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## Carnival opens tonight

From left, Junior fireman Justin Lewis, with advice from Tyler Wren, 7, hoses down one of the rides in preparation for tonight's opening of the 76th Annual Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival off Waverly Avenue. The festival will continue from 7 to 11 p.m. through August 4, except Sundays. Nightly attractions include games, rides and food. Admission is free. Rides are \$2 to \$5. Proceeds benefit the KVFD. The annual raffle grand prize, a 2012 Ford Mustang, will be awarded the final night. Raffle tickets are \$10. Tickets will be available at the festival while they last. Photo by Audrey Thomasson

## Bomb threats disrupt delivery of public services in Heathsville

by Shannon Rice

HEATHSVILLE—Several buildings in Heathsville were evacuated after an anonymous bomb threat was called into the Northumberland County Sheriff's Department Friday morning.

Sheriff Chuck Wilkins said the department received a call at 9:34 a.m. from a pre-paid mobile phone.

"They said three bombs will go off at 10:30 a.m., and that was it," said Wilkins.

The call sounded like a male's voice, he added.

With no location provided, the sheriff's department followed the rules of probability and started investigating all public buildings in the immediate vicinity, said Wilkins. Soon after, the new county courts building, old courthouse, Social Services Department, YMCA and public library were evacuated and a bomb detection dog was brought in to search these locations, said Wilkins.

"We had to do a best guess scenario

and look at the buildings with the highest occupancies," said Wilkins.

Northumberland Family YMCA associate branch executive Cristian Shirilla said there were about 100 people in the facility at the time. Sixty were children in camp and the rest were employees and adults participating in exercise programs.

"The day camp children and camp staff were able to go swimming at another YMCA outdoor pool during the time we were closed," said Shirilla.

The facility was closed for approximately two hours and re-opened at 12:30 p.m., he said.

Investigators finished all of the searches by 1:03 p.m., said Wilkins.

County administrator Kenny Eades said he was able to return to his office an hour-and-a-half after an investigator ordered the evacuation. Juvenile and Domestic court resumed soon after.

"It's nice having a (bomb detection) dog in the county. We could have had to wait an hour or more just to get a state

dog in," said Eades.

This was the second bomb threat of the year for the court buildings, and the school system has experienced three bomb threats, said Eades. Although Eades said the threats have become an inconvenience, he also said that each new one has to be treated as seriously as the first.

"You can't let your guard down," said Eades.

Wilkins said there is no indication that this threat is related to any of the other recent bomb scares.

"We're always on guard, but it disrupts way too many things," said Wilkins.

Investigators are currently working to determine where the call may have originated by tracking cell phone tower signals.

Wilkins asks anyone with information regarding the crime to call the Northumberland sheriff's department at 580-5221 or Crime Solvers at 580-8477.

## Comprehensive plan review continues in Lancaster

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—Protecting the county's 330 miles of shoreline was the focus of last week's planning commission meeting as planners reviewed Chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

The chapter addresses erosion rates, factors affecting erosion including wakes caused by boats, shoreline soil conditions, and natural and man-made protection. Planners reviewed the effects of artificial shoreline alterations adjacent to or abutting the shore, such as bulkheads, revetments, breakwaters, groins and jet-

ties. Areas especially affected include Morrattico, Monaskon, the mouth and main branch of the Corrotoman, Carters Creek, Palmers/Brightwater, Windmill Point and marina area and the Norris bridge.

"The chapter was so well written by VIMS, there was little to discuss," said co-chairman Bob Smart after the meeting. Smart filled in for planning chairman David Jones, who did not attend the meeting.

"One of the conclusions of recent studies shows that in many instances grasses are a lower cost and better way

of protecting the shoreline rather than hardening the shore with such things as large trees that shade out and kill grasses," Smart said.

The plan noted that in 1978 there were 14 miles, just 5% of the shoreline, artificially stabilized in Lancaster County. By 2006, 73.12 miles or 23.1% of the shoreline had been stabilized.

Members asked planning and land use director Don Gill to obtain a more recent report for comparison.

Next month, members will review Chapter 5 dealing with access issues to state waters.

## Down on Georgiatown Farm, Masts practice sustainable agriculture

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

OCRAN—Karen Doyle was simply looking for fresh chicken at a farmers' market when she found a husband and a new pastime.

Doyle struck up a conversation with Daniel Mast, who had a backyard flock of laying hens, and the two started buying chickens together to raise. They married and now operate their own version of Old McDonald's farm.

There's an oink and a quack, a cluck and a baa on their 10-acre Georgiatown Farm off Ocran Road near White Stone. But the two are doing more than playing farm. They bounce between their day jobs — Daniel is a builder and Karen runs her own sewing business — to raising hundreds of animals to sell.

Last week, they were anxiously waiting on a delivery, the birth of a litter of piglets by Evelyn, one of the couples' sows.

The Masts raise heritage breed animals, which are not genetically altered and practically ignored by large farms. The animals are hormone free and antibiotic free. There are about 100 laying hens, 150 chicks, 70 turkeys, pigs and 12 sheep on the shaded farm. It seems the animals have their run of the place.

"We raise our chickens the way the French do, in a pine forest," said Karen. "We want it to be a healthy life for the chicken with a certain square footage pen for each bird."

"We have sustainable agriculture," she added.

The Masts sell their pork, poultry and lamb — all naturally raised —



Daniel and Karen Mast feed Rosie, one of several pigs they have at Georgiatown Farm in Ocran. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



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## Restaurant's table features locally grown products

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The bulletin board at TreyLeigh's in Kilmarnock reads like a yellow-page listing of Northern Neck farms. Owners Henry Gore and Serena Williams proudly display the list of producers so customers know where their appetizers and entrees originate.

"My philosophy is we're not just building a business, we're building a community," said Gore. "Sysco [food service] is not going to come have dinner here. We try to support the businesses and the people that support us."

TreyLeigh's at 238 North Main Street in Kilmarnock offers fine food and spirits. Gore's menu features meats, poultry, vegetables and fruits from area farms and wines and vinegars from Virginia vineyards.

"I try to buy local as much as possible," said Gore. "Of course, there are items I just can't buy locally. If someone doesn't have something I need, I will buy from Tri-Star. But again, we're trying to buy here and put that money back into a local business."

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Gore said he owned a four-star fine dining restaurant in Colorado before relocating to Mineral to be near family. He was working at Lake Isaac's Tavern at the Shenandoah Crossings resort when the economy took a nose-dive and



From left, owners Henry Gore and Serena Williams saute vegetables at TreyLeigh's in Kilmarnock. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

he was laid off. That's when he discovered a rental listing for Kilmarnock's Oogewawa's on the internet. He took over dinner service from the owners for a week to test the waters and opened TreyLeigh's as his own on February 1.

Williams joined him in March.

His restaurant in Colorado featured fresh bison but there wasn't a great deal of fresh local produce, he said.

"I was younger, just out of culinary school and...there wasn't that push for us to serve local. It was just about good

food and extremely good service, white glove stuff."

Now, he actually goes out to survey the farms he buys from and gets to know his producers.

"I get to see the farm and see the product before it gets packaged and gets to me," said Gore.

Among TreyLeigh's suppliers for produce are Garner's Produce in Nomini Grove and the Old Farm Truck in Lancaster. Georgiatown Farms in Ocran keeps him stocked with poultry, pork, duck, turkey and lamb and Wild T Bison Farms in Haynesville supplies him

with bison. Much of his beef comes from Mast Meats in Midland.

"These farms create stronger, healthier animals with a better taste," said Gore.

He buys from several watermen and seafood producers including Rappahannock Oyster, Kellum's Seafood, Jim Dan Dee, Capt. Red's and O'Bier's Seafood.

"We'll buy bulk flour and sugar and condiments," said Gore. "But there are very few things we can't get locally."

He even buys his jellies from Jan's Jams near Williamsburg,

his red wine vinegar from Good Luck Cellars near Kilmarnock and bread from an artisan baker in King George.

Williams makes the desserts and she and Gore grow herbs and jalapeno peppers right on the restaurant property.

A customer favorite is TreyLeigh's shrimp and grits, which is one of the staples on the menu along with bison burgers, ground beef burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken and several salads including black and bleu, southwest and Asian chicken salads.

"The specials change based on what's available," said Gore. "If you stopped by my house two days in a row, I wouldn't feed you the same thing two nights in a row for dinner. That would be a little boring."

TreyLeigh's serves lunch and dinner Wednesdays through Sundays and dinner on Tuesdays. Gore and Williams also serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

"We have a traditional brunch and people really like that," said Williams. "Customers might have an omelet on one side of the table and pulled pork on the other."

Although Gore says his food is fine dining quality, the atmosphere is more casual.

"Fine dining is a dying breed," said Gore. "This is a more relaxed atmosphere. I want people to be relaxed here, enjoy a good meal and have a good time."

## Georgiatown Farm offers locally grown options

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locally to TreyLeigh's Restaurant in Kilmarnock and right out of their freezers. But they do most of their business at the Williamsburg Farmers' Market, held on Saturdays in Merchant's Square.

The farmers' market manager goes to every farm that participates and makes sure the farmers are "doing something sustainable," said Doyle. The regulations are very strict, she said.

The Masts raise Red Wattle hogs, which were imported in the 1700s and thought to be nearly extinct until a wild herd was found in Texas in the late 1960s.

"Their pork is more of a red meat than a white meat," said Daniel, who grew up as an Amish farmer.

They have three breeding sows and one boar that live on

the farm permanently along with many hogs they raise to slaughter.

In a nearby pen, the Masts have 100 laying hens. In another pen, there are about 150 Freedom Ranger chicks. The couple actually flew to France to study the raising of the Freedom Ranger chickens.

Freedom Rangers, purchased from a hatchery in Pennsylvania, have a breeding stock imported from the regions of Burgundy and Brittany in France. Developed in the 1960s, the genetic stock is derived from the American and European old heritage breed of chicken.

According to Karen, the Freedom Ranger is a slower growing breed and suited for free range, organic, backyard production. They mature in about 11 weeks with 16 weeks



There are about 100 laying hens producing fresh eggs for sale at Georgiatown Farm in Ocran. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

being the maximum grow time for the best tenderness and flavor, said Daniel. Most modern poultry plants raise fast-growing varieties, which mature in five weeks.

After the Masts' chickens are slaughtered, the chicken huts are moved so they don't put new chicks on "dirty soil," said Karen.

The couple also raises heritage turkeys called Bourbon Red, which take about 28 weeks

to mature. Standard turkeys in the grocery store mature in 12 weeks, according to Karen.

Each turkey eats about 55 pounds of feed, which Daniel mixes himself.

"This is not a money-making thing," said Karen, who says the two invest a lot of money and time into the farm.

Daniel does all the slaughtering of the birds right on the farm in a facility Karen says was inspected by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to be exempt from further inspection. Georgiatown Farm can produce up to 20,000 birds per year before it needs to be inspected, said Karen. The two slaughter between 2,000 and 2,500.

In the fall, the two raise ducks for slaughter for the holiday season.

"We have freezers full of meat, pork and chicken but we still never have enough [in stock]," she said. "Right now, we're almost out of pork."

They also have 12 Clun Forest sheep, including a ram. The breed originated in England and produce wonderful wool as well as meat, according to Karen. A hardy breed,

the Clun Forest can survive on grass alone and adapt to many temperatures, "although they've been struggling with the hot temperatures lately," she said.

"This is a growing market," said Karen. "This kind of farming. In the western part of the state, there are lots of farms, lots of farmers' markets and every restaurant and every little coffee shop uses fresh local products. We don't have that market here yet."

But with their backyard farm and private label products, the Masts are doing what they can to change that.



A young turkey is among dozens of Red Bourbons raised by the Masts. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



A Red Wattle pig wallows in the mud to cool down on a hot summer afternoon at Georgiatown Farm. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

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# Three-truck accident sends man to hospital

by Audrey Thomasson

REEDVILLE—Three people were injured last week in a three-vehicle crash on Northumberland Highway near Sunnybank Road.

According to Northumberland County Sheriff's Department Capt. John Beauchamp, the crash occurred at 9:43 a.m. Thursday when the driver of a 1997 Chevrolet pickup sideswiped a 1997 Ford F-250, causing the Ford to run off the right side of the roadway. The Chevrolet then struck a trailer being

pulled by a 2006 Ford F-250 Super Duty. The impact caused the Chevrolet to overturn onto its roof in the roadway.

Lester Netherton, 80, of the 400 block of Riverview Drive in Heathsville, driver of the Chevrolet, was flown to VCU Medical Center with serious, nonlife-threatening injuries, reported Sgt. Thomas Molnar of the Virginia State Police. He said it remains under investigation whether Netherton was wearing a safety belt.

Capt. Beauchamp said Netherton was trapped in his vehicle until he could be

extracted by volunteer firemen from Fairfields Volunteer Fire Department.

The drivers of the Ford trucks, Aubrey K. Webb, 62, of the 80 block of Chesapeake Beach Road in Reedville and Glenda H. Sheppard, 58, of the 60 block of Cherry Point Road in White Stone, suffered minor injuries and were treated at the scene by emergency medical technicians from the Northumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad. Both were wearing safety belts.

The Northumberland sheriff's department is assisting with the ongoing investigation.

## SHERIFFS' REPORTS

**Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett** this week reported charges against six individuals.

### Felonies

Marcus A. Robinson, 29, of Georgetown Road was charged July 21 with felony possession of narcotics during a traffic stop.

### Misdemeanors

A Lanexa man, 41, was charged July 17 with contempt of court.

A Dunnsville man, 22, was charged July 18 with petit larceny.

A Christ Church Road man, 24, was charged July 19 with contempt of court.

A Harbour View Drive man, 68, was charged July 21 with assault and battery.

A Weems Road man, 49, was charged July 22 with assault and battery and obstruction of justice.

### Activity report

**July 16:** Staff responded to a Lara Road residence on a complaint of a snake in the house, with the Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a three-vehicle traffic crash at North Main Street and Hawthorne Avenue, to a destruction of property/larceny complaint on King Carter Drive (yard sign, \$50 loss), to a cellular E911 disconnect call on Christopher Drive (unable to locate caller), and to a mental health emergency on Paynes Creek Road. Staff received a walk-in complaint of credit card fraud (no criminal incident), a cellular E911 disconnect call (system limited call source to the Goodluck Road cell tower), and a walk-in complaint of an assault (magistrate issued warrant for petit larceny and a protective order). Staff notified the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) of a downed tree limb blocking part of Harris Road.

**July 17:** Staff attempted to contact a River Road resident concerning his abandoned/disabled vehicle in Westmoreland County. Staff checked on the well-being of a Keep Safe program participant due to the heat index, on the well-being of a Keep Safe program participant after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (telephone line problem, reported to Verizon), and on the well-being of a Keep Safe participant after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (no emergency services needed). Staff notified Middlesex authorities of a reckless driving complaint in the Robert O. Norris Jr. Bridge - Harmony Grove area, responded with Richmond County authorities and Virginia State Police (VSP) to a single-vehicle traffic crash reported near Chinns Mill (incident determined to be in Lancaster County), to the Department of Social Services on a report of a sexual assault on a minor, to an E911 disconnect call on Pinckardsville Road (no emergency services needed), with the White Stone Police Department (WSPD) to a suspicious person complaint in the 400 block of Rappahannock Drive; with VSP to a hit-and-run incident in the area of the Merry Point ferry (victim declined to prosecute), to a single-vehicle traffic crash on Ocran Road, to a possible burglary on Eagle Terrace (no criminal incident), and to the Norris Bridge to assist Middlesex authorities with a DUI traffic stop involving possible damages to the bridge. Staff received a residential burglary report from the 3400 block of Windmill Point Road and a motorist's complaint of a speeder on the Norris Bridge (no units in position to intercept).

**July 18:** Staff checked on the well-being of a Keep Safe program participant after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (no emergency services needed) and received a complaint of a vehicle with a "Farm Use" tag being used illegally.

**July 19:** Staff responded with VSP to a single-vehicle traffic crash on Old Salem Road and to a vandalism complaint on Merry

Point Road (2001 Suzuki motorcycle, \$4,500 loss). Staff received an assault complaint from a Kilmarnock area resident and discovered an unsecured building during late night security checks (no criminal incident).

**July 20:** Staff responded to a trespass complaint in the 8700 block of Mary Ball Road, to the area of St. Andrews Lane on a citizen's report of a possible stolen ATV in the area (disabled ATV, no stolen property or criminal incident), to a trespass complaint on Oyster House Road, to an assault call on Gill Road (no criminal incident), and checked on the well-being of a Keep Safe program participant after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (no emergency services needed).

**July 21:** Staff responded to a single-vehicle traffic crash on Lively Oaks Road, with KPD to a domestic disturbance on Roseneath Avenue and with KPD to a single-vehicle traffic crash at Hatton Avenue and Chase Street.

**July 22:** Staff checked on the well-being of a Pittmans Drive resident at the request of a concerned family member (no emergency services needed) and on the well-being of a Mosquito Point Road resident at the request of a concerned citizen (no emergency services needed). Staff attempted to locate an overdue motorist in the Kilmarnock area and notified Northumberland authorities of a possible single-vehicle traffic crash, vehicle unoccupied, in the area of Bluff Point and Painters Point roads. Staff responded with KPD to a larceny complaint on Fox Hill Drive, to a domestic disturbance on Regina Road, with KPD to the local emergency room on a complaint of a discharged patient causing a problem, and to a destruction of property complaint on James Wharf Road (determined to be civil incident). Staff received a destruction of property report from a Bald Eagle Road resident (electric boat lift controls, \$140 loss) and a walk-in complaint of annoying telephone calls.

**July 23:** Staff encountered in the Ottoman area an out-of-state resident who was having a diabetic emergency, received a vandalism report from a Beach Road resident and a destruction of property report from a Rappahannock Drive resident.

The sheriff's staff also conducted 24 traffic stops, issued six summonses, assisted six motorists, reported two deer strikes, investigated 10 building alarms, processed a mental health order, logged seven inmate transports and fielded two calls for animal control service.

### Fire calls

The Kilmarnock Volunter Fire Department responded to a traffic crash on North Main Street, a fire alarm on Fleets Bay Road and a vehicle fire on Cedar Lane.

The Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department responded to a traffic crash on Mary Ball Road.

The White Stone Volunteer Fire Department responded to traffic crashes on Ocran Road and Old Salem Road, a structure fire in Hartfield, and a fire alarm on Crab Point Road.

The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a request for assistance from Emergency Medical Services on Williams Mill Road.

**Northumberland County Sheriff Charles A. Wilkins** reported charges against 26 individuals over the past two weeks.

### Felonies

Alice Marie Noel, 42, of Heathsville was charged July 9 with grand larceny.

Cynthia Ann Fenn was charged July 10 on a warrant of extradition from Alabama for a probation violation.

Larry Page Westman Jr., 48, of Hague was

charged July 11 with malicious wounding.

Given D. Rice, 52, of Heathsville was charged July 14 with being an habitual offender, driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of marijuana. He also was served with two warrants from Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Michael A. Gilardi Jr., 38, of Front Royal was charged July 18 with felony assault and battery of a household member, misdemeanor assault and battery on a family member, four counts of child abuse, three counts of purchasing alcohol for minors, and purchasing tobacco products for a minor.

Robin M. Martin, 24, of Lancaster County was charged July 18 on two felony warrants for distribution of marijuana in Prince George County. She also was charged on a misdemeanor warrant with possessing drug paraphernalia and a warrant for failing to appear in the same court on June 20. Martin also was charged on a felony probation violation from Stafford County Circuit Court.

Marcus E. Gordon, 28, of Warsaw was charged July 19 with DUI, reckless regard for life, refusal, operating a motor vehicle without a registration, consuming an alcoholic beverage while on the highway and no license plates on vehicle.

Pearley L. Walters Jr., 45, was charged July 20 with two grand larceny charges from the Callao Supermarket. He also was charged with damaging property belonging to another.

### Misdemeanors

A Heathsville woman, age unknown, was charged July 9 with curse and abuse.

A Reedville man, 51, was charged July 9 on an Essex County warrant for failing to appear in Essex County General District Court on an original charge of driving while suspended.

A Reedville man, 51, was charged July 9 with driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana.

A Reedville man, 35, was charged July 10 with assault and battery of a family member.

A Heathsville woman, 41, was charged July 11 with violating a protective order.

A Reedville man, 52, was charged July 11 with abuse and neglect of an incapacitated adult.

A Callao man, 37, was charged July 12 with driving a motor vehicle on the highway without an operator's license.

A Heathsville woman, 47, was charged with three counts of failing to pay sales tax and two counts of failing to pay withholding tax.

A Callao man, 27, was charged July 15 with driving under the influence, giving false information to a police officer and no driver's license.

A Callao man, 42, was charged July 12 with no rabies tag.

A Callao man, 32, was charged July 16 with criminal trespassing on another's property after being forbidden to do so.

A Callao man, 74, was charged with criminal trespassing on another's property after being forbidden to do so.

A Heathsville woman, 35, was charged July 18 with depriving an animal of food and water.

A Reedville man, 57, was charged July 18 on a summons for abusive language.

A Reedville woman, 68, was charged July 18 with a threatening dog and violation of a leash law.

A Lottsburg man, 47, was charged July 19 with intentionally making an obscene display of private parts in a public place or where others are present.

A Lottsburg man, 49, was charged July 20 with drunk in public.

A Reedville man, 57, was charged July 20 with drunk in public.



From left are Jackie Clayton and Sharon Fisher.

## Clayton named director of Social Services for Northumberland County

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Board of Social Services recently announced the appointment of Jackie L. Clayton as the new director of the Northumberland Department of Social Services.

She will be taking over August 1, 2012, when Sharon C. Fisher retires after 25 ½ years in the position.

Clayton has been with the Northumberland Department of Social Services for seven years, first as a social worker and then as social work supervisor. Prior to Northumberland DSS, she worked at the Haynesville Correctional Center for 11 years as a case management counselor, volunteer coordinator, and senior correctional officer.

She has a bachelor's in governmental administration with a concentration in criminal justice from Christopher Newport University.

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The Lancaster County Crime Solvers seeks information regarding two recent break-ins.

A breaking and entering at the substation at the Northern Neck Electrical Plant in Mollusk was reported to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office on July 4.

A person or persons entered the substation by cutting the fence. They removed from the property two rolls of copper and a commercial concrete pad.

A breaking and entering at Chesapeake Boat Basin on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock was reported to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office on May 17.

A person or persons entered the business and took from the property a cash register, checks and cash, and a Honda Northstar series pressure washer.

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# Deltaville museum fire started under pavilion

by Audrey Thomasson

DELTAVILLE—Becky Ferrell bent over and, with both hands over her face, started crying as the Deltaville Maritime Museum burned July 18.

The sight was more than many of the museum volunteers, such as Ferrell, could stand to watch. Her emotions spoke to the helplessness of the situation—years of work and thousands of volunteer hours going up in smoke.

At times, flames soared 75 feet over the roof of the main museum building. Once it was certain that the building was a complete loss—the emphasis for firemen switched to contain the fire and save other structures on the property.

The fire started at about 6 p.m. At about 5:30 p.m. that day museum curator Raynell Smith said she had inspected the museum grounds after a day of the Family Boatbuilding Week program.

"I walked all over the grounds and didn't see or smell anything," she said at the fire scene in a half-stunned manner. "I just can't believe this."

The first 911 call came from Bobby Faulkner who was across the creek and saw flames at about 6:15 p.m., said Smith. The museum's fire alarm system went off a few minutes later.

"We had the alarm system



Fireballs break through the roof of the Deltaville Maritime Museum's main building and soar skyward.

tied to the main building; the fire started outside in the pavilion and slowed the alarm notification process," she said.

The pavilion was already in flames when Faulkner's 911 call reached the sheriff's office, said Jimmy Walden, chief of the Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department (LMVFD) of Deltaville.

Museum volunteer Bob Walker was one of the first at the fire scene. He saw some smoke coming from the John's Pavilion portion of the

museum, which is directly behind the main museum building. "When I went around to the pavilion I could not believe my eyes," he said. "I knew we were in big trouble. The fire had already advanced to the roof."

The pavilion was quickly engulfed in flames and smoke. The nearly century-old W.A. Johns, a historic three-log-bottom canoe stored under the pavilion, burned in a flash. The boat had been donated to the museum by the Chesapeake

Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland.

All eight of the nearly-completed Wright skiffs built during Family Boatbuilding Week and stored in the pavilion also were quickly destroyed.

As fire reached the main building and smoke streamed from around the eaves on the backside, firemen went on the roof near the front and began to cut through the roof with axes. As heavier and darker smoke began to rise from inside, the firemen got off the roof—just

in time. Only minutes later, fireballs broke through the roof and soared skyward.

The ladder truck of the LMVFD was extended to full height as it sprayed water across the roof. Firemen installed a containment pool at the scene for use by the ladder truck. Smaller tanker trucks moved frequently along the driveway, arriving full of water from the Deltaville swimming pool and unloading it into the containment pool, and then going back for more.

Firefighters and trucks responded from seven fire companies in the region. Deltaville, Hartfield, Water View, Urbanna, Mathews and Gloucester were directly involved, and White Stone firefighters stood by at the Hartfield firehouse, ready to respond to any other fires in the county.

Members of the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad from Deltaville provided water and other beverages to the firemen taking breaks from the fire's intense heat on an already hot summer evening.

Museum founder and board member Gene Ruark stood with many community members. Finding some hope in the situation, Ruark said, "You know, we were considering expanding the main building. Now we will have to rethink it all—but it will be all right."

"We need to be thankful too that no one was in that building," said Ruark, as a reminder that things could be worse.

No one was physically harmed by the fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it appears to have started under the pavilion, perhaps electrical in nature, said Smith, who noted there were no paint or other flammables under the shelter.

After the fire was almost extinguished that evening, some wooden boat models in

the museum were saved. Also, a fire safe protected the museum's main documents, and the hard drive on the museum's computer appeared to be okay, said Smith.

The portrait of John Coe in the front portion of the building was saved and many of the family artifacts of the Wright family and Willis Wilson were saved along with some antique tools. "It's incredible that anything was saved at all," said Smith.

"We thank everyone who came and helped us," she said. "The firefighters and rescue squad members worked hard in the hottest of conditions and were able to save some priceless artifacts."

Deltaville Maritime Museum board member Chuck McGhinnis reported Tuesday the museum has insurance coverage but as to how much and for what is being determined. Insurance adjusters and investigators have been on the scene and a settlement statement is expected soon, he said.

Outdoor events that have been scheduled for the maritime park will continue, said Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park president Matt Holloway.

The Deltaville Farmers' Market, including a boat cruise to Stingray Point, on Saturday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the B.J. Leiderman and Friends concert from 6 to 8 p.m. will proceed as scheduled.

It was another tragedy for the small community of Deltaville, which is still rebuilding from a tornado that destroyed or damaged several homes, the Zoar Baptist Church sanctuary, the Deltaville Community Association building and community swimming pool in April 2011.

"We will rebuild and come back stronger and better," said Smith.

## Lancaster NAACP chapter president Lloyd Hill reports on 2012 National Convention

KILMARNOCK—At the July meeting of the Lancaster County chapter, president Lloyd Hill reported of his attendance at the National NAACP Convention in Houston, Texas.

Hill attended all legislative and all public sessions of the nation's oldest and biggest civil rights organization, said NAACP member Joan McBride.

Characterizing the 2012 U.S. Presidential Election as "one of the most important elections in our lifetime," Hill quoted NAACP president Benjamin Todd Jealous as saying that the great number of states passing new and restrictive laws on voter IDs is "the greatest wave of assault on the right to vote in more than a century."

Convention speaker U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder called new voter suppression laws "another form of poll tax." He received a standing ovation, said Hill.

Other prominent speakers at the convention were Republican presidential front-runner Gov. Mitt Romney and current vice president Joe Biden, said Hill.

One of just over 2,400 voting delegates, Hill described in detail the controversial circumstances surrounding Romney's nationally-telecast appearance.

Refuting the governor's statement to the convention that if the attendees wanted "free stuff," they needed to vote for "the other guy," Hill said "America was born in free stuff—land stolen from Native Americans and the forced labor of slaves."

Hill gave Biden high marks for his "fiery and well-received speech," reported McBride.

Notable among the many resolutions proposed by the convention delegates were ones on marriage equality and abolishing the death penalty, said Hill.

He told the local branch "we have a lot of work ahead of us." The 2008 elections "should have been the beginning, but we treated it as the end and allowed gains to be lost."

Noting the NAACP, like many other American civic and social institutions, is a "graying organization," he talked of the imperative of attracting middle-aged and younger folks to its ranks.

Among other business:

- Freedom Fund committee chairman Sandra Smyre



Lancaster County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Cunningham addresses Lancaster NAACP.

## Cunningham outlines new Virginia laws

Lancaster County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Cunningham recently outlined for the Lancaster County NAACP new Virginia laws which took effect July 1.

According to NAACP member Joan McBride, he reported that now first-time DUI violators must install an ignition interlock (in-car breath alcohol screening instrument) on their vehicle; that strangulation without consent is now a class 6 felony; citizens can't file an emergency protective order against law enforcement officials who are doing their duty; causing someone's phone to ring with intent to annoy is now a class 2 misdemeanor; and there are new protections against the illegal manufacture of street drugs known as "Bath Salts."

shared more details for the October 14 banquet at The Beacon in Topping. The theme will be about leadership of the past and future.

- Members voted to participate in a parade during Sharon Baptist Church's Harvest Fest October 20 and 21.

- Hill reminded members of important upcoming dates regarding the November 6 election. On September 21 absentee voting begins. October 15 is the last day to register to vote to participate in the election and November 3 is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in person.

## The Agenda

### Local Government News

LANCASTER—The board of supervisors will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the county administration building in Lancaster.

Public hearings will address requests from:

- Ronald M. Ball to place an individual manufactured home on a 1.012-acre residential parcel at 527 White Chapel Road.

- Adjoining property owners to abandon an unused portion of Route 717 between Morattico Road and River Road in Litwalton.

- The estate of Bertha G. Abbott and David and Nan A. Alga for a deed of easement across county-owned property, part of county parking off Courthouse Road. The easement is needed to ensure future access to the estate property.

COLONIAL BEACH—The Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the PRFC office in Colonial Beach.

Agenda items include: developing recommendations for the 2012-13 gill net season. Discussion items include proposed regulations dealing with return of incidental catch, individual striped bass identification (SBID), tag allocation for pound nets and commercial hook and line licenses, proposed closure to the fall season for the American eel commercial harvest and testing pound net lighting. The committee also will elect a chairman and vice chairman.

COLONIAL BEACH—The Potomac River Oyster/Clam Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 1, at the PRFC building in Colonial Beach.

Agenda items will include an update from the Blue Ribbon Oyster Panel on the management reserve program; discus-

## NEWS BREAK

### ■ Red Cross responds

In the early morning hours of July 16, Northumberland Red Cross volunteers responded to a mobile home fire. The family, consisting of a mother and her four boys, ages 1 to 8, was assisted by volunteers Julie Pritchard and Shirley Grant who arranged for lodging, clothing and food.

The children are still in need of clothing. To help, call the chapter office at 580-4933. Assistance to fire victims is locally funded by the chapter.

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Marina Sunset

Photo by Garnett Fisher

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## Civil War Sesquicentennial

150 Years Ago This Month: July 1862

## Harrison's Landing and the Origin of Taps

In July and August of 1862, Union General McClellan located his headquarters and supply base for 140,000 soldiers at Harrison's Landing (Berkeley Plantation) in Charles City County.

The July 19, 1862, edition of Harper's Weekly contained this vivid description:

"The Army of the Potomac is now massed on the left bank of the James River... The spot is designated as Harrison's Landing. It is 25 miles southeast of Richmond, in a direct line; but the river is so tortuous and crooked that it is nearly twice as far by water. The plantations in the vicinity are exceedingly rich and fertile, the wheat being either just cut or else fully ready for the reaper. The banks of the river slope down to the water's edge. The river bottom itself is a continuation of this very gradual slope, which makes the water near the shore exceedingly shallow. In order to afford landing-places for vessels, therefore, long wooden piers or wharves are built, running far out into the stream...."

The large Berkeley mansion, and the two smaller houses adjoining, as well as several negro huts in the vicinity, are all occupied as hospitals... The rain has poured down in torrents all day today;

the grounds around the house are one mass of mud, and in two hours after the house was opened the rich carpets in every room were covered with a thick layer of the sacred soil, which, being tramped and grimed into them, has completely ruined them. Upon these once elegant but now muddy carpets our wounded officers and soldiers are now lying closely crowded together. Two of the rooms down stairs are used for amputations, and in this department of surgery the surgeons have been busy all day. For the want of space the sick and those slightly wounded are made to go outside the house, there not being room enough inside for the severely wounded alone. There are a great number of steamers and sailing vessels out in the stream, which are being fitted up to receive these sick and wounded men, and in a day or two they will all be removed to comfortable quarters."

Also during the July 1862 encampment at Harrison's Landing, the famous bugle call known as "Taps" was sounded for the first time. Historians say that Gen. Daniel Butterfield, a Union brigade commander, felt that the official "Extinguish Lights" bugle call used by the Army at the time was too formal.

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were not seriously hurt.

All trees, corn, etc., in the path of the cyclone, were uprooted and twisted off, and Mr. Bussells had many large trees, a fine orchard and growing crops demolished. Others in that neighborhood nine suffered loss.

Mr. Bussells has a small insurance on the house and furniture in the Northern Neck Mutual Fire Association.

This is the third home Mr. Bussells has lost by fire in the past twelve years—one just before completion and without insurance.

## Picture Of Davis Presented Camp

After lying in the corner of an attic, wrapped like a bundle of rags, a war-time portrait of President Davis, which hung in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederate States, has been "discovered" in Portsmouth, N.H., and will be presented to R. E. Lee Camp, No. 7, United Confederate Veterans. The owner of the portrait made known his desire to restore it to Confederate hands through a letter to Lee Camp, at Richmond.

With the help of brigade bugler, Oliver Willcox Norton, Butterfield created "Taps" as a new lights out call for his men. It was actually a revision of music previously used as a "Tattoo." A "Tattoo" was sounded an hour before "Extinguish Lights" and signaled troops to prepare for bedtime roll call.

Butterfield took the last several measures of the old "Tattoo" and revised them into the 24 notes we know today as "Taps." The new call soon spread to other units of the Army of the Potomac and was even used by Confederates.

The first use of "Taps" at a funeral occurred within the same month. Capt. John C. Tidball ordered it played for the burial of a cannoner killed in action in July 1862. Tidball was close to the enemy line and he worried that the traditional firing of three shots across the grave would alarm the Confederates and renew the fighting.

*This article is provided by the Lancaster County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library. Readers can learn more at [tapsbugler.com](http://tapsbugler.com). Also, Berkeley Plantation will offer a tour August 7 focusing on the period of McClellan's encampment. Reservations are required; call 888-466-6018.*

## Ottoman

Miss Nanny Dunaway is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Cuttingham, this week.

Miss Grace Cuttingham left on Friday's steamer via Fredericksburg for Remington to visit her brother, Dr. Cuttingham.

## Irvington

Miss Annie James is visiting friends and relatives at White Stone.

Hinton Barker has returned home from a two-week visit to relatives at Lively.

Ivan Marks, of Baltimore, is the guest of his brother, Dr. W. G. Marks.

Friends of Carroll Thomas will be glad to hear that he has secured engineers license of good tonnage.

Mrs. Daniel Wilshin and little daughter, of Norfolk, are visiting friends and relatives here.

The net proceeds from Fourth of July entertainment were \$143.20—\$126 door receipts and \$17.20 from the ice cream.

*(Transcribed by Stephen A. Redd, volunteer of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library)*

## YOUR LETTERS

## When will the dialogue begin?

Following the Tuscon shooting that killed six and seriously wounded 12 others including Rep. Gabriele Giffords, members of the Brady Campaign asked to meet with House Majority Leader John Boehner to discuss ways to curb gun violence.

Boehner said that "now is not the right time."

On the fifth anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, Brady Campaign officials asked for a meeting with Sen. Vitter to discuss a bill he had introduced making it easier for the mentally ill to buy guns.

Vitter was too busy.

Boehner isn't too busy to visit tanning booths and Vitter found time to frequent New Orleans prostitutes.

Now we have 12 dead and some 50 wounded in a movie theater in suburban Denver. So when is the right time to discuss ways to keep guns out of the hands of convicted felons, convicted domestic abusers, terrorists, and mentally ill people who are a threat to themselves and others?

The guns rights advocates' assault on the First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and dialogue with elected officials has been blistering and deadly. With rare exception, politicians are so afraid of the National Rifle Association they won't even talk to people looking for ways to curb this epidemic of violence.

Following the massacre at Virginia Tech, UCLA Professor Douglas Kellner monitored coverage on the Sunday news shows on all the major networks. The results debunked claims of liberal media bias. What he found was a feeding frenzy of right wing, pro-gun advocates. Only one gun control advocate spoke, and that was just for a few moments on ABC's "Good Morning America."

So, when will our elected officials respect the First Amendment as much as they fear the Second? When will they engage in a dialogue?

David Cariens,  
Kilmarnock

## Promising socialism

President Obama recently stumped, "If you've got a business— you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." It was no gaff and by now everybody knows he implied, rather than hard work, ingenuity, or productivity, individual success in this country is largely due to support or gifts from the government.

Divisively, the president declared the government's gift, our infrastructure, is the fountain of entrepreneurial success. This is absurd. The infrastructure is there because it is an essential objective we ordered government to be creating with our tax dollars from the beginning. Robbing Peter to pay Paul, government's largesse is now drawing funds away from said infrastructure.

While President Obama says he's for jobs, his draconian regulations and economic policies indicate he's against job creators. Data strongly points out

that government efforts like those are more likely to be the cause of this nation's economic woes than its solution— while free market entrepreneurship and workers (those who really "built it") have historically and consistently been the reason for individual success, prosperity, opportunity and a civil society. At this juncture, provoking class warfare against civil individuals is manipulative, destructive and prejudiced.

One of the primary lessons from the history of socialism is, the more the government takes from those who produce, the less productive they become. To a socialist, anything of material value or usefulness belongs to the government. Whatever you retain is a gift from the state.

It sounds like President Obama has confirmed he and his progressive administration's campaign, past to present, is really about the candidate who promises the most gifts from the treasury— which, as Europeans are presently finding out, is unsustainable.

Matt W. Johnston,  
Morattico

## For the health of our country

There are numerous misunderstandings about the Affordable Care Act.

Republicans and Democrats know that we need to reform health care in this country. Many parts of the Act are Republican ideas, in particular the individual mandate, because conservatives traditionally feel people need to take responsibility. For years our emergency rooms have been clogged up with people who could afford some health care but who will not buy it. Those of us with insurance have been paying for them.

With a large number of people in the insurance pool, the Act will deliver a lot of consumer protection. Insurance companies can no longer impose lifetime limits on the amount of care provided. They will no longer discriminate against people with preexisting conditions. They can no longer increase your premium without reason. Children under the age of 26 are allowed to stay on their parent's health care insurance.

In August, 13 million individuals will receive a rebate from their insurance company because certain companies have spent too much on overhead.

In the coming weeks, we will hear a lot of chatter about freedom and taxes. One freedom for families that will not be talked about is freedom from worry about their health care. We won't hear much about personal responsibility. The "tax" or "penalty" will be on people who do not buy insurance before they get sick, not on those who already have it.

For the health of our country, it is far better for people to see doctors before they get really sick because in the long run it will save money. One illness can devastate a family. Yes, we will need to work out a lot of kinks in The Affordable Care Act. However, it is a big mistake to flatly reject something that is so consumer friendly.

Mary L. Lay,  
Kilmarnock

## Excerpts

CHARLOTTESVILLE—Back in medieval times, when I began my college career overlooking the banks of the Potomac, the entire orientation consisted of a less than two-hour program the night before registration, which itself was the day before first classes. In other words, it was a pro forma, perfunctory event that did absolutely nothing to prepare the students for college life. My, how times have changed, and for the better.

The Younger B.E. is in the midst of a two-day, intensive introduction to the college process, and my good wife and I are in a parallel situation, attending lectures, seminars, receptions, and informal gatherings with other parents, all of us learning the ropes "in extenso." The parents' session on Move-in Day was almost an hour longer than the entire program from my time, and back then

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Granted, I was a day-hop, that is, I did not board during college, but the method for all students was the same. I suppose the resi-

dent students might have gotten a bit more indoctrination, such as where to eat, shower and sleep, but it was not much more.

My freshman year was the last year that the university administration allowed the ridiculous process of hazing, the two-week nonsense designed to make the advent of college life as unattractive and distasteful as possible for those incoming. It also served to disrupt as far as possible the adoption of sound study habits as one was getting his or her feet wet.

In my school the abandonment was driven not by sane administrative conclusions, but rather by the loss in a multi-million dollar lawsuit brought by a student who was injured for life during a previous year's absurdities. Yes, even on the college campus, money does talk, and the shelling out to the plaintiff proved to be a learning experience for

the board of directors. No classes since that time have been hazed.

Today the entry procedure for first-year students is both intensive and insightful, and speaking purely as a parent, it is fun. Tours of the Grounds, not to be called "the campus," are the work of enthusiastic students who are welcoming of the new arrivals, and who see themselves as part of the whole in making the community integral to the learning process.

As we have attended lectures by deans and administrators, their goal of sending us home with a sound understanding of what our students will be doing comes through with every session. Their intolerance of unacceptable behavior is apparent, as is their encouragement for the long road of productive education, the first steps of which are to begin in slightly more than a month.

by Henry Lane Hull



**Do you remember?**

This 1955 aerial view shows the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Carnival Grounds off Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock as preparations are made for the 20th annual Kilmarnock VFD Firemen's Festival at the "new" site. Over the years, the carnival moved from the front yard of Dr. Henry Jeter Edmonds' home on Waverly Avenue, a block off Main Street, to several locations off Irvington Road before finding its permanent home here. Most of those fields in the photo are now filled with houses, noted Kilmarnock Museum president Carroll Lee Ashburn. "Do you remember?" is a public service of the Kilmarnock Museum.

**YOUR LETTERS**

**Violation of international sovereignty**

Unknown to most of the American public, in lieu of the Stop Online Piracy Act, the U.S. Department of Justice is prosecuting a foreign company at the behest of the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America.

This company's name is Megaupload, a filesharing website founded by internet entrepreneur Kim Schmitz, widely known as Kim Dotcom. Megaupload.com had its domain seized back in January of this year by the DOJ under suspicion of racketeering and violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

Only, there are a few issues with the case: Megaupload is a Hong Kong-based company, with the founder being a German citizen and resident of New Zealand. No ties to the U.S. Now law of prosecution says that a foreign company must be served at a U.S. address. Megaupload does not have such an address. The DOJ is pushing New Zealand to extradite Dotcom to the U.S. for the purpose of prosecution.

Lets put aside the stigma of the case here, and see that the U.S. has no jurisdiction over New Zealand, nor did it have the right to prosecute a foreign entity. The implications of this case, if allowed to proceed, will be far-reaching as it will result in a breakdown of the basis of sovereignty of the nations of the world. The U.S., in the name of its own law can disregard the fact that countries have the right to self government and result in destructive censorship, which is why I myself am in support of the goals of the Pirate Party movement, one goal of which is to promote complete freedom of information.

Therefore, I urge all citizens concerned to write to your congressmen, and tell them to vote no, to any bill that tries to censor the internet or else break down international sovereignty.

**Jonathon McDaniels, White Stone**

**The desire to believe**

The political climate is such that in today's world the desire to believe what supports a point of view is sometimes religiously adopted, so the most outlandish blogs are believed in and repeated as the very truth.

This means that in a way, politics for some people has ceased to be a rational process but has been endowed with a religious mysticism. Take for instance the recent letter on terrorism and the DHS and Justice Department where the claims are either wildly distorted or false.

One point is the purchase of "hollow point" rounds. If

you look up the data you will see that this type of round is in common use by most police/law enforcement groups because the tip of the round will flatten out for maximum impact on the target and, importantly, is less likely to pass through the target and kill or injure an innocent person. This ammunition is also used for training of many law enforcement recruits and in the required prequalification of active duty personnel.

Also the references to "constitutionalists" (Patriots, Sovereign Citizens) actually refer to groups who have adopted these patriotic sounding titles, and who hold our federal, state and local government to be illegal. In short they have their own law and "courts" which can be compared to Islamic Sharia law.

They have issued false documents like leins against houses owned by officials such as judges or others with whom

they disagree. These documents appear to have been issued by out-of-state courts and create considerable problems and expense for the individual to remove from the legal system.

It is recommended that people quoting blogs from any party take the time to do a little research—unless their political mysticism prevents reality from seeping through.

**Kent Williamson, Wicomico Church**

**Steamer is remembered**

The correct name for the steamer mentioned but not pictured in the July 19 "Do You Remember?" is the Joseph H. Davis.

Eubank-Tankard also owned the 115-foot Fairfield and chartered the 112-foot Helen Euphane.

**Sandra P. Sherrill, Weems**

**The Congressional Report**

*by Rep. Rob Wittman*

While 2013 might seem far off, it will come quickly, as will the tax hike for every tax-paying American if Congress does nothing to stop it.

The issue of revenue and taxes has been at the forefront of the national discussion lately.

We should not raise taxes on any individual American when so many folks are struggling to put food on the table, and small businesses are lacking the resources to hire new employees. At the same time, the federal government has proven again and again that it cannot responsibly allocate the money it is already receiving from our taxpayers.

We've seen various examples of misuse of resources, as well as a continued determination by the Administration to spend money that we simply do not have. With so much waste, fraud, and abuse already existing, why should folks trust the bloated federal government with even more of their hard-earned dollars?

This is why it is critical for Congress to address the government's spending problems. In recent years, the federal government has overextended itself, and it is critical that Congress closely examine its expenditures to ensure that tax dollars are being allocated in the most effective way. Households across the country have to budget responsibly; Congress should be held to the same standard.

While excessive spending is at the heart of Washington's problems, fundamental reform of our tax code is necessary to stimulate economic growth and begin to tackle our nation's deficit. Our current tax code is incredibly complicated and full of layers, forcing small businesses and job creators to waste countless hours determining how much they owe in taxes, rather than pursuing innovations and growing their businesses. This must change.

"The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes." This duty is spelled out in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, and it is a power that the Founding Fathers would not want me to take lightly. Those who crafted the Constitution included this authority for a specific purpose: "to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States."

It is absolutely critical for Congress to ensure that it is using this responsibility wisely and effectively, rather than simply as a blind and reckless reaction to excessive spending by the federal government.

In the coming months, Congress must tackle this issue. Congress should not procrastinate and wait until December 23 to prevent a tax hike. A comprehensive package creating a fairer, simpler tax code is the most responsible method, and I am hopeful that the House, Senate, and president will rise to this challenge in order to provide certainty and stability to the American public and to our nation's economy.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on the various tax proposals that come before Congress. As always, you can reach me at 202-225-4261, or wittman.house.gov.

**New laws may impact Lancaster citizens**

**by Robert L. Cunningham, Lancaster County Commonwealth's Attorney**

This notice provides a brief summary of criminal justice legislation passed by the 2012 regular session of the General Assembly that is of interest to the citizens of Lancaster County and is likely to have an impact on their daily lives.

The legislation was signed by the governor and went into effect July 1, 2012.

HB 39: Causing telephone to ring with intent to annoy.

This bill provides that a second or subsequent conviction of the Class 3 misdemeanor of causing a telephone or digital pager to ring with intent to annoy is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

HB 279/SB 378: DUI ignition interlock limitations.

This bill provides that a person who is convicted of DUI may drive only with an ignition interlock after the first offense, as a condition of a restricted license, and is required to have an ignition interlock installed in each vehicle owned by or registered to him after a second offense. The law also provides that the court may authorize a restricted license for travel to and from the interlock installer and a person can prequalify for an ignition interlock prior to conviction.

HB 508/SB 273: Synthetic cannabinoids; bath salts.

This bill amends provisions added to the Code of Virginia last year regarding the criminalization of synthetic cannabinoids and chemicals known as "bath salts" to add newly identified chemical combinations.

The measure adds a more generic chemical description of synthetic cannabinoids so that new chemical compounds will nevertheless be considered synthetic cannabinoids without the precise chemical compound having to be added to the Code.

HB 752/SB 459: Strangulation; penalty.

This bill makes strangulation without consent resulting in the wounding or bodily injury of

another a Class 6 felony.

HB 770: Protective orders against law-enforcement officers.

This bill provides that no

emergency protective order may be issued against a law-enforcement officer for any action arising out of the lawful performance of his duties.

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