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'Go-to' man and 'go and do' gal will be missed by arts community

by Joan McBride

Dot and Pat Kirby reminisced last week in their pleasant sunroom about their years of service to the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts (RFA).

"Both of them were uniquely dedicated and useful to this outfit," said William B. Moore recently, talking about his friends and fellow RFA volunteers.

As the last founding board member still serving the arts organization—he served as president for about eight years, then was promoted to his present chairmanship—Moore should know.

The RFA recently celebrated 20 years of service in "promoting the arts in our area," Moore observed a couple of months ago. With the assistance of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the national Endowment of the Arts and local private and corporate donors, the arts organization has divided its

efforts among three areas: showcasing local volunteers as artists, directors, conductors, producers and technicians; organizing professional performances featuring regional and national performers, and bringing the arts to local school children.

Friends since junior high and then high-school sweethearts in Virginia Beach, the Kirbys moved to their picturesque Lancaster County home with the almost 180-degree view of Tabbs Creek about 13 years ago.

Since that time, they've been busy with the RFA and church activities and, of course, the numerous wildlife-viewing opportunities through their sunroom's win-

dows out to the creek.

The Kirbys joined the RFA with readily transferable skills honed in their previous careers. Dot had performed all kinds

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During their short time here, Dot and Pat Kirby have made tremendous contributions to the community through their volunteer efforts with the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts and other interests.

The Vintage Years

For more profiles on active senior citizens and related stories, read The Vintage Years supplement in this edition of the Rappahannock Record.

Hazardous material mystery unravels

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

LANKFORD CORNER—A group of government agencies may have had a hand in creating the current mess they are trying to clean up at the Puddingland Drum Dump Site on Pinckardsville Road off of Route 3 in Lancaster County.

On February 1, 1976, a barge carrying more than 800,000 gallons of heavy industrial fuel ran aground during a storm in the Smith Point area, creating one of the biggest oil spills in the history of the Chesapeake Bay.

Unbeknownst to the crew, nearly 6,000 barrels of No. 6 Amoco fuel oil leaked from the ship, washing up more than a week later along both shores of the bay.

Large concentrations floated into Fleets Bay near Windmill Point.

The U.S. Coast Guard led the cleanup effort with the help of the Virginia State Water Control Board, The Virginia Wildlife Federation and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Steuart Transportation, the barge owner, hired a company called Cleanwater Inc. from Toms River, N.J., to help contain the spill.

Area residents rallied to help. Volunteers tried to save the water-



Could these be the same drums? In the February 19, 1976 edition, the Rappahannock Record ran this photo of Windmill Point during the clean up of the worst oil spill in state history. Photographer Bill Haislip reported that, "Cleanwater Inc. of Toms River, N.J. has had a crew in this section since shortly after the oil first appeared on shore shoveling up the oil with sand and placing it in barrels to be moved to as yet an undesignated disposal area." Could these be the same drums as those recently discovered leaking oil into the soil on a parcel off Pinckardsville Road in Lancaster County?

gallon drums, which we loaded on a flatbed truck," he said. "They told us they were taking the drums up county somewhere."

Where, exactly, those drums went could be of great importance to an EPA effort to clean up a recently discovered dump site on Pinckardsville Road.

Last year, hunters stumbled across nearly 1,100 open-top steel drums sitting on the back of a field at the edge of the woods. Rusted and corroding, the drums were leaking a black, oil tar-like substance into the soil. The substance has seeped more than 18 inches into the earth around the site. The resulting mixture is so spongy that the EPA nicknamed the area the "Puddingland Drum Dump Site."

The EPA has since determined that tar-like substance contains the carcinogen Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP), which is commonly found in petroleum products. BaP is harmful if touched or consumed. If the chemical has leached into the groundwater, it could endanger hundreds or thousands of residents as well as wildlife.

The cleanup began this week, said EPA spokesperson David

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fowl and marsh grasses that were covered in oil. Lancaster High School even allowed students a two-week work release to help with the cleanup.

Tom Webb, who graduated from LHS in 1977, was among those hired by Cleanwater for what Webb

recalls were good wages in those days.

Crews tried to use front end loaders, but this was only possible at low tide in the daylight. Booms failed to contain the spill due to strong wave and tidal action. Vacuum trucks proved ineffective because

the oil was viscous and plugged the suction hose.

Shovels, consequently, were the predominant beach cleanup tool.

Webb remembers scooping up the oil, which "hovered" suspended just above the bottom.

"The oil was so thick it would

weigh the shovel down," he said. "We had to heat the shovel up in order to clean the tools for the next day."

Webb remembers that the water was cold.

"We waded out in chest waders and raked the oil up into open 55

Kilmarnock eyes expansion into Northumberland

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Town planning commissioners courted Northumberland County officials in a joint session at town hall last week, hoping for a coordinated effort in any commercial or residential development east of Kilmarnock.

A North Kilmarnock village designation has been in the Northumberland comprehensive plan for a dozen years, but with the county's recent interest in a wastewater treatment plant to handle new development near Indian Creek Country

Club, Kilmarnock planners see opportunities closing in on town boundaries.

Commissioner Steve Bonner told his Northumberland counterparts he wanted to get right to the point, saying, "We'd like to become partners working together to improve the area east of town. We'd love to see it developed 'commercial' and be part of Kilmarnock in Northumberland." He added that the town has something to offer in terms of community amenities such as shops and town utilities.

"We would like to plan together

on quality of growth so that we will all be happy years from today," said Kilmarnock planner Jane Ludwig.

In response to a question regarding how much of Kilmarnock falls in Northumberland County, vice-mayor Fletcher Brown answered that it includes a triangular section of the eastern edge from St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church on Church Street and down Clifton Street, comprising 20 to 30 homes, including the residences of two town councilmen. Additionally, he said the property line of the

wastewater treatment plant is also the county boundary line. Because of the proximity of the treatment facility, he claimed it is well situated to support development in Northumberland areas bordering the town.

"Does your sewer system have the capacity to serve development?" in those areas, asked Northumberland commissioner Charles Williams.

Brown answered that it did. He noted that hook-up fees for areas outside town are one and a half times the in-town fees.

Kilmarnock councilman Les

Spivey suggested Northumberland officials might want to consider a boundary line adjustment after which the area would fall

within the town limits and qualify for the lower hook-up rates. Williams said the economics of

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Committee seeks town funding for playground

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—A citizens' playground committee last week asked the Kilmarnock planning commission for financial support.

An appeal to include capital funding for the children's playground in the fiscal year 2007-08 budget was presented by Leslie Franklin of the Citizen's Playground Committee. Franklin said the committee is nine months into planning and needs the

town's budget support. Basic playground equipment that meets current safety standards is expected to cost approximately \$40,000.

In related action, Chairman Donnie Walker appointed commissioners Steve Bonner, Claudia Williamson and Raymond Booth to join councilman Les Spivey on a new budget committee. The committee will make recommendations

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Church pursues rezoning

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors will hold a public hearing tonight (February 22) as part of its consideration of an application for a zoning change requested by White Stone Methodist Church.

At the 7 p.m. meeting in the General District courtroom, the church will seek a change from general residential classification to limited commercial status so that its thrift shop operation can

be moved closer to the church off Mary Ball Road near White Stone.

Supervisors also will take comments on the update of the first six chapters of the comprehensive plan, which can be found on the county's website at www.lancova.com.

A hearing on the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Plan also will be held during the meeting.



White leads Lady Devils

Lancaster freshman Andrea White gets by Northumberland's Sydnee Baker to score two of her 14 points in last week's district tournament final. The Lady Indians upset the Devils, 59-42. White was honored following the championship game as the Northern Neck District's player of the year. She led Lancaster to its first ever regular season title and a home berth in this week's Region A tournament. See the story and more photos on page A10. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)



FEBRUARY

22 Thursday

The RFM Boat Shop opens at 9 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6629.

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

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

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

Birthday Cake will be served at 1 p.m. at the George Washington Birthplace National Monument to commemorate George Washington's 275th birthday. Admission to the site and all activities and refreshments are free. The site will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 224-1732.

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

A Cancer Support Group will meet at Rappahannock General Hospital at 3 p.m. 435-8593.

The Town of Kilmarnock will conduct meetings to gather input on a new "Town Centre." Meetings will be held at 2 p.m. at the Lancaster Community Library and 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

23 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 5:45 p.m.

A Unity Worship Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

24 Saturday

African American Heritage will be celebrated all day at Stratford Hall Plantation in Westmoreland County. A special exhibit, "Bondage, Resistance and Emancipation: The African American Experience at Stratford," will be featured all day in the Visitor Center. Great House tours during the day will focus on the lives of slaves at Stratford. During the afternoon, choirs, dancers and storytellers will perform. **The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library** in Lancaster will sponsor a book signing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Frank Wood, author of *Slavery—A Look at History Through Primary Source Documents*. **The Wayne T. Holt Band** will host a Sweethearts Dance Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the West Point Country Club. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. For advance tickets, call Holt at 804-366-7432.



Project to benefit cancer victims

The employees of Farm and Home Supply in Kilmarnock are conducting a yard sale March 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store. From left, Peggy Whaley and Robert Pittman display some of the raffle prizes and yard sale items. Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Centre at Rappahannock General Hospital to buy wigs for patients who cannot otherwise afford them. Yard sale items are needed. Donations for the yard sale may be delivered any time during store hours. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Raffle tickets are available from any Farm and Home employee. Monetary donations are also welcome. The goal is to raise \$2,000, said Whaley.

24 Saturday

A Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic will be conducted by the Northern Neck Master Gardeners at 10 a.m. at 1013 Coan Harbour Drive in Lottsburg. \$5. Bring tools.

A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. by the Afton United Methodist Men at the church in Ophelia. \$9 adults, \$5 children. Take outs available.

25 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Rivah Greens in Callao immediately following church services.

The Westmoreland Players will present a black history celebration concert by the Northern Neck Chantey Singers and the Westmoreland Storytellers at 3 p.m. at the players' theater in Callao. Admission is free. Reservations are required. Call 529-9345, or visit www.westmorelandplayers.org

26 Monday

Game Day will be held by the Northumberland Woman's Club at 11:30 a.m. Cards and board games. 453-4473. **The Kilmarnock Town Council** will meet at 7 p.m. at the town office on North Main Street.

26 Monday

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers are invited. No reservations are needed. 462-7605.

Lancaster County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock at 6:30 p.m.

The RFM Boat Shop opens at 9 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6629.

The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125.

A Bridge Discussion Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster's clubhouse in Lancaster. \$5. 462-0742.

"Bringing Up Boys," a video series by Dr. James Dobson will be presented at 7 p.m. at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive. Child care will be provided. 435-9886.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Public hearings on new oyster aquaculture regulations will begin at noon.

27 Tuesday

The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society will sponsor a commemoration of the signing of the Leedstown Resolutions at 10:30 a.m. at the Westmoreland County Museum in Montross.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. 435-3441.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. at commission headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News. Habitat permit applications are generally considered during the morning and fisheries items are set for hearings at noon.

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28 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.

The Three Rivers Health District will conduct a free Chronic Disease Self-Management course from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church. The class will meet each Wednesday for six weeks. People with ongoing chronic health problems such as arthritis, cancer, diabetes, emphysema, high blood pressure or other heart related conditions are urged to attend. To register, call 435-3555.

The Lancaster Lions Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock.

MARCH

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The Airport Club of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.

The Rappatomac Writers Critique Group will meet at 10 a.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church.

The Marine Corps League Detachment will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao Volunteer Fire Department building. 462-7868.

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



Jim Britton of Reedville will donate his Pintail decoy as a door prize.

Carve out time for waterfowl show March 17

The Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show is set for March 17 and 18 at the White Stone Firehouse. Over 90 artists, carvers, photographers, bronze sculptors, and antique decoy dealers will participate in this 28th annual show.

Jim Britton of Reedville has donated a pintail carving for a door prize. Britton pursued a career in engineering in Maryland for 32 years, retiring in 1990. He moved to Reedville in 2001 and devotes full time to carving in a house he designed with his carving in mind. He enjoys looking out over Owens Pond from the expansive windows in his "art room" where flocks of geese, ducks, and blue herons are some of the attractions and distractions.

Britton began hunting and carving a few gunning birds in the early '50s. College, job and family caused his carving to take a back seat until the early '80s when he rekindled his interest in carving and started participating in wildlife art shows. He works mostly in tupelo wood, but occasionally uses juniper, pine or basswood.

He is most influenced by the working decoys of the mid-Atlantic region. He combines the simplicity of the hunting decoy with contemporary carving and painting techniques. His birds are graceful yet rugged.

In addition to White Stone, Britton has exhibited at the Easton Waterfowl Festival, the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston, S.C., The Ward Exhibition of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury, Md., the Barnegat Bay Decoy Show in Tuckerton, N.J., and the Havre de Grace Decoy Festival where he was the Honorary Chairman in 2005 and has his carvings displayed in the museum there. Britton has been Carver of the Year for several local Ducks Unlimited chapters and has provided carvings in 2005 and 2006 for distribution to State Chapters for fund-raising auctions. This is his 17th year as an exhibitor at this show.

A Preview Night Gala will take place March 16. Tickets for this special event must be reserved by March 9. Please use the contact information below if you would like to receive information. The preview night door prize is an original painting by Diane Jackson of Montross.

The Artist of the Year is Jane Partin of Petersburg and Mathews. Jane has painted the "Life of a Lab" especially for this show. Preview night guests will receive signed and numbered prints. Guests on Saturday and Sunday also will receive color prints.

The Rappahannock Decoy Carvers and Collectors Guild will host a carving competition March 17 in the White Stone Women's Club building.

The contest has been selected to host the National Canvas Decoy Championship sponsored by the International Wildfowl Carvers Association this year. Many canvas decoys from all over the country will be competing for this national award. In addition to the canvas decoys, other hunting decoys, decorative carvings, shorebirds and buoy decoys will be judged.

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The Waterfowl Show is sponsored by the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. The admission is \$7, with children under 12 free. For more information, please call 435-6355, or e-mail info@rrws.org.

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The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good, loving homes. The dogs, puppies, cats and kittens change rapidly; in lieu of listing them, interested persons may call the league at 435-0822 or Joyce at 462-0091 to be advised of what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

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Fiction or Fact

from Bob's Almanac

by Robert Mason Jr.

It sure was cold several days this week.

How cold was it?

It was so cold, they've got a term for it out in the mountains of southwest Virginia.

I remember those cold mornings, when the ice would form on my mustache as I navigated the snow banks and hiked to campus. That's when I'd hear my friends exclaim, "The hawk's a biting."

For the life of me, I couldn't make a connection between a hawk and the chill in the air. I studied it from every angle and it just didn't make any sense at all.

What hawk? How cold does it have to be for the hawk to bite? Bite what? Is there a connection to the snow? Or gray skies?

When I asked some of the old-timers what they meant, I got that look. Come-heres know the look. It's that glare through squinted-eye look that asks "You ain't from around here, are you boy?"

I rush off, hoping they would think I got it.

But, I don't get it.

After a while, the snow would melt, the season would change and mention of the hawk would go away only to return with the first brisk day in November.

I need an answer. I need relief.

So I ask the wild-mountain woman the meaning of the term, and I get that look, complete with body-language.

Rivernecks know the look and the move. It's that batting-eye stare, coupled with an over the shoulder grin—and you never even saw her body turn because she's got you mesmerized—and that twitch of the hips that says, "You stupid man."

And then she spins around and comes right up in my face, I smell her perfume and I'm thinking, hoping even, this crazy coed's closing in for a kiss. But she stops an inch from my lips and the steam on her breath melts the ice on my mustache as she whispers "The hawk's a biting means it's too cold to."

To cold to what?

But she winks and scurries off in a flash, leaving me standing there feeling kind of stupid.

"Just, too cold to," she shouts.

And I'm not cold at all, not even clammy. That brief encounter has me steaming.

Too cold to what? Too cold to go without a hat and scarf? Too cold to stop for very long and carry on a conversation? Too cold to be outside?

Stupid hawks.

I'm ready for warmer weather, blue skies and wild-mountain women with big brown eyes.

Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

Several times over the last 23 years of writing this column, I have mentioned my good friends over in Urbanna, Evelyn Ryland and her late husband, Bill, the first head of the Marine Patrol of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. After his retirement and hers as Postmaster of Urbanna, they opened an antique shop, which they called Miss Bettie's Shop, after the name of the lady who had operated an old notions store in their building.

Once when visiting with them at the shop in the late '80s, they suggested we go next door to a new restaurant, called the Virginia Street Café. It had opened in the former Five and Dime Store which the new proprietor, Judy Wade, had converted to new ambience with nice tables, plants, pictures, but retained the great old hard rock maple floors and pressed ceiling. The dominant feature of the dining area was a great salad bar, with everything fresh and attractively presented.

After that first meal, I returned on a number of occasions and each time I had a great culinary experience. Those were in my bachelor days when I appreciated having a good meal out, although I think my own cooking is not that bad. As life moved along, after I committed matrimony, I would enjoy taking my good wife, and later the two B.E.s, over for a special treat. The meals always were worth the drive.

This past weekend we made a family jaunt up to Tappahannock and as we prepared to return to the Northern Neck, I asked if any family members would like to go home via Urbanna to have a meal at The Virginia Street Café. The response was overwhelmingly positive, so much so that I dared not attempt to return Neckward.

We arrived at an odd hour. I told my wife it would be "linner," as we were too late for lunch and too early for dinner. She told me that we would not eat again that day. The message was to order what we wanted and not to expect a further gourmet serving when we reached home. The three of us took her

at her word.

The café's signature offering is their clam chowder, made from fresh ingredients on the premises. It is unlike any other I have tasted, being neither New England milk-based nor Manhattan tomato-based. I never fail to order it and at the end of each meal I ponder whether to order another bowl as dessert. It is full of clams, which are supported by the potatoes and other ingredients. I cannot recommend it too highly, which also means that I cannot speak to the quality of the café's other soups, which I am sure are excellent, but I always opt for the clam chowder.

Saturday I had the shrimp salad, consisting of a wonderful base of greens, peppers and tomatoes, on which rest six large, delectable shrimp. Kim, our waitress, told us that she puts it together herself. It is sumptuous. My wife had the spinach salad, and it looked wonderful, but I was not jealous. The elder B.E. had the salad bar and a terrific baked potato, and the younger had the Philadelphia cheese steak. Each was well pleased.

Inasmuch as it was "linner," we did not order a main course, but on past visits we have found that the seafood, particularly the crab cakes and scallops, cause one to begin salivation while still reading page one of the menu.

As the meal drew to a close, I forewent the second bowl of clam chowder for dessert, choosing instead another of the café's famous treats, the homemade bread pudding with its renowned lemon sauce. As we were bordering on being full, we asked for four forks to share one dessert. That was a wise decision.

When we were leaving, I told Judy that we wished she would open a branch in the Northern Neck. She did not say yes, but she also did not say no. Driving home across the bridge all of us agreed that the Virginia Street Café's record of zero disappointments still stood. Not a bad comment after so many years of testing, affirming all the good things Evelyn and Bill Ryland told me almost two decades ago.

Delegate's Report

by Del. Robert J. Wittman

The session is now coming to an end. We are scheduled to adjourn Sine Die, which means the 2007 session will be over, Saturday, February 24. Everything seems to be progressing on schedule for that to happen.

As I write this I have two pieces of active legislation remaining. One of these is pending a vote by the full Senate; the other is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Courts of Justice Committee.

Over the past week an additional seven pieces of my legislation have been passed out of the Senate and have gone on to the Governor to be signed into law. This brings the number of successful pieces of legislation to 13.

The legislation that passed out of the Senate dealt with giving the counties authority to institute burning bans when there are declared emergencies (HB 1860); announcing the severance benefits of officials appointed by the school board (HB 1862); changing the charter of the Town of Colonial Beach (HB 1989); relocation of nursing home beds which will bring facilities to our area (HB 1992); more closely regulating the land application of biosolids (HB 2079/HB 2802); changing the compensation for the Potomac River Fisheries Commission members and providing the authority to regulate the leasing of river bottom (HB 3037); and adding the dredging of creeks and rivers to the powers of service districts (HB 3129).

HB 1851 provides for a land conveyance from the Virginia Department of Transportation to the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board and was heard by the Senate Courts of Justice Committee February 19.

My other piece of legislation (HB 2947) that needs to be acted upon deals with how the crime of obstructing justice is charged; specifying when it shall be a misdemeanor and when it shall be a felony. This legislation has passed out of the Senate Committee and

is yet to be voted upon by the full Senate. I do not anticipate any problems since this legislation passed out of committee unanimously and will be placed on the Senate's uncontested calendar.

While this week was one of great success, it was also one of great disappointment. A very important piece of legislation that I introduced (HB 1864) was defeated by the Senate Finance sub-committee on Public Safety. The sub-committee did not advance this legislation because they believed it to have a fiscal effect that was unforeseen by the Virginia Sentencing Commission.

This legislation would have provided for mandatory sentencing to individuals who committed multiple acts of stalking within five years, or during the period of an active protective order. I introduced this legislation in an effort to help protect individuals from violent acts that are often associated with stalkers with multiple convictions. I plan on reintroducing this legislation during the next session.

In the closing days of the General Assembly session, continue to share information with me on issues that are important to you. Call 804 698-1099, email, DelRWittman@house.state.va.us, or fax, 804 698-6799.

Letters to the Editor

Good to be home

From Grid Michal, Lancaster

This past weekend we spent a grueling 40 hours going to the Miami, Fla., Boat Show so I could get insider manufacturer information for my magazine columns.

The weekend started with airline reservations that didn't get passed between airlines, continued with a rental car that didn't fit, a hotel built in the '40s that charged 22nd-century rates and had showers that reacted negatively to anyone in the hotel flushing a toilet.

It included airport security that singled out us two 60-plus-year-old folks as being obvious terrorists, hiding a nuclear warhead somewhere on our bodies.

Add to that thousands of people leaving the boat show, at least that many debarking cruise liners and heading back north via only two airlines, and we were effectively brain-dead and seriously numb by the time we got back home in the wee hours of Monday.

After a few hours of sleep, I dragged my carcass into the truck and headed to work, with a quick stop at the Kilmarnock Post Office. As I got out of the truck, a hale "Good morning, Grid!" greeted me from behind.

I turned to see Cruger, my insurance agent. Then a blue minivan pulled in a few spaces down, and another guy (I'm mortified I haven't a clue who he is) sang out, "Good morning, Grid!" Right next to me, a white SUV pulled in, and a drop-dead gorgeous young lady with a million-megawatt smile got out and said "Good morning!"

At least she didn't say "sir," which would have totally deflated my ego.

My point here is that these three people erased the grime of the weekend's humanity, reminded me why I moved here in the first place, and why I'm always anxious to come home every time I go away.

I hope the two of you whom I couldn't identify recognize yourselves. Thank you, to all three of you. I promise that I'll try to continue with your ambassadorship.

Town's planners could learn from Northumberland's

From Nan Harvey Flynn, Kilmarnock

I was pleased to take advantage of the open work session which was held at the Kilmarnock Town Hall with the Kilmarnock and Northumberland planning commissions February 13.

As a resident of Northumberland County, I was especially pleased with the county planning commission and their board of supervisors representative Pamela Russell. All members of the Northumberland planning commission who spoke expressed support and understanding of the county residents' desires to maintain the rural character of the Northern Neck. There was uniform support of the newly created comprehensive plan which outlines low density development between higher density villages, preserving the pastoral quality.

In contrast, the Kilmarnock planning commission members appeared most interested in expanding the Kilmarnock boundaries by extending the town water and sewer services to benefit a proposed development in Northumberland off of Bluff Point Road.

Although town manager Lee Capps indicated Kilmarnock does not want to become a public utility, there was little evidence.

Kudos to the Northumberland board of supervisors and planning commission members. Your job is a hard one and will only get harder as the pressure to disregard the requirements of your electorate and residents for the possibility of increased tax base. It would behoove the Kilmarnock planning commission to take note and try to emulate Northumberland's responsiveness and resolve.

Rejecting permissive values

From the Rev. Jeffrey Cerar, Rector, St. Stephen's Church (Anglican), Heathsville

The church at which I serve, St. Stephen's Church (Anglican) in Heathsville, has recently left the Episcopal Church. This has stirred up a great deal of interest in the press, both in articles and in letters to the editor.

Some of the correspondents

would have the readers believe that the "welcoming and authentic" Gospel is one which is not demanding, but permissive; one which does not transform, but affirms. This represents the very issue that has caused me as a Christian, along with my congregation, to take a stand.

A major segment of the mainline Protestant Church has softened the Gospel to make it palatable to a permissive "me" generation. In the 1960s, when many of the church's leaders were coming of age, there grew an assumption that people want to hear that they are okay just as they are, and God is not going to ask them to change.

Over the last 40 years of sliding into that new Gospel, the mainline church has not grown, but has lost members. And the permissive "me" generation may, for now, be in charge, but the young generation now emerging is not so easily fooled. They are looking for authenticity. They are looking for truth. They don't want to be told that they can define their own truth, or that there are no answers, only questions.

They can see for themselves that human beings are making a mess of the world and they are looking for understanding. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is, indeed, a welcoming, inclusive Gospel. Jesus reaches out to everyone, the rich, the poor, the powerful, the marginalized, and the sinner, which includes us all. And what Jesus reaches out with is the truth that we can be saved from the sin that afflicts our lives and that we can be transformed.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and the second is like it: to love your neighbor as yourself. He said that all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.

This does not eliminate the need to turn from our sinful ways. Jesus also said, "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it."

A permissive "me" generation wants to define love as letting your natural desires take you wherever they will. This is especially true of our sexual life, which seems to be an obsession in our culture. Many leaders in the church speak as though the New Testament prescribes a "law of love," which supersedes the moral laws of the Old Testament. Yet the words of Jesus' "Great Commandment" came from the Old Testament. Moreover, two-thirds of the 27 books of the New Testament condemn sexual immorality.

The authentic Gospel is the good news that we are not stuck in our sins, and that, through faith in Jesus Christ, we have the promise and blessing of eternal life with God. And that assurance is enough to motivate us to accept his transforming love.

He offers us a life that far outstrips our meager imaginations. Come, you youth who are seeking authenticity and truth and transformation and hope. Come, you elderly. Come, you who are rich and you who are poor and you who are marginalized. Jesus loves you, and we love you at St. Stephen's Church (Anglican).

Losing a model for diversity

From the Rev. Robert C. Hall Jr. Irvington

Each of the Record's issues for the past two weeks has carried an impassioned letter on issues that appear to be dividing the Episcopal Church. Readers must be confused and puzzled. The issue is really very simple. Some deeply committed Christians feel strongly that the literal words of the Bible are absolutely authoritative. Other equally committed Christians feel that God endowed humans with a brain with which to understand the words of the Bible in relationship to the lives we experience.

The scale of the controversy is tragic for everyone, Episcopalians, other Christians and those who seek a faith but have yet to find a home. For over four centuries, it has been the unique characteristic of the Anglican communion world wide that Christians might hold widely divergent opinions, yet respect one another enough to worship together. Thus Anglicans have provided a model for dealing constructively with diversity.

An abundance of judgmentalism coupled with an absence of humility on both sides of the issue risks making a shambles of the teachings of Jesus.

What a pity! We need to kneel together at the foot of the cross and resolve to bear witness to the Gospel of Peace, rather than brokenness.

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Yesteryear in Lancaster

(A reprint from the February 22, 1907, issue of the Virginia Citizen).

Fished Up Man With Tongs Negro Falls Overboard and Goes to Bottom Like a Stone

Frank Waddy, colored, hand on Lee Simmon's launch, Monday night attempted to step to another boat as they were making a wharf a Irvington, when he missed and went overboard in about seven feet of water. Waddy went down in the icy waters like a rock.

Mr. Simmons missed him in grabbing for him. He jumped into another boat, and, securing a pair of oyster tongs, began feeling for his man. Finally he found him, on the bottom, and hooking in his clothing pulled him to the surface. Help had arrived and Waddy was gotten on the wharf. There they rolled him on a barrel until Dr. Newbill arrived. The doctor ordered him taken to Messick and Gunby's store. Being under the water for several minutes, and in the icy atmosphere, it appeared that Waddy could not be resuscitated, and after warming and pumping his lungs the patient was brought to, and though suffering from the nearness of death, will be O.K. in a few days.

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Letters to the Editor

Pursue both options Serious issue

From **William S. Pregnall**,
Irvington

Your reporter in the February 15 article "Citizens speak for and against proposed Carter's Creek discharge" distorted my remarks by 180 degrees.

I had agreed with Beverly Randolph's "win-win" phrase, but applied it quite differently. She opposed Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury's request for a permit from DEQ, and I am a supporter of that request.

I said we—the whole community—need a win-win approach, for the real issue is the restoration of health to the Chesapeake Bay upon which Lancaster County depends. I also said that RW-C is caught in a time bind. We had to apply for the DEQ permit even though it would require huge expense on our part to install a state-of-the-art waste disposal system which would not in any way damage Carter's Creek.

A better solution for us financially would be to get out of waste treatment altogether and hook into the Kilmarnock wastewater treatment facility. But that hook up is not guaranteed unless the new comprehensive plan includes this option for RW-C.

Rightfully, Kilmarnock would also have to agree to such a hook up. Therefore, RW-C must pursue both options. I ended my remarks by saying that to lose both options would be a lose-lose for RW-C and the whole community of which we are very much a part.

Bush pact could end U.S. sovereignty

From **James B. Thorsen**,
White Stone

Are readers aware that our President George W. Bush met with the Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin and the President of Mexico Vicente Fox on March 23, 2005, and signed an agreement called the Security and Prosperity Partnership Agreement to bring together what the Council on Foreign Relations (www.cfr.org) calls the North American Union?

The policies incorporate economic, security, transportation and border issues and will supersede the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights and establish a union patterned after the European Union with a new currency to be issued called the Amero, a new, monetary policy, and changed foreign and military policies. It will signal the end of our sovereignty and integrate the continent into a trilateral structure of administrative law.

To date all this has been done in secret without the knowledge and/or consent of the American people and our representatives in Congress. The last meeting on this plan was held September 12-13, 2005, in Banff, Canada. My wife and I were vacationing there at the time and no word appeared in the news media or TV. A Canadian attendee of the conference, Mel Hurtig, leader of the National Party of Canada, told WorldNetDaily of the proceedings. Among those attending was then Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former CIA director R. James Woolsey, and many other Cabinet officers past and present. Next week Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Homeland Security Czar Michael Chertoff meet in Ottawa with their Canadian and Mexican counterparts as a lead-up to a summit in Alberta in June.

One result of this secret pact is that the Governor of Texas has signed an agreement with a Spanish Company to allow 584,000 acres in Texas to be taken to build the NAFTA superhighway called the TransTexas Corridor running from the west coast port of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, cross the U.S. border, through Texas and Kansas City up through the Canadian border to Winnipeg and west to Vancouver. This will be a toll road leased for 50 years to the Spanish government, whereby drugs from Mexico will have full range of transportation throughout the continent. Drug cartels will be the beneficiaries as the drugging of America expands. There will be no borders, no control and unlimited immigration. This superhighway cost is estimated at \$183 billion in new taxes and tolls and will destroy tens of thousands of homes, ranches, farms, businesses and whole communities through "eminent domain."

To the credit of Rep. Virgil Goode (R-Va.) he is preparing a series of House Resolutions to stop this stealth compact. It will take more than a resolution to put a stop to this monstrous creation, that cuts through the center of our nation and divides us geographically. Every state and individual will be affected. For more information, visit www.spp.gov. I am available to discuss this issue at cbthorsen@verizon.net.

From **Betty Dillingham**,
Kilmarnock

According to the author of last week's Letter to the Editor entitled "Episcopal Church follows Jesus," he was responding to a previous week's letter. As you can imagine, while I too definitely believe the "Episcopal Church follows Jesus" letter deserves a response, I am going to resist the temptation.

I don't believe following a "who-struck-John" scenario each week in the newspaper is productive. Let's not turn this issue into a PR campaign, please. It's far too serious.

Remembering the YMCA

From **Mike Harwood**,
Wicomico Church

Susan Stubbs sent us the following account of one of her experiences with the YMCA:

In the 1960s I lived in Silver Spring, Md. I joined the YMCA in Silver Spring and went with a friend once a week to an exercise program there. We started with one-half hour of floor exercises. After that we went to the pool for half an hour of water aerobics, followed by another half hour of lap swimming.

The instructor was quite structured, but also very nice. The specific aerobics and stroke for laps were specified.

There was one older woman in our class, and she worked very hard to keep up. She did very well. For her 90th birthday, we surprised her by swimming in unison down the length of the pool while holding lit candles and singing "Happy Birthday."

Finding a true home

From **Robin Natereli**,
Kilmarnock

My dear husband saved up his money to get me a beautiful wedding, engagement and anniversary ring after 15 years of being together. He proudly got me in the mall telling me that he had something to show me. I thought, "Okay," wondering which tool he wanted to purchase next. I almost fell over as the jeweler handed him a huge diamond ring as he slipped it on my finger. My first words were "No," as I looked at it thinking, there were so many other things we needed beside a glitzy diamond.

He said, "Honey, yes. There will always be things we need more, but this is yours."

Needless to say, I wore my diamond proudly, remembering his face when he gave it to me. Then the worst nightmare a lady can have happened. I went shopping one day as I was preparing my family's arrival; they were moving to the area. A grandmother, I went to the consignment shop in Burgess to pick up goodies for the kids. Then I made the rounds with my dear friend who took me to Dollar General, other consignment shops, CVS, and a few other places.

That night we went to my husband's employee's house to celebrate her 13-year-old's birthday. As I reached down to play with my diamond out of habit, my stomach gave a jolt. It was not there! We excused ourselves, then called everyone the next day. My friend searched her car. Being Sunday, the consignment shops were not open, but we searched the parking lots and went by CVS and Dollar General to offer a reward. The next day the consignment ladies let us completely dismantle their stores as we were sure I lost it digging for clothes and toys for the children.

My heart sank. I felt defeated having gone through my house and searched the grounds repeatedly. My husband thought I dropped it while walking our dog. Weeks went by and I finally gave in and had my husband check to see what our insurance would cover, as I resigned myself to the fact it was gone. I told one lady at the thrift shop that I hoped if someone found my ring, it would change their life forever, since we saved for that special piece. She said that was a nice way to look at it, but that she had faith it would show up since there were many good people around.

Meanwhile, my son and daughter-in-law arrived with their children, one and three years old. We were helping them unpack. I was telling her how nice it was to know that our children would go to schools that did not have armed guards and metal detectors in the elementary schools because people here still have morals. God must have heard me. The phone rang and my husband answered saying, "We're on our way." I thought for sure it was an electrical emergency, but he told me to get ready as Dollar General's manager called and that they

thought they had found my ring.

As we rode into town I talked of other things. I thought, "There is no way after all this time." We walked in the store and there was a lady putting up stock and I told her we got a phone call, and asked for the manager. She said, "Oh, the ring," and immediately led us to the stockroom. The manager rounded the corner with my ring. I was speechless. I couldn't believe my eyes. I didn't even ask where they found it, as everyone has asked me. I did ask who found it to give them the reward, but she put her hand up and said, "No reward. No, No." I hugged her.

I then called my children and told them it really was the ring and that the reward was refused. They were in complete disbelief that someone would hand it over without even finding out the value of the reward. I called all the people I could that night who had searched so diligently and they shared my joy. I can honestly say, this homecoming shows us all that there is no place like the Northern Neck to bring one's loved ones.

My ring, even though a nice one, meant more to me than the diamonds it contains. Now it means more than ever. I will never forget the love and caring I received in recovering it. The Northern Neck is definitely our home.

Opportunity exists for positive government

From **Ethel Brent**,
White Stone

How refreshing it is that the town fathers of Kilmarnock are urging the citizens of the community to share their visions for a new "Town Center."

After being intentionally misled, deceived, and routinely lied to by national leaders of late and having our stated wishes brazenly disregarded by the Lancaster planning commission, there's an understandable tendency for people to be wary if not downright skeptical and suspicious of public officials with their hidden agendas, having been too often betrayed by those we elected and placed in office ostensibly because we were convinced they were honorable and trustworthy individuals.

The mayor of Kilmarnock and town council are asking for our input and they seem to be demonstrating a genuine willingness to honor our collective wishes, this time. They may even agree, in a gesture designed to foster a sense of mutual trust, to guarantee us real transparency and ongoing participation throughout the project's planning and design phases and its actual construction.

To restore a measure of public confidence, it seems to me that town officials would do well to make themselves fully accountable to the taxpaying public.

I hope that there will be a strong turnout for both brainstorming sessions they have so thoughtfully scheduled for our convenience, at 2 and 7 p.m. today, February 22, in the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

I am eagerly looking forward to taking an active part in these proceedings as a prime opportunity to share my own constructive thoughts for creating an outstanding new facility for us all. I only hope that enough of us show up to underscore how deeply we care about enhancing the quality of life in our fine community and our unwavering commitment to safeguarding it for future generations and ourselves.

Rethinking drug policies

From **Lloyd N. Hill**,
Weems

Why do we seem to wait for years to catch and deal with the drug dealers who appear to be operating openly in our communities? Why do we wait for months and years to build up a case? Doesn't this strategy encourage youth to continue dealing because they think they are getting away with it? Maybe if they were apprehended as soon as we can prove they are dealing, they might not continue to do it.

When law enforcement allows a person to commit many criminal acts over months, the law becomes an enabler. Then one day, law enforcement decides to bring them in and lump many charges together so that the defendant can get a longer jail sentence.

Once a person goes to jail, it is twice as hard for him to go straight because jail time is like obtaining a master's in criminal activity. Recidivism rates are very high.

Do the chances of catching

criminals higher in the loop justify letting the youth continue criminal activity? How many people and communities are hurt during the months and years of undercover operations? How many people do we entice to inform on their friends, neighbors and family members?

To the youth who are dealing drugs, I say chances are that the officials know about it and they are waiting for an opportunity to cast a bigger net to catch you and your friends. The big fish are seldom caught. My advice is do not start dealing. If you have started, quit. There will always be someone willing to inform on you for a lesser sentence for himself.

I think there is something very wrong with allowing youngsters to continue to harm themselves in this way. Maybe if the youth were caught early, we might prevent them from continuing a life of crime. Long-term drug stings have been employed for a long time. It is time to rethink what we are doing to the youth and

our communities when we drag investigations on. When persons go a long time without being caught, it emboldens them to continue, and it entices others to try it.

We are allowing more opportunity for all of our sons and daughters to become involved. Drug use crosses all boundaries of our society and is the underlying cause of many of our other problems.

Town center site too congested

From **Robert E. Wille**,
Kilmarnock

Several years ago meetings were held when the former mayor of Kilmarnock wanted to build a new town complex. The nine acres that the town purchased to slow commercial development was determined too congested. Several people, including myself, attended the council meeting and voiced concern and disapproval because

Lancaster Democrats to meet Monday

The Lancaster Democrats will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 26, at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock.

The main presentation will be by journalist Bud Ward on "The Ethical and Structural Transformation of the Media." During his 30-year career as a journalist in Washington, D.C., Ward has watched a radical transformation occur in media organizations and the way the public receives and

perceives its information.

With print, TV, radio and the blogs on the internet, the abundance of choices is such that readers have, in effect, become editors, picking and choosing what they perceive as believable news sources, often those which agree with their own point of view. Simultaneously, the competition for advertising revenue has diluted news content with audience-enhancing entertainment

of the congestion in that area. I read from a list of about 25 names and their comments of disapproval.

This area is worse now due to the traffic and will continue to be very congested. A new condominium development is under way and a commercial office complex is near completion.

If the residents still feel this a poor choice for a new town complex, its time to let the town officials know. The list of names and comments are on record from that meeting and should still be considered.

The present mayor is pushing for this new complex and not considering the past comments and concerns. Now is the time to let this council know if the concerns are still the same. I will go on record saying it's too congested, and will continue to get worse.

The present town office complex could be taken down. New offices could be built where the congestion is not as bad.

Some agencies respond to audit of public records

by **John M. R. Bull**,
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS—The city of Suffolk and some law enforcement agencies looked for ways to boost their performance after a statewide newspaper survey found rampant noncompliance with the state's Freedom of Information Act.

Some state lawmakers took another approach—they're seeking to reduce scrutiny of some public records.

Overall, "there has been some improvement" in access to public information after the survey revealed citizens have a 50-50 chance of obtaining public records under the state's Freedom of Information Act, said Maria J.K. Everett, executive director of a state council that referees open record disputes.

Suffolk announced plans to open a freedom of information office while police and sheriff's associations moved to expand training on the provisions of Virginia's open records law.

Newspaper reporters fanned out across the state last September and requested crime logs from 134 police and sheriff departments. The records are public information under state law. The survey found police departments complied with the law 62 percent of the time. Sheriff's departments met the requirements 43 percent of the time.

Reporters also asked 134 local governments to turn over school fire inspection reports and two weeks of e-mails between mayors and council members or between county chairman and supervisors. Those are public records under the law, but were released in only half the cases. The reporters identified themselves only as members of the public so their requests would not receive favorable treatment.

"I guess we must all keep reminding them that public records are the law," said Forrest "Frosty" Landon, head of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. "Lessons are going to be learned from it. I applaud that."

Police departments, Landon noted, made "dramatic" improvement from a 1998 statewide newspaper FOIA survey, when law enforcement officials met the law's requirements in only 16 percent of the cases.

In the latest survey, law enforcement officials gave a variety of reasons for denying the information requests. Some contended the information was not public record. Others said only people involved in a crime, not the public, were entitled to see police crime information. One sheriff maintained that the FOIA prohibited him from releasing crime logs, instead of requiring him to release it.

"If there was any noncompliance, we need to get the word out," said John W. Jones, executive director of the Virginia Sheriff's Association. "I think we got a little bit of a bad rap, but I'm OK with it. If it raised awareness of FOIA, that was good."

Jones said he intends to hold a FOIA workshop at the association's annual meeting in April.

"We want everyone to be in compliance with the law," he said. After the survey was published, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police sent out an updated FOIA compliance guide, and planned

to increase training sessions with individual police agencies in the spring.

Several localities asked Everett to hold FOIA seminars for elected officials, instead of routinely requested staff training. This shows a broader interest in the law's provisions, she said.

"People still don't really understand what FOIA is and what it does," she said. The survey also highlighted some gray areas of compliance with the state law. The city of Hampton released all the requested e-mails but only after a two-month delay—well past the project deadline—and later complained that it unfairly was labeled as not fulfilling the request. The information was provided after an extension allowable under state law, said city spokesman Ed Novi.

The law mandates "ready access to public records in the custody of a public body or its officers and employees," and specifies that routine requests should take no more than five business days but allows extra time for large or difficult requests. The survey showed that many localities were able to produce the requested e-mails within five business days.

In Williamsburg, fire officials complained that they would have turned over a school fire inspection report, but the reporter never contacted the right person. A reporter for the Daily Press of Newport News handed a written request to the fire chief, but was told

the person who had the information was unavailable, and remained unavailable in a second visit several days later. Phone calls then were traded over several days, contact was not made, the project deadline passed and the locality was characterized as denying the request.

"That was just not true," said Williamsburg City Manager Jackson Tuttle. Several weeks after the statewide survey was published in newspapers across Virginia last month, Suffolk announced it would open a freedom of information office, likely in March. It is to be run from the city solicitor's department.

No state legislators, who are in the midst of a 45-day legislative session, have introduced a bill to expand the public's access to government records.

In fact, lawmakers moved to shield some currently available information from public scrutiny.

A bill to exempt from public disclosure the names, addresses and phone numbers on constituent correspondence with local or school officials passed the House of Delegates 97-0 and is before the Senate.

"Correspondence has been a public record for the 39 years we've had FOIA," Landon said. "This would gut that part."

After the survey was published, The Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk established a web log for discussion about open government in Virginia. It can be found at www.pilotonline.com.

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Be it resolved that Dwight L. Taylor has effectively served the Republican Party in various capacities for many years.

Be it resolved that Dwight L. Taylor has served the Northumberland County Republican Committee faithfully since 1975, including holding the position of Chairman for 3 terms.

Be it resolved that the Northumberland County Republican Committee has grown steadily under Dwight's leadership and has provided tremendous support to Republican candidates in various offices. Under Dwight's leadership, the Committee has been duly recognized at the 99th Legislative District level, the 1st Congressional District level and the State Republican Party level for outstanding support.

Be it resolved that the Northumberland County Republican Committee expresses deep gratitude and thanks to Dwight L. Taylor for his support and loyalty to this Committee and the Republican Party.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica G. Haynie, Secretary
R. Allen Webb, Chairman

Local News

Engagements

VanLandingham-Kenner

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Jett VanLandingham Jr. of Ottoman announce the engagement of their daughter, Gentry Elaine, to Jason Conley Kenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Kenner III of Livey.

Miss VanLandingham is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley Lewis of Senora and Mrs. Eunice VanLandingham of Warsaw and the late Mr. Carroll J. VanLandingham Sr.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Virginia B. Conley of Lancaster and the late Mr. Vernon L. Conley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. Kenner Jr., formerly of Sunnybank.

VanLandingham is a 2003 graduate of Lancaster High School and will graduate from Rappahannock Community College in March with an associate's degree in nursing. She will work on completing a bachelor's in nursing at Old Dominion University beginning in August. She has accepted employment as a registered nurse in the pediatric unit at VCU Health System in Richmond.



Gentry Elaine VanLandingham and Jason Conley Kenner

Kenner is a 1997 graduate of Lancaster High School and graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's in crop and soil environmental science. He is employed with Cowart Seafood in Lottsburg, working in aquaculture.

Harper-Brann

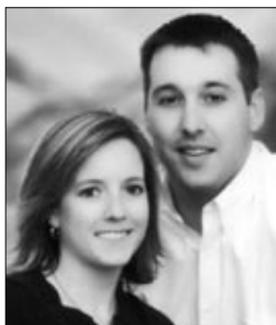
Billy Harper of Callao and Mrs. Jane H. Crowther of Reedville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Harper, to Matthew Taylor Brann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Brann of Warsaw.

Miss Harper is the granddaughter of Mrs. Florine Headley of Lottsburg and the late Harry Travers Headley, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harper of Callao.

Brann is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrow of Delataville and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brann of Village.

Miss Harper is a 2000 graduate of Northumberland High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Longwood University in 2004 with a bachelor's. She received a master's from Old Dominion University in 2006 and is a speech and language pathologist in the Virginia Beach public schools.

The prospective groom graduated from Rappahannock High School in 2000 and received



Jessica Lynn Harper and Matthew Taylor Brann

bachelor's from Longwood University in 2003. He is an internal wholesaler with American Funds in Norfolk.

The couple became engaged July 28, 2006, at sunrise on the beach in Duck, N.C., and will be married July 28, 2007, at the Great House in Kinsale. They are planning a honeymoon to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They plan to make their home in Virginia Beach.

Associate conductor Hicks to lead Richmond Symphony concert in Kilmarnock March 3

The Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts will present the Richmond Symphony in an "On Stage" concert at 8 p.m. March 3 at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock.

The concert will be presented with assistance from the Bank of Lancaster, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment of the Arts.

The symphony will perform under the direction of associate conductor Sarah Hatsuko Hicks.

Born in Tokyo and raised in Honolulu, Hicks has garnered national and international acclaim for her versatile and vibrant musicianship. Through the 2006-07 season she will serve as associate conductor of the Richmond Symphony and lead conductor for the Symphony Pops series and the Kicked Back Classics series. In addition, this season, Hicks becomes the first woman to hold a titled conductor position in Minnesota Orchestra history, winning an appointment as assistant conductor.

A cover conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra since 2003, she has been a regular guest conductor for its family concerts, summer presentations and Millennium Stage performances. She has collaborated with numerous soloists, including Nigel Kennedy, Hilary Hahn and Dimitri Sitkovetsky, and she has acted as assistant conductor to such luminaries as James Levine, Zubin Mehta, Yuri Temirkanov and Neville Marriner. Hicks was previously assistant conductor of the Reading Symphony Orchestra and the Philadelphia Singers (the chorus of the Philadelphia Orchestra), which she has led in radio broadcasts heard nationwide on National Public Radio. She also has served as music



Sarah Hatsuko Hicks

director of the Hawaii Symphony, an ensemble she founded in 1991 and led for five seasons. Hicks has guest conducted both in the United States and abroad, leading such ensembles as the Silesian Philharmonic in Poland, the Tokyo Philharmonic and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia.

Hicks received a bachelor's magna cum laude from Harvard University as a composition major; her AIDS Oratorio was premiered at Harvard University in May 1993 and received a second performance at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum. She holds an artists' degree in conducting from the Curtis Institute of Music, where she studied with Otto-Werner Mueller. After graduation, she continued her association with Curtis as a staff conductor and faculty member from 2000 through 2005.

In her spare time, Hicks enjoys running, yoga, and her two large dogs. She also is lead vocalist for a pop/punk band, Cowpath 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bolle returned on Saturday after a cruise through the Panama Canal and the coast of Mexico returning home by air from San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Jim Blankenship spent last weekend with her daughter, Miss Sara Blankenship, in Morristown, N.J.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Toty Dixon were a son and his family, Louie and Keeney Conley and children, Colby and Halli, of Germantown, Md.

Recent guests of Mrs. Betty Jones were her granddaughter and husband, Betti Jo and Steve Shifflett, of Sandston.

Ms. Betty Lawton of Hills Quarters, Irvington and Ms. Emily Romerleau of Reedville have returned from an extended visit with Ms. Bonnie Gwathmey in her delightful Bed and Breakfast in Playa del Coco, Costa Rica.

Fifteen members of the Bluff Point Sunday Morning Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Group met with Jesse Dize at his home on Prentice Creek.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kidwell for the weekend were a

granddaughter and husband, Sara and Jeremy Callicutt of Albemarle, N.C., and their son, Andy Kidwell, of Richmond.

Will and Rebecca Sigler and children, Meredith and Patrick, returned to their home in Winchester on Monday after visiting his parents, the Reverends Bill and Mary Dell Sigler on Prentice Creek, and his grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Patrick, at the Mayfair in Kilmarnock.

Mrs. Jim Conley returned home on Monday after visiting aunts, Mrs. Carolyn Ward and Mrs. Joy Williams, in Ft. Worth, Texas, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher returned from Charlotte, N.C., on Monday after attending the wedding of their daughter, Miss Kacy Fletcher, and Matthew Huff which took place in a restored manor house from the 1800s and the festivities following the wedding.

John Elliott of Charleston, S.C., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Harding of Powhatan spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Harding, in Kilmarnock.

Center for the Arts to present comedy

The Center for the Arts will present "Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know," March 9, 10 and 11 in the theater of the Eubank Building in Kilmarnock.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with an 8 p.m. curtain March 9 and 10.

Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. with a 3 p.m. curtain March 11.

A cabaret setting will be featured March 9 and 10 with beer and wine available for purchase before the show and during intermission. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the March 11 matinee.

A very special "trip" will be donated by The Tides resort in Irvington. The package will include a two-night stay including breakfast for two guests.

Every audience member will be eligible for this exciting prize. The winner's name will be drawn and announced at intermission at the matinee.

"Secrets Every Traveler Should Know" is based on a travel book by Wendy Perrin.

Her brother, Scott Perrin borrowed the name, gathered a group of talented sketch and song writers and produced a hit in 1997.

The audience will be taken

on a kaleidoscopic tour of the trials, tribulations and joy of travel. Seasoned travelers will readily identify with many of the episodes presented.

The lyrics are in the 1960s cabaret style of musical comedy in the vein of Tom Lehrer's comic spoofs. The tongue-in-cheek sketches are PG-rated.

Some of the sketches are based on actual incidents from Perrin's book, like the hapless car renter who was zapped with a \$7,000 drop-off charge, but most are whacky fantasies based on all-too-common problems every traveler has faced.

The inevitable reference to Montezuma's revenge gets a super hit twist in the jazz riff "Me and Margarita," a comic lament of lost luggage appears in "Lost in Pittsburg," outrageous stereotypes of cruise ship passengers ogling an endless bounty of food perform "Buffet" and over-dosing on a Mozart festival becomes a classical parody in "Salzburg."

The price for the show is \$15. For reservations, call the Eubank Building office at 435-2400, or visit ARTS@NNCFA.ORG. For complete information about the Center for the Arts, visit www.cfa.org.

Book group sets meetings

The Friends of The Library Book Group will meet in the Chinn House on the Warsaw Campus of Rappahannock Community College the second Mondays of March, April and May from 11 a.m. to about noon.

Three books have been selected to read for the spring meetings.

The first will be *Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards for the March 12 meeting. The story begins in a snowstorm in 1964 when Dr. David Henry delivers his own set of twins, one of whom has Down's syndrome. He sends that child away with a nurse, telling his wife that the child died. The secret cripples the family in subtle but terrible ways.

The selection for April 9

is *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood. This historical novel is based on a notorious Canadian murder case of the 1840s.

On May 14, *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls will be discussed. This non-fiction book is a story of a nomadic family, dirt poor in the '60s and '70s. According to Newsweek, "What saves this from mind-numbing grimness is the family's extraordinary resilience. You'll root for them."

Paperback copies of the books should be available at any bookstore or online. Membership in Friends of the Library is not required to attend, nor is having read the month's selection. As usual, a Dutch treat lunch will be held at the Northern Neck Gourmet after the discussion.

Dance theater to visit March 3

With support from Citizens and Farmers Bank, the Middlesex County Public Library will present "Stories to Remember About Women of Virginia, 1607-2007" at 8 p.m. March 3 at St. Clare Walker Middle School.

The program will be performed by the Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theater of Northern Virginia.

The Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theater is a professional, lyrical dance company focused on preserving, sharing and advancing modern dance through American stories and the rich diversity of our immigrant population.

Through dance and narration, the company will interpret the European styles brought by the early settlers that influenced the New World; the many roles played by the nation's first "First Lady," Martha Washington; the legend of Pocahontas; the comfort and inspiration received from Negro Spirituals; and the story of Annabella Gibson Jenkins' heroic care for the wounded on Civil War

battlefields.

The program will continue with how suffragettes Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, and Doris Stevens' imprisonment and force feeding swung public opinion behind the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. There also will be a segment on the cultural impact of singers Patsy Cline and Ella Fitzgerald.

Artistic director and founder Kathy Harty Gray, a Julliard graduate with a master's from the University of Virginia, brings more than 30 years of studio and college teaching and choreographic experience to her presentations. She was trained by Martha Graham, Charles Weidman, Anthony Tudor, Anna Sokolow, Jose Limon and other modern-dance legends.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at both branches of the library, Cyndy's Bynn, The Medicine Shoppe, Wilton Cottage, and Twice Told Tales in Gloucester and Kilmarnock.

Spay Day rebates offered

The Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck will join the Doris Day Animal Foundation's 13th annual Spay Day USA to offer a reduced spay and neuter program for the pets of permanent residents of Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties from February 26 to March 26.

Millions of animals are killed each year in the United States because there are just not enough good homes to go around, according to Judy Harvell of the AWL.

By spaying or neutering companion animals, one can end the unwanted litters, reduce the needless suffering that homeless animals endure and save money for taxpayers who must bear the cost of picking up, housing and eventually killing dogs and cats,

Harvell said. A 50 percent rebate program, not to exceed \$50 per animal, will apply to dogs and cats. The rebate applies only to sterilization surgery charges. No other services are covered.

Owners must make an appointment with the veterinarian of their choice, pay the bill and then send proof of payment, such as a paid bill, to the Animal Welfare League, P.O. Box 975, White Stone, VA 22578.

Paid vet bills must be post-marked by April 9, 2007, to receive the rebate.

The AWL offers this program for pet owners who wouldn't otherwise sterilize their pets. Those who can afford the cost should not seek the rebate so the AWL can use its funds to meet other needs.

Daffodil Show slated April 4-5

The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club welcomes guests to the 73rd annual Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show, sanctioned by the American Daffodil Society.

The show will be held on April 4 and 5 at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center of the University of Mary Washington at 1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg.

On Wednesday, the doors open to the public at 2 p.m. and visitors may tour the show until 8 p.m.

Thursday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to the public free of charge, although donations will be accepted.

Fredericksburg's location at the fall line of the river inspired the show theme, "On the Banks of the Rappahannock—A River Story." In the artistic divisions,

arrangements of daffodils will interpret river sites, people and conditions.

In the Interclub Classes, the four Fredericksburg Garden Club of Virginia garden restorations will be recognized.

The Interclub Classes honor Kenmore Plantation with an Early Georgian arrangement, the Mary Washington House with a Late Colonial arrangement, Mary Washington Monument with a Traditional Line Mass arrangement and Belmont with a Creative Mass arrangement.

Show parking will be available on Hanover Street and in the Fredericksburg City parking garage.

On Wednesday, there will be a shuttle service from the parking garage to the Jepson Center from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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A Derby Hat Attire Contest will be held at a Kentucky Derby Party on May 5, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Tavern Complex behind the old Court House in Heathsville.

Horseracing to return to Heathsville May 5

The second annual Kentucky Derby Party will be held May 5 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Tavern Complex in Heathsville.

Besides picking a winner and watching the run for the roses on big screen TV sets, there will be a full menu of entertainment. Inside the Transportation Museum behind the Tavern, there will be food prepared by local restaurants, homemade desserts and an open bar featuring mint juleps.

The RH/HT Foundation, which sponsors the event, will hold an

auCTION of two valuable prizes and a silent auction. The Derby Hat Attire Contest will return along with live music.

"Heathsville has had a long history of horse racing," said RH/HT Foundation president George Beckett. "There used to be a track in the field opposite what is now the Food Lion super market. We're carrying on this tradition with the Kentucky Derby Party."

The party is also a major fundraiser for the foundation, which supports the Tavern Complex. Admission is \$50.

Community unity service set Feb. 23

The Rev. Peyton Waller will be the guest speaker at a community unity service at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury Friday, February 23, at 1:30 p.m..

Staff and residents plan the annual February event in honor of Black History Month. Both groups contribute talents to various aspects of the celebratory worship service. All members of the local clergy are invited to join in the processional.

The Rev. Dr. Davis L. Smith, Jr., RW-C chaplain, will officiate. The Rev. Genita Maiden-Shearin, production sanitation

manager of dining services, will present an original recitation. Carla Rich, also of dining services, will sing a solo, and the Residents' Choir and the Staff Choir will sing.

Waller has been pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone since January. A deputy sheriff for seven years in Northumberland County, he is enrolled in the school of theology of Virginia University in Lynchburg.

He and his wife, Barbara, live in Wicomico Church with their two sons.

Opera outreach director to present at Viewpoints

Dr. Glenn Winters, community outreach musical director for the Virginia Opera, will speak at Viewpoints at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury March 5 at 11 a.m. A luncheon buffet follows.

Winters will focus on I Pagliacci, the well-known one-act tragedy by Ruggiero Leoncavallo that debuted in Milan in 1892. The play within a play about a traveling troupe of players will be presented by Virginia Opera March 9 through April 1.

The official opera company of the Commonwealth of Virginia was organized in 1974 and performs at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk, the Landmark Theater in Richmond and the Center for the Arts at George Mason University in Fairfax.

It is the only American opera company to perform regularly in three main-stage venues.

Winters oversees Virginia Opera's educational and outreach program. The largest outreach effort of any

opera company nationwide, the multi-pronged program reached 200,000 students and community members last year and includes an in-school touring program, student night and student matinees, family day, and Operation Opera for communities throughout Virginia.

A musician with a doctorate of music from Northwestern University and bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance from Indiana University, Winters is an operatic baritone who has sung more than a dozen principal roles.

Winters wrote the music and lyrics for *History Alive! A Telling of Virginia History*, a 45-minute production for the school touring program.

The opera narrates events and people in Virginia's history in catchy tunes that appeal to children and in varying styles compatible with the eras they represent.

The Viewpoints presentation and luncheon are free. Reservations are necessary; call 438-4000.

Prevention rally planned at Lancaster High School

The Prevention Services Division of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board will sponsor the fourth annual Rural Virginia United Coalition R.A.L.L.Y. (Resilient Adults Leading Local Youth) March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lancaster High School.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. This free prevention conference is for 600 middle and high school youth (ages 12 to 18) and adults in Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties.

The primary focus of the

R.A.L.L.Y. is to empower youth with tools for life. The R.A.L.L.Y. experience promotes positive and healthy lifestyle choices. The R.A.L.L.Y. is grant-funded through the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The guest speaker will be Eddie Slowikowski.

There will be a variety of educational and fun activities to develop participants' knowledge, skills and confidence. There will be prizes, snacks, lunch and tee shirts.

All participants must register. To register, call Cheryl B. Anderson at 758-9398.

Area Events

■ Raising boys

A "Bringing Up Boys" seminar is under way on Tuesday nights at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive. The video series produced by Dr. James Dobson is presented at 7 p.m. by Jack Watsen. Child care is provided.

The series explores the challenges of raising boys and is beneficial to parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, and others who work with boys of all ages. For more information, call 435-9886.

■ Men cooking

The Afton United Methodist Men will serve a roast beef dinner Saturday, February 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church in Ophelia. The dinner will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, dessert, tea and coffee.

Chefs Bill Duncan and Len Gaskins will again be in charge of the kitchen. Carry-outs will be available. The cost of the meal is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

■ Gallery walk

Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen will conduct a gallery walk at noon on Wednesday, February 28, through the exhibit, "Pocahontas: Her Life & Legend" at the Virginia Historical Society. The exhibit compares the legends associated with Pocahontas with the few documented facts about her life.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students, and free for children under 18. The Virginia Historical Society is at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond.

■ Alzheimer's conference

Family members of people with Alzheimer's disease can meet by telephone conference call February 23 with Dr. Virginia Templeton, one of the nation's leading authorities on the disease.

The one-hour call, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, will be offered free from 3 to 4 p.m. Participants must register in advance by calling 800-272-3900, or 804-967-2580. Or, they may email fran.foster@alz.org.

■ Book signing

The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library in Lancaster will sponsor a book signing Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Frank Wood, author of *Slavery—A Look at History Through Primary Source Documents*.

The book is available in the museum shop and sells for \$18. The book features some of the documents that appear in a current museum exhibit.

■ Hospice training

A hospice support service volunteer training class will be held at the Warsaw Office of Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck March 17, 24 and 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided. To register, call 333-0084.

■ Blazing crabs

The Kilmarnock Crab/Firemen's Festival will be held May 18 and 19. The festival will feature crafts, food vendors, children's activities, crab races, crab soup contest, a Firemen's parade and day-long firemen's competition with other area volunteer fire departments to celebrate the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department's 75th anniversary.

■ Ham radio

The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association will offer a training course leading to an Amateur Radio License beginning March 3 at Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church in Tappahannock.

The six-week course will be led by James Campbell. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Textbooks are \$25.

■ Spring at Maymont

Throughout March, April and May, Maymont Park in Richmond springs into an action-packed season with programs and events for all ages and interest groups. Get up close and personal with the baby goats, climb aboard the tram for a special tour, or enjoy an in-depth look at the gardens, chat with a Victorian lady.

Fees vary for activities. For hours, special events, fees and directions, call 358-7166, ext. 310, or visit www.maymont.org.

■ Telling stories

"Telling Our Stories: School Desegregation in Western Virginia," will be presented by Dr. Theodore C. DeLaney at noon February 22 at the Virginia Historical Society at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond. Dr. DeLaney is an associate professor of history and director of the African American Studies Program at Washington and Lee University.

The Banner Lecture Series speech will focus on the course of integration in the schools of western Virginia following the 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education. Dr. DeLaney's research included a significant number of oral history interviews.

■ Chicken lunch

The EVB Rays of Hope Relay for Life team will sponsor a fried chicken lunch April 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at Newsome's Restaurant on Route 200 in Burgess. Proceeds will benefit the Lancaster/Northumberland Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Lunch will include fried chicken, green beans, boiled potatoes, roll, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 12, and children under the age of 5 eat free. Advance tickets are available at Kilmarnock, Burgess, Heathsville, and Callao branches of EVB and Newsome's Restaurant. Carry-out is available.

■ Barbecue on a bun

The annual barbecue sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 11667 will be held March 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at De Sales Hall on Church Street in Kilmarnock. The menu will include barbecue on a bun, slaw, baked beans, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 12. Takeouts are available.

■ Book month

The Children's Museum of Richmond will celebrate National Book Month during March. The museum will feature traditional and new authors and their beloved books in partnership with bookstores, schools and national organizations to get the word out - "Reading is Fun!"

All programs are free with general admission. For hours, activity schedules, fees and directions, call 474-2667, or visit www.c-mor.org.

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Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum re-opens

Colonial Williamsburg's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum, the nation's leading center for research, preservation and exhibition of American folk art, recently re-opened in new, expanded galleries.

"Moving the Folk Art Museum closer to the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum and to the downtown Williamsburg area of Merchants Square will make this wonderful collection much more accessible to our guests," said Ronald L. Hurst, Colonial Williamsburg's vice president of collections and museums and Carlisle H. Humelsine chief curator. "In addition, we will gain much needed program space plus the Folk Art Museum's popular gift shop will have space in the new location as well."

The roster of opening exhibitions at the new Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum is indicative of the remarkably wide range of folk art media and helps to explain the ongoing allure of this popular venue. Opening exhibitions include:

- An Introduction to American Folk Art.
- "We the People: Three Centuries of American Folk Portraits."
- "Inspiration and Ingenuity: American Stoneware."
- "Down on the Farm," a selection of farm-related paintings and objects with special appeal and activities for families with children.
- "In Memoriam: Mourning Art in

America," objects of mourning honoring loved ones.

- "We See America," landscapes and patriotic folk art representing the many far-flung corners of the nation.

- "Cross Rhythms," an intriguing array of folk musical instruments.

- "Chasing Shadows," a showing of the foundation's historic silhouette collection.

- "Flowers, Birds & Baskets: Patterns in 19th-Century Bedcoverings."

- "Exciting Expressions: Painted Furniture," interesting examples from early America.

- The Carolina Room, newly conserved and re-installed from the 1957 building.

The original Folk Art Museum building, which opened in 1957 on South England Street across from the Williamsburg Lodge, was built in memory of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller by her husband, Colonial Williamsburg benefactor John D. Rockefeller Jr., and housed Mrs. Rockefeller's personal collection of 424 works. In 1992, the museum was renovated and expanded with the addition of a new wing that doubled the facility's size.

Portions of the collection, however, first were displayed as early as 1935 at the Ludwell-Paradise House, one of the many restored 18th-century buildings on Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg's historic main thoroughfare.

The museum's holdings have been enhanced by the addition of objects of

furniture, paintings, carvings, textiles and decorative wares.

Today, they comprise more than 5,000 folk art objects made in America during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and embrace most categories of American folk art by well-known folk artists. Among them are 16 painted works by 19th-century folk artist Edward Hicks, the largest number owned by any single institution, 15 portraits spanning the career of Ammi Phillips, 28 paintings by Mattie Lou O'Kelley, drawings by Lewis Miller and multiple works by Erastus Salisbury Field, Joseph Hidley, Charles Peale Polk and William Schimmel.

The museum also is home to one of America's most treasured folk art portraits, "Baby in Red Chair."

Although both museums are contained within the same facility, the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum each will retain their own identity and name. Collectively, the two venues will be known as The Museums of Colonial Williamsburg.

Entrance to The Museums of Colonial Williamsburg is through the Public Hospital of 1773 on Francis Street between Nassau and South Henry streets. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is by any Colonial Williamsburg admission ticket, Annual Museums Pass or Good Neighbor Pass. For reservations, call 1-800-447-8679.

2007 Virginia Women in History program honors eight outstanding women

A ground-breaking opera singer, the first African American president of NEA, and a media executive and entrepreneur are among eight Virginia women recognized by the Library of Virginia as part of its Virginia Women in History program.

On March 1, the Library of Virginia will honor the eight outstanding women who are featured in the 2007 Virginia Women in History program at an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Library of Virginia. The program will be hosted by Lisa LaFata Powell, with a reception to follow. For reservations, call 692-3900.

The women honored this year are:

- Opossunoquonuske (d.1610), Chesterfield County, Appamattuck Indian leader.
- Mary Willing Byrd (1740-1814), Charles City County, planter.
- Mary Jeffery Galt (1844-1922), Norfolk, preservationist.

- Laura Lu Scherer Copenhaver (1868-1940), Smyth County, entrepreneur and Lutheran lay leader.

- Maybelle Addington Carter (1909-1978), Scott County, musician.

- Camilla Ella Williams (1919-), Danville, singer.

- Mary Alice Franklin Hatwood Futrell (1940-), Lynchburg, educator.

- Sheila Crump Johnson (1949-), Loudoun County, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

The eight also are featured on this year's Virginia Women in History poster, issued in celebration of Women's History Month, and in the library's 2007 Virginia Women in History panel exhibition, on display in the lobby of the Library of Virginia from March 1 through 31. Traveling versions of the exhibition will be available for use by public schools and libraries and other cultural institutions.



Valentine's Day winner

Phyllis Tracey of Lancaster won the Valentine's Day free giveaway basket from the Animal Welfare League Thrift Shop on Irvington Road in Kilmarnock.

Service Notes

Chief Warrant Officer Bert Stover, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot of White Stone and Washington, D.C., returned to Sandston last week with the Virginia Army National Guard's 2/224th Aviation Battalion.

Stover had spent a year at Al Asad and Al Taquaddum in Iraq. During the deployment, he penned Reporting for Duty, a blog published by washingtonpost.com.

He is the son of Mary-Nivin and Herb Stover of White Stone.

Rev. Robertson speaks on Godspeed experience

The Rev. Terry Robertson spoke on the Godspeed at a recent Sundays At Two presentation at Lancaster Community Library.

The Godspeed was the lead ship of three that landed at Jamestown in 1607. Robertson used a power point presentation to describe the third reproduction of the original ship.

The current Godspeed is 88 feet overall, 65 feet on deck, has a 17-foot beam, a 72-foot tall mast, a 7-foot draft and over 2,400 square feet of sail. It more closely replicates the original than the previous copies.

The new square rigger was built in Rockport, Maine, by John England, the son of Nick and Claudine England of Glebe Point in Northumberland County.

Robertson, a volunteer crew member and costumed interpreter, sailed aboard the Godspeed from April through August,

2006. One of a crew of 13, matching the original crew, they joined the ship in Rockport.

Handling over 100 different lines to guide the ship required some crew to climb high in the rigging. Robertson volunteered. Once he fell, but was saved by a 21st-century safety harness.

Other modern equipment aboard was hidden to preserve the ship's 17th-century image. This included all required Coast Guard safety items, two diesel engines, a generator, modern galley and air conditioning to help cool the hold where the crew slept in temperatures sometimes over 100 degrees.

The Godspeed was steered by a tiller, not a wheel; that was not invented until 100 years later.

Two weeks after arrival in Jamestown, the Godspeed and her crew left for a publicity cruise up the Chesapeake Bay,

then to New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Accompanying them overland were 21 trucks carrying equipment for their on-shore presentations.

At their first stop in Alexandria, they greeted 2,000 people a day for eight days. They then sailed to the colonial capitol of Maryland, St. Mary's City, Annapolis and Baltimore where fireboats sprayed water and the huge American flag at Ft. McHenry was flown in their honor.

Following a visit to Philadelphia, they tied up at South Street Seaport in New York. The weather was so heavy that the East River tossed green water over the bow, slightly damaging the hull.

They then visited Mystic, Plymouth, Boston, and Newport. At Plymouth, the Mayflower reenactors welcomed the Godspeed crew with a picnic. In Cuttyhunk, they visited a monument to Cap-

tain Bartholomew Gosnold, captain of the original Godspeed. He had explored this New England area in 1602-03 and found it unsuitable of English habitation.

In Boston, they tied up close to the Constitution, the never defeated, oldest U.S. Navy ship in continuous use.

In authentic costume, except for rubber soles on the 17th-century shoes which had neither right or left, the 13 men and women had spread the word of Jamestown and Virginia to many thousands of people and invited them to America's 400th birthday.

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Last year, several consumer activist organizations asked the FDA to consider banning amalgam (silver-colored) fillings.

Their concern resulted from a report questioning the safety of silver amalgam, a mix of mercury, copper, silver, and tin.

The worry was that mercury

has a detrimental effect on the nervous system.

Dentists began removing silver fillings and replaced them with a tooth-colored composite made from powdered glass or quartz and resin.

Mercury bonds with the other metals in the filling to form a stable mixture; studies show that the amount released by the amalgam is so small that it is measured in billionths of an ounce — it would take an estimated 500 fillings to affect

your health.

There is no strong scientific data to support the claim that silver fillings are unsafe; some patients, however, are having silver fillings replaced by the tooth-colored composite material for cosmetic reasons.

The FDA's expert panel will continue to study the issue.

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A Doctor Speaks

by George Moore, MD

Can the pomegranate be a miracle fruit?

This column has never promoted an herb before, but the evidence is so impressive in this case that I am pleased to break my rule. While it may be too early to promise "miraculous benefits" in response to ingesting pomegranates, the human studies supporting it are miraculous from a scientific standpoint.

In support, there are some 43 references, most of which are published in reputable medical journals. I find this remarkable since the pomegranate has long been considered a rather insignificant fruit and rarely seen in markets. I would not be surprised if some mainstream doctors begin to recommend that their patients consume this fruit juice every day.

One interesting property of pomegranate juice is that it appears to reverse existing artery disease caused by atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis can be measured in humans by conducting an ultrasound test of the carotid arteries in the neck. An ultrasound provides a specific reading of the narrowing or blockage that has occurred by measuring the thickness of the inner and middle walls of the carotid artery.

A controlled human study was conducted involving patients with severe carotid artery narrowing. One group received conventional drugs only (statins and anti-hypertensives), while the other group received pomegranate juice plus the same drugs.

After one year, the group receiving the drugs but not pomegranate showed a significant 9 percent increase in artery thickness. In contrast, the group receiving the pomegranate plus drugs showed a reduction in carotid artery thickness. The reduction of thickness was 35 percent after one year and the blood flow was improved by 44 percent.

Paraoxonase-1, an antioxidant enzyme produced in the body and associated with the beneficial HDL had increased by 83 percent. There was also a 21 percent decrease in systolic blood pressure.

The scientists attributed the positive changes to the reduction of oxidative stress in both blood and atherosclerotic plaques.

In another study, pomegranate juice reduced stress-related angina episodes by 50 percent. These studies have impressed a number of cardiologists and may make pomegranate one of the most powerful protectors against LDL oxidation. It was suggested that pomegranate may find its most important role as a means of preventing atherosclerosis than in treating it.

PSA is an enzyme that is produced by both benign and malignant prostate cells. PSA blood testing is commonly used in the diagnosis of prostate cancer. UCLA researchers reported on 50 prostate cancer patients whose PSA levels doubled on an average of 15 months after conventional therapies such as surgery or radiation. This meant that conventional therapy had

failed in these patients and that prostate tumor cells were rapidly propagating in their bodies. Administration of pomegranate juice every day reduced the PSA increase and extended the PSA "doubling time" out to an average of 54 months. In other words, it took 4.5 years or 3.6 times longer for their PSA to double again. This study suggested that older men who have been treated for prostate cancer might be able to outlive their cancer by taking pomegranate juice every day. The University of Wisconsin reported similar results.

It is interesting that several in vitro studies show that pomegranate exerts anti-tumor effects against human breast cancer cell lines. In a mammary gland organ cell culture, pomegranate caused a 47 percent inhibition of mammary cancer formation in response to a known carcinogen. Human studies are still lacking, but the existing data is compelling.

Some studies on aging rabbits have shown that long-term ingestion of pomegranate will increase penile blood flow and improve erectile response to stimulation. When aging men present with erectile dysfunction, it is often a symptom of systemic atherosclerosis, including coronary disease. The reason for this correlation is that erectile dysfunction is often caused by the narrowing or blockage of blood flow through penile arteries.

Pomegranate is nature's most powerful antioxidant. It is 95 percent absorbed and has the ability to suppress dangerous inflammatory-related disorders related to aging.

Pomegranate juice is readily available in some supermarkets and health food stores. However, the juice is bulky in weight and very high in sugar. To obtain the benefits needed, one would have to drink 4 to 8 ounces of the juice each day. Proprietary extracts have been developed to enable consumers to obtain pomegranate's active constituents without ingesting the sugar calories and at less cost.

One low-cost dry powder extract available as a tablet or capsule provides the equivalent of consuming up to 2.6 ounces of pomegranate juice (or 5 pomegranates) without sugar calories. There is also a Pomegranate extract capsule that provides the equivalent of up to 6.1 ounces of juice (or 12 pomegranates).

Throughout the orient, this fruit has since earliest times occupied a position of importance alongside the grape and the fig. It is mentioned several times in the Bible. King Solomon possessed an orchard of pomegranates; and when the children of Israel, wandering the wilderness, sighed for the abandoned comforts of Egypt, the life-giving pomegranates were remembered lovingly.

In the Muslim Qu'uran, it is called the fruit of paradise. There are some who believe it may be the fruit on the Tree of Life. Perhaps, the pomegranate has now been rediscovered in its rightful glory.

Auto show rolls into Richmond March 9

The Virginia Motor Trend International Auto Show will showcase hundreds of the hottest cars, trucks, mini-vans and sport/utility vehicles at the Greater Richmond Convention Center March 9 through March 11. The show will feature a collection of hybrids, The GM Experience, Ford Mustang display, the AAA Nextel Cup Race Car, wrestling superstar Mick Foley and Destination Wild TV host Courtney Hansen.

This show will allow attendees to check out all the latest vehicles in a non-selling environment. Showgoers are invited to sit behind the wheels, inspect engines and learn about new automotive technologies.

Attendees will be able to get behind the wheel and test drive a variety of new vehicles at The GM Experience Ride and Drive. Showgoers can feel the performance and handling of over 25 exciting new models from Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Hummer, Pontiac, Saab and Saturn including the all-new GMC Acadia and award-winning Chevrolet Silverado and Saturn Aura. The GM Experience is available to attendees with a valid driver's license, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all show days.

The show will also feature a collection of classic and performance Ford Mustangs, courtesy of the Central Virginia Mustang Club. The display of Mustangs will include a 1964½ Mustang, 1966 Mustang Convertible, 1995 Mustang Cobra and a 2002 Saleen Mustang.

Also on display will be the Roush Racing/AAA #6 Ford Fusion Nextel Cup series car, as well as a race car simulator. The 2007-models on display will include the Dodge Nitro, Ford Edge, Nissan Versa, Toyota Yaris, Volkswagen Eos and a variety of hybrid vehicles including the Toyota Camry, Saturn Vue Green Line, Lexus GS and Honda Civic. Attendees also will get a sneak-peek at models yet to hit the dealer showrooms including the pre-production Ford Focus, Ford F-250 and Mercury Mariner.

College students who purchase one adult admission ticket with a valid college ID will receive a second adult admission free with a second valid college ID March 9.

Mick Foley will sign autographs for fans between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 9. Regarded as a wrestling icon, he also is an author who has written several books including two New York Times bestsellers entitled *Have a Nice Day!* and *Mick Foley's Christmas Chaos*.

Courtney Hansen will sign autographs for fans between 4 and 8 p.m. March 10. She hosts "Destination Wild," a

travel series for Fox Sports Net (FSN) and Spike TV's "Power Block." She recently finished her first book entitled *The Garage Girl's Guide To Everything You Need to Know About Your Car*.

Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult March 11. Additionally, there will be a special meet and greet appearance with Marvel's comic book Super Hero Spider Man between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Virginia Motor Trend International Auto Show is presented by the Greater Richmond New Car Dealers Association, sponsored by the Richmond Times-Dispatch along with CarSeeker.com and produced by Motor Trend Auto Shows Inc.

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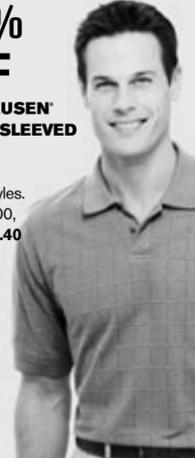
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Indians stomp Devils for tournament title, 59-42

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

After losing twice to Lancaster during the regular season, the Lady Indians upended the Devils last week, 59-42, to claim the Northern Neck District Tournament basketball title.

The Lady Devils had entered the tourney as the district favorite after going unbeaten at 8-0 for their first ever Northern Neck regular season championship.

"Northumberland played one of the best games they've played all season," said LHS coach Joanne Webb-Fary. "They've pressed us full court before and so have other teams, but I think mentally we were already looking past that game."

The Lady Devils had their sights on a Region A quarterfinal against Tri-Rivers Charles City. Lancaster was scheduled to host the first-round game earlier this week. A win there would put them into tonight's (February 22) semifinal game at Lancaster against the winner of the Arcadia-Mathews match-up.

Franklin beat Charles City, 71-66, in the Tri-Rivers tournament championship last Saturday with two of the Panthers combining for 51 points.

"We have to concentrate on them," said Webb-Fary. "And no way can we do a man-to-man. They're just too fast."

No doubt, the Panthers will be concentrating on LHS freshman Andrea White, who averages just over 19 points per game and scored 14 against the Indians in last Thursday's tourney final. White is the Northern Neck District player of the year.

White was kept in check from the floor last week, hitting only three field goals against the Lady Indians. She managed to do most of her scoring at the line, sinking 8 of 14 free throws.

Amber Smith added 13 points, including nine on three pointers, for Lancaster. Tyesha Harvey was held to three points, well below her 9.6 points-per-game average.

Northumberland had three double-digit scorers: Ciara Turner led the charge with 14 points. Monet Stevenson scored 11 and Jalisha Jones 10.

Lancaster and Northumberland traded baskets in the opening minutes before Northumberland exploded with an 11-4 run to take the lead for good. The Indians went up 18-6 with 1:23 to go in the first quarter and expanded their lead to 13 early in the second period.

A smothering full-court press by the Indians kept Lancaster scoreless for nearly four minutes in the second period until Rayna Randle finally hit from the floor for the



Lancaster's Tyesha Harvey drives to the basket by Northumberland defenders Sydnee Baker (33) and Monet Stevenson (12). Harvey and teammate Andrea White were named to the all-district first team.

Devils. Randle's field goal, Amber Smith's three-pointer and three free throws by White accounted for all of Lancaster's eight points in the second quarter.

A 14-3 run in a three-minute span by the Indians proved to be too much for Lancaster to overcome, despite the point-for-point scoring in the second half.

In the tournament semifinals, Lancaster beat Washington & Lee, 66-54, with Harvey scoring 22 points to lead all scorers. White chipped in 20.

Kelisha Johnson led the Eagles with 13 points.

Also in first round action, Northumberland downed Essex, 35-28. Turner scored 10 points and Stevenson and Samantha Lewis added eight each for the Indians.

Arlice Baker led Essex with 12. Northumberland...18 16 16 9 - 59
Lancaster.....10 8 15 9 - 42
Northumberland - Turner 14, Messick 7, Stevenson 11, Howard 1, Jones 10, Lewis 8, Baker 8. Three-point goals: Jones 2, Lewis 2.
Lancaster - Harvey 3, Smith 13, Randle 2, Ransome 6, Jones 4, White 14. Three-point goals: Smith 3.



Lancaster High's Joanne Webb-Fary, who was named the district coach of the year, gives her players a pep talk during a timeout in last week's tournament championship.

Lady Devils advance to Region A semifinals at Lancaster on Friday

Tyesha Harvey scored 24 points and Andrea White 15 to lead the Lady Devils over Charles City, 67-61, in a Region A quarterfinal Tuesday.

Lancaster will host Mathews tonight (February 22) in a semifinal game at Lancaster High School at 8 p.m.

The Blue Devils were 62-55 winners in overtime over Arcadia in another region quarterfinal.

After trading baskets with the Tri-Rivers' number two team in the first half, Lancaster came out of the locker room to close a four-point gap and take a six-point lead, the biggest of the night for either team, at the end of the third. The Devils went up by 10 after a three-point play by Harvey and a three-pointer by Amber Smith with six minutes to go in the game.

Deborah Smith did almost all of the scoring for Charles City, with a game-high 45 points. Smith scored all but eight of her team's 33 in the first half and hit four three-pointers on the night. Jolisa Williams added 12 points for the Panthers.



Lancaster's Andrea White and Northumberland's Samantha Lewis fight for ball control, resulting in a jump ball. A freshman, White was selected by coaches as the Northern Neck District player of the year.

White named girls' player of the year

Andrea White, who averaged 19.1 points per game and led Lancaster's girls to their first ever Northern Neck District championship, was named the district player of the year last week.

White was also named to the all-district first team along with teammate Tyesha Harvey, who averaged 9.6 points per game.

Joanne Webb-Fary, whose team went unbeaten at 8-0 for the regular season title and is 15-5 overall heading into this week's Region A tournament, was named the district coach of the year.

Northumberland, who claimed the tournament championship over the Lady Devils last Thurs-

day, named Monet Stevenson to the all-district first team. Others on the honor squad included Arlice Baker of Essex and Clare Clements of Rappahannock.

Those named to the district's second team included Samantha Lewis and Kara Messick of Northumberland, Adrienne Lockett of Washington & Lee, Jasmine Dilworth of Rappahannock and De Audrea Sha Rich of Essex.

Lancaster also had four players named to the all-academic team: White, Harvey, Takeia Jones and Taylor Nelson. Northumberland placed three on the academic squad. They are Messick, Stevenson and Ciara Turner.

Scoreboard

Varsity boys basketball

Northern Neck District tournament
Final
Northumberland 80, Rappahannock 59
Semifinals
Northumberland 61, Lancaster 38
Rappahannock 72, Essex 67

Varsity girls basketball

Northern Neck District tournament
Final
Northumberland 59, Lancaster 42
Semifinals
Lancaster 66, W&L 54
Northumberland 35, Essex 28

Wrestling

Northern Neck District tournament
1. Lancaster 348. 2. W&L 171. 3. Northumberland 147. 4. Essex 95.

Upcoming Games

Boys basketball
Region A tournament
February 23:
Semifinals at Lancaster High School
Winners of Franklin vs. Rappahannock and King William vs. Northampton, 6:30 p.m.
Winners of Arcadia vs. Middlesex and Northumberland vs. Surry, 8 p.m.
February 24:
Final at Lancaster High School, 8 p.m.

Girls basketball
Region A tournament
February 22:
Semifinals at Lancaster High School
Winners of Franklin vs. Northumberland and West Point vs. Northampton, 6:30 p.m.
Winners of Arcadia vs. Mathews and Lancaster vs. Charles City, 8 p.m.
February 24:
Final at Lancaster High School, 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling
February 24:
Region A tournament at Northampton High School (10 a.m.)

Indians win season and tournament championships

Top seeded Northumberland claimed its second Northern Neck trophy last Friday, beating Rappahannock, 80-59, to win the boys basketball tournament championship.

The Indians went 6-2 in the district to win the regular season title and are now 19-5 overall with a home berth in this week's Region A tournament. Northumberland was scheduled to host Surry last night.

The regional semifinals and final will be at Lancaster High School Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24.

Northumberland's Tony Starks led all scorers in the championship game, scoring 21 points to pace four double-digit scorers for the Indians.

The district player of the year, Lavar Rich, chipped in 19 points for the Indians while Russell Seymour scored 15 and Justin Brunt 14.

Durvin Lucas scored 15 points to lead Rappahannock and Grant Rice added 13.

The Raiders, with a 4-4 district record and an 8-12 over-

all record, entered this week's regional tournament as the Northern Neck's number two team and were travelling to Franklin for a regional semifinal.

First round
In the first round of the district tournament, Rappahannock beat Essex, 72-67.

Blake led the Raiders with 20 points. John Dille paced the Trojans and all scorers with 26 points.

Brunt scored 20 points and Rich 18 as the Indians rolled by Lancaster, 61-38, in the other semifinal last Wednesday.

After battling to secure a fourth-place tournament berth with a 59-48 playoff win over Washington & Lee, the Devils posted one of their lowest scoring games of the season in the semifinal.

Trevor Henderson and Quinton Henderson accounted for nearly half of Lancaster's total with 10 points each.

The Devils finished with a 3-5 district record and 12-8 overall mark.

Sports Shorts

Rich earns top spot

As expected, the Northern Neck District's top team took the top spots on the boys basketball honor squad last week.

Northumberland's Lavar Rich, who led the league in scoring with a 20.7 per game average, was named the Northern Neck's player of the year and Michael Stevenson was chosen by peers as coach of the year. Stevenson led the Indians to a 6-2 Northern Neck record and a 19-5 overall mark as both the regular season and tournament champions.

Rich also was named to the all-district first team along with Lancaster's Trevor Henderson, Essex High's John Dille, Washington & Lee's Jermaine Weldon and Rappahannock's Durvin Lucas.

Henderson was Lancaster's scoring leader, averaging 13.1 points per game, while Dille led the district in free throw shooting, hitting 77.7 percent of foul shots or 73 of 94 during the regular season. Dille also was second in the district in scoring with a 14.9 points-per-game average.

Lancaster senior Cleon Rice was named to the all-district second team. Others selected for the second team are Russell Seymour and Justin Brunt of Northumberland, Ryan Lowe of Essex, Xavier Plummer of Washington & Lee and Daniel Blake of Rappahannock.

Rice and Michael Saunders of Lancaster also were named to the district all-academic team.

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Sat	2/24	1:25	4:45	1:25	6:44	10:46	5:54	11:35
Sun	2/25	2:33	5:55	2:33	6:43	11:39	5:55	12:46
Mon	2/26	3:33	7:08	3:33	6:42	12:39	5:56	1:54
Tue	2/27	4:23	8:15	4:23	6:40	1:43	5:57	2:55
Wed	2/28	5:03	9:12	5:03	6:39	2:49	5:58	3:47
Thu	3/1	5:37	10:00	5:37	6:38	3:54	5:59	4:31
Fri	3/2	6:04	10:42	6:04	6:36	4:56	6:00	5:09

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Thomas Frere of Lancaster pins his Northumberland opponent at the district tournament, where he was named the Northern Neck's wrestler of the year.

Red Devils wrestling team produces several champions

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster High produced ten of the Northern Neck District's 14 individual wrestling champions last Friday in claiming the district tournament championship.

The Devils were 177 points better than second-place Washington & Lee, scoring an impressive team total of 348. The Eagles' first-year wrestling team was second with 171 points, Northumberland third with 147 and Essex fourth with 95.

Lancaster's wrestlers also took three of the top four coaches awards with senior Thomas Frere selected as the district's wrestler of the year. Frere, who has a 30-10 record so far this season, celebrated his 100th career win in January. He also was the district champion among 145-pounders last Friday after going 3-0 with a tech-fall and a pin.

Frere's younger brother, Sam, received the lightweight most outstanding wrestler award of the tournament. A 130-pound sophomore, Frere went unbeaten with three pins as the district champion.

Lancaster's Corbin Marchand was decorated as the tournament's most outstanding middleweight after the senior went 3-0 as the district champion at 160 pounds.

Daniel Bowen of Essex, who was named the district champion at 171 pounds, was named tournament's most outstanding heavyweight.

Lancaster's Ross Kellum (119) also went unbeaten as the district champion, along with teammates Ibraheem Bullock (135), Kendrick Diggs (140), Robert Lally (152), Louis Santangelo (189), LB Shelton (215) and Kenny Wilson (heavyweight).

Bullock and Diggs had three pins each, while Lally had two pins and a major decision. Santangelo also had two pins and a decision and Wilson had two pins.

Lancaster's Robert Wineland (103), Weston Johnson (112), Ryan Joyner (125) and Darryl Doggett (171) each went 2-1 as district runners-up.

Northumberland produced one district champion in 103-pounder Matthew Mooers, while W&L had two Northern Neck champs in 112-pounder Lucas Tyler and 125-pounder Sigfredo Luna.

"I was very impressed with Washington & Lee's program, to be a first-year program and come in second," said LHS coach Craig



Lancaster's Louis Santangelo is flipped up and over by his Northumberland opponent, but comes down in control to eventually win the match. Santangelo went 3-0 as the district champion among 189-pounders.



Ross Kellum of Lancaster was the district champion at 119 after going unbeaten at last Friday's district tournament.

Oren. "Coach David Wilkerson is doing a great job."

Lancaster, which is sporting a 30-3 team record, will vie for its third straight Region A championship Saturday, February 24, at Northampton High School.

"We're very excited about our chances," said Oren. "We've squeaked by and won it the past two years and this year we're

anxious for a third regional win. I feel like if they perform to their ability, we can win it again."

The top four wrestlers in each weight class at regionals will advance to the Group A tournament at Salem Civic Center March 1. Lancaster took 11 wrestlers to state competition last year, when they finished 10th in team scoring.

Coaches named for 2007 Norlan All Star games

Lancaster's Joanne Webb-Fary and West Point's Mark Ware will join veteran All Star coaches Joe Harper of King William and Michael Stevenson of Northumberland for the ninth annual Norlan Shriners All Star games at Lancaster High School March 17.

Webb-Fary will coach the Northern Neck All Star girls against Ware who will be the Tidewater girls coach. Stevenson, who will be at the helm of the Northern Neck boys for the third straight year, will face Harper who coached the Tidewater girls last year.

The 2006 All Star games will feature the best players in the Northern Neck District versus the best of the Tidewater District in both boys and girls with each team providing two senior players.

A traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning teams and a most valuable player award will be presented after the games. Each player also will be awarded an Olympic-style medal, gold for the winners and silver for the runners-up.

A half court shootout for \$100 will take place at the intermission of both contests. This event is open to the public for a \$1 fee and is first come, first serve.

The All-Star games are sponsored by the Norlan Shrine Club as a fund-raiser for their many charitable endeavors. Admission is \$5. The first game time is 6:30 p.m.

Sports

Charting a course

The Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron will offer a Chart Smart course for boaters March 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Northumberland County Public Library in Heathsville.

The fee is \$45 and includes a student manual, a reference book, *GPS for Mariners*, and a plotting kit. To register, contact Twy Williams by March 12 at 529-5093, or twynan@msn.com.

Lancaster Little League

The Lancaster County Little League will hold registration for the 2007 season February 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dreamfields in Kilmarnock.

Boys and girls, ages 5 to 18, are eligible. Registration is \$40 per person, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. First-time players should bring a copy of their birth certificates and parents of all players should bring proof of Lancaster County residency, in the form of a driver's license or any bill showing a 911 address.

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Christchurch repeats as Prep League champions

Christchurch School used a second half run to overcome some poor shooting in the first half last Saturday and beat Collegiate School, 50-42, in the Virginia Prep League Tournament championship game in Richmond.

With the win, the Seahorses claimed their second consecutive VPL Championship Trophy and their fifth title overall in school history.

Christchurch struggled to find the basket in the first half against Collegiate and trailed at intermission, 21-10.

Christchurch quickly chipped into the Cougars' lead early in the second half with J'Courtney Williams exploding for 10 of his game-high 15 points in the third quarter.

On two consecutive possessions in the waning moments of the game, Deion Walker hit layups to secure the CCS win. It was not until Williams' baseline drive and pull-up jumper with about 30 seconds left in the game that Christchurch secured the win.

Christchurch's 40-21 run in the

second half allowed the squad to overcome its worst first-half shooting performance of the season. Two Walker drives, a Williams post-up move, a 3-pointer by Jason Miltz, and a Washington free throw were the only scoring for CCS in the first half.

Christchurch beat Trinity, 62-57, in last Friday's semifinal.

The Seahorses jumped to an early 8-0 lead and never trailed in the contest, despite a late-game rally by Trinity.

Christchurch had a 17-10 advantage after one quarter and stretched the lead to 30-21 by the half. Down 52-36 with seven minutes left, Trinity started sinking three-pointers and sliced the 16-point Christchurch lead down to a mere two points with 55 seconds to play. Some cool free throw shooting in the final minute by Presley, Williams and Washington sealed the 5-point win for the Seahorses.

Presley scored a game-high 20 points, hitting 8 of 9 field goal attempts. Williams added 15 points and 7 rebounds. Washington had

14 points, 8 assists and only one turnover.

Christchurch began its Virginia Prep League Tournament run on February 13 with a 62-55 win over Woodberry Forest School, behind 17 points by Williams and 14 from Eddie Prato.

For their efforts, Williams, Presley, and Walker were named to the All-Virginia Prep League Tournament Team. Williams also earned the tournament's MVP award.

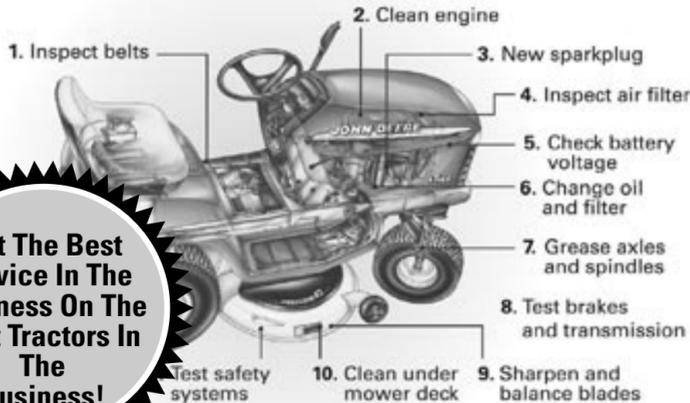
Christchurch will head to Alexandria today (Thursday, February 22) to participate in the Sleepy Thompson Tournament at St. Stephen's St. Agnes School. The Seahorses' first round opponent will be St. John's Catholic Prep School of Frederick, Md.

With their second consecutive Virginia Prep League Championship, Christchurch almost assuredly guaranteed themselves a spot in next week's VIS State Championship Tournament for a second straight year. VIS play will begin on Tuesday, February 27.



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Aeronautics is growing

Aeronautical engineer Bob Ransone gave members and guests of the Northern Neck Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Association, a slide show on recent aircraft design and equipment.

Ransone described the F-58 Hustler with Mach 2 capability and VTOL and STOL capable aircraft. He also showed slipstream turboprops, turbojets, externally blown control surfaces, "verti jets" of the USAF, tilt wings air craft and radial lift propellers.

Companies involved included Lockheed Martin, Convair, Bell, Ryan, Fairchild, Douglas, Grumman, Curtiss Wright and those of foreign nations.

Aeronautics is a constantly growing and developing industry.

Ransone's program helped those who remember the biplane realize the amazing leap of aircraft developments. A question period followed.

The next program will be March 15 at the Pilot House at Hummel Field at noon.

The chapter also is planning an April 26 trip to Quantico to visit the Marine Museum. Pick ups will be made at the Pilot House at 8 a.m., Ice House Fields at 8:10 a.m., Lancaster Square at 8:25 a.m., Chesapeake Bank in Lively at 8:45 a.m. and at the BP Gas Station at Route 3 and Route 360 at 9:15 a.m. To make reservations, call Bob Schneider at 462-7763.

Monthly meetings are open to the public. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in flying.



Crossing over

From left, Matthew Joyner, Elijah Lewis, Joshua Moore, Justin Lewis, Shawn Valdrighi and Nick Nonnemacker crossed over from Webelo II to become Boy Scouts during Cub Scout Pack 242's annual Blue and Gold Banquet last Sunday. Cub Scout Pack 242 is recruiting new members in grades one through five while Boy Scout Troop 242 is seeking interested sixth-grade boys and older to join. For more information, call 435-6688 or 435-3820.



Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club president Bob Berry (left) presents longtime member Larry Taylor with a plaque for his years of leadership and service.

Taylor honored by shooting club

Larry Taylor of the Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club was honored at its February 13 meeting with a plaque acknowledging his many contributions.

In 1982, Taylor was among a small group of shooting sports enthusiasts who formed the club. Taylor had been a competitive marksman for several decades and had participated in many organized shooting matches, including National Rifle Association sanctioned events.

As a result, from its inception the club had the benefit of Taylor's experience with the operation of quality shooting ranges.

The club's range near White Stone has been developed over the years following National Rifle Association standards of best practices and contains facilities for pistol, rifle and shotgun competitions. Much of the improvement has taken place with Taylor as a leading participant.

"Of the volunteer labor devoted to range improvements,

the number of hours Larry Taylor has contributed is unmatched," said president Bob Berry.

For the past 25 years, Taylor has served as the club's chief instructor and safety officer. Membership has grown and Taylor has educated many people in the safe and proper use of firearms. He has also taught community members in his classes.

Taylor holds NRA certification to qualify other marksmen to conduct firearms education. The club's cadre of instructors have been trained by Taylor.

The club annually conducts shooting matches to test a variety of marksmanship skills. A focused competitor, Taylor has won the most championships and routinely finishes near the top. In 2006, he placed second overall.

For 2007, Taylor chose to retire from active club management by declining to stand for re-election as an officer.

Leukemia Cup to host Jobson; schedule of events announced

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) will open the 9th Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup season with an appearance in Richmond March 16 by Gary Jobson.

A world-class sailor, television commentator and author, Jobson will speak on topics including the 100th Anniversary Race to Bermuda, the U.S. Sailing Team Heading for the China Olympic Games, the 2007 Acura Key West Race Week, the America's Cup, the 2005 Rolex Transatlantic Challenge, and the Volvo Ocean Race.

An inspirational cancer survivor, he is also the national Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Honorary Chair for the Leukemia Cup Regattas. FBYC is the venue for the Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta in Deltaville July 6 to 8.

Jobson also will autograph copies of two of his recent books available for purchase, *Championship Sailing* and *A Cats. A*

portion of book proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The event is open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Moot Courtroom of the University of Richmond Law School. Admission is \$20 per person with all students, including college students, eligible for a reduced \$10 fee. Tickets can be pre-purchased at www.fbyc.net, or reserved for purchase at the door by calling Sue Willis at 1-800-866-4483.

Related Leukemia Cup events include

- A junior challenge at Christchurch School May 12.
- A kayak tour at the Deltaville Maritime Museum May 12.
- Arts on Fishing Bay at Fishing Bay Yacht Club June 8
- A junior sail-a-thon at Fishing Bay Yacht Club June 21.
- An auction at Fishing Bay Yacht Club July 6.
- The Regatta at Fishing Bay Yacht Club July 7 and 8.
- A gala at Fishing Bay Yacht Club July 7.

Speedway picks official fuel

Virginia Motor Speedway recently announced that Sunoco Race Fuels has signed on to become the "Official Fuel" of Virginia Motor Speedway.

The 2007 season will open March 17 with an open practice for all divisions.

"We are extremely proud to welcome Sunoco and their line of racing fuels to Virginia Motor Speedway. This partnership will not only provide our racers with the finest fuels in the business, but will also give us the opportunity to market our speedway to thousands of potential fans at the many Sunoco retail outlets in the Mid-Atlantic region," said track general manager Clarke Sawyer.

Sunoco Race Fuels is the "Official Fuel" of the Lucas Oil Dirt Sries, MACS Super Late Model Series and the Advance Auto Parts Super DIRT Series, all of which will be competing at Virginia Motor Speedway in 2007.

"We are very excited to partner with Virginia Motor Speedway. Bill Sawyer, with the help of his staff, has built one of the premier facilities in the country. We look forward to building a long-standing partnership that will benefit both our companies," said Don VanValkenburgh, National Sales Manager for Sunoco Performance Products.

Sunoco Performance Products is the largest manufacturer of racing gasoline in the world. Sunoco Race Fuels are designed to meet the quality and consistency needs of professional racers.

Virginia Motor Speedway, an ASA Member Track affiliate, is a half-mile, dirt oval. The track is on Route 17 in Jamaica, eight miles north of Saluda, and 25 miles south of Tappahannock.

For a 2007 schedule of events, call the Speedway at 804-758-1867, or visit www.vamotor-speedway.com.

Derby names new director

Andy Kauders, president of Smith Point Sea Rescue, announced today that Tony Sica has been named tournament director for the 24th annual Reedville Bluefish Derby.

The Reedville Bluefish Derby is the oldest tournament of its kind on the Chesapeake Bay. The 2007 derby will be held June 8 and 9 at Buzzards Point Marina in Reedville.

Sica noted that with a limit of 300 boats, it is important that people wishing to fish in the derby register early.

"The top croaker prize has been increased to \$3,000, second place is \$2,000 and third place for croaker will be \$1,000," said Sica.

Derby applications may be obtained online at reedvillebluefishderby.com, or from Jetts's Hardware in Reedville, 453-5325.

Bridge Results

Six tables of bridge were in play February 13 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Jane Hughes; and second, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Helen Kinne and Joy Straughan; and second, Vera Romaine and Dee Brown.

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

Dessert Card Day scheduled

The annual St. Patrick Dessert Card Day, a fund-raiser for The Haven, will be held March 15 in De Sales Hall on Church Street in Kilmarnock at 12:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Women of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Players of bridge, mahjong, bunco, canasta, rummy, dominos, uno, and similar games are welcome.

The cost is \$20 per table. For reservations, call Barbara Newland at 462-5139. The event is limited to 24 tables.

Seven tables of duplicate bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone February 14.

Winners north/south were first, Arden Durham and Babs Murphy; second, Betty and Bob Bolster; and third, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams.

Winners east/west were first, Terry Taylor and Jim Thompson; second (tie) Ronnie Gester and Margaret Livesay, and Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger.

Six-and-a-half tables of bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone February 15. Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Babs Murphy; second, Ilva Doggett and Kay Williams; and third, Arden Durham and Ginger Klapp.

Winners east/west were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; second, Carolyn Reed and Rebecca Harger; and third, Shirley Crockett and Suzi Winters.

The next bridge for this group will be Monday, February 26, at 1 p.m.

Bowling Results

Men's League

On February 15, Sal's Pizza won three games against Hammock's Printing. For Sal's, Bill Hendershot bowled the high set of the week of 402 with games of 110, 155 and 137. Bob Huff rolled games of 121, 142 and 130 in a 393 set. Clay Gill had a 134 game and Wayne Condrey rolled a 126 game. For Hammock's, Ernie George bowled the high set of 360 with games of 118 and 134. Gary Hodge rolled games of 135 and 120. Herbert Hammock a 120 game and Benny Balderson a 116 game.

D&L Marine Construction won three games against Evans Bowling Center. For D&L, Steve Hinson bowled the high set of 390 with games of 125 and 157. Doug Hundley rolled a 115 game in a 326 set. Dana Stillman had a 106 game and Bob Lamkin had a 92 game. For Evans, David George bowled the high set of 349 with games of 122, 114 and 113. Woodie Evans rolled games of 113 and 126. Richard Savalina had a 121 game and Bunks Mitchell a game of 107.

The Bowling Boys won two games and lost one against the High Rollers. For the Bowling Boys, Louis Coates bowled the high set of 389 with games of 110, 133 and 146. John Hollowell rolled games of 121 and 134 in a 351 set. Scotty George had a 143 game and Ryan Dawson bowled a 122 game. For the High Rollers, Steve Edwards rolled a 121 game in a 331 set. Rolaid Lewis bowled a game of 120 in a 331 set. Curly Lewis had games of 114 and 116. Frank Perkins rolled two games of 113.

High game: Curly Lewis, 192; Louis Coates, 187; John Hollowell, 183; Steve Edwards, 178; Herbert Hammock, 168.

High set: Louis Coates, 463; Curly Lewis, 439; Rolaid Lewis, 426; Steve Edwards, 418; Herbert Hammock, 417.

High team game: High Rollers, 598; Bowling Boys, 560; Sal's, 546; Hammock's, 534; D&L, 526; Evans, 520.

High team set: Sal's, 1,553; Bowling Boys, 1,537; High Rollers, 1,519; Hammock's, 1,490; D&L, 1,482; Evans, 1,462.

High average: Louis Coates, 130; Bill Hendershot, 121; Herbert Hammock, 120; Wayne Condrey, Bob Huff and Curly Lewis, 119.

Standings	W	L
Sal's Pizza	16	5
High Rollers	12	9
Bowling Boys	10	11
Hammock's	9	12
Evans	9	12
D&L Marine	7	14

Ladies League

The Misfits won two games against Callis Seafood when Betty Steffey bowled a 363 set with games of 131 and 133. Becky Thrift rolled a 309 set with games of 101 and 115. Jean Reynolds had a 122 game. For Callis, Mary Savalina bowled a 318 set with games of 101, 105 and 112. Gayle Conrad rolled a 303 set with games of 105 and 118.

TCH Oil won three games against R.P. Waller when Greta Walker bowled a 340 set with games of 108, 115 and 117. Vivian Callaway rolled a 319 set with a 122 game. Marie Piccard had a 305 set with games of 102 and 104. Cathy Savalina bowled a 386 set with games of 118, 122 and 146. For R.P. Waller, Dee Atkins rolled a 300 set with games of 103 and 108. Ola Nash had a 309 set with games of 102 and 111. Ilva Jett bowled a

102 game. Claudette Hames rolled a 102 game and Marsha Nash had a game of 103.

D&L Doc-n-Divas won three games against Yeatman's Forklift when JoAnne Paulette bowled a 353 set with games of 103, 106 and 144. Linda Lake rolled a 330 set with games of 105, 112 and 113. Terry Stillman had a 383 set with games of 108, 117 and 158. Bev Benson bowled a 302 set with a 111 game. For Yeatman's, Theresa Davis rolled a 327 set with games of 106, 106 and 115. Pat Harris rolled a 105 game. Gladys Sisson had a 107 game and Alma George bowled a 101 game.

Standings	W	L
D&L	11	4
TCH Oil	8	6
R.P. Waller	6	7
Yeatman's	5	9
Callis Seafood	3	9
Misfits	3	9

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Agility is a Team Sport

▼ **Kirbys volunteered behind the scenes to keep shows running smooth** (continued from page A1)

of functions during her 20 years with a printing company, then served a few years as church secretary before beginning her 10-year career locally as a church treasurer.

Pat applied his natural talents to become a self-trained engineer for Tidewater Construction and at least one of their subsidiaries. He started as a draftsman and finished out 32 years later with responsibilities as office engineer.

With his subtle wit and verbal agility, Pat reported that Moore "hired" him on about 10 years ago. Dot signed on about a year later.

In recent years, Dot organized all the ticket sales for the foundation's "On Stage" series in the almost 500-seat Lancaster Middle School Theater. Her duties included arranging the yearly seasonal ticket sales for the sold-out performances; urging regular ticket-holders to give her advance notice when they wouldn't be attending so that their vacant seats could be sold again at the door; logging about 20 hours of phone calls before each performance to ensure that everyone who wanted a ticket could get one, and then distributing tickets the night of the performance in the lobby.

When explaining the intricacies of all this selling and reselling, the friendly and articulate lady with the big smile modestly said she never had to disappoint anyone to whom she promised an available seat.

It could be that her pastimes of cross-stitch—including creating a quilt for each of the 10 grandkids—crossword puzzles and word jumbles aided her in figuring out how to fill the checkerboard-like pattern of empty seats for each performance with just the right number of lucky one-nighters, usually about 25 to 30 each show.

This volunteer "job" required many hours. For the six weeks or so each year when all the seasonal patrons' checks came in, it was like a regular part-time job. During that time, she would be making bank deposits of \$25,000 to \$30,000 every couple of days, she said.

"I like handling somebody else's money," she said.

Dot says Dee Rogers taught her the ropes and now Dot has confi-



The Kirbys will be trading this view of Tabbs Creek for the mountains of Virginia.

dently turned things over to Barbara Lovell.

While Dot was out front taking money and passing out tickets, Pat was backstage handling all kinds of other details to help both the performers and the audience enjoy the show.

Originally asked to build the giant box to house and safeguard the heirloom grand piano whose restoration he had overseen, the natural-born engineer also designed and built other cabinets to house RFA apparatus and paraphernalia.

But he was "hired on," as the volunteer likes to say, to be the RFA's liaison with the middle school's principal.

Over the years, he performed many and varied duties for the organization. Dot recalled the summer a few years ago when the new air conditioning was installed in the theater. Pat served as RFA's liaison with the contractor, going to the school on a daily basis to monitor the progress of the job.

Along with other general stagehand duties, he also walked the

catwalk high overhead the stage to change the lighting for this or that show. Although his job description expanded, his pay stayed the same—volunteer.

He developed a reputation as the "go-to man." When a problem required solving or particular equipment needed to be located, he was the man "to go to."

Maria Laqueur, head of the presenters committee, which researches, previews, and then makes all arrangements to bring in the professional talent for "On Stage," said recently that "none of the shows would happen without the technical crew" which handles the lights, sound, and backstage chores.

"They're always ready when the artists arrive," she explained, and "they do a wonderful job."

Pat also drafted son William (called Kirby by everyone, including his parents) in recent years as the sound board technician either up in the booth at the rear of the theater or on the stage floor.

"Everyone I've had to deal with

has been first class," Pat said of his colleagues and contacts during his RFA era.

Of the performers the couple has worked with over the years, they said guitarists and vocalists Robin and Linda Williams seemed to be the most popular with the crowd. Dot described them as a "very down-home act" and said she could have sold 100 more tickets each time they came to the area.

"They were so friendly and homey," Dot said. "That's the only group that thanked the electricians and stagehands from the stage during the performance," and also personally afterwards, Pat added.

Exit: stage west

Now the Kirbys are making plans for their next adventure in living which will take them to the western part of the state.

"We want to live in the mountains now," Dot announced happily. In fact, they know the area to which they plan to move. They have had first-hand experience with the Radford and Christiansburg or even Harrisonburg areas since their

daughter went to Harrisonburg's James Madison when it was still a college and a grandson attended college in Radford.

In addition to the James Madison daughter, the couple has two other girls and son Kirby—the only grandson Pat's parents had, he noted. Kirby lives in the Northern Neck, two daughters are in Virginia Beach, and the third lives in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The couple has 10 grandkids and six great-grandchildren.

"We want to buy at least five acres and have a house built," Pat said. "It will be a lot of work to get the yard in shape—just a few flowers and grass." Hopefully, some mature trees will be on part of the property, he added.

"He loves to cut the grass," explained Dot, emphasizing the verb. She added, "He's a perfectionist."

They plan to be active in a church from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Pat described Dot as a "liberal" and himself as a "moderate," religiously speaking, as he casually demonstrated his understanding of Baptist religious history.

Dot confessed that the hardest thing about the pending move is the waiting to sell the house after they had turned over all their volunteer responsibilities to others. She said they are eager to get started in their new life out west and get back to doing things.

Facing retirement

"I think you will come face to face with your mortality," Pat said without hesitation. "There's nothing ahead of you but the end. But don't be so serious. Look for a good time," he added.

"It's a whole lot better if you joke about it," offered Pat on the subject of living and its alternative.

"I like to enjoy myself on the spur of the moment and not plan at all," he added.

Dot offered her advice in a practical and matter-of-fact way. "Find something to do rather than stay home. I like to go and do," she admitted.

"Volunteer in all kinds of things and find one you like. You'll never find it if you stay home," she added.

Space heater ignites structure

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

LANCASTER—Firefighters from Upper Lancaster, Kilmarnock and White Stone responded to their second major structure fire in two weeks early Sunday morning.

A new 2,700-square-foot home being built in Western Branch Preserve subdivision in Lancaster was destroyed after a space heater ignited in the home's garage.

According to Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department chief Robert "Bones" Beckham, the home had already burned to its foundation when he arrived around 4:40 a.m. A neighbor alerted the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department at 4:20 a.m.

About 30 firemen helped to contain the fire and kept it from reaching a nearby field of dry grass. Firefighters remained on the scene until 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Chris Flora of Bowling Green was building the investment property, which was about 95 percent complete, according to Beckham.

Investigators determined the fire started in the garage, where Flora was using a space heater to dry recently painted shutters.

No one was occupying the home.

▼ **Funding . . .**

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on fiscal budget year 2007-08 capital expenditures which may include a new town center and utility infrastructure upgrades, expansion and maintenance.

After a public hearing regarding a new code to establish a five-foot clearance on sidewalks in the Steptoe's District, the ordinance was tabled for clarification. Commissioners felt the wording of the code was unclear and open to interpretation.

A request by commissioner Steve Bonner to set up two new districts in Kilmarnock outside the Steptoe's District was also tabled for further review and discussion. During last month's meeting, Bonner asked commissioners to consider designating the commercial area north of town as the "Crossroads District" and the residential area to the south as "Scottish District." Town manager Lee Capps asked that the discussion be postponed because of a possible conflict with naming the historic district.

Among other issues, a group of six citizens asked commissioners to consider an ordinance that would restrict video stores from openly displaying pornographic materials. Speaking on behalf of the group, Fabiola Gergerich of Saluda cited laws already adopted in the counties of King George, Carroll and Stafford.

Gergerich claimed the intent is not to ban the materials, but to protect the health, safety and welfare of minors and preserve the quality of community life by segregating materials from general public areas.

Another citizen, Elaine Weekly, asked commissioners to think about what the town can do to address global warming and to consider adoption of a "green policy" if they had not already done so.

▼ **Federal authorities may have had a hand in sending drums to Lancaster site** (continued from page A1)

Sternberg. The EPA handed out fact sheets to residents Tuesday. Crews installed a road to the site early this week. They also built a staging area for testing and preparing the drums for transportation and installed a decontamination pad for cleaning equipment and vehicles.

Sternberg said crews are scheduled to install monitoring wells late this week and field teams plan to sample the ground water next week, but it will be three weeks before the extent of the contamination or the danger to neighboring residents is known.

The local government is now "in the loop," said county administrator Bill Pennell. As soon as he learned of the cleanup effort, he obtained the essential EPA fact sheets and provided them to key county personnel.

In the meantime, the EPA is trying to find the responsible parties. The cleanup is expected to cost upwards of \$2 million and the EPA intends to recover that cost if possible.

The answers the EPA is looking for could be in its own archives.

In 1992, NOAA released a publication called Oil Spill Case Histories, 1967-1991, which is available online.

That report details the 1976 spill cleanup effort. It states that the oil, mixed with sand, was loaded into thousands of 55 gallon drums. In all, nearly 4,000 barrels of oil were removed from both shores of the bay.

"Disposing of 4,000 barrels of recovered oil in landfills was not a viable option on the eastern side of the bay since the water table is close to the surface and groundwater is the primary source of drinking

water in this area," the report states.

Most of the oil on that side of the bay was burned at the landfill. Some sand and oil mixtures were used as road fill and repair material for damage created during the cleanup.

And, yet, on the western shore, [where groundwater is also the primary source of drinking water], the sand/oil mixture collected was "given to the Lancaster County Raceway for dust control use," the report states.

Lancaster County Raceway was never a formal organization with property titled in its name, said Lancaster County Commissioner of Revenue Sonny Thomas.

Many locals recall one if not two raceways along Pinckardville Road back in the 1970s where informal motorcycle and car races were held.

"It was just a dirt track, and they raced motorcycles there," said Wayne Smith of White Stone, who remembers attending a number of

races back in the mid '70s. "It was a nice track, but it was just dirt. They didn't have any grandstands or anything."

Smith recalls being among groups of 50 to 100 people at the races. The raceway didn't advertise. Smith and others learned about the races through word of mouth.

"When I was there it wasn't any formal type thing," he said. "The guy stood there with the flag and waved it and the race started. It wasn't really a big deal."

Thomas said property tax records show that the land where the raceways were situated was owned in 1976 by R.T. and Lottie P. Brent.

The property where the Puddingland Drum Dump Site was found is held in trust by the Brents' descendants.

If the oil was in fact delivered for use on the raceway, it may have proven too thick to spread on the track without heating it first.

No. 6 fuel oil must be heated to 150 degrees before it liqui-

fies, which is why Webb and the other members of the cleanup crew had to heat their shovels in the beach fires to remove the oil from them.

A small operation like the Lancaster County Raceway most likely didn't have the means to reprocess the oil collected in those drums from Windmill Point.

Up for debate is whether the Coast Guard, the EPA and the other agencies who dealt with the 1976 oil spill discussed that possibility if they allowed the oil to be carted up county on the back of a flatbed truck.

"Our attorneys would not want us to comment on that," Sternberg said. "We are aware of the 1976 oil spill and we are aware of the NOAA report and we are investigating any possible connection."

But, many locals are already convinced of the connection.

"I think we've all figured out where the drums came from," Pennell said, noting that he also has

received photographs from a citizen who helped with the 1976 oil spill cleanup.

"They were desperate for a place to put that stuff," Thomas said. "They were so anxious to get rid of it, I doubt they had many requirements."

In the end, Virginia authorities estimated that between 20,000 and 50,000 waterfowl died as a result of the oil spill, including thousands of endangered species. Miles of marsh grass was destroyed. The cleanup cost more than any other in Chesapeake Bay history at that time. Poorly maintained and improperly secured cargo hatches may have contributed to the spill, according to the NOAA report.

"I would just hate, hate to think that all that work we put into cleaning up the water was wasted, and that all that stuff ended right back in the water," Webb said.

(Reporter Lisa Hinton Valdrighi contributed online research for this story.)

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▼ **Expansion**

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such a move would have to be taken under consideration.

While town officials conceded that inclusion would result in the addition of town taxes to the area, Spivey claimed savings on the hook-up charge would be "a wash with town taxes."

"It's not our intent to become a public service authority," said town manager Lee Capps in clarifying the town's position on adding users to the utility systems. Capps said the town is interested in building the community and that water and sewer service is a tool for that purpose.

The session was an introduction into what county and town officials hope will be an ongoing relationship to help manage growth in overlapping areas.