue, chairman
River Counties Chapter
of the American Red Cross

Defending Israel

To The Editor:

After 200 years of slavery under Egypt's yoke, Moses led the Jews to the only place in the Middle East that had no oil in the ground. If the Arab-occupied land area were the size of the Rose Bowl, Israel would be the size of a postage stamp.

Later, many Jews left the area and scattered throughout the world where they endured the Spanish Inquisition, persecution and eviction from England, persecution in Russia and "the final solution," the extermination of six million Jews. Some say that not all of these were Jews. Actually 12 million individuals were killed, including gypsies, gays and enemies of the state, and six million innocent Jews.

Some survivors escaped, but were not allowed to migrate to America or what is now Israel. Many were sent back to Germany where they were slaughtered. Finally, England relented with it's Balfour Declaration and the remaining survivors were permitted to return to their promised land.

This did not sit well with some Arabs who had moved in when the Jews left. Many moved to Palestine and became the Palestinians. After a while, the industrious Jews improved the land and started to grow oranges as big as grapefruit. The Arabs wanted it all back so they attacked while the Jews were at prayer for the new year. A five-day war ensued. The Palestinians were driven back and Israel retained a small portion of land as a buffer zone from further attacks.

For 40 years, the Israelis have been subjected to suicide bombings designed to kill civilians. Of course, they had to try to stop this, not by killing civilians, but the instigators. Never have the Israselis tried to kill civilians like their enemies do.

Should they give land back? There is indeed more justification for returning Texas to the Mexicans.

As for Lebanon, what would we do if hundreds of missiles a day started arriving here from Cuba?

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes.

Bernard "Bob" Nadel
Irvington

Are we headed for the dark ages?

To The Editor:

The progress of civilization and improvement of human existence often has been linked to the abundance of wholesome, cheap water.

Any student of history is aware of the impressive water works created by past civilizations. The ancient Egyptians, Babylonians and Romans were known for their water canals, aquaducts, fountains, water storage cisterns and elaborate public baths. The emperors of Rome vied with each other in providing the urban centers with plentiful, good waters. When that elaborate water distribution system was destroyed in barbarian invasions and the disintegration of the Empire—the known then world receded into the dark ages. It took many centuries to restore again the concept of public water works.

Here in Kilmarnock we face the problem of poor quality drinking water, high in sodium content. In addition, our water allowance was drastically reduced and fees increased considerably.

The inhabitants of this community have to face either: limiting their water consumption, by forgetting the gardening, frequent boating, flushing the toilets, laundering—or to pay more, much more.

I invite citizens to ponder—are we again on the threshold of the dark, dirty ages or should we blame our elected officials for not handling this matter better?

P.H. Milcwicz-Reim
Kilmarnock

County septic systems defended

To The Editor:

At the recent meeting of officials of Lancaster County and the towns, the same inaccurate statements about septic systems were repeated. Lancaster County Board of Supervisors chairman F.W. Jenkins Jr. said septic systems are on the way to being number one on a list of contamination problems in the bay.

Data from Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation's Tributary Strategy for the Rappahannock River and Northern Neck Coastal Basins indicates that point sources like sewer plants are responsible for about 10 percent of the nutrient load in our rivers and the bay. Nutrients have been identified as the primary source of the bay's degraded water quality. Non-point sources are responsible for the other 90 percent, and more than three-quarters of that comes from agricultural sources.

Septic systems are not a significant source of nutrients in our county. A University of Washington study estimates the average household has 16 pounds of nitrogen entering the ground water per year. Compare this with 45 pounds of nitrogen entering the groundwater from each acre in the county used to grow corn. If animal waste or sludge is used as fertilizer, then 136 pounds of nitrogen enter the ground water per acre. It should also be noted that most central sewer plants today do not remove nitrogen, but concentrate it and then discharge that concentrated source into the water.

Since inaccurate statements were used during the attempt to create a public service authority and are now being repeated, it appears there is an agenda to demonize septic systems and promote central sewer systems.

Citizens should ask who will be the winners should big pipes link White Stone, Kilmarnock and Irvington. White Stone says a community system is "cost-prohibitive." Have they investigated alternatives like cluster treatment systems on advanced low flow secondary systems? Do they have a baseline of all the existing systems? Are any households or businesses on cesspools? These are the questions that should be asked and answered before proposing a big-pipe solution that could require a subsidy from county taxpayers and would forever alter the character of the region.

Joe Urban
Lancaster

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the September 28, 1906, issue of the Virginia Citizen).

Caught on the fly

Miss Lucille Pinckard, of Pinckardsville, left Wednesday for Blake, S.C., where she will teach this session.

Miss Annie Stoneham, of Mollusk, left Saturday for Beuna Vista to enter upon her duties as teacher in the Southern Female Institute.

The stores of W. A. Jones, at Rainswood, and Carroll McKenney, at Brookvale, have been connected by the Northern Neck telephone.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norris and little daughter, Bertha, of Kilmarnock, are in Baltimore this week, whither they have gone to have the latter's eyes treated.

In a bulletin issued by the Post office department it is stated that the post office of Village, formerly in Northumberland county, Virginia, is now in Richmond county.

C. A. Packle, of Adams Express Co., visited the express offices along the Rappahannock this week. Mr. Packle was accompanied by J. E. Polke, the company's new inspector for this district, he having been transferred to a general office in Wilmington, Del.

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

Do you remember?

These photos show the Kilmarnock Fair Grounds on North Main Street in the early 1900s. (Courtesy of the Kilmarnock Museum)

Virginia's most traveled roads getting less from state

Virginia's primary, secondary and urban road systems received $147.4 million less in state funding allocations this past fiscal year (FY 2006) than they did 10 years ago (FY 1996), according to Virginians for Better Transportation (VBT). This is despite the fact that nearly 70 percent of the total miles Virginians drive are on these roads.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) data comparing primary, secondary and urban state formula allocations in FY 1996 shows Virginia's primary, shows secondary and urban roads received about $520.7 million in funding. In FY 2006, these roads received $373.3 million, or more than 28 percent less state funding than 10 years ago.

During this same 10-year period, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association estimates that highway construction material costs have increased 50 percent. Some other highway construction costs have increased even more. For example, according to VDOT data, in 1996 it cost approximately $15,800 to pave one lane mile of a primary road; last year the cost increased to about $43,500.

Based on the increased cost of highway construction and materials, and the current state funding allocations for the state's primary, secondary and urban road systems, an additional $408 million for local road funding would be needed this year just to give the Commonwealth the same purchasing power it had in 1996.

"Many of Virginia's counties are growing in population, the number of vehicle miles traveled throughout the state is significantly increasing and transportation construction costs are escalating," said Mike Edwards, deputy director for legislative affairs for the Virginia Association of Counties. "Simultaneously, counties are experiencing, yet again, a sharp decline in sustainable funding for state transportation projects. This has led to the delay or elimination of many of the much-needed capacity and safety improvement projects."

"The majority of Virginians drive these roads every day, but unfortunately these roads do not lend themselves to tolls or public-private partnerships, and in many cases they don't qualify for federal funding," said Jeff Southard, VBT coordinator and Virginia Transportation construction alliance executive vice president.

"This is an issue that affects all Virginians," said Bev Fitzpatrick, VBT executive council co-chairman, Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee chairman, Virginia Museum of Transportation executive director and past vice-mayor of the City of Roanoke.

"These roads are used by local businesses, farm vehicles, school buses, tourists, and residents who log millions of vehicle miles on them each year. Yet, many of these roads have inadequate shoulders, deteriorating pavement, structurally deficient bridges, and curves that don't meet engineering standards," Fitzpatrick said. "This situation continues to worsen and is disastrous for our local governments, communities and citizens."

The Virginia General Assembly plans to reconvene in September to further discuss transportation funding. On behalf of VBT's 850 supporters who want long-term, sustainable multimodal funding solutions, state legislators are urged to join in an effort to provide a funding program that meets the long-term transportation needs of the Commonwealth.

(The following document prepared by VBT is based on information provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation and includes data taken from the current Six-Year Improvement Program (FY 2007-2012) and the primary, secondary and urban state formula allocations for fiscal years 1996 and 2006. All costs are estimates).

Fredericksburg District

The failure to significantly invest in Virginia's transportation system affects every county in the Commonwealth. The following information shows how the significant decrease in state funding over the past 10 years impacts the primary, secondary and urban road systems and the Virginians who live and work in, and travel through the Fredericksburg District.

• The Fredericksburg District includes the counties of Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King George, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Westmoreland and the city of Fredericksburg.

• Every county and city in the Fredericksburg District will receive less state funding this year than they did 10 years ago.

• In fiscal year 1996, the Fredericksburg District received about $35.6 million of state allocation formula funding for its primary, secondary and urban road projects. In fiscal year 2006, it received $25.9 million—or $9.7 million less in funding. This is about a 27 percent decrease in funding.

• The estimated costs for Fredericksburg District's primary, secondary and urban road projects are $664.7 million. The existing and projected funding identified for these projects through the current Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP: FY 2007-2012) is only $312.6 million. Therefore, an additional $352.1 million of funding is needed to complete these projects.

• The decrease in funding for this region has led to the delay or elimination of many of the much needed construction projects outlined in the SYIP.

• Overall, the SYIP estimates the cost to complete Virginia's primary, secondary and urban road projects is $8.9 billion, yet the current and projected funding identified for these projects is $4.5 billion over the next six years. Therefore, an additional $4.4 billion is needed to complete these projects.

For more information about Virginia's transportation funding crisis or VBT, visit www.itstimevirginia.org, or call 804-237-1399.

Letters to the Editor

Bush omits realities

To The Editor:

President Bush claims his recent speeches on how he has made us safer are not political, but what he omits and covers up is political dynamite.

Bush wants us to forget his inaction on his pre-9/11 briefing on the Bin Laden plan to hijack U.S. airliners and 29 specific threats to crash planes into buildings and monuments. His avoidance of all post-9/11 discussion of how to protect us and his opposition to forming the 9/11 commission and the Department of Homeland Security are telling.

He wants us to forget that he held no FBI official accountable for ignoring repeated warnings on Arab students in flight school, that he consistently alienated the very nations we depend on for intelligence sharing, and that most of these have uncovered many more terrorist plots than our still troubled agencies.

He also wants us to forget that there was no al Qaeda-Iraq connection, the unraveling of his wars on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan and his refusal to admit the resultant explosion of global terrorist recruitment and acts of terror.

It is amazing we forget how much sharper and more adaptive the terrorists have been, versus his one-track mind.

We should not forget that so much of our defense budget is taken up by Iraq, that a $50 billion military equipment shortfall still exists five years on and that our ability to deter enemies is now so compromised we are reliant on scarce NATO and U.N. forces. Nor should we forget that his pre-9/11 approval rating was lower than that of any other president at the same point in office.

Jerry Peill
Lancaster

Criticism is pro-democratic, not anti-Semitic

To The Editor:

A letter appearing in last week's paper castigates another writer and accuses him of being anti-Semitic for daring to criticize Israel. This sounds like a familiar refrain. Criticism of Israel can be equated with anti-Semitism in the same way criticizing our government is equated with supporting the terrorists.

This is the kind of mentality that uses accusations and name calling in an attempt to ostracize those with whom they disagree. Rather than presenting valid points, they reproach their disputant. Having no valid argument to advance, they obfuscate.

Israel has much to answer for in its devastating military aggression toward Lebanon. The Israelis must also be held accountable for their long-standing oppression and overbearing violence toward the Palestinians.

Being free to question Israel's actions is not anti-Semitic, it is pro-democratic.

Cheryl Perkins
Topping

I learned to swim at the Y

To The Editor:

My first experience or memory of the Y in the Northern Virginia area comes from my fourth-grade class at Barcroft Elementary in Arlington County in the '40s.

The YMCA had a large building in Washington, D.C. The upper floors had dorm-like rooms used for the ladies who came to Washington in the early '40s to help the government. They had a large pool in the basement of the building. I wish I could remember exactly where the building is located in D.C., but memory fails me at this time of life.

We were loaded on Arlington County school buses and bused to D.C. after school for swim lessons at the Y. I remember the locker rooms, the tiles around the walls, the floors and the pool. I remember how glad I felt when I could swim the length of the pool.

Now, I think it must have been about 70 or 80 feet in distance. My pool at Tipers Creek is 30 by 70, so I'm using that as my mental reference. Childhood distances seem so great. I also remember a long pole with a loop at the end used in case we felt we could not make it to the edge of the pool.

Do any other folks in the Northern Neck remember learning to swim at a Y anywhere? Please share your memories with us. We are building memories for our Northumberland County young people. Send your essays to publicity chairman Mike Harwood at mikehar26@juno.com, or mail them to him at P.O. Box 206, Wicomico Church, VA 22579.

Susan O'Hara Christopher
Wicomico Church

Living the Constitution

To The Editor:

Constitution Week has come and gone with little notice in Lancaster County except for the Democratic Committee providing 500 copies of the Constitution to the high school and additional copies to the alternative school so that every student could have his/her own copy of our founding document. Every citizen should read the Constitution at least once a year. It is an enlightened and a decidedly liberal document.

Does the Constitution live for us today? You decide.

In 1790, George Washington said, "The Constitution of the United States, and the laws made under it, must mark the line of my official conduct." Is such restraint being honored today?

In 1796, Washington wrote, "Towards the preservation of your government...it is requisite... that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown." If, today, Congress continues to decline to exercise its role as a balancing power, the constitution is undermined.

Samuel Adams wrote, "The sum of all is, if we would most truly enjoy the gift of Heaven, let us become a virtuous people; then we both deserve and enjoy it. While, on the other hand, if we are universally vicious and debauched in our manners, though the form of our Constitution carries the face of the most exalted freedom, we shall in reality be the most abject slaves." Would Sam Adams condone torture?

In 1792, Washington wrote, "the power under the Constitution will always be in the people. It is entrusted for certain defined purposes, and for a certain limited period to representatives of their own choosing; and whenever it is executed contrary to their interest, or not agreeable to their wishes, their servants can, and undoubtedly will, be recalled." In other words, vote in November.

Finally, while not a founder, Mark Twain echoed George Washington saying, "Patriotism is supporting your country all of the time and your government when it deserves it." Is our current government deserving of our support?

Free copies of our Constitution may be obtained from the Lancaster County Democratic Committee. Visit the booth at the Irvington Farmers' Market, or call 438-5900. Every household should have a copy. It is the user manual for our Democracy.

Norm Mosher
Irvington

Use unemployment and welfare recipients to pick litter

To The Editor:

About a month ago, I was happy to see a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) tractor mowing the roadsides along Old Route 200 toward Irvington and both sides of Old Salem Road. However, the chap doing the mowing had no choice but to run over all the roadside litter, thereby breaking it up into a myriad of small pieces. It was not his fault.

Let's be honest: the "Adopt a Highway" program is largely dysfunctional, if not completely broken, because it sends the wrong message, namely that "other folks will pick up after the litterbugs." It seems to me that it is time for VDOT to consider thinking outside of the box.

Unlike Northumberland County, Lancaster County apparently lacks a budget for fielding a work crew of non-violent prisoners who could be detailed to pick up roadside litter, preferably immediately prior to the time mowing is scheduled on a given stretch of road. Would it be politically incorrect or unacceptable to require a few able-bodied recipients of county unemployment benefits or welfare payments to report occasionally to VDOT on mowing days to pick up roadside litter ahead of the mower?

That way, VDOT manpower would not be affected and some folks might not be getting a free ride on taxpayer money. No armed guard would be required to be standing by with a shotgun at the ready. I spent years in European countries and saw the unemployed clearing snow in the winter and cleaning up post-war debris. One has to wonder how those countries manage to justify that kind of tax-efficient program.

While there may be legal or bureaucratic regulations that could foreclose this use of unemployment compensation or welfare recipients, no court would have to be sentencing them to do so as punishment. Perhaps this idea may be worthy of consideration and may work better than the current ineffective system in alleviating the ever-present roadside litter problems.

Peter Weil
Irvington

Webb-Allen contrast is clear

To The Editor:

One good thing about the Webb-Allen race is that we're learning a lot more about George Allen. With the image of a tobacco-chewing good ole' Southern boy, he was actually raised in Los Angeles and Chicago. In Los Angeles, he took on a Southern affectation, wearing a Confederate flag pin in his high school annual photo and driving a car with Confederate decals. In high school, he and some friends were caught scrawling anti-white racial slurs to generate resentment against a visiting all-black basketball team. He denied it was racial.

In college, he displayed a Confederate flag in his dorm room and we've just learned that his language relative to blacks at that time was openly racist, which again he recently denied. (Search "Salon and George Allen" for the full and disturbing story).

His "macaca" remark to that young Indian chap holding the TV camera showed Allen is certainly capable of bullying. His multiple explanations for his use of that word showed us that straight and honest answers are not an automatic response with Allen.

In contrast, Jim Webb's record is that of a genuine patriot and a man of character. A graduate of Annapolis in 1968, but choosing service in the Marines in Vietnam, he holds the Navy Cross, the Silver Star medal, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was a tactics and weapons instructor at the Marine Corps Officer Candidates School and then on the Secretary of the Navy's immediate staff. He served nearly three years in the Reagan administration, not a mere 10 months as Allen's commercial states.

As for his racial views, Webb led the fight to include an African American soldier in the Vietnam Memorial statue to honor the 7,200 blacks who died there. In every way, he is truly a patriot, a decent American and a class act. A vote for Webb would be a breath of fresh air for Virginia and having battlefield experience would make a great team with Sen. Warner for these uncertain times.

Frank Mann
Lancaster

Candidates meet

F. W. "Butch" Jenkins (left), Republican candidate for Treasurer of Lancaster County, met with U.S. Sen. George Allen on Sunday at the Three-Rivers Republican Rally in Topping. The rally featured Sen. Allen, Rep. Jo Ann Davis, Lt.. Gov. Bill Bolling, Del. Rob Wittman, State Senators John Chichester and Thomas Norment, and local elected officials. The rally was sponsored by the Republican Committees of Lancaster, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Essex, Middlesex, Mathews and Gloucester.

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The Constitution of Virginia requires that you be registered in the precinct in which you live in order to be qualified to vote.

In order to be eligible to vote in the General and Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, **you must register no later than 5:00pm Tuesday, October 10, 2006.** If you have recently registered to vote by means other than at the local office of the general registrar and have **not** received an official voter registration card form the Lancaster County Voter Registration Office, **please** call our office at the number shown below **before October 10, 2006**. No changes or additions may be made to the voter registration records after this date for the November 7, 2006 General and Special Election.

Tuesday, October 31, is the last day on which an absentee ballot can be mailed. Saturday November 4, 2006 is the **LAST DAY** for this election on which qualified applicants may vote absentee ballots in person. In addition to regular office hours, the Lancaster County Voter Registration Office located at 8694 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503 will be open Saturday, October 28 and **Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** for the convenience of registered voters who need to vote by absentee ballot.

Please call 462-5277 should you have any questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brent Welch

Welch-Davis nuptials held

Melissa Blake Davis and Lawrence Brent Welch were married September 23, 2006, at Harmony Grove Baptist Church in Topping with the Rev. Edward P. Harrow officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Davis Jr. of Locust Hill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Welch of Urbanna.

Emily Davis Wills and Jana Leigh Davis, sisters of the bride, were matron and maid of honor, respectively. Bridesmaids were Lauren Nicole Brooks, Erica LaDonna Goodman and Sarah Ann Goodrich.

Mr. Welch was best man for his son. The groom's attendants included his brother, David B. Welch, and William R. Wills, Wesley G. Wilson and Mason A. Goodrich.

Music was provided by clarinetist Carrie Piatkowski, pianist Doug Harris, and organist John Lee Callis, uncle of the bride.

Mary Elizabeth Carlton, cousin of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies. The guest book and program attendants were Berkley Carson and Andrew Moser.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Liberty at Compass Quay in Urbanna.

After a wedding trip to St. Martin, the couple will reside in Hartfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Miller Jr.

Miller-Williams vows exchanged

The marriage of Shawn Benson Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Benson of Heathsville, to Russell E. Miller Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nichols of Grandy, N.C., was held August 19, 2006, at Claybrook Baptist Church in Weems with Rev. Steve Turner officiating.

Lori Eanes was the maid of honor. Ron "Pop" Nichols was the best man.

William Clarke served as the usher. Rachael Clarke was the flower girl and Harris Clarke was the ring-bearer.

Cindy Clarke was the mistress of ceremonies.

The processional and recessional were played by Robbie Spiers on trumpet accompanied by Lori Eanes on piano.

After a honeymoon in the Mediterranean, the couple will reside in Weems.

Health Fair to offer screenings and flu shots

The Three Rivers Health District will conduct a flu shot clinic during the 2006 Community Health Fair Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the A.T. Johnson Human Services Building in Montross.

The fair will offer exhibits from community agencies and businesses, a silent auction and activities for the entire family.

There will be several options for health screenings. The Lions Club and the Rappahannock Area Health Education Center will offer free vision, hearing, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings. The American Screening Association will provide bone density and vascular screenings for a nominal charge.

All community organizations are invited to exhibit at no charge and spaces are still available. Those interested in a space should call the Westmoreland County Extension Office at 493-8924.

Local News

Recent guests of Tom and Kathee Cernicky were her brother-in-law and sister, Keith and Page Schwab of Murrysville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown returned to their home in Mt. Holly, N.J., after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Muriel Brown, at Indian Creek. While here, they celebrated Donald's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Swift have returned from a delightful trip to Ireland, Scotland and England. While there, they were guests of relatives in Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher have returned from a week's vacation as the guests of their daughter, Ms. Kacy Fletcher, at Ocean Isle, N.C. Their son, Brandt Fletcher of Alexandria, joined them for the weekend.

Wallace Carter returned on Monday after spending several days with his son's family, Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Carter, Sara, Sam and Steve, in Bridgewater.

The Bluff Point Ecumenical Men's Sunday Breakfast Group met with Ryland Gaskins at his home on Prentice Creek.

Mary Hopkins, Tom and Kathee Cernicky visited Patrick and Shea Rowen and Emily Hopkins in Keene, N.H., to celebrate Emily's 3rd birthday on September 15.

Mrs. Betty Penley and Mrs. Lynn Nelson have returned from a delightful two weeks in China.

Mrs. Joyce Elbourn has returned from Ocean City and Baltimore, Md., where she attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Catherine Severe.

Mr. and Mrs. Innis Wood attended her daughter's wedding last weekend. Miss Polly Rae Headley and Dr. Matthew Glen Poffenroth were married on Saturday at The Comus Inn in Dickerson, Md., near Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Swann-Fisher nuptials held

The marriage of Miss Christy Rebecca Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Fisher of Low Moor, to Benjamin Bradford Swann, son of Mary Lou Bray Boyd of Heathsville and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swann of Burgess, took place at Trinity Baptist Church in Covington August 5, 2006. The bride's father performed the ceremony.

Escorted by her brother, Michael W. Fisher, the bride was given in marriage by her family. She is the granddaughter of Pearl Simmons of Covington and the late Raymond Simmons and the late Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Fisher, formerly of Low Moor.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bray of Reedville and Margaret Swann of Reedville and the late Wallace "Puddin" Swann.

Mrs. Brandy Southall of Clifton Forge, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. The flower girl was Nikki Walton of Hot Springs, cousin of the bride.

Jason Lankford of Durham, N.C., friend of the groom served as best man. The ring bearer was Cody Fisher, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Dillon Fisher of Covington, nephew of the bride, and Cody Boyd of Heathsville, brother of the groom.

The soloist was Jennifer Fisher of Covington, sister-in-law of the bride. The pianist was Cheryl Lockhart of Covington. Katherine Armstrong of Covington attended the guest book. Jamie Sabia of Mt. Holly was wedding coordinator.

The bride and groom spent a few days touring Williamsburg before returning to their home in Heathsville.

Mrs. Benjamin Bradford Swann

Births

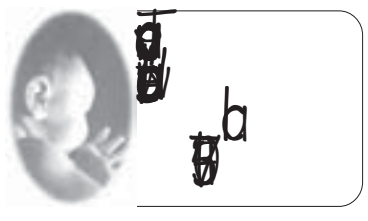
Sara Elizabeth Smith

William and Cathy Smith of Kilmarnock announce the birth of their newest addition to their family, Sara Elizabeth, born September 8, 2006, at Henrico Doctors Hospital in Richmond. She weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She was welcomed home by brothers Brad and Daniel and sister Natalie.

Her maternal grandparents are Norman and Judi Schaeffler of Virginia Beach.

Her paternal grandparents are Muryline Smith of Reedville and the late Robert L. "Smitty" Smith.



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Shiloh School open house committee members, from left, are Marion Carey Harding, Emily Lawson, June Turnage and Susan Christopher.

Shiloh School to celebrate centennial with open house

Shiloh School will celebrate its centennial Saturday, September 30, with a public open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

The one-room schoolhouse is at the intersection of Shiloh School and Balls Neck roads in Northumberland County.

A number of people have been helping to prepare the building for an open house. The last stabilization work was completed over 10 years ago. Major effort has been needed. Contributing are local friends of the nonprofit owners, Northumberland Preservation Inc. (NPI), Jay Webster, Curvin Brooks and Antonio Roy.

It is of interest to note that the 2006 Standards of Learning (SOL) for First Grade by the Virginia Board of Education begins, on the first page, with the history of education in Virginia, especially one-room schoolhouses. Only a few remain, and Shiloh School is the only unaltered example of a one-room school in Northumberland County.

Local primary teachers have inquired about the school and what it has to offer to meet this SOL. A volunteer committee is being formed to respond. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Call Jane Towner at 435-3566.

NPI and several partner organizations plan to preserve and restore the school for community use . School children might enjoy first-hand what it was like to go to a one-room school. Summer programs might include vacation church schools, tutoring, mentoring, and outdoor exploration. The school grounds will provide a picnic site for visitors.

Restoring the school, NPI hopes that everyone meeting in the building will gain respect for local history, Northern Neck's rural heritage, and an awareness of nature, the farms and forests, bordering the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

While the little one-room schoolhouse is not a stately home, it provides an important glimpse into the lives of the citizens of the area early in the 20th century, how they survived hardships and why they loved the land and Shiloh School.

'On Stage' season to open October 21

The Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts 2006-07 "On Stage" series opens October 21 with the four-piano quartet Piano4, performing a program that ranges from Bach to Broadway.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. Those who are not season subscribers may call the box office for tickets at 435-0292.

The season will continue on November 6 with the internationally acclaimed Miami String Quartet performing a mixed repertoire. On January 27, Saxton's Cornet Band will present a brass performance that is entertaining both musically and visually. That's followed February 17 with a return engagement by Taylor 2, one of the most exciting and delightful dance companies in the world. The Richmond Symphony returns on March 3 for an evening of classical favorites, and the grand finale to the season March 31 will be the great music of the swing era in an entertaining and memorable performance by Club Swing.

Magic Pirate to visit kids at Fairfields Fall Festival

Local doctor to perform magic. Everybody knows him as mild-mannered Dr. Emory Lewis. On occasion he becomes the "Magic Pirate."

The "Magic Pirate" will perform his tricks beginning at 11 a.m. on stage at the Fairfields Fall Festival October 7 for boys and girls of all ages. The tricks include rope tricks, putting a needle through a balloon and a sword through the neck of a volunteer. Volunteers are needed.

The festival will be held on the church grounds at Fairfields United Methodist Church in Burgess. Other attractions for the children include hay rides, face painting, dinosaur dig, fishing well, clowns, cotton candy, popcorn and pumpkin painting.

For the grown-ups, there will be musical entertainment throughout the day. North Carolina -Style pork barbecue and hot dogs and sodas will be sold. Homemade soups of several different varieties and baked goods also will be available.

There is still room for crafters. Exhibit spaces are still available. Those interested can call Margaret at 580-8613 for applications.

To complement the many crafters, the church will have its own crafts table and "White Elephant" table.

Magic Pirate Dr. Emory Lewis

Wright to leave the Baytones

When the curtain opens on the Baytones' annual show on Veterans' Day, November 11, at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock, it will be to say farewell to their director, Carol Wright.

Wright is the lone woman among Kilmarnock's all-male barbershop chorus, and one of less than 20 female directors in the entire 30,000 plus international membership of the Barbershop Harmony Society. She is moving on after a two-year stint at the helm.

"These are my guys, and I love them, but things are changing in my life," Wright said. She is planning to relocate.

Asked about her experiences in leading a group of mature men, the veteran director acknowledged differences between leading a chorus of eager students performing conventional pieces and several dozen men singing the tight, four-part harmonies in the turn-of-the-century style favored by barbershoppers. "For one thing, Barbershoppers are off the paper," by which she means that neither the Bay Tones nor their director use sheet music while performing. "At first it was hard to learn to memorize all four parts instead of relying on a stand of well-marked sheet music," she said.

There's another difference, too. "Every one of these guys thinks he knows more about directing than the director does," she said with a bright smile.

Members generally agreed that she had succeeded in teaching the chorus an appreciation for subtlety in their singing.

"She seemed to be a little nervous right before our first annual show, but when she strutted out there and smiled, we knew we had ourselves a director," said former chapter president Byrd Chancey.

Barbecue chicken and gospel music on Saturday menu

The Big Dawgs are ready to fire up their grills and the band is tuning up for the Barbecue Chicken and Bluegrass Gospel Luncheon Saturday, September 30, at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive off Route 3 north of White Stone.

The luncheon, featuring the Wayne T. Holt Band and a slow-grill traditional Shenandoah Valley of Virginia recipe, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. indoors. Plate lunches are $10 and include a half a chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, and ice tea or lemonade. Meals will be available to go.

However, folks are urged to sit a spell in the comfort of the sanctuary, enjoy the music and kick up their heels if they like. A supervised nursery and children's play areas will be open during the concert and meal.

Proceeds will support White Stone Church of the Nazarene missions worldwide. Missions pastor Jeff Jackson is currently raising funds to purchase a huge tent to carry to remote sites. The tent would be used for fellowship and worship while mission teams build churches.

Tickets are available from Big Dawgs members, the Rappahannock Record, Farm & Home in Kilmarnock, Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock, EVB Bank in Kilmarnock, Lamberth's Building Supply in White Stone, Bayside Animal Hospital in White Stone, the Family Life Center, and by calling 435-9886, or 435-1165.

Folks are urged to purchase tickets in advance. A limited number may be available at the door.

Pierre Daura's Virginia landscapes on display

A new exhibition at the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) provides an opportunity to see Pierre Daura's paintings of Virginia.

"Pierre Daura's Vision of Virginia" features 85 works presented in three galleries. Focus is given to Daura's paintings of the landscapes of Rockbridge County and his depictions of the people there and in Lynchburg, where he taught art for many years at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The artist's European career is also surveyed, so that the viewer who is unfamiliar with Daura will be able to understand how he incorporated the dynamics of European modernism to invigorate his canvases.

"Daura was never overly concerned with making a profit off his paintings," said Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen, Lora Robins Curator of Art and curator of this exhibition. "As a result, the vast majority of Daura's Virginia works are in the hands of private owners—the Virginians he knew and painted in Rockbridge Baths and Lynchburg. With his daughter Martha's help, the VHS has received a number of the paintings and identified private owners to secure loans for this showing. It is a unique opportunity to see a more complete body of Daura's Virginia work."

Daura was a Spanish-born painter who, in 1927, met Richmond art student Louise Blair in Paris. They married the next year and in 1939, at the outbreak of World War II, relocated to the Blair summer homestead in Rockbridge County.

The Virginia Historical Society is at 428 N. Boulevard in Richmond. For directions, hours and admission information, visit www.vahistorical.org, or call 358-4901.

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Hugh Haynie exhibit opens

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum will present A Pointed Pen, a seasonal exhibit on the life and art of Reedville native, Hugh Haynie.

Over a 38-year career at the Louisville Courier-Journal, Haynie penned thousands of editorial cartoons. With pointed pen, he focused the eyes of the nation on the activities of John and Bobby Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. He shed light on such diverse topics as civil rights, the Vietnam War, poverty, drugs, guns and AIDS. He created images of well known international leaders—DeGaulle, Brezhnev, Gaddaffi, and Margaret Thatcher—as well as the common man or woman on the street.

However, Haynie's artistic style did not spring forth, fully formed, in the pages of the Louisville paper. Haynie was born in Reedville in February 1927. This exhibit clearly demonstrates his art was clearly rooted and developed during his youth on the Northern Neck, according to executive director Chuck Backus.

Curated by Carol Cole, and created in partnership with The Kentucky Historical Society, the exhibit features never-before-seen examples of Haynie's earliest work. A Point Pen is sponsored by EVB Bank and continues through October 31.

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New exhibition highlights contributions of women throughout Virginia history

Outstanding women of Virginia are on display through December 18 at the Mary Ball Washington Museum in Lancaster. The exhibition, entitled Working Out Her Destiny: Women's History in Virginia, 1600-2004, celebrates Virginia women who have challenged and changed the Commonwealth.

The traveling version of Working Out Her Destiny, on loan from the Library of Virginia, will be in two phases. Phase one features Virginia women whose lives represent various aspects of women's history in the areas of shaping public opinion, work, education, service to the country, women's organizations, and votes for women.

Many women in the area will relate to the topics covered in the exhibit. It portrays women from diverse backgrounds and varied roles who contributed to Virginia life and culture. Many leaders were born from organizations such as The Business and Professional Women's groups, the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.

Women led the way for women's sufferage and they also worked both for and against the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). During World War II, they worked to bring in the farm crops to feed the country and served as nurses and in the military.

Museum directors are adding three prominent area women to the exhibit who have been directly or indirectly associated with the museum. These include Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington; Jesse Ball duPont, whose philanthropic foundation contributes to the support of the museum; and Catherine "Treenie" Barham Chilton, a founding museum member and long-time benefactor.

Phase two of the exhibition will arrive from the Library of Virginia and be on display December 20 to March 9.

Godspeed under sail.

Godspeed replica to visit Holly Point Festival

Visitors to the Holly Point Art and Seafood Festival in Deltaville October 14 also may visit Jamestown Settlement's new replica Godspeed, one of the three ships that brought English colonists to Virginia in 1607, 13 years before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts.

The new Godspeed will be anchored at Fishing Bay Harbor Marina three miles from Holly Point Park and will be open to festival visitors at no charge. The replica, which replaces another re-creation built in the early 1980s, was built from 2004-06 as an exhibit for Jamestown Settlement, a living history museum of 17th-century Virginia.

Tour hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15. The captain, Eric Speth, says donations to Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will be appreciated. Whit Perry, a Deltaville native, is a mate on the boat.

The Holly Point Art and Seafood Festival will offer a full day of activities. It will be held at Holly Point Park on Mill Creek.

In addition to the Godspeed tour, visitors may enjoy art on display by more than 50 Chesapeake artists and crafts people, seafood and other specialties to purchase, a tour of the replica of the John Smith barge Explorer built by the Deltaville Maritime Museum, a children's garden, and chances to win prizes.

The Maritime Museum will be open for tours. Exhibits include a 34-foot log canoe and a 64-foot log buy-boat under restoration.

Historical society to meet

The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society will meet October 18 at the Indian Creek Country Club near Kilmarnock. The business meeting will start at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

After the luncheon, Michael C. Quinn, president and executive director of the Montpelier Foundation, will discuss the political legacies of Presidents Washington and Madison.

Quinn joined Montpelier in October 1999, and has helped focus its long-term vision on the legacy of James Madison. Under his direction, a new Center for the Constitution was established in 2002; restoration of the mansion, Gilmore Cabin, and Freedman's Farm began; a new Visitor Center was begun; and construction of a new entrance to Montpelier started.

Prior to coming to Montpelier, Quinn was deputy director at Mount Vernon. He has a bachelor's from the University of Virginia, a master's from Yale University, and a master's of business administration from George Mason University.

For reservations, call Wanda Mason at 224-0163, or Susan Christopher at 580-8702.

Alzheimer's programs slated

The Alzheimer's Association will offer a half-day mini-conference October 19 in Saluda to aid family members who are caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

The association is also planning a one-hour program at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury October 6.

The mini-conference will be held at the Middlesex Senior Center at 2788 General Puller Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required; call 967-2580.

Those attending may receive up to eight hours of free respite care for their loved on the day of the event. The respite care would be provided by a licensed in-home care provider or an adult day-care center. Attendees who are interested must contact the Alzheimer's Association in advance to arrange for the care.

The Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury program will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. The topic of the discussion will be "Forgetfulness. Is It A Problem?"

For more information, call Carole Curtiss at 804-695-9382, or Maria Ferrand at 804-438-4011.

McKenney to lead tour of the past

On Wednesday, October 4, at 11:30 a.m., members and guests of the Woman's Club of White Stone will experience an imaginary walk around White Stone during the period of the club's early days from 1925 to 1945.

Guest speaker, Bob McKenney, a local historian and genealogist who grew up in White Stone and now lives in Irvington, will lead a tour of the town of yesteryear. Using words, pictures and artifacts from that period, he will show the many faces and facades of White Stone when it was a bustling, beautiful little town at the then remote southern end of the Northern Neck.

Bob's mother, Elizabeth B. McKenney, was an original founder of the club and authored the *History of the Town of White Stone, Lancaster County, Virginia.*

Members and guests are invited to bring a sandwich.

Each month the club hosts guest speakers with topics of interest to its members. To join, contact membership chair Doris Kidwell at 435-1409.

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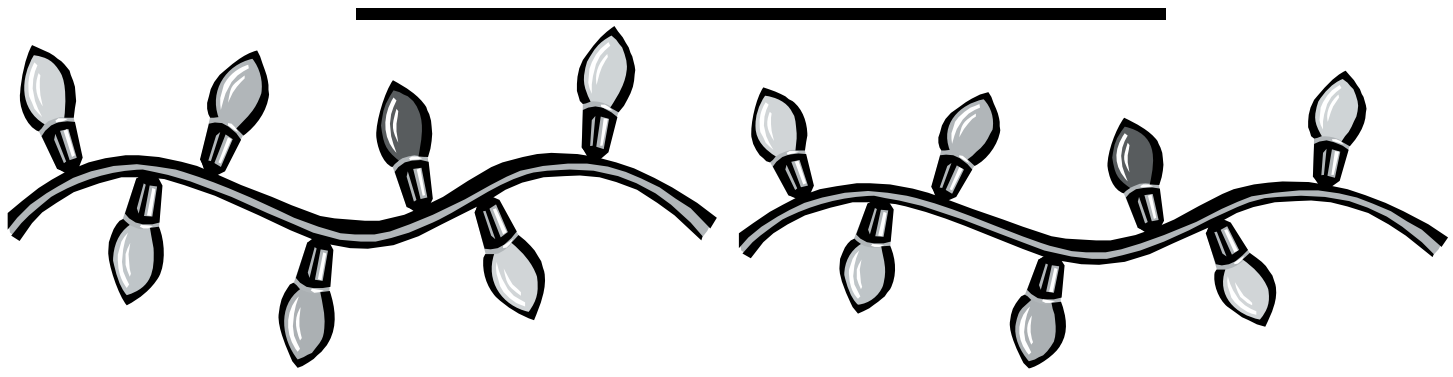

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Indians to discuss 400 years of survival

Virginia's Indian tribes will host a three-day conference in October to showcase their culture and discuss the laws and policies that have affected Virginia Indians and Indians nationwide.

"Virginia Indians: 400 Years of Survival" will be held October 5 through 7 at the Williamsburg Lodge and at tribal centers throughout Virginia. It will feature representatives from Virginia's eight state-recognized tribes as well as nationally known speakers and dignitaries. The conference will include panel discussions on "Indian Law and Culture through History," "Government Policy as it Relates to American Indians," and "Preserving History and Culture."

"The first laws concerning Indian tribes originated in Virginia, and the first forced displacement of Indian tribes to reservations occurred in Virginia. Those termination and reservation policies went on to affect Indians across America, and are not properly taught as part of Virginia or United States history," said Upper Mattaponi Chief Kenneth Adams. "This symposium gives us an opportunity to educate the public on parts of our culture and history, and review these laws and policies in an educational environment."

Dr. Robert Duncan, president of Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., will address conference attendees during a luncheon being held at the lodge. Many Virginia Indians attended the Bacone College from the 1940s through the 1990s. At times, Bacone was the only high school education available to Virginia indians.

Tex Hall, chairman for the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara) in North Dakota, will deliver a keynote speech during a banquet that evening. Hall is the former president of the National Congress of American Indians. In appearances before congressional committees and in many other venues, he has lobbied on behalf of all Native Americans on such issues as housing, education, and discrimination in employment.

The conference then takes to the road for a two-day tour of Virginia's tribal lands. On October 6, the Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Rappahannock and the Upper Mattaponi tribes are inviting the public to their tribal centers to participate in special events and programs showcasing their culture and history. The tour will conclude with a special dinner, traditional music and dancing at the Chickahominy tribal center.

On October 7, the Monacan Indian Nation will host its annual Homecoming in Amherst County. Transportation and a guided tour will be available for conference attendees wishing to attend.

"As we visit the tribal centers, hopefully participants will learn first-hand about our past and the hopes we have for our future. We have never before had this opportunity to tell our own story in our own words on such a comprehensive level," Adams said.

The panel discussions are free to the public. Separate fees will be assessed for individuals attending the banquet functions on October 5, for individuals interested in the bus tour to the various tribal centers on October 6, or for transportation to the Monacan Indian Nation's Homecoming on October 7.

To register for the conference, call 1-866-400-1607, or visit www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.

Pennell addresses woman's club

Ginger Philbrick (right) introduced guest speaker William H. Pennell Jr. at the September meeting of the Woman's Club of White Stone. Pennell, Lancaster's county administrator, chairman of the Community Corrections Justice Board and county emergency services coordinator, commanded immediate attention by stepping away from the podium to address the recent impact of tropical storm Ernesto on the area. Members told of their experiences during the storm and he shared his knowledge of what was learned from the devastation of hurricane Isabel, of what the present county provisions include for disaster preparedness and the greater need for coordination among first responders in such events. Following his address, members and guests enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. The WCWS is a club promoting educational, cultural and philanthropic objectives. To join, call membership chair Doris Kidwell at 435-1409.

Making music–the old way

Dr. Rob Johnson shared his fascination with antique musical instruments with his fellow Rotarians at the weekly meeting of the Northern Neck Rotary Club.

A member of the Musical Box Society International, Johnson asked club members to dream of a world in which there was no music or noise in a home except that created by occupants of the house.

As recently as the 1750s, music was only possible by musicians playing instruments; thus, music and other diversions as we think of them today were not possible. Females were often trained in piano, other musical instruments, or voice as a part of their education so as to entertain the family. While the thought of silence in the home was embraced by some club members as desirable in the modern world, the idea was a bit foreign to most save the recent power outage caused by recent storms.

In the early 1800s according to Johnson, music was added to clocks to chime the hour or actually play a short tune. This gave way to music boxes of various types and later developed into full mechanical orchestras, but was available only to the wealthy.

The mechanical science of music machines developed and is affordable to the average family in some form.

Johnson outlined the evolution of musical machines from simple cylinder-driven music boxes, interchangeable disks, player and reproducing pianos, mechanical orchestras and the like. These instruments reproduce the sound exactly as emitted a century ago due to the mechanical design. In many ways these instruments were the forerunner of the computers of today in that they were programmed in a manner similar to punch cards of the early computer world.

The Musical Box Society is a small but dedicated group according to Johnson with collections ranging from his modest collection to a member with a 45,000-square-foot house that houses a part of his collection which includes a mechanical orchestra which is over 40 feet long and 20 feet high with the necessary concert hall.

Linda Morris brought to the attention of the club a scam that is using counterfeit cashier checks to extort money from individuals. The scam usually involves a report of winnings of some fantastic prize in the form of a cashier's check and advises the winner that he or she must send their check to cover taxes and costs before they cash the check.

Significant amounts have been stolen from the unsuspecting in this way. Morris advised all to call the bank on which the check is drawn to confirm the check if there is any doubt of authenticity. This also led to a discussion of counterfeit countermeasures everyone should employ on personal checks also. The bank would be a good source of information on safeguards.

The Northern Neck Rotary Club meets at Lee's Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast and a program.

Haunts of Gloucester Candlelight Walking Tours

The Gloucester Main Street Association and the Courthouse Players will present Haunts of Gloucester Candlelight Walking Tours on Main Street on October 21.

The Courthouse Players, armed with tales of ghostly haunts of Gloucester and surrounding areas, will treat folks to supernatural stories while strolling through the night-darkened streets of Gloucester.

Amidst hearing the famous ghost stories of Gloucester, families will be treated to interesting facts about historical Court Circle and other historical buildings on Main Street.

Tickets are $10 each and children 6 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at Olivia's in the Village. There will be 10 tours available with a maximum of 20 persons to a group. Tours must be booked upon purchasing a ticket.

Tour times will be 7:30 p.m. (2 tours), 7:45 p.m. (2 tours), 8 p.m. (1 tour), 8:45 p.m. (2 tours), 9 p.m. (2 tours) and 9:15 p.m. (1 tour). The walking tour will cover approximately a mile and last approximately one hour. Please check in 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tour time in front of Twice Told Tales on Main Street.

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Six join free clinic board

Six people have joined the board of directors for the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, bringing with them a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.

Dr. Richard Bagnall, businessman Brokie Graham, retired attorney Barry Kean, community activists Wallace McGinness and Pete Southmayd, and former school board member Jinx Wright were voted onto the board in August, and after orientation sessions will begin their terms in September.

They join the current members, Dr. Rocky Tingle, Rev. Charles Dameron, Dr. Richard Baylor, Walter J. Klein, Betty Mill, Dr. Steve Glessner, and Darryl Pirok, DDS, on the board. Two of the new members also will serve as officers: Graham as vice president and Wright as secretary. Dr. Tingle will serve a second year as president, and Rev. Dameron recently took over as treasurer.

Dr. Bagnall, a physician at White Stone Family Practice, is in his second career.

From left, new board members are Dr. Darryl Pirok, Wallace McGinness, Jinx Wright, Barry Kean, Dr. Richard Bagnall and Pete Southmayd.

A 1978 graduate of the University of Virginia, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, he earned his Master's of Divinity at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in 1981 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1982 by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

After serving at churches in Norfolk and Richmond, he was director of pastoral care at Charter Westbrook Psychiatric Hospital from 1990 to 1998, the same year he received his medical degree from the MCV School of Medicine.

Following an internship and residency in Richmond, he joined White Stone Family Practice in 2001. Since 2004 he also has been assistant clinical professor of medicine at both MCV and UVA. Locally, he chaired the continuing education committee at Rappahannock General Hospital from 2003 to 05 and served as president of the Northern Neck Medical Association from 2004 to 06. He and his family live in White Stone.

Graham is the son of the late William (Billy) and Mary Graham of Irvington, who were major clinic supporters; the clinic building is named after Mrs. Graham, and Mr. Graham, a former board member, made significant contributions over the years of money, time and expertise. Brokie Graham, of Mechanicsville and Irvington, graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1969 and enjoyed a 26-year banking career with Signet Bank, retiring in 1995. He then was general manager of credit operations for Heilig-Meyers, and vice president for lending with the Virginia Credit Union, retiring again in February.

He has been involved with a number of volunteer organizations, including United Way, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, and New Hanover Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Berkley, have two grown children and are building a primary residence in Northumberland County. He said that the clinic fills a very big need in the community, and that in the past seven or eight years it became obvious how committed his father was to its success. Graham also is a member of the clinic's foundation board.

Kean served on Air Force active duty from 1969 to 76 and then was a legal officer for the Air Force and civilian attorney for the Department of Defense on national security issues and personnel matters, working out of the Pentagon. On his retirement in 2003 the Keans moved from Manassas to Mallard Bay, into a weekend house they had owned for several years. He is active in the Mallard Bay Property Association and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock, where he chairs the mission outreach committee.

A number of St. Andrews parishioners volunteer at the clinic, which has been one of the outreach committee beneficiaries. He and his wife, Kathryn, a licensed clinic social worker, have four grown children.

McGinness, a volunteer at the Outreach Clinic in Montross, has been instrumental in promoting services in Westmoreland County, explaining their importance to the underserved and helping to secure funds and donations. McGinness spent 35 years in the telephone industry, beginning with Tidewater Telephone and retiring in 1990 from Contel. He also has been active for 53 years with the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department, and continues his life-long involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

As a trustee at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Montross, he helped establish the Outreach Clinic there and volunteers at the front desk while his wife, Bettie Lou, is a volunteer screener. Aware of the need for the services, McGinness recently worked closely with the county board of supervisors to explain the clinic's value and increase the county's financial support for operations.

Southmayd, who retired to the area in 1989, has tutored for 10 years at Lancaster Primary School; served three years on the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock, the last one as president, and three years on the YMCA board; is pledge secretary at Grace Episcopal Church, and has volunteered with Interfaith Service Council for ten years. "I thought I'd try something new, so I came to the Free Health Clinic," he said, and for the past year he has been spending three to four hours each week entering data from patient treatment charts into the computer system.

He earned a bachelor's in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia in 1962, the same year that he joined the Marine Corps and that he and his wife, Libby, were married. He secured a master's in secondary education in 1977 from Johns Hopkins University, and after 27 years with the Marines, he retired in 1989 as a full colonel. That year he began working in admissions at Christchurch School, staying until 1994, when he was serving as Dean of Students and Faculty, retiring a second time. The Southmayds live in White Stone.

Wright, of Irvington, began her career in retailing, moved into education, and taught grades 5 and 6 in Fairfax County before moving to the Northern Neck. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a master's in education from George Mason University, and an endorsement on her master's as elementary school principal from the College of William and Mary. After retiring to Lancaster County in 1979, she administered the Chapter One Reading Program for grades 1 to 7 for seven years and the Talented and Gifted Program for one year, retiring in 1988.

She then began a seven-year tenure on the Lancaster County School Board, serving as vice-chair and chair. She is a member of a number of community organizations and has served or is serving as an officer in all of them. A tour of the clinic "impressed me so much that I welcomed an opportunity to become a volunteer screener and to serve as a member of the board," she said. She and Col. William J. Wright (USA, ret.) have two married children.

Additionally, Dr. Pirok, an oral surgeon who works in the Gloucester area as well as Kilmarnock, joined the board in April. He had been instrumental in creating the Dental Clinic here and in helping set up a partnership with the VCU Dental School that allows third- and fourth-year students to rotate in to Clinic operations and work with volunteer dentists. In addition to the hours he donates to the Clinic, Dr. Pirok volunteers with the Mission of Mercy program and the VCU/MCV School of Dentistry, and was honored by the 2004 General Assembly for his 27 years of efforts to help the underserved. He lives near Urbanna.

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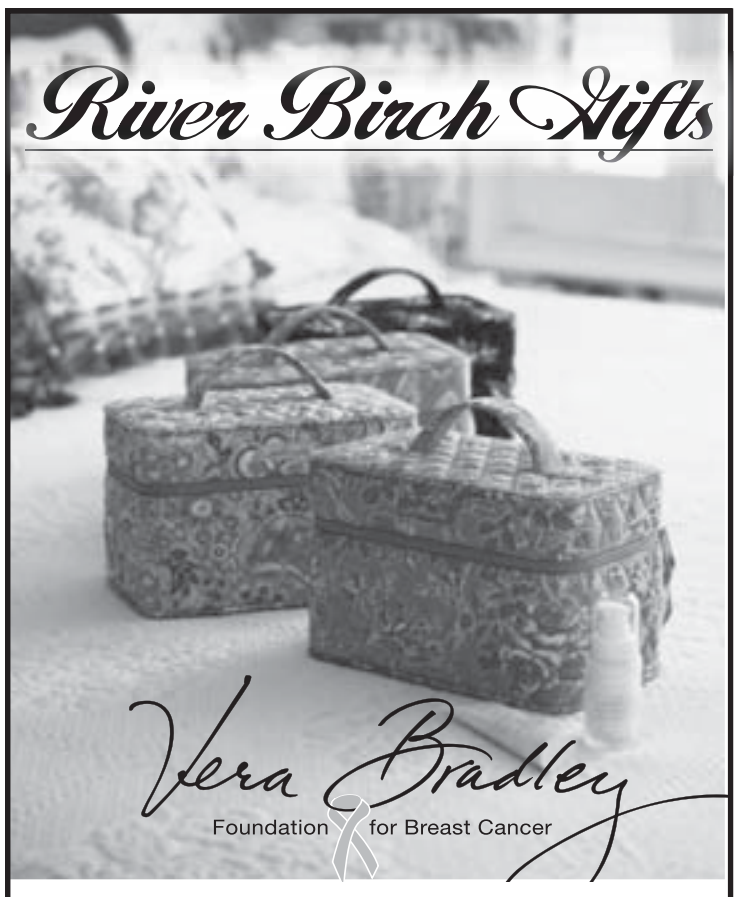

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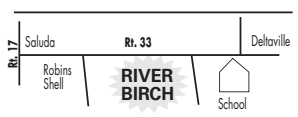

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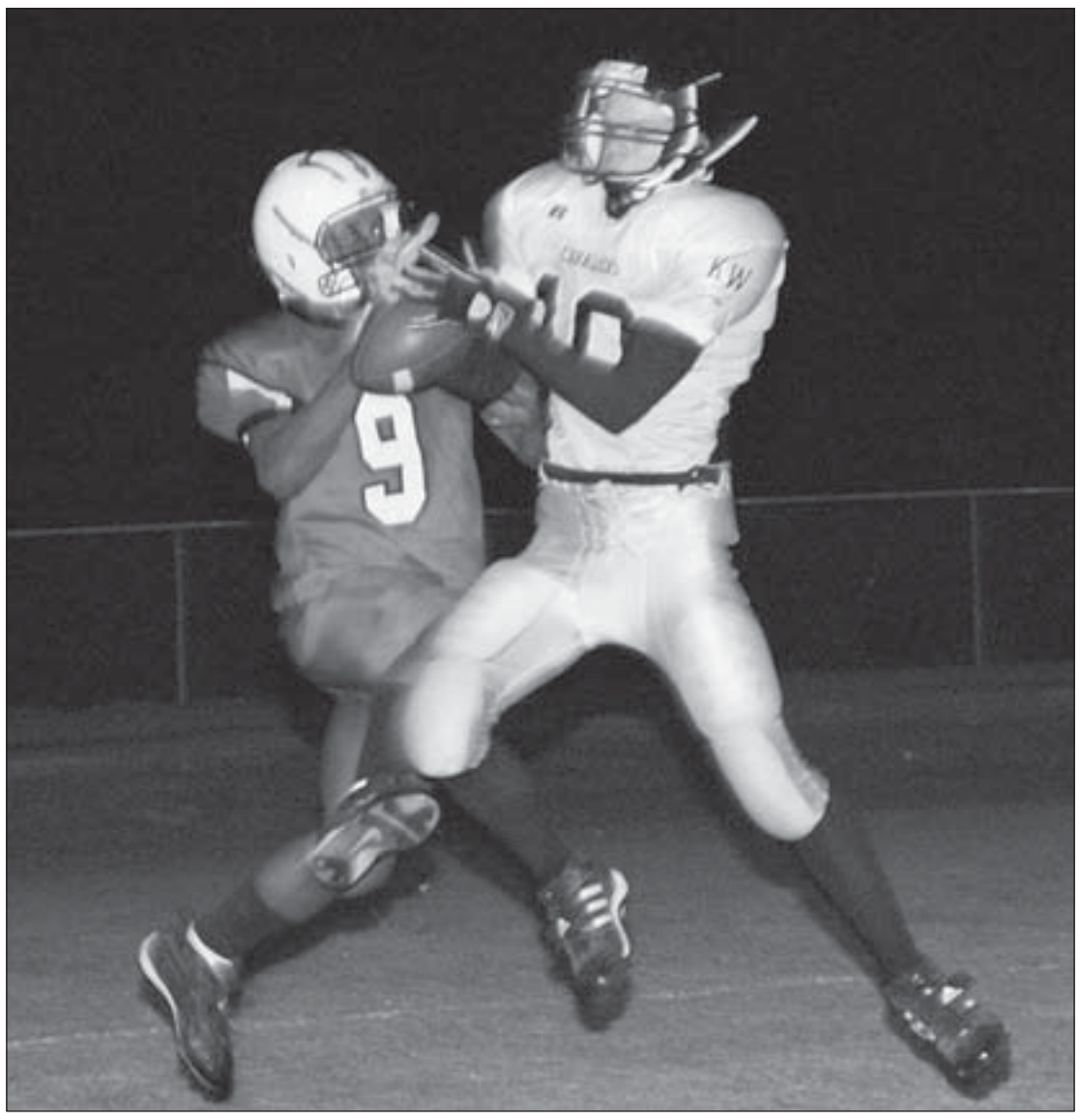

Joe Akers (10) of King William intercepts a pass intended for Lancaster's Quinton Henderson (9) during the Cavs 35-12 non-district victory over the Devils.

Size matters: Big King William crushes Lancaster varsity, 35-12

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

By the third quarter last Friday, King William's size was showing.

Lancaster had put up a valiant first-half effort, taking a one-touchdown lead into the locker room against the bigger, stronger Cavaliers. But the Devils wore obviously worn down in the third quarter when they gave up three touchdowns and King William cruised to a 35-12 non-district win.

"We've said all along we're going to be twice as small as the teams we play," said LHS assistant coach Mike McIntire.

That prediction held true Friday.

By the third quarter, the Cavs were having their way with the Devils.

Marcus Temple ran around, through and over Lancaster for 185 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries. He scored a fourth TD on an 85-yard kickoff return.

The loss was Lancaster's first of the season. The Devils fell to 2-1 overall and will travel to Northumberland to play the winless Indians tomorrow night (September 29) in a make-up game. The Indians are 0-3 after losing, 14-7, to Charles City over the weekend.

Travis Baker of Lancaster catches a pass and races down the side line.

King William improved to 3-1 after scoring 28 unanswered points in the second half and overcoming a 12-7 deficit.

Lancaster scored first on a 15-yard pass from Larry Brown to Jonathan Somers with three minutes to play in the first quarter. Luke Saunders' PAT kick was blocked to give Lancaster a short-lived 6-0 lead.

The Cavs answered immediately with Temple taking the ensuing kickoff 85 yards on the return and Bruno Noce splitting the uprights for a 7-6 lead that held until late in the second quarter.

King William fumbled twice in the second quarter with Lancaster's Josh Owens recovering one and Omar Scruggs scooping up the other.

Scruggs' recovery at the LHS 7-yard line not only halted a Cavalier drive late in the second quarter, but also set up Lancaster's second TD.

The Devils marched 93 yards on 13 plays in a two-minute drill and scored on a 6-yard pass from Brown to Travis Baker. The snap went over Brown's head on the two-point attempt, but Lancaster held a 12-7 lead with seven seconds to play in the opening half.

King William used up six minutes to open the third quarter with a nine-play drive and 3-yard scoring run by Temple. Noce's kick was good to give the Cavs the lead for good, 14-12.

The Devil defense couldn't get a break. After being on the field for six minutes to start the half, the LHS defenders went right back out when Lancaster fumbled at its own 18 on the first play from scrimmage.

King William didn't waste time running the clock down, with Dustin Beahr going 12 yards up the middle on the second play to set up his own 3-yard TD. Noce converted for a 21-12 lead.

Lancaster went 3-and-out on the next possession and Temple darted 55 yards for his third TD with two minutes to play in the quarter.

The Devils' offense had possession just 3:20 in the third quarter.

Lancaster threatened early in the fourth, charging to the Cavs 13-yard line before a Brown pass intended for Quinton Henderson was intercepted by Joe Akers in the end zone.

The Cavs got the ball at their own 20 and went 80 yards in three minutes with Temple scoring on a 35-yard run. Noce finished with five PAT kicks.

Brown led the Devils' ground game, carrying the ball 25 times for 152 yards. He also completed 14 of 21 passes for 97 yards, hitting Baker four times for 48 yards and a score and connecting with Chris Wyvill three times for 16 yards.

King William.....7 0 21 7 — 35
Lancaster.....6 6 0 0 — 6
L — Somers 15 pass from Brown (PAT blocked)
KW — Temple 85 kickoff return (Noce kick)
L — Baker 6 pass from Brown (pass incomplete)
KW — Temple 3 run (Noce kick)
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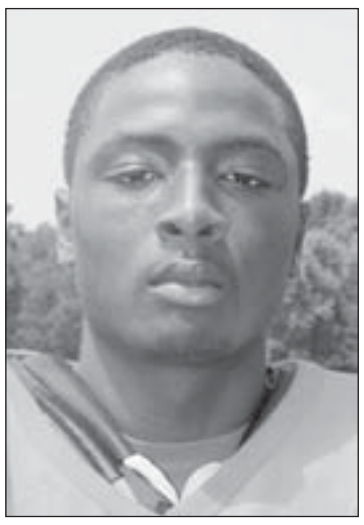
Player of the Week



For Lancaster

Junior quarterback Larry Brown gained the most ground against a tough King William defense in Lancaster's, 35-12, loss last Friday. Brown had 25 carries for 152 yards and completed 14 of 21 passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

King William buries Lancaster JV, 36-0

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

King William scored four touchdowns in the first quarter en route to a 36-0 shutout of Lancaster last Wednesday in a non-district JV football game.

The Devils fell to 1-1.

"We didn't show up to play," said LHS coach Mike McIntire. "King William has a good team with a lot of talent and they did a real good job of jumping out ahead of us. We were trying the whole game to dig ourselves out of a hole."

The Cavs took a 28-0 lead at the half and held Lancaster to one first down in the game.

"We just couldn't get anywhere on them," said McIntire. "We're young and it's going to take some time."

The Devils were scheduled to play Rappahannock in a non-district game at home last night and will have next week off. They begin Northern Neck District play at LHS October 11 against Washington & Lee.

Football contest

■ Football contest results

Joseph Hudson of Lancaster came up with a perfect score to win first in last week's Rappahannock Record Football Contest. Ella Davis of Kilmarnock missed one game and took second based on her first tie-breaker guess.

Davis was among 11 contestants who missed just one game and among five of those who picked Charles City to beat Lancaster. She predicted 27 points would be scored in the game and her nearest competitor guessed 35. Charles City won, 14-7.

Hudson wins $25 and Davis wins $15. All are invited to enter the weekly contests by submitting the form in the paper or entering online at rrecord.com.

Northumberland golf team repeats as district champs, Lancaster places second in season, third in tournament

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Northumberland's Zach Hall shot a season-best 4-under-par 67 at Hobbs Hole Monday as the individual medalist in the Northern Neck District golf tournament.

Hall led the Indians to a team low 314 as Northumberland claimed its second district title in four days.

NHS beat Lancaster by 12 strokes in a first-place regular season tie-breaker in Tappahannock last Friday.

The Indians and Devils had played to identical 7-1 district records after splitting matches with each other during the regular season.

As the regular season and tournament champion, Northumberland will advance to next Monday's (October 2) Region A round at King Carter Golf Course near Kilmarnock. Washington & Lee, with a team score of 318, was the tournament runner-up and will also advance as a team.

Lancaster will send three of its golfers: Ross Kellum, Brian Grulkowski and Matthew Smith. Kellum posted the low score of 78 for the Devils, edging Grulkowski by a stroke. Grulkowski finished with a 79, Smith an 80 and Ryan Reynolds and Justin Guthrie tied with an 82 each.

Ross Sumner scored a 77, Kelly Sumner an 84 and Nathaniel O'Bier an 86 to lead Northumberland.

Scoring for W&L were Tyler Daiger with a 73, Austin Evans with a 76, Bryan Daiger with an 83 and David Coates with an 86.

Rappahannock, led by Kyle King's 78 and Blake Byrd's 80, took fourth place with a score of 324.

Essex was fifth with 334 and was led by Sims Ryland with a one-under-par 70.

The top 10 golfers — R. Sumner, Hall, Ryland, King, Byrd, Kellum, Grulkowski, Smith, T. Daiger and Evans — were named to the all-tournament team.

The top six golfers not playing for Northumberland or W&L will advance as individual competitors in next week's regional tournament. That list includes Kellum, Grulkowski, Smith, Ryland, King and Byrd.

Following Monday's tournament, the all-district team, voted on by the coaches, was released. It includes Hall, R. Sumner, Evans, T. Daiger, King, Ryland, Grulkowski and Reynolds.

Ryan Reynolds of Lancaster was named to the Northern Neck's All-District golf team.

Ross Kellum shot a 78 as the low-scorer for Lancaster in the Northern Neck District tournament Monday. Kellum will advance to the regional match and was named to the all-district and all-tournament teams.

Dean Sumner of Northumberland was selected by his peers as the coach of the year.

In other matches last week, Northumberland shot a low of 144 to beat Lancaster's effort of 156 by 12 strokes in a district tie-breaker.

Sumner was 3-under-par 32 in the nine-hole match to lead the Indians. Hall scored a 34, O'Bier a 36 and Jason Deitz a 42.

Smith led the Devils with a 37, Grulkowski shot a 38, Reynolds a 40 and Robert Crowther a 41.

Lancaster beat Rappahannock by 21 strokes, 163-182, last Wednesday with Reynolds shooting the team low of 39.

Smith and Kellum both shot a 41 and Grulkowski had a 42.

King and Derek Berhalter led the Raiders with a 44 each.

After losing to Northumberland at Quinton Oak Golf Course earlier in the season, Lancaster beat the Indians by 13 strokes, 171-184, on its home course at King Carter last Thursday in the final regular season match.

Reynolds led Lancaster with a low 40, while Kellum shot a 42, Grulkowski a 43 and Smith and Crowther tied with a 46 each.

R. Sumner shot a 40 to lead Northumberland with Hall recording a 42, K. Sumner a 49 and Deitz and Justin Welch tying with a 53 apiece.

Sports Shorts

■ Turkey Shoot

A Turkey Shoot will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. October 7 at the Moose Lodge on Route 360 in Callao. Sponsored by the Northumberland Lions Club in association with the Callao Moose Lodge, the shoot is for 12 gauge stock shotguns only.

Shooters must be 15 years old or older. Rain or shine. For more details, call Ray Myers at 580-7005.

Scoreboard

Varsity football
King William 35, Lancaster 12
Charles City 14, Northum. 7

JV football
King William 36, Lancaster 0

Varsity volleyball
Middlesex def. Lancaster, 3-1
Lancaster def. West Point, 3-2
Lancaster def. King William, 3-0
Mathews def. Lancaster, 3-0

JV volleyball
Lancaster def. Mathews, 2-1
Lancaster def. West Point, 2-0

Field hockey
Varsity
Christchurch 4, Lancaster 0
Lancaster 2, St. Margaret's 1

Golf
Northern Neck District tournament
Northumberland 314, W&L 318, Lancaster 319, Rappahannock 324, Essex 334
Other matches,
Northumberland 144, Lancaster 156
Lancaster 171, Northumberland 184
Lancaster 163, Rappahannock 182

Upcoming Games

Varsity football
(7:30 p.m.)
September 29:
Lancaster at Northumberland
Rappahannock at Charles City
Windsor at W&L
Franklin at Essex
King & Queen at Surry
Northampton at King William
Sussex at Mathews
Middlesex at Arcadia
Lynchburg Christian at West Point

Volleyball
(JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.)
September 28:
Lancaster at Essex
October 3:
W&L at Lancaster
October 5:
Rappahannock at Lancaster
Golf
(9:30 a.m)
October 2:
Region A tournament at King Carter Golf Course, Kilmarnock

Cross Country
(4 p.m.)
October 4:
Lancaster and King William at Middlesex

Field Hockey
(JV 5:30 p.m.; varsity 7 p.m.)
October 2:
Lancaster at St. Margaret's
October 5:
Northumberland at Lancaster

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Fri	**9/29**	Sunrise	6:59	High	4:13	1.3′
◐		Moonrise	**2:03**	Low	10:35	0.4′
		Sunset	**6:52**	High	**4:52**	1.6′
		Moonset	**11:03**	Low	**11:49**	0.5′
Sat	**9/30**	Sunrise	7:00	High	5:11	1.3′
◐		Moonrise	**2:58**	Low	11:35	0.4′
1st Q. - 7:04		Sunset	**6:50**	High	**5:56**	1.6′
Sun	**10/1**	Moonset	12:07	Low	12:53	0.4′
◐		Sunrise	7:01	High	6:20	1.3′
		Moonrise	**3:45**	Low	**12:46**	0.4′
		Sunset	**6:49**	High	**7:05**	1.6′
Mon	**10/2**	Moonset	1:18	Low	1:56	0.4′
◐		Sunrise	7:02	High	7:31	1.4′
		Moonrise	**4:25**	Low	**1:58**	0.3′
		Sunset	**6:47**	High	**8:11**	1.7′
Tue	**10/3**	Moonset	2:33	Low	2:54	0.3′
◐		Sunrise	7:03	High	8:37	1.5′
		Moonrise	**4:59**	Low	**3:06**	0.2′
		Sunset	**6:46**	High	**9:12**	1.7′
Wed	**10/4**	Moonset	3:49	Low	3:47	0.2′
◐		Sunrise	7:04	High	9:36	1.7′
		Moonrise	**5:29**	Low	**4:09**	0.1′
		Sunset	**6:44**	High	**10:07**	**1.8′**
Thu	**10/5**	Moonset	5:05	Low	4:37	0.0′
◐		Sunrise	7:05	High	10:30	**1.9′**
		Moonrise	**5:57**	Low	**5:06**	0.0′
		Sunset	**6:43**	High	**10:59**	**1.8′**
Fri	**10/6**	Moonset	6:21	Low	5:24	-0.1′
◐		Sunrise	7:06	High	11:22	**2.0′**
Full - **11:12**		Moonrise	**6:25**	Low	**6:00**	-0.1′
		Sunset	**6:41**	High	**11:49**	**1.8′**

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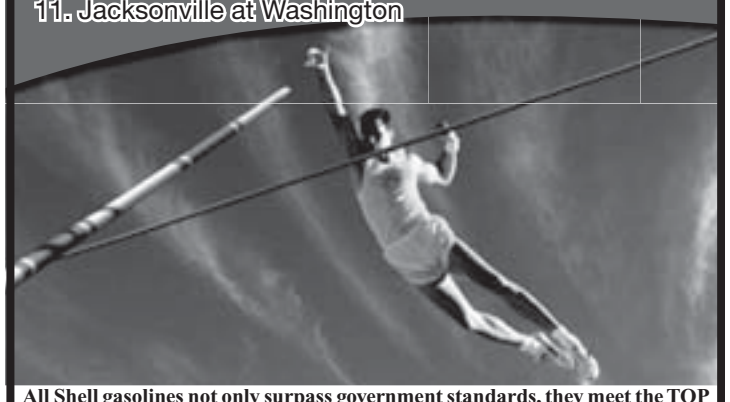

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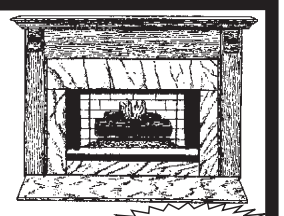

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From left, members of Lancaster High's varsity field hockey team are (front row) Rachel Wyvill, Autumn Ainsworth, Emily Shrader, Becca Buzzell, Megan Jackson, Becca Wineland and Sarah Hollowell; (next row) Carol Balderson, Kari Mitchell, Emmalyn Carter, Taylor Nelson, Cameron Carter, Laurel Davenport, Katie Walker, Grace Perkins and coach Amy Stamm.

Lancaster field hockey teams develop aggressive attitudes

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The varsity Lady Devils will get a true test of their strengths and weaknesses next week when they compete against Group AA, AAA and private schools from around the state at the York High School field hockey invitational.

"This is a big tournament for us," said LHS coach Amy Stamm. "We'll see a lot of double A and triple A schools and find out if we can compete."

Stamm's team is 1-2 overall with a win over St. Margaret's and losses to Northampton and Christchurch.

Christchurch shut out Lancaster, 4-0, on Monday and the Lady Devils edged Tappahannock's St. Margaret's 2-1 last week. They opened the season with a 2-1 loss to Northampton.

"This team has a lot of heart and talent," said Stamm, "but getting it all to mesh on the same night is going to be the challenge."

Newcomers Rachel Wyvill and Taylor Nelson have stepped up to lead the offense.

Wyvill, a freshman forward, has scored two goals this season including one each against Northampton and St. Margaret's. Nelson, a sophomore forward, also scored once against the Scotties.

Also starting up front are junior forward Sarah Hollowell and senior forward Emily Shrader. Although Stamm returns 11 players from last year's team, she suits up only four seniors including Shrader, link Autumn Ainsworth and sweepers Becca Wineland and Kari Mitchell.

"We have a really good group of seniors," said Stamm. "They're all level-headed and really work well with the rest of the team."

Buzzell and Wineland will lead a starting defense that also includes junior defenders Laurel Davenport and Natalie Stickel.

"Our defense is very strong, very aggressive," said Stamm. "Our offense is not so aggressive yet. We have a great passing game but we're young up front."

From left, members of Lancaster High's JV field hockey team are (front row) Desiree Selph, Cassie Quick, Victoria Mieras and Rebecca Patton; (next row) Katie Mitchell, Natalie Jackson, Heather Carter, Sydney Shivers, Amber Culpeper, Carolyn Shrader and coach Jessica Walsh.

Helping to move the ball between the defense and offense will be starting link players Ainsworth and sophomore Megan Jackson. Also playing link and forward at various times will be juniors Carol Balderson, Emmalyn Carter and Katie Walker.

Also playing defense will be junior Cameron Carter and Mitchell.

Starting in goal is freshman newcomer Grace Perkins, who saw some time in the net for the JV team last year.

"This is Grace's first full season as goalie," said Stamm, "and she's doing a great job. She's always on her toes, quick to think and works well with the defense."

Junior varsity

Filling that important goalie role on the JV squad is sophomore Victoria Mieras.

Mieras will get help keeping the ball out of the net from starting defenders Carolyn Shrader and Amber Culpeper, both freshmen, and eighth-grader Heather Carter.

Shrader and freshman forward/link Katie Mitchell are the only two returners on the JV team.

"Carolyn has really stepped up into a leadership position," said Stamm. "She's working a lot with the younger players."

The JV team, which lost its only game so far this season, 2-1, to Northumberland includes eight eighth-graders.

"We're very young," said Stamm, "but we have a lot of potential."

Six of those eighth-graders start including forwards Sydney Shivers, Desiree Selph, Cassie Quick, Brittany Barbery and Natalie Jackson. Eighth-grader Jessica Grulkowski will start at link.

Shivers has never played before "but she's awesome as a wing," said Stamm. "Jessica [Grulkowski] also works well at a center forward. If you can get the ball to her, she will make something happen."

Also playing forward and link will be eighth grader Rebecca Patton.

FIELD HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Oct. 2	at St. Margaret's
Oct.6-7	York High School Tourn.
Oct. 12	Northampton
Oct. 16	at Christchurch
Oct. 19	St. Margaret's
Oct. 28	at Northumberland

Osprey Cup sponsors noted

Chesapeake Academy's ninth annual Osprey Cup Golf Challenge will be held Friday, October 6, at The Tartan Course in Weems. The tournament will begin with a noon check-in and 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Up to 30 teams of four will compete for a place on the Osprey Cup trophy. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded to the top three foursomes in each flight based on a modified captain's choice format.

The tournament fee will include green fees and cart, deluxe snacks, delicious lunch, roving and spirited beverage carts, an after-tournament awards cocktail party and dinner, "closest-to-the-pin," "longest drive," raffle prizes and a putting contest.

Also, players can expect two hole-in-one grand prizes, a vehicle from Medlin Ford and a Boston Whaler from Bobby's Marine. Several local golf courses have donated rounds of golf as prizes also to be awarded.

Tournament sponsorships also are available at various levels that could offer promotional advertisements for business, a tee or green sign and Chesapeake Academy shirts. Special thanks to sponsors to date including Coastal Builders, Faber Orthodontics, Earth Resources, Tri-Star Supermarket, Works in Progress, WKWI 101.7 BAY FM, Chesapeake Bank, David Stinson of River Town Properties, Sevarg Pools, Bank of Lancaster, and Bay Trust and Neal and Nickel Wealth Management.

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Proceeds will be used for academic programs which include co-curricular programs. To reserve a spot for the tournament or to be a local sponsor, call Catherine Emry at Chesapeake Academy at 438-6490, or email cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org.

LHS runners set pace for dual victory

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster's cross country runners celebrated their first dual victory of the season last week as the Red Devils girls and boys beat Essex and Northumberland in a Northern Neck District tri-meet.

Aaron Holzbach paced the pack in the boys' meet, winning the event with a time of 17:50.

Lancaster had a team low of 28 points, while Northumberland was second with 41 and Essex third with 61.

Lancaster had five runners finish among the top 10 including Justin Stewart, who took third in 18:15, and Clinton Bennett, who was fifth in 19:26. Chris Bennett was ninth (20:10) and Andre Lee was tenth (20:35).

In the girls' race, the Lady Devils finished with 15 points behind individual winner Ashley Ransome. Ransome ran the 3.1 mile race in 22:31.

Essex and Northumberland tied for second with 50 points each.

Lancaster claimed five of the top seven spots with Sarah Davis as the runner-up (24:24), Marina McGrath placing third (25:46), Jenny O'Shaughnessy taking fifth (27:15) and Carol Davis coming in sixth (27:21).

Junior varsity runner Emma Hand of Lancaster came in just seconds behind Ransome, taking second overall in 22:45.

Hand also led Lancaster's runners in a William and Mary Invitational over the weekend. She took 13th overall in 21:57.

Holzbach was the best varsity finisher for both the girls and boys, coming in 18th with a time of 17:57 in a field of over 300 runners. Stewart was 40th in 18:42 and Cl. Bennett 51st in 18:59.

Ransome led the varsity girls with a finish of 22:17 for 32nd place. Davis was 85th in a field of over 200 girls. She ran the race in 24:49.

JV Red Devils continue regional volleyball romp

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster's JV volleyball team is one match away from making an undefeated sweep in regional competition.

The Lady Devils beat West Point and Mathews last week to take an 8-0 record into their final non-district game against Middlesex earlier this week. They begin Northern Neck District play tonight (September 28) at Essex.

Lancaster defeated the Lady Pointers in two, 25-15, 25-10, last Thursday and downed Mathews 7-25, 25-12, 15-8 last Tuesday.

Takeia Jones and Nicole Shelton led the servers in Lancaster's comeback win over Mathews. Jones and Shelton each had six service points with two aces. Jones also had a block.

Ariel Grulkowski put over five service points with an ace and had four sets and two assists.

Kimberly Crockett and Kati O'Brien served for four points each. Crockett put over two aces and had three kills, while O'Brien had two kills and two blocks.

Crockett slammed home a kill for the game and match point last Thursday when Lancaster beat West Point.

Takeia Jones of Lancaster sends the ball over the net as teammate Kimberly Crockett steps back to avoid a collision.

Danielle Shelton led behind the line with 11 total service points, including six in the second game and five in the first.

Grulkowski had eight service points on the night with three aces. She also had seven sets and a kill.

RW-C resumes Tai Chi classes Oct. 2

Jack Fuller of Mathews will resume teaching tai chi at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on Monday, October 2, at 4:15 p.m. in the Rappahannock Room.

The first class will be a free demonstration. The six-week session will begin October 9. The fee is $30 for six classes.

Tai chi employs slow, meditative movements and improves balance, posture, flexibility, circulation and concentration. The discipline is safe and beneficial for people of all ages and fitness levels. Comfortable clothing and shoes are encouraged.

For more information, call RW-C wellness coordinator Kori Poplin at 438-4290.

Heading for district play, Lady Devils post 8-2 record

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The varsity Lady Devils will head into Northern Neck District volleyball competition this week with an 8-2 record after picking up a pair of wins and losing two others in regional competition last week.

Lancaster's district volleyball season begins tonight (September 28) at Essex.

Middlesex came from behind to beat Lancaster, 3-1, Monday night. The Devils picked up the opening win, 25-15, then gave up three games straight, 25-21, 25-21, 26-24, to lose the match.

Sarah Robertson was the serving leader with 11 points.

At the net, Tyesha Harvey had eight kills and Madison Smith five. Robertson, Lucy McCann and Tiffany Lee had one each.

Harvey and Smith also had three blocks apiece and Tabitha Rinehart led the setters with six assists.

The Lady Devils barely got by West Point last Thursday, 3-2.

After losing the opening game, 25-19, the Devils came back to pick up an extra-point victory, 26-24, then lost the third game, 25-23. Lancaster sealed the match with 25-12 and 15-11 wins to take the best three of five series to its limit.

For the night, Sara Caudle had 17 service points and Rinehart 12.

Smith led up front with 12 kills and Harvey put over nine. Harvey also had three blocks and Smith 10.

Rinehart had 10 assists and Brandy Gilbert nine.

The Devils swept King William, 25-4, 25-5, 25-13, last Tuesday with Caudle scoring eight service points in the second game and Kori George seven in the third.

Sara Caudle of Lancaster digs out a serve against West Point last Thursday.

Smith and Robertson had seven service points each in the first game. Robertson's run included an ace. Rinehart also put over six service points with an ace in the first game.

Rinehart led at the net with four kills, while Harvey had three and McCann and Smith sent over two apiece. Gilbert had six assists and Rinehart five.

Smith got above the net for seven kills and Harvey had four in a loss to Mathews last week.

The Blue Devils beat the Red Devils, 25-13, 30-28, 25-12.

Gilbert and Rinehart had four assists each and Harvey got up for two blocks.

Lancaster's Sarah Robertson goes up to attempt a kill against West Point during a varsity match last week.

VA Lawnmower Racing Association

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Food will be available. No glass bottles allowed on premises. Coolers welcome. Please bring lawn chair. Tailgating is encouraged!

Several members attended the recent meeting of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron.

Squadron ends summer season

Members of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron recently convened their last meeting of the summer season at the Dozier Marina clubhouse in Deltaville. They rendezvoused by land and water with some members spending the night aboard their boats at the Dozier docks.

During the business portion of the meeting, commander Gene Wolski and other bridge officers reviewed plans for the upcoming season including a full public education program beginning in November and a youth education program beginning at the end of September.

The public program for adults and families will include both Boat Smart, a basic introduction to safe boating, and Chart Smart, designed for more advanced boaters. The squadron's award-winning Boating Safety for Kids course will be offered for the first time to home-schooled students on September 29 at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center.

The sixth grades from the Northumberland, Lancaster and Richmond County schools will participate later in the school year.

The meeting concluded with a Mexican fiesta dinner catered by the Trick Dog restaurant of Irvington.

The next meeting is October 13 at the Lancaster Tavern in Lancaster. To join, contact Chris Wynkoop at 462-5137, or chrismaya@toast.net.

Shooting sports gala set in Reedville

The second annual Northern Neck Friends of NRA fund-raising banquet will be held October 7 at Festival Halle in Reedville. Outdoor and shooting enthusiasts and their families are invited.

Tickets are available by contacting event organizer Floyd Darden of Lancaster at 435-2577. Proceeds from this benefit function are distributed locally and nationally in the form of grants by the NRA Foundation charitable organization.

The fund-raising banquet will feature the work of local, national and international artists. The content is mostly outdoor-enthusiast oriented with wildlife, explorers and outdoorsmen as subjects. The art media includes prints, sculpture, woodworking, ceramics, crafts and engraved and inlaid firearms.

The auctioneer will be John W. Newsome of Callao. "It's worth the price of admission just to hear the auctioneer," said Mary Jenkins of Callao. John Newsome does a great job."

"We have a great event planned for this year," said Darden. "We have lots of fun raffle games where people can win merchandise including a number of top quality firearms. We also have live and silent auctions featuring limited edition prints and sculptures and other high-end items for the home and field. My wife and I always seem to find something we just can't do without."

"The quality of the items available at the show is top notch," said David Green of Reedville.

Items include signed limited edition prints from nationally and internationally known artists like Brian Hart, Richard Clifton, Brett Smith, Cole Johnson, Daniel Smith, John McCloud and Terry Redlin; whimsical metal art by Critter Creations; decoys by Sam Nottleman and local artist Billy Gano; NRA Knife of the Year prepared by W.R. Case and Sons Cutlery and set in a buffalo sculpture by Big Sky Carvers; outdoor and hunting gear including a number of firearms: and sculptures by Cody Houston, Rick Terry and others.

"To top it all off we have a Winchester Model 94 lever action rifle chambered in 44 magnum that is a true collector's item," added Doug Walker of Reedville. "The Winchester Model 94 was designed by John Browning."

This gun was produced in one of the last production runs at the Connecticut plant where the rifles were first produced in 1984. It has a walnut stock, a nickel-plated receiver and barrel bands and has engraving and gold inlays in the receiver.

The event also will have a Weatherby rifle that was designated as the Friends of NRA rifle of the year. It is a high-end hunting rifle chambered in 270 Winchester short magnum and has a laminated, nutmeg Monte Carlo stock with stainless steel action and barrel. The Weatherby is topped with a Leopold scope. Both scope and rifle are embellished with the Friends of NRA logo.

Local artists include Jean Carter, Billy Gano, Bill Oakes, and Tom Bogart.

Sponsors will receive a serialized Commemorative Sponsor Statue featuring a World War II paratrooper. Artist Rick Terry created the sculpture with help from the 82nd Airborne Division Museum Curator, John Aarsen.

All of the money raised will go to shooting education programs. Half of the funds collected are distributed locally by the Virginia Friends of NRA in support of youth, family and women's firearms education programs. The other half is used for national programs.

This year, $105,000 was distributed to clubs in Virginia and over the past 13 years $750,000 has been given to Virginia programs. Over $400,000 of this has been donated in support of Virginia's 4-H Shooting Education Program.

Club Golf

Hole-in-one

Latham Gravatt of Belleville, Mich., hit a hole-in-one September 19 at Detroit Golf Club in Detroit, Mich. Gravatt aced hole 3, a 158-yard shot, using an 8 iron.

Gravatt is the son of Emerson and Joan Gravatt of Kilmarnock.

ICYCC 9-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-holers on September 7 played a scramble. Winners were first, Lynn Georgiadis, Karen Mullins and Pat Willett; second, Linda Byrum and Sharon Rowe; and third, Elaine Bentley, Nancy Jarrell, Nan Liner and Dana Smith.

Winners of a member-member tournament September 21 were first, Jarrell and Fran Sulik; second, Row and Willett; and third, Ginger Klapp and Helen Hopton. Dee Byrne had a chip in.

ICYCC 18-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 18-holers on September 19 played a best two balls of a foursome game. Winners were first, Nancy Monroe Maria Schreyer, Kay Inskeep and Naomi Lowe (125); and second, Tina Radigan, Mary Hug, and Emily Pomerleau (127). Janet Blunt had a chip in.

ICYCC

Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club held its annual Buddy Loving golf tournament on Sunday, September 24. Men's winners were first, Jack Blunt, Ken Bransford, Matt Ficklin and Billy Hudson (58); second, Albert Penley, John Halley, Turner Williamson, and Randy Thompson (61); and third, Norm Smith, Ted Kattmann, Hank George, and Bruce Edwards (62).

Ladies' winners were first, Donna Swinney, Tina Radigan, Karen Mullins, and Lynn Georgiadis (61); and second, Barbara Hope, Seale George, Lori Richardson, and Nancy Hall (66).

Tartan club

Men's playday winners at the Tartan Golf Club were first, (tie) Dick Huffman and John Burton; third, (tie) Les Cashwell and Randy Meadows; and fifth, (tie) Bucky Deihl and Don Browser.

Piankatank

The Pankatank River Golf Club ladies recently played beat the pro. First flight winners were first, Carole Lloyd (69); second, Sarah Finney (72); and third, Pat Olson (73). Second flight winners were first, Ann Stanley (63); second, Eva Mullins (68); and third, Sandy Reiman (69). Third flight winners were first, Jeanette Canady (72); second, Darlene Cumberland (78); and third, Janice Rae Lawson (78).

From left, Silver Fox and Cavu start the race.

Peter Knight wins single-handed race

Yankee Point Yacht Club held its fall single-handed race under leaden skies and blustery winds September 16. The cool wind blew out of the north at about seven knots at the start and increased to about 12 knots as the race progressed. The gradually increasing wind worked to the disadvantage of the smaller boats as the chop on the Rappahannock slowed them.

The race was won by Peter Knight in his 34-foot Pearson, Salute. Second place was taken by Dwight Timm in Silver Fox, a Santana 20. George Currie placed third in Cavu, his 32-foot Allied Seawind ketch.

The race between Currie and Don Gallagher was very close as they crossed each other several times in the rolling chop. The wind favored Currie at the end, but still he beat Gallagher in High Hopes by 30 seconds. Shawn McCartney also sailed a good race in his 18-foot Wind Chimes, but was unable to finish the 10-mile course within the time limit.

The next big YPYC event will be the Fall Regatta and dinner on October 14.

Audubon to offer educational session

On Monday, October 2, the Northern Neck Audubon Society (NNAS) will conduct a program, Birding Tools of the Trade. There will be three tutorial work stations conducted by local birding experts where beginners and advanced birders can discuss and learn more about the specific topics.

Optics for Birding will be conducted by B. J. Norris. The station will focus on spotting birds, binoculars and scopes.

How to Use Birding Guides will be conducted by Sandy Spencer. The station will focus on the best reference materials – field guides, bird songs and internet sites.

Photography for Birding will be conducted by Teta Kaine and Tom Norris. The station will focus on how to get that elusive shot and what kind of camera works best.

Participants are urged to bring their own binoculars, spotting scopes, favorite bird books, field guides, and cameras so that comparisons can be made.

The program will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. Class participants are invited to stay for a short meeting and refreshments to follow the program.

Classic Fairwyn enters Turkey Shoot Regatta

When Canadians Stephen and Nancy Carlman sailed into Yankee Point Marina in late August, they didn't expect to enter a regatta a little more than a month later. It took only a little persuasion by Allan Young, chairman of the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, to convince them that this would be another interesting experience in their almost 10-year odyssey from Vancouver, British Columbia, enroute to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Every boat entered in the Turkey Shoot and its skipper has a story to tell. Fairwyn, the Carlman's Sparkman & Stephen's custom built 42-foot yawl, is certainly one of them. First, a little background on the boat, then an account of its owners and the fascinating voyages they have taken.

In the 1950s, 38-foot Finisterre, sailed by the legendary Carleton Mitchell, won the Bermuda race three times in a row. With those results, it's no wonder that many wanted to build copies of the yawl with its retractable centerboard. Mitchell, however, copyrighted the design, so others modified it, generally making their boats larger. In 1957, Charles MacCulloch of Halifax, Nova Scotia, commissioned Sparkman & Stephens to build him a 42-foot centerboard racing yawl. His boat was built by McGruer & Company in Scotland, and was one of six 42-foot sloops, yawls, and a ketch based on a modified Finisterre design and built by yards in New York, Denmark, Germany and Scotland.

MacCulloch named his boat Fairwyn. Legend has it that his wife's name was Wyn and she was fair. Fairwyn is doubleplanked of mahogany and cedar with oak and bronze frames with 10-inch centers. It draws five feet with the centerboard up and nine feet with it down. Its cabin top is teak with Port Orford cedar deck beams and the spars are hollow Sitka spruce. It carries a 1969 Mercedes OM 636 diesel, a same model replacement of the original engine. Fairwyn has been substantially modified to bring it from a racing configuration to that of a cruising boat. The life lines, bow and stern pulpits, and rigging on the traveler have been replaced. The boat carries lots of electronics – three GPSs, two depth sounders, two VHF radios, two computers, an autopilot, radar, a single sideband radio that can send and receive email, solar panels, and battery monitors for its four batteries. In the mahogany interior, the icebox was replaced with a refrigerator and the pilot berths are now used for storage and bookshelves.

When Charles MacCulloch died in 1982, his son advertised Fairwyn for sale in Yachting Magazine. Stephen Carlman, living in Vancouver, had previously sailed this type of boat in a charter fleet in the Caribbean in the 1960s and was looking for one to own. He and his wife, Nancy, bought Fairwyn and had it

Fairwyn

trucked from Halifax to Vancouver. As the boat was being launched at Vancouver's Granville Island, a man identified himself as Fairwyn's boatbuilder's son, McGruer, who said he used to play around the yawl as it was being constructed on the River Clyde in Scotland and recognized it as one of the boats his father had built.

For several years, the Carlmans sailed British Columbian waters, including around Vancouver Island, and the San Juan Islands of Washington State. In 1993, they spent three months sailing to Alaska and the British Columbian Queen Charlotte Islands.

By 1999, the Carlmans decided to sail south "to get off the dock and head for the sun,"according to Stephen. They left Vancouver at the end of August, sailed off Washington, Oregon, and California and spent Christmas in Mexico in the island of Guadalupe. Mexico must have held great appeal because they spent almost a year in Mexican waters. They traveled down the west coast of North America, visiting Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. They left the boat at anchor to travel to Peru and Bolivia by land and air. In December 2002, they made a four-day, 600-mile sail to the Galapagos Islands, where they stayed for three weeks. They transited the Panama Canal in July 2003, and spent much of 2004 in Central America.

By May 2005, the Carlmans were in Gulfport, Miss., where they visited American friends. They sailed up the Tchefuncta River, north of Lake Pontchartain, and flew home to Vancouver for a few weeks. Fairwyn sat through both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita at a marina on the Tchefuncta. The Carlmans didn't return to Louisiana until early October 2005. There they found that Fairwyn had suffered little damage, only a crack in the toe rail.

By January 2006, they were on the move again. They cruised the Gulf Coast, rounded Key West, and headed north. Their primary goal is to be in Halifax sometime in 2007 to celebrate Fairwyn's 50th birthday in the city where she was launched. Several descendants of Charles MacCulloch, the original owner, will be there to help the Carlmans celebrate. Their next destination will be Bermuda, where its original owner was a member of the Bermuda Yacht Club, then to Scotland, where the boat was built. The Turkey Shoot is pleased to count Fairwyn among its entrants for 2006.

The Regatta is open to boats of a design that are 25 years old or older, or boats made of wood. The minimum length for boats racing on the Rappahannock River is 18 feet. Singlehanders require approval by the race committee. Social activities are planned for Friday and Saturday nights.

Skippers can register their boats by calling Karen Knull at Yankee Point Marina at 462-7018, or by registering online at www.yankeepointmarina.com and click on Regatta. For additional information, call Allan Young at 438-5317.

The Tides Inn's 124-foot luxury yacht, the Miss Ann, will provide observers with an up close and personal view of the race on Sunday, October 8.

The Miss Ann Cruise, cosponsored by the Tides Inn and the Bank of Lancaster, will include lunch and narration of the race by Tom Neale, columnist for BoatUS, author of two books and numerous articles for boating magazines. Tickets for the Miss Ann Cruise and lunch are available from Karen Knull at Yankee Point Marina at 462-7018.

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From left are Joe and Sean McKeown.

Faulkner, McKeown win 5K 'Chili Run'

Twelve-year-old Sean McKeown of Sleepy Hollow Road in Richmond was very much awake when he came over the finish line in first place in the annual Bethel-Emmanuel Methodist Men's "Chili Run" September 23. The course was flat and fast both out and back between the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department pavilion and the Ruritan building in Lively. It was an excellent course for both runners and walkers.

The race was actually a two-person contest from the start to the finish between McKeown and 18-year-old Lisa Faulkner of Irvington. At the finish of the 5k, 3.2-mile race, McKeown led Faulkner by a mere 16 seconds. He was in the lead for the entire race. Their times for the race were 22.07 and 22.23 respectively. Faulkner received the overall winner trophy for females and McKeown overall winner for males. They also received the awards for first place, male and female in their age group, 12 to 19 years old.

For the age group 20 to 39 years, Christine Hughes of Wicomico Church won first place for females with a time of 46.56 and Mark Eldert won first place for males with a time of 33.55.

Joe McKeown, Sean's father, won first place in his age group of 40 to 59 years with a time of 24:44 and Mark Gates of Burgess won the second-place award with a time of 28:46. John Lawler of Sandy Point finished with a time of 40:11.

In the 40 to 59 years group, Lisa's mother, Michele Faulkner, won first with a time of 40:58 for the females and Joni Lawler of Sandy Point was second with a time of 42:16. Chris Johnson of Alexandria finished with a time of 45:45.

In the 60 years and older group, Lore Dean of Lancaster won the first-place award with a time of 53:22 and Virginia Braun of Lancaster received the second-place award with a time of 53:23. In the 60 years and older group, Dave Evans won first place for males with a time of 26:40.

Organizers appreciate the support given by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, County Administrators and Boy Scout Troop 222.

Scouts plant flowers

Cub Scout Pack 242 of Kilmarnock worked on their World Conservation Patch and Citizenship Belt Loop by planting mums and pansies for the fall at Kilmarnock Baptist Church, their sponsor, on Saturday morning. From left are (front row) Trey Fisher, Wyatt McCranie, Matthew Joyner, Weston Schomer and Elijah Lewis; (back row) Justin Lewis, Nick Nonnemacker, Josh Moore and Shawn Valdrighi. Pack 242 is recruiting boys from first through fifth grade; call 436-3820.

Tournament sponsorship

Theresa Ransone, Bank of Lancaster Golden Advantage assistant vice president, presents a donation to Bay Aging president Allyn Gemerek for Golden Advantage's Gold Sponsorship of the Bay Charity Golf Tournament October 2 at the Piankatank Golf Course in Hartfield. Bank of Lancaster has been a sponsor of this tournament since 1999. Proceeds benefit the elderly in the counties throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Pit Stop

Virginia Motor Speedway
September 22-23 results:
Late models – Jamie Lathroum, first; Donnie Marshall Jr., second; Ronald Cusic, third.
Sportsmen – Walker Arthur, first; Okey Synan Jr., second; Daren Bolac, third.
Modifieds – Bret Hamilton, first; Page Harrison, second; Gary Conner, third.
Chargers – Bob Terry, first; Jason Rotz, second; Chris Tatum, third.
All-Americans – Wes Childress, first; Thomas Rose, second; Marty Coltrain, third.
Sprints – Chad Myers, first; Dusty Shatzer, second; Casey Cook, third.
Recyclers – Dave Moseley, first; Tom Rawlings, second; Dennis Maxey, third.
September 30
Upcoming races:
(VMS is on Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda. Pit gates open at 3 p.m..; spectator gates open at 4 p.m. Track activities begin at 6:15 p.m.)
Late models (35 laps), **sportsmen** (30 laps), **modifieds** (25 lap), **chargers** (25 laps), **all-Americans** (15 laps).

Bridge Results

Seven tables of duplicate bridge were in play September 19 at the Woman's Club of Lancaster.

Winners north/south were first, Ginger Klapp and Judy Peifer; second, Dianne Monroe and Babs Murphy; and third (tie), Barbara Bryant and Mary John Gilchrist, and Cynthia Birdsall and Virginia Adair.

Winners east/west were first, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; second, Betty Thornton and Alexa McGrath; and third, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead.

The next bridge for this group will be Tuesday, October 3 at 1 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Lancaster held its regular sandwich bridge September 20. After lunch, guests played bridge and mahjong.

Bridge winners were first, Syd Ridterink with 4,160 points; and second, Carolyn Reed with 3,690 points.

The next sandwich bridge will be October 18. Call Betty Thornton at 462-0742 for reservations or to be placed on a waiting list. The club thanks all that participate in making the sandwich bride a success.

Seven tables of duplicate bridge were in play September 21 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners north/south were first, Dick and June Pigeon; second, Cynthia Birdsall and Jane Hughes; and third, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Virginia Adair and Judy Peifer; second, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead; and third, Ronnie Gerster and Shirley Crockett.

Three tables of Howell Movement were in play September 23 at the Woman's Club of White Stone.

Winners were first, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; and second, Cynthia Birdsall and Mary Andrews. The next bridge for this group is October 11 at 1 p.m.

Bridge luncheon set

The Woman's Club of White Stone will present its annual Bridge/Mahjong Luncheon and Fall Fashion Show at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury October 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Fall fashions will be presented by Foxy and features styles for daytime and evening. This annual event provides scholarships to qualified graduating Lancaster High School seniors.

Reservations should be made before Monday, October 2, by calling Helen Withers at 438-4152. The fee is $18 per person, which includes a glass of wine and a chance at winning door and game prizes.

Bowling Results

■ Ladies League

Callis Seafood won three games against TCH Oil when Mary Savalina bowled a 360 set with games of 114, 116 and 130. Gayle Conrad rolled a 340 set with games of 121 and 123. Donna Thomas had a 302 set with games of 104 and 111. Betty Evans rolled games of 105 and 107. For TCH Oil, Vicki White bowled a 315 set with games of 106 and 119. Marie Piccard had a 112 game. Cathy Savalina rolled a 105 game and Sandra Evans bowled games of 102 and 105.

D & L Doc-n-Divas won two games against R.P. Waller when JoAnne Paulette bowled a 339 set with games of 111, 114 and 114. Terry Stillman rolled a 323 set with games of 102, 105 and 116. Bev Benson had a 104 game. For R.P. Waller, Ilva Jett bowled a 300 set with a 102 game. Dee Atkins rolled games of 102 and 106. Ola Nash had games of 101 and 109.

Yeatman's Forklift won two games against the Misfits when Pat Harris bowled a 102 game. Alma George rolled a 120 game and Theresa Davis had games of 103 and 104. For the Misfits, Lynn Gordon bowled a 365 set with games of 106, 129 and 130. Patsy Headly rolled a 113 game and Jean Reynolds had a game of 104.

High game: Jean Reynolds, 132; Lynn Gordon and Mary Savalina, 130.

High set: Lynn Gordon, 365; Mary Savalina, 360; Jean Reynolds, 357.

High team game: Callis, 555; Misfits, 524; TCH Oil, 513.

High team set: Callis, 1,624; TCH Oil, 1,491; D & L, 1,462.

High average: Lynn Gordon, 117; JoAnne Paulette, 111; Sandra Evans, 109.

Standings

	W	L
Callis Seafood	4	2
Yeatman's	4	2
D&L	3	3
The Misfits	3	3
TCH Oil	2	4
R.P. Waller	2	4

■ Men's League

On September 21, the High Rollers won two games and lost one against Hammock's Printing. For the High Rollers, Steve Edwards bowled the high set of the week of 376 with games of 160 and 120. Curly Lewis rolled a 128 game in a 352 set. Frank Perkins had a 125 game. For Hammocks, Herbert Hammock bowled the high set of 355 with a 140 game. Ernie George rolled games of 131 and 121 and Benny Balderson had a 115 game.

D&L Marine Construction won three games against Sal's Pizza. For D&L, Doug Hundley bowled the high set of 370 with games of 134 and 129. Mark Obsharsky rolled games of 126 and 130 in a 358 set. Bob Lamkin had a 119 game and Steve Hinson a 117 game. For Sal's, Bill Hendershot bowled the high set of 362 with a 146 game. Wayne Condrey rolled a 133 game and Clay Gill a 118 game.

The Bowling Boys won two games and lost one against Evans Bowling Center. For the Bowling Boys, John Hollowell bowled the high set of 364 with a 147 game. Ryan Dawson rolled a 110 game. Bill Hayden had a 98 game and Harry Donavon a 96 game. For Evans, Wilson Evans bowled the high set of 337 with a 141 game. Bunks Mitchell rolled a 117 game in a 325 set. John Forrester had a 117 game and Richard Savalina rolled a 110 game.

High game: Steve Edwards, 160; Rolaid Lewis, 155; John Hollowell, 147; Bill Hendershot, 146; Curly Lewis, 144.

High set: Rolaid Lewis, 402; Bob Huff, 382; Steve Edwards, 379; Wayne Condrey, 375; Bunks Mitchell, 374.

High team game: High Rollers and D&L, 526; Bowling Boys, 520; Evans, 508; Hammock's, 499; Sal's, 489.

High team set: High Rollers, 1,498; D&L, 1,482; Evans, 1,433; Sal's, 1,431; Hammock's, 1,406; Bowling Boys, 1,390.

High average: Bob Huff, 127; Wayne Condrey, 122; Steve Edwards, 121; Woodie Evans, 120; Bill Hendershot, 119.

Eight dogs complete citizenship course

The Northern Neck Kennel Club recently announced the graduation of the first Canine Good Citizen (CGC) class of 2006.

The program is a certification test to ensure that the dog can be a respected member of the community by being trained to act mannerly in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. All dogs are welcomed in the program

The August class held a mixture of dog breeds and personalities, including Maggie Mae and Tucker, mixed breeds; Ziggy, a saluki; Kallee, a border collie; Gonzales, a chihuahua; Gigi, a Sheltie; Lucy, a German shepard; Twister, an American pit bull terrier; Cody, a Chesapeake Bay retriever; and Janelle, a Bernese mountain dog. They ranged in age from six months to 10 years, and there were no age limits for the handlers either, except that they needed to be over 12 years of age with the parents' permission and approval of the instructor.

Many of the new Canine Good Citizens have plans for future therapy visits, obedience training and agility work.

Margaret Weiss is one of the Northern Neck Kennel Club's newest members. Tucker is a Border Collie/mix that she has owned for a year.

"Tucker is very intelligent, loyal, caring, free spirit, and very protective at times of our family. As a senior citizen, I needed Tucker to be more aware of the importance of compliance with verbal commands, heeling in a 'less frisky' manner, and be more accepting of strange dogs," said Weiss. "The instructors, Katherine and Diane were so helpful. The classes also taught me a lot about dogs and their behavior."

It's practice time for Margaret Weiss with Tucker, and her daughter, Sheila Millette, with Cody.

The program is sponsored by the American Kennel Club. The participants attended a six-week training session which ended with an evaluation of the dog and their handler. An AKC CGC award was granted to all successful participants.

The AKC urges all dog owners to participate in the program. To pariticipate in future sessions, visit www.northernneckkennelclub.com, or call 462-7088.

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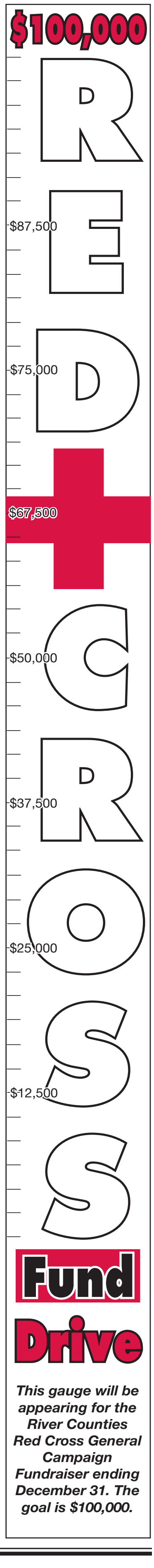

The River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross announced this week the official kickoff of a $100,000 general fund-raising campaign to extend through December. The group is also searching for an executive director and many new volunteers to beef up its services to area counties and towns.

River Counties Red Cross serves the counties of Lancaster and Richmond, but its service delivery area also includes Middlesex and Westmoreland counties. It also helps support the southeastern tip of Northumberland around the town of Kilmarnock during emergencies.

Guided by a congressional charter, the Red Cross has been the world's leading humanitarian organization since 1864. It is mandated to meet certain initiatives and directives through the efforts of volunteers.

All chapters are required to provide emergency services in the event of natural and/or man-made disasters, provide AFES (Armed Forces Emergency Services), safeguard and maintain adequate community blood services, and educate the community on health and safety topics.

Chapter leaders are encouraging all citizens to recognize certain responsibilities to their community, including supporting and perhaps joining the local Red Cross to help save lives and reduce suffering.

Strong support can translate into a varied program which meets the community's needs.

Red Cross support is free during emergencies, but there are expenses that accrue in providing that support, such as salaries and overhead, training equipment, cots and sleeping pads, stocks of water and food supplies, emergency cleaning supplies and much more.

River Counties also needs funds to hire an executive director as a link between the national organization and the local chapter and its volunteers. The director will be in charge of moving the organization towards the goals prescribed in its mission statement.

Red Cross is funded strictly by the community on a voluntary basis. Health and safety programs may require a fee to help pay for instructors and materials. All local chapters also help support the national Red Cross which comes to the rescue during national emergencies, as they did for the Northern Neck during Hurricane Isabelle and, to a lesser extent, Ernesto.

During the Labor Day weekend storm, River Counties Red Cross was terribly short of volunteers. What will happen when a larger disaster hits? The time to volunteer is well before the need arises, since training and planning are key to a successful disaster response.

Local supporters can make the difference in whether there will be a healthy and strong Red Cross response to disasters, or a limited response because there is limited financial support and limited volunteer power to act out that response.

There is a great need for funds to provide the services the community so urgently needs.

There also is a great need for volunteers to take the knowledge of how to help people and put it to use.

Many different jobs are available, from office work to disaster work. Three hours a week or even a month would be a tremendous help. All volunteers receive training.

Those who are fortunate may not need help, but they are the ones who are most capable of giving it. It is time to be generous in giving, both your time and your money.

You can visit the River Counties Chapter Red Cross office at the entrance to the Red Cross/YMCA building at 39 Harris Road, mail responses to P.O. Box 1151, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, or phone 435-7669. The Northumberland Chapter may be reached at 580-4933 or P.O. Box 103, Heathsville, VA 22473.

This gauge will be appearing for the River Counties Red Cross General Campaign Fundraiser ending December 31. The goal is $100,000.

Ferry grounded

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

HEATHSVILLE—Northumberland County pulled the plug last week on future funding for a passenger ferry between Reedville and Crisfield.

In a letter to Crisfield mayor Percy Pernell Jr., county administrator Kenneth D. Eades stated that Northumberland is, "still interested in discussing the future possibility of a ferry service between the two jurisdictions, however the board is not interested in any financial commitments."

The most recent in a string of studies revealed that the proposed ferry would depend on subsidies to pay for its operating expenses. It was already assumed that federal funding and grants would pay for the infrastructure and terminals.

Earlier studies determined that a 40-knot ferry would be cost prohibitive. The ferry being considered in the recent Martin Associates study would have to operate at speeds in excess of 23 knots for a transit time of an hour-and-a-half. As a result, the ferry service would not appeal to many truck drivers, Martin's study found, because they would need to arrive an hour ahead of time to board the vessel. Loading and unloading, in addition to the crossing time, would actually add travel time to the day for many local truck drivers.

The ferry, therefore would depend almost entirely on vacationers, locals and tourists looking for a novelty and not bound by a schedule.

This traffic would not be steady enough to warrant year-round service. Previous studies found, however, that a seasonal ferry wouldn't be considered reliable and would eventually fail as a result.

So, Martin's study assumed that the service would operate 18 hours in the summer and 12 in the winter with an average of 15 transits per day by the two vessels. Each ferry would carry an average of 40 vehicles per trip.

That amount of traffic would not generate enough revenue to cover the operational cost of the ferry.

"Future funding sources are getting more and more limited, and Northumberland County is not interested in subsidizing this project," Eades stated in his letter.

But Northumberland has not written off the project entirely.

"The feeling at this point is that we have had enough studies on this project and hopefully we are beyond the study phases and the committee can look forward to an actual operator," Eades wrote.

There is little doubt that a ferry service would have a positive impact on the economy on both sides of the bay. Martin's study concluded that the ferry has the potential of bringing an additional $26 million in annual revenue to Maryland and Virginia businesses.

If the ferry committee can find somebody else, such as the federal government, to subsidize the operating costs, and if the infrastructure is paid for through grants, then, Eades said later in a telephone conversation, "we'll have ferry operators knocking at our door."

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which is available through the library or on the county's website.

Changes to the zoning code will only apply to future applications. Anything currently existing is grandfathered.

The planning commission will discuss the input it received from the public at 7 p.m. October 5 in the courts building and will make its recommendation to the board of supervisors on this topic at its October 19 meeting.

Signs

Proposed revisions affect the size and styles of signage around the county.

In residential and agricultural areas, signs will be limited to 32 square feet, unchanged from the current code.

According to the proposed language, businesses in villages could have signs up to 75 square feet. Shopping center signs could be 120 square feet and in industrial areas signs could be 200 square feet. The height of all signs would be restricted to 12 feet in industrial and commercial areas and 5 feet elsewhere.

Signs in industrial and business zones could either be monument style or on a pole, but elsewhere in the county, signs would have to be monument style, even for bed and breakfasts and new house name signs. Several people objected to that.

Some landscaping would be required around all signs.

Lighting

Revisions call for all lighting in the county to be shielded and directed downward. In preparing to revise this article, Haugan traveled around the county with a meter to test lights in various places. He discovered that point source light causes most of the problems for neighbors and drivers, and this can be solved with simple downward shielding, he said. The actual strength or wattage of the light is less important, he said.

While older lighting would be grandfathered, all lighting in the county with the exception of streetlights would have to be shielded and on a timer to turn off after 11 p.m. Security lighting would be exempt from the time limit.

Some debate arose regarding lighting on docks and boathouses. Neighbors object to dock lighting that is left on even when the dock and boat are not in use because of the light pollution it creates on the creek.

Boaters noted that it is important to be able to leave dock lights on for navigation and docking.

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now allow for a subdivision ordinance permitting the "creation of streets that do not meet VDOT standards, but it also eliminates any future potential for such streets to be improved with state funds," stated the memorandum.

County administrator Bill Pennell explained that the General Assembly and VDOT want to "ensure that subdivision roads are built to state standards at their inception" to prevent public funding for upgrading such roads in the future "thus saving Virginia's taxpayers the cost of bringing subdivision roads up to state standards."

County planning director Jack Larson characterized VDOT's demands as "excessive."

"We will be building up roads where people will have to maintain them as a subdivision," he complained.

In a lengthy discussion, the commission discussed the importance of road safety, the necessity for subdivision roads to be designed by engineers, and acknowledged that in some areas a private road could be more appropriate.

The commission will revisit this issue in the future.

On another subject, when it was learned that a spokesman for the Potomac Heritage Scenic Trail would be in the area next month, the commission decided to ask for a presentation at its October 19 meeting.

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factured home on property off Nuttsville Road.

Public hearings

Kilmarnock's proposed boundary line adjustment will be among nine items set for public hearing.

Other hearings will address:

• The Lancaster Community Library's lease of county property at 201 School Street.

• Kaylin Properties' request for commercial zoning designation for a mini-storage and rental-office space complex on its Harris Road property.

• R. Cris and Britney Dedmond's request for a change to limited commercial designation for a property off Irvington Road for a window and door retail showroom and warehouse.

• Virginia Broadband's special exception request to place an antenna on Glenn Courtney's parcel on Courtney Road near Ottoman.

• The Thorsen Group's special exception request to operate a bed and breakfast and a professional office on Rivers Landing Drive near White Stone.

• John Thomas Rilee's request for authorization to install a manufactured home on property on Ocran Road near White Stone.

• Leonard E. and Carol L. Engstrom's request for authorization to place dredge materials on a property on Long Lane Farm Road near White Stone.

• Donahue Properties' request for expansion of a nonconforming use (a restaurant) to a 27-unit hotel off Mary Ball Road near White Stone.

The Little Indians 4-H Community Club of Northumberland County participated in Child Abuse Prevention month activities.

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a shooting education program and Lancaster's horse club and Junior Rangers' Day Camp, both counties have a fishing and water quality program.

A Community Club in Northumberland is characterized by Herdman as a special-interest club. She explains that kids sample all kinds of projects as diverse as photography and community service activities.

Two Northumberland churches approached Herdman to teach classes during their summer programs. In one instance, Herdman offered nutrition and character education topics for ages pre-school through teens. For the other church community, she conducted career development and team-building classes and organized field trips to area museums and colleges.

"Recent studies show youth who participate in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships," Herdman said.

Leaning by doing

Today's three main program areas in 4-H are science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship ... and the projects aren't just the ones grandpa enjoyed.

Today's more than 1,000 projects showcase topics as varied as rocketry, public speaking, GPS mapping, nutrition, photography, DNA analysis and community service.

"4-H is Virginia's only youth development program directly connected to the technological advances and latest research of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University," Herdman said.

The national program is sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

4-H's learning opportunities are designed around four essential elements necessary for positive youth development: supervised independence, a sense of belonging with a positive group, a spirit of generosity towards others and a wide variety of opportunities to master life challenges.

Sixty million alumni can testify to the national program's ideal of practical "learn by doing" experiences which encourage kids to experiment, innovate, and think independently.

Herdman invites citizens of the two counties to join the 1,010 local 4-Hers, their parents, volunteers, and other community members who support them in celebrating National 4-H Week.

Correction

In a story last week titled "DEQ comes under fire by Old Mill Cove resident," the date of the initial county complaint of 2002 was stated by Department of Environmental Quality air compliance engineer Christopher Bednar and not Lancaster planning/land use director Jack Larson. The recent inspection of Fisher's Pond was also incorrectly attributed to Larson.

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