



Pets on parade

Charlie and Pendleton get a pep talk (above) during the Dog Gone Dog Show Saturday, October 14, at the Irvington Commons. The show is an annual fundraiser of the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck, an animal rescue organization finding homes for abandoned pets. From left are Bob Sutherland, Sandy Sutherland, Erin Thompson and Matt Sutherland. Dogs of all shapes and sizes put their best paw forward for the show. The event featured 13 competition divisions, baked goods, picnic foods, a silent auction, pet boutique and vendors. Mia and Lucy are ready for the best dressed category, according to their friend Greg Grichtmeier. More Dog Gone Dog Show coverage appears on page C4. Photos by Audrey Thomasson



Positive vibes at LHS are praised, absenteeism is a concern at LMS

by Madison White Franks

KILMARNOCK—Lancaster High School principal Butch Gross last week reported to the school board that homecoming week was a success.

"The parade was phenomenal because it took a lot to make that happen," said Gross.

Board member Kenya Moody thanked him for organizing the homecoming parade and bringing back school spirit.

"I have been hearing nothing but positive things about you and the administration at the high school. I think it's very important that you know that," said Moody.

"It's a team effort and we have great kids and I have been impressed with them. We are very blessed in lots of ways," said Gross.

"Mr. Gross and his staff have done a really great job at the high school," said parent C.D. Hathaway.

Gross also noted the positive behavior interventions and supports reward system (PBIS) is working great for the students.

Hathaway found issues with the fairness of how many points are rewarded from different teachers. He also thinks the athletic events should be separate from the PBIS reward system and any student with a student ID should pay a reduced rate to get in to any athletic event.

Gross indicated he would contact surrounding schools to see how they handle student admission to athletic events.

The middle and primary school principals both addressed the board as well. Middle school principal Jessica Davis noted an attendance problem.

"We have a very high rate of student absenteeism at the middle school," she said.

The school is forming a committee to look into the problem and find solutions for improvement, said Davis.

"Kids are missing instruction and that makes a huge difference," said superintendent Steve Parker. "It is something we need to address."

Primary School principal Michael Daddario highlighted community partnerships. On October 13, the Master Gardeners taught third graders about the soil and ecosystems. Also on October 13, the 4-year-olds took a trip to Green Hand Farm and a firetruck visited the school

to teach the 3-year-olds about fire safety. The Lancaster County Lions Club came to conduct hearing and vision screenings on October 16.

Daddario noted a trunk or treat event is planned by the Parent Teacher Association on October 27. He also highlighted the ongoing partnership with Northern Neck Food Bank.

"Currently we are handing out 75 Backpacks for Buddies on Thursdays and Fridays," he said. The school is sending backpacks full of food home with the students in case they don't have anything else to eat over the weekend, he said.

Chairman Robert Westbrook gave an update on the school facilities project.

"We are looking at different parcels of land that we are considering; we are getting official appraisals," he said.

Westbrook said the facilities committee is looking into three different parcels of land.

"The momentum that we had in February seems to have subsided," said Hathaway.

Westbrook said there are other bodies that are involved in making this school facilities project move forward but it has gone slow.

"It's maddening how slow it has been," said Westbrook.

The school board was asked by teacher Christa Dameron to approve a field trip to Tangier Island in early May for the county's 80 first graders. The fee will be \$20 per person and a payment plan will be offered. The first grade teachers are also exploring fundraising options.

She noted the first graders of Lancaster will be pen pals with the four first graders on the island. The field trip will entail a detailed tour around the island, meeting the first graders of Tangier and enjoying lunch and a treat before heading for home.

Board member Audrey Thomasson moved to approve the field trip and Moody seconded the motion. Robert Smart and Westbrook supported the motion. Joan Gravatt was absent.

Director of technology Kevin Bean demonstrated the capabilities of the new smart boards in all the third-grade classrooms. The smart boards were acquired through the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation and the Wiley Foundation. A grant of approximately \$20,000 provided four boards for each classroom.

Northumberland transfers cable franchise

by Madison White Franks

HEATHSVILLE—Northumberland supervisors on October 12 adopted a resolution transferring the county's cable television franchise from Metrocast to Atlantic Broadband.

District 1 supervisor Joseph Self moved to adopt the resolution, District 3 supervisor James Long seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted, 5-0.

Metrocast recently was purchased by Atlantic Broadband, a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications, the 9th

largest cable operator in the U.S.

Francis Bradley of Atlantic Broadband addressed the board Thursday. The official closing on the sale will be around January 4 and existing agreements will remain in place, he said.

"We want to offer more packages, increasing speeds and create larger business services," said Bradley.

He said all local Metrocast employees who wish to will transfer to employment with Atlantic Broadband.

"Internet is everywhere...people want the internet but they are too far from the existing service," said Dis-

trict 4 supervisor Tommy Tomlin. "Picking up more people and more subdivisions is the question we are all being asked."

Expansion has to make economic sense, said Bradley. He suggested supervisors put together a list of target areas in the county to expand internet service.

Bradley said the company will operate under the new Atlantic Broadband name but existing customers with a Metrocast email address will stay the same. New customers will be assigned an Atlantic Broadband email address.

Fundraising continues for upcoming LHS band trip

LANCASTER—The Lancaster Band Boosters seek help to transport the Lancaster Red Devils Marching Band to the 2017 Taxslayer Bowl game. The band will perform in the half time show December 30 on the Jaguars' Everbank Field in Jacksonville, Fla.

This will be the last band trip for director Rob Spiers who is retiring at the end of this school year, said band booster president Donna McGrath.

The Boosters have been asked by Spiers to cover the cost of the charter buses to transport the band and equipment, which has helped to lower the individual cost for each student who goes on the trip.

A benefit concert to help fund the trip will be held at 3 p.m. October 29 at the Lancaster Middle School Theater, 191



A handcrafted wooden American flag is being raffled to raise funds for the Lancaster High School band's trip to the Taxslayer Bowl.

School Street, Kilmarnock. The concert will feature Lancaster graduate Willsonia Boyer, a soprano who performs both as an opera singer and concert artist worldwide.

She will be accompanied on the piano

by Marijo Newman who has served as the assistant conductor at the New York City Opera.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Lancaster High School, Lancaster Middle School, W.F. Booth & Son Inc. and Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce. Reservations also may be made at suiteeventslv.webs.com/boyer.

7th Street Band

Spiers, a member of the 7th Street Band from Yorktown, asked them to hold a benefit performance to help raise funds and they were very happy to, he said.

"The 7th St. Band features some of the best musicians in the area including Lynda Smith, a Donk's Theater star, Kenny Flester and myself in a fabulous horn section," said Spiers. "We play Motown, beach music and oldies dance

music, so this will be the party event of the season," he said.

The show will be held November 3 at Town Centre Park, Kilmarnock, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m., music will follow from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and food, drink and beer will be available for purchase.

Flag raffle

The third fundraiser is a raffle, said McGrath.

Steve Pacheco, parent of drum major Alexis Pacheco, approached the Boosters with a cool item—a rustic wooden American flag that was being handcrafted for the band, she said.

Pacheco, an E8 senior chief electrician's mate in the U.S. Coast Guard, indicated someone who was retiring

received a beautiful wooden flag created by Kevin Powell of American Heirloom Woodworks, continued McGrath. Pacheco asked Powell to create one for the band to be used as a raffle item.

"Mr. Powell agreed and this beautiful piece of art was made for us," she said.

The drawing will be held at the Lancaster Middle School Band's winter concert on December 18. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the LMS Theater. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5.

To purchase tickets for the concerts and/or flag raffle, contact Donna at 438-5803, or dmegrath64@gmail.com. Donations and ticket requests also may be sent to LHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 3, Lancaster, VA 22503. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the requests.



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Town council fails to muster a quorum

by Audrey Thomasson

IRVINGTON—The monthly meeting of the Irvington town council ended before it began when council failed to make a quorum.

The only members to join mayor Ralph Ransone last Thurs-

day night were Kathleen Pollard, Fran Westbrook and Mike Merrill. Members Jerry Latel, Wayne Nunnally and Mike Bombay failed to make the meeting.

Another meeting was not scheduled. Council's next regular monthly meeting date is November 2.

Committee reports prompt action by Kilmarnock council

by Madison White Franks

KILMARNOCK—Town council committees weighed in on Monday night with several action items.

During the administrative finance committee report, council member Rebecca Nunn said a fiscal year 2018 supplement needed to be transferred. The transfer of funds was for Virginia's River Realm from fiscal year 2017 to fiscal year 2018 in the amount of \$48,371.53. The money was received from Middlesex County in June for the fiscal year now under way. Kilmarnock serves as the fiscal agent for the regional economic development initiative.

Nunn moved to transfer the funds and council member Michael Sutherland seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with support from council members Keith Butler, Betsy Crowther, Emerson Gravatt and Dr. Curtis Smith.

During the economic development committee report, Gravatt said the Virginia's River Realm marketing initiative will be a sponsor for a new VIP Oyster Lovers Experience tent at the Urbanna Oyster Festival November 3 and 4. He also noted the latest Virginia's River Realm newsletter was published and will go out to consumers next week. It is called "Fall in the Realm" and features the area's fall festivals.

Also during the administrative finance committee report, council voted unanimously to:

- Set a public hearing at the November meeting to review the proposed transfer of a small parcel of town-owned land to the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department.
- Reappoint Neil Schultz and Dr. Smith to the planning commission.
- Renew the town's membership in the Kilmarnock Museum.
- Approve departmental purchasing thresholds for administration at \$10,000; police, \$5,000;

and public works, \$5,000.

• Appropriate fiscal year 2017 budget transfers to close the year.

During the water/sewer committee report, council authorized town manager Tom Saunders to seek outside expertise to assist in evaluating the town's water and wastewater assets and to commence a thorough analysis of an unsolicited proposal from Aqua Virginia.

During the streets/sidewalks/playground committee report, upcoming events were highlighted including:

- The Taters on the Half Shell Stage, Town Centre Park, October 26.
- Kandy for Kids, Steptoe's District, October 28.
- Christmas in the Park, tree lighting, Santa visit, November 25.
- Kilmarnock Trolley Express, December 16 and 17.

by Madison White Franks

HEATHSVILLE—A road project to improve traffic flow and enhance safety at Northumberland Highway and Academic Lane has Northumberland supervisors asking questions. The project involves extending and adding left turn lanes.

At last Thursday's meeting, District 4 supervisor Tommy Tomlin questioned Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) residency administrator Steven McKeever regarding the status of project completion and the quality of the work.

McKeever indicated VDOT is not satisfied with the paving by the contractor and the project engineer will be looking into improving it.

He noted there are plans in



Cellist Sarah Tindall performs with conductor Michael Repper and the Northern Neck Orchestra. Photo by Kent Eanes

Young cellist captures concert audience

On Saturday, October 14, at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock, a large audience attending the Northern Neck Orchestra's 2017-18 season opening concert enjoyed a stirring performance by teenage cellist Sarah Tindall.

Tindall's rendition of the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto Number 1, considered by many musicologists to be the finest (and most difficult, technically) of cello concertos,

received an uproarious standing ovation, reported Terrell Greene.

"Her poise and command of the instrument showed a maturity of musicianship far beyond her 16 years," said Greene. "This was a musical event of a quality rarely available in small towns of America."

Conductor and musical director Michael Repper opened the concert with the Star-Spangled Banner, the

audience joining in with full voice. He then led the orchestra in a rousing performance of Rossini's overture to the Barber of Seville, followed by the Saint-Saens concerto, where the 50-member orchestra must accompany but not overwhelm the soloist. The concert concluded with a powerful rendition of Beethoven's pastoral Sixth Symphony.

"It was a musical experience to be remembered," said Greene.

Transportation officials respond to Academic Lane project issues

their paving schedule to pave from Academic Lane to Macedonia Baptist Church and this would help the pavement issue.

It was obvious both the supervisors and VDOT are unhappy with the contractor's work.

"We are equally as frustrated with this project...it's not that difficult of a job by any means and we have suffered about every problem possible," he said.

"Public procurement laws require you to accept the low bid provided the contractor can perform the work and that's the issue on this," said Tomlin. "They could not do the work with the equipment they had...I would rate

this contractor: thumbs down."

"Unfortunately, we can't force the contractor to use a certain type of equipment," said McKeever.

"You could if you worded the contract that way," said Tomlin.

"We want the traveling public to be safe," said McKeever. "This job is not over yet."

District 1 supervisor Joseph Self and District 5 supervisor Ronnie Jett thanked VDOT for their work on this project.

School superintendent Dr. Holly Wargo said VDOT has been very responsive to concerns raised throughout the project. The project construction engi-

neer Robert Ridgell committed to widening the back entrance by 7 feet. The back entrance is on Northumberland Highway behind the school complex.

"This project had been a very challenging project for all of us," she said.

Among other items, supervisors approved a request from Charles D. O'Bier to construct a 21-foot by 30-foot by 23-foot boathouse alongside an existing pier on Kingscote Creek at 108 Island Lane, Lottsburg. Self moved to approve the request and District 3 supervisor Jim Long seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

River Counties Community Foundation's 2017 annual fundraising drive is under way

KILMARNOCK—River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) recently launched its 2017 Together.Stronger. annual fundraising campaign to support the work of nonprofit organizations in Lancaster, Northumberland and Middlesex counties.

Each year organizations apply for funding through RCCF's competitive grants program and each year the amount requested by the more than 60 nonprofits exceeds funds available. Together.Stronger. is a proactive response to this shortfall.

The primary purpose of RCCF is to support and encourage local philanthropic giving in Lancaster, Northumberland and Middlesex counties,

reported chairman William O. Vose. This is accomplished by increasing public awareness of the local nonprofit sector's needs and being a conduit for donors to accomplish their own long- or short-term charitable goals.

For longer-term goals, donors can establish funds with the Foundation, knowing that the power of endowment will provide a permanent source of funding to meet those goals. Supporting RCCF's annual fundraising campaign allows donors to respond to more immediate needs in the community, with shorter-term goals. Some donors choose both.

RCCF continually monitors and evaluates the needs of the

community it serves, which change over time, said Vose. The foundation also works closely with nonprofit organizations across the three counties to understand their capacity for providing programs and services. This work occurs throughout the year and is used in the review of grant applications to understand how funding requests relate to community needs and the capacity of the grantee to deliver results.

RCCF is a significant regional grantmaker and has the advantage of being able to aggregate charitable funds for larger, more impactful awards.

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Bill Estell accepts NAPS Distinguished Citizen Award

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) on Saturday, October 14, presented the 2017 Distinguished Citizen Award to Bill Estell.

"In my tenure as NAPS president I presented six of these awards to very special people and never in my wildest dreams thought about receiving one," said Estell.

The award was presented at the NAPS annual social at the Bay Quarter Shores Community Club House.

Estell said the award had special meaning because it came from "my NAPS family." He noted contributions by NAPS in environment, community outreach and especially educational opportunities as the core values of what NAPS represents.

Estell listed a number of these activities, in effect turning himself from the award winner to an award giver. He mentioned environmental initiatives from the early sea grass plantings and phragmites eradication to the creek clean ups, such as the work on the Little Wicomico October 1, and highway pick-up efforts slated October 23.

The educational programs received the most attention. NAPS provided the foundation for developing STEM education in the Northumberland County schools that included Lego STEM, a 120 W solar panel construction and a quadcopter drone demonstration, said Estell. In addition, NAPS scholarships are awarded to outstanding graduating students every year.

Estell lauded the number of school projects that NAPS has helped finance, including the student Eco-Tours by watermen on the Chesapeake Bay.

"I am very proud of NAPS



Accepting the 2017 NAPS Distinguished Citizen Award, Bill Estell (right) introduces three "important ladies" in his life. From left are Northumberland Public Library director Cherie Carl, his daughter, Marti, and his wife, Jinny.

and all of you who have worked so hard to make these programs possible," he said.

Before leaving he introduced "some important ladies" in his life. "First is Jinny, my wife, life partner and best friend of 63 years—married for nearly 56 of those years," he said. "In the Northern Neck I am known as Jinny Estell's husband!"

The second woman in his life is daughter, Marti, visiting for the weekend from her job in the State

Department.

The third woman he introduced is Cherie Carl, "director of our wonderful library, because the library is another passion of mine."

He said Carl will unveil the library's Tech Mobile at the Heathsville Farmers Market Saturday, October 21. He also recalled the joint project between NAPS and the library when 200 eclipse-viewing glasses were dispensed in just 13 minutes.



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NEWS BREAK

Re-appointment

Gov. Terry McAuliffe recently announced additional appointments to his administration.

The Hon. Harvey B. Morgan of Cobbs Creek, former District 98 delegate, was reappointed to the board of conservation and recreation.

50/50 raffle

The Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library Fall 50/50 Raffle is underway. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five. The goal is to sell 500 tickets. A drawing will be held at the "Shuckin' and Jivin' on the Lancaster Green" Oyster Roast November 11 at Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library, 8346 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

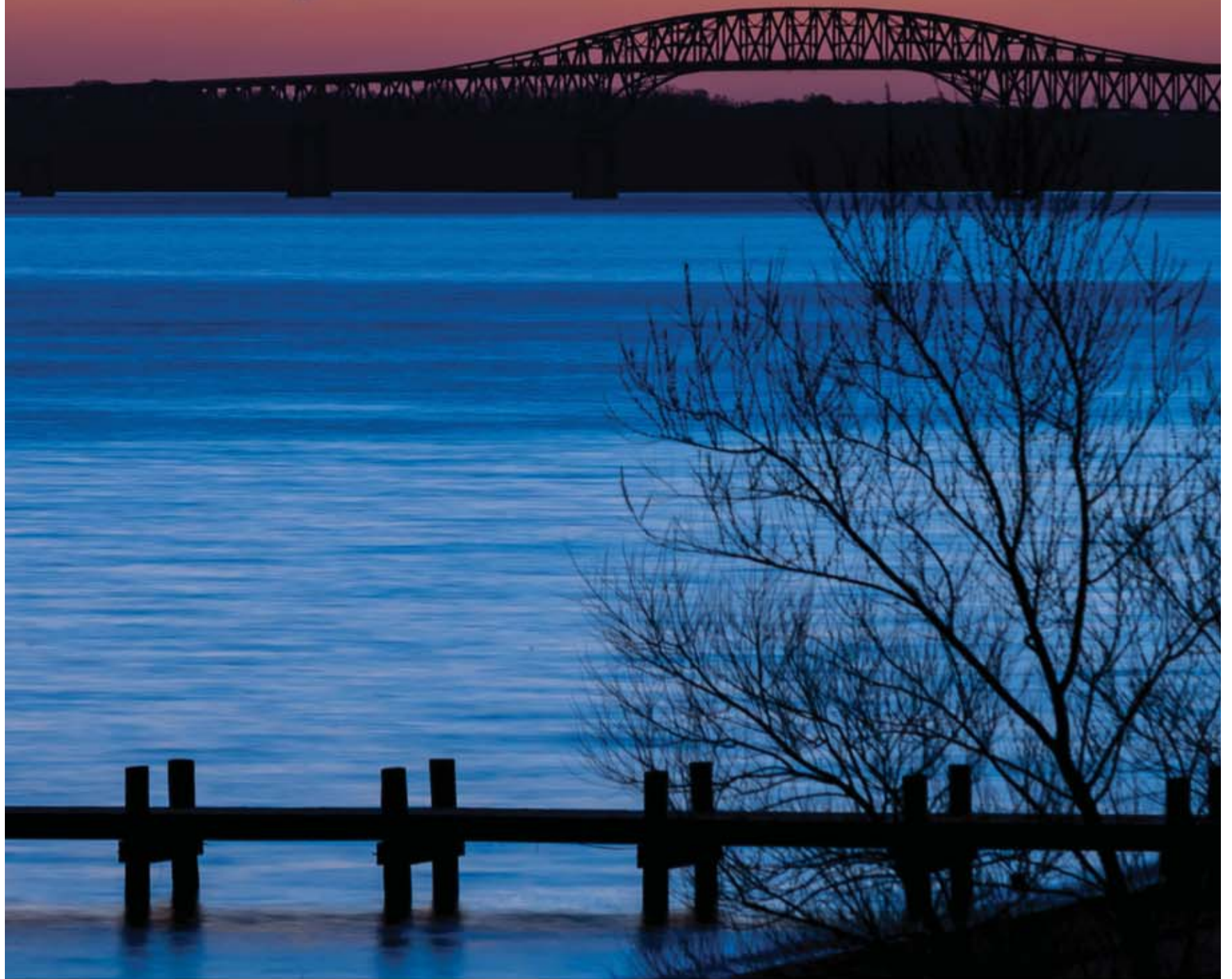
Tickets for the Oyster Roast and Fall 50/50 Raffle can be purchased at www.mkt.com/maryball, 462-7280, or at the museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Raffle tickets also are available from any board member, H.W. Scott, Jane and Page Henley, Mike Osteen, B.H. Hubbard, Butch Jenkins, Anita Tadlock, Betty Pettyjohn, Ammon Dunton, Lex Forrester, or Carolyn Cook.

Show raffle

The Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation is raffling tickets to "Broadway in Richmond" plays. The plays are "The Sound of Music," "Finding Neverland," "Cabaret," "Dirty Dancing" and "Rent 20th Anniversary Tour."

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SHERIFFS' REPORTS

Lancaster County Sheriff Patrick McCranie this week reported charges against five individuals.

Felony

Nancy M. Shepherd, 48, of Doggett Lane was charged October 15 with felony probation violation in a Spotsylvania County case (Shepherd was reported missing on October 5).

Misdemeanors

A Gaskins Road man, 36, was charged October 11 with a noise ordinance violation.

A Johns Neck Road man, 36, was charged October 12 with petit larceny in a Chesterfield County case.

A Hull Neck Road man, 41, was charged October 15 with aggravated malicious wounding and breaking and entering into a Merry Point home.

A White Chapel Road man, 27, was charged October 15 with disorderly conduct.

Activity Report

October 9: Staff responded to a trespass complaint on Crab Point Road (legal hunting involved).

October 10: Staff responded to a possible illegal dumping incident on Devils Bottom Road (legal water drafting from the stream), to an E911 disconnect call in the 2800 block of Morattico Road (telephone line problem), with Virginia State Police (VSP) to a single-vehicle traffic crash in the 700 block of Goodluck Road, to a complaint of a girlfriend using the password to repeatedly turn off her boyfriend's cellphone, and to the 400 block of Twin Branch Road on a report of a domestic assault (no criminal incident); and attempted to intercept a reported reckless driver on Windmill Point Road.

October 11: Staff responded to a domestic disturbance on Benson Road, with emergency medical services (EMS) to a possible overdose incident on Lara Ridge Road, with Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a domestic assault call on Southport Lane, to Twin Branch Road on a hit-and-run incident complaint, to a shots fired complaint in the 2400 block of River Road (incident involved a dog; warning shot fired by landowner on his property), and with Middlesex authorities to the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge for traffic control due to faulty traffic lights; and received repeated E911 calls from a Kilmarnock area resident seeking transport from Lancaster to his home (the subject was warned of criminal charges for misuse of the E911 system) and information from a local citizen of attempted fraud involving Apple I-Cloud accounts (no financial loss involved).

October 12: Staff received a grand larceny report from an Old Orchard Road resident (cargo trailer; \$2,000 loss); investigated a report of a registered sex offender at Lancaster Middle School (LMS) to pick up his own child; and responded with KPD to a traffic crash near Norris Pond, to a possible mental health emergency involving random gun fire on Christ Church Road (intoxicated person within his own home; rifle recovered; incident under investigation), and to a fight call at Lancaster High School (LHS) to assist off duty deputies, working the football game (juvenile petitions to follow).

October 13: Staff notified Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) of a reported missing stop sign at Harris and Mary Ball roads; received a child sexual assault report (no further information released in order to protect the victim and due to the nature of the investigation), and a domestic disturbance complaint from a Washington Street resident (complainant cancelled the call; parent-child incident involved); and responded to a verbal dispute in the 18400 block of Mary Ball Road.

October 14: Staff responded initially to Mill Creek Lane (Northumberland County) to assist EMS as Northumberland deputies were then involved in a missing person incident, but were diverted to the community hospital for a combative patient, being the same person involved at the Mill Creek Lane location; intercepted a reported reckless driver near Pinckardsville Road; received a walk-in report of a lost wallet; and responded to the Litwalton area on a complaint of a dirt bike being operated on the highway, to a domestic disturbance in the 3100 block of White Chapel Road, with KPD to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of North Main Street, to a child custody/visitation complaint in the 2000 block of Morattico Road and to a domestic disturbance call on Shalem Place, and to a domestic disturbance in the 7800 block of River Road (emergency protective orders issued).

October 15: Staff received a larceny complaint from the 400 block of King Carter Drive (report withdrawn by complainant who found the item), and a walk-in complaint of an assault; and responded to the 1800 block of Ocran Road to assist VSP with a search (drug possession arrest made by VSP), to Mary Ball, Alfonso and Morattico roads on a report of a man screaming and running into the roadway, to the 20000 block of Windmill Point Road for a complaint of the theft of an ATV (complainant withdrew the complaint to report recovering the ATV), to a verbal dispute in the 300 block of Gaskins Road, to the area of LHS on a complaint of an adult with a small child riding an ATV (complainant was concerned about the safety of the child who was not wearing a helmet), to Irvington Road and School Street on a report of a possible fight brewing among several teenagers, to an assault call in the 200 block of Mosquito Point Road (victim declined to prosecute), and to a fight call in the 100 block of Ocran Road (juvenile petitions to follow).

October 16: Staff received a walk-in complaint of an assault (EMS dispatched to check victim's injuries), and a report of a drunk/reckless driver in the White Stone area (no unit in position to attempt to intercept); responded to Second Avenue for landlord/tenant complaint (default on rent and damage to property); notified VDOT of down tree on Alfonso Road; and the school resource officer received an assault report at LMS.

Staff also conducted 20 traffic stops, issued seven summonses, assisted five motorists, recorded two deer strike accidents, handled two calls for traffic control, investigated nine building alarms, logged three inmate transports, received eight E911 hang-up calls and fielded two calls for animal control service.

Fire calls

Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a request to establish a med-evac landing one in the 3800 block of Mary Ball Road.

Kilmarnock VFD responded to a traffic crash in the 700 block of Goodluck Road.

White Stone VFD responded to a controlled burn in the 200 block of Ocran Road.

EMS calls

For the week of October 8 through 14, the Kilmarnock-Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad and Lancaster County Emergency Services responded to 33 calls for service including 15 medical emergencies, seven injuries, a traffic accident and 10 other calls.

Northumberland County Sheriff James R. "Doc" Lyons this week reported charges against 10 individuals.

Felonies

Lawrence Michael Jenkins, 19, of Heathsville was charged October 4 with a capias/attachment of the body from the Essex County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for failing to appear.

Charles Linwood Folk, 81, was charged October 9 with assault and battery of a police officer. He also has been charged with stalking and attempt to flee from law enforcement. These warrants were served by the Virginia State Police.

Brian Luckham, 29, of Kilmarnock, was charged October 12 with a capias to show cause for violating the terms of his release.

Misdemeanors

A Kilmarnock man, 65 was charged October 2 with possession of alcohol after being interdicted.

A Lottsburg man, 45, was charged October 4 with being drunk in public.

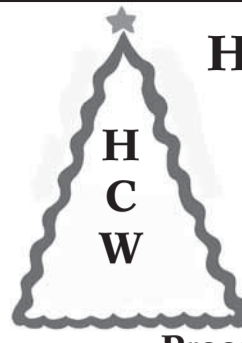
A Weems woman, 26, was charged October 4 with failing to tag an animal, failing to vaccinate an animal and animal cruelty. These were Northumberland County summons served by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

A Warsaw man, 25, was charged October 6 with one capias/attachment of the body for failing to appear in the Northumberland County General District Court. He also was charged for failing to obey pre-trial services. These were Northumberland County warrants served by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

A Heathsville man, 30, was charged October 8 with being drunk in public.

A Mechanicsville man, 23, was charged October 9 with driving suspended third or more times, obstruction of justice, speeding and two counts of abusive language to another.

A Heathsville man, 38, was charged October 15 with being drunk in public.



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Democrats will host candidate Santana

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland County Democratic Party will meet today, October 19, at the Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. A social period will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Edwin Santana, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress in the First District. Santana is one of four candidates vying for the Democratic nomination in 2018.

Candidate Vangie Williams will speak on November 15 and Ryan Sawyer, January 18.

Also, at this meeting, plans for election day and pre-election day party work for the November 7 election will be discussed, reported chairman Frank J. Kober.

Bennett to address Lancaster Democrats

LANCASTER—The Lancaster County Democratic Committee (LCDC) will meet Monday, October 23, at the Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock.

The meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. with a social period, reported chairman Nick Magnani. At 7 p.m., distribution of campaign signs, preparation for next month's election, discussion of the upcoming reorganization caucus and Christmas Party, planning for the annual 'Dinning with Dems' dinner and identifying volunteers for the November 4 Irvington Farmers Market.

Attendance at LCDC meetings this year has been remarkable, said Magnani. With strong Democratic candidates in both local and state-wide races, Virginia's 2017 election is testament to the Commonwealth's mettle. In this very challenging political environment, the LCDC goal of 2017 is mobilizing the Northern Neck to action.

Robert Bennett, vice chairman of the Lancaster County Electoral Board, will present "Every Vote Counts." He will explain the election process in Lancaster County to count every vote so every vote counts. Close elections will be discussed to show how important it is for everyone to vote.

Bennett serves on the executive committee of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee.

The meeting is open to all. Snacks, treats and goodies will be provided by our members, attendees and volunteers. Volunteer treats are especially welcome.

Redistricting documentary will be shown in Montross

MONTROSS—Westmoreland Indivisible will host a viewing of "Gerrymandered: Turning Democracy on its Head" from 6 to 8 p.m. October 30 at Galilee Baptist Church, Montross.

Gerrymandering is the process by which political district lines are drawn by the very politicians who stand to benefit from them, reported Donna Lloyd-Jones.

In Virginia, both Democrats and Republicans have engaged in this practice to distort the electoral process, promote the party in power and turn competitive districts into non-competitive ones, said Lloyd-Jones. The PBS documentary will examine the historical context and consequences of gerrymandering through a multi-partisan lens that includes Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Libertarians and the Tea Party.

Liz White, a representative from the non-partisan Virginia2021, will be available to discuss gerrymandering and efforts toward redistricting reform.



From left are Elizabeth Friel, Northern Neck Land Conservancy past president Steve Walker and A. Mason Brent.

Brent family honored by conservation group

WARSAW—The A. Mason Brent Family was named the Northern Neck Land Conservancy's "Conservation Champion" at the organization's recent Boots and Barbecue gathering at Grove Mount Farm.

Brent shared the special connection his family has to its conserved land, reported executive director Elizabeth Friel.

Brent, the retired president of Columbia Propane Corp. and Columbia Propane LP and chairman of Atlantic Energy Inc., has been a longtime supporter of the land conservancy's efforts to preserve farmland in the Northern Neck. He lives in Heathsville where he restored the historic Roanoke home and grows specialty corn and grain on its sur-

rounding acreage.

A past treasurer of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, Brent also has been active in other local organizations including the Northumberland Family YMCA, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett Tavern Foundation and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

The land conservancy's volunteer board has helped preserve 15,000 acres in the Northern Neck, said Friel. It recently agreed to begin work in Essex County at the request of landowners there.

The conservancy writes easements in cooperation with landowners who wish to permanently protect their property from development so it will remain farmland forever, she said.

The Agenda

Local Government News

HEATHSVILLE—The Northumberland planning commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 19, at the Northumberland County Courts Building, 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville.

The commission will resume a discussion on electrical substations and solar farms.

LANCASTER—Supervisors will hold two public hearings at the October 26 meeting. The board will convene at 7 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

James and Elizabeth Stanley seek authorization to enlarge an existing structure on a 2.5-acre parcel at 2011 Mosquito Point Road. The property is zoned general residential.

Supervisors will also conduct a hearing on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding enforcement, amendments, administration and interpretation. The changes include additions, deletions and modifications for uniformity.

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Mill Creek reflections

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YOUR LETTERS

Vote for Edwards

I noticed that Del. Margaret Bevans Ransone's campaign material emphasizes that the NFIB Small Business Association endorses her. That endorsement is puzzling especially because some small business people are leaving the Northern Neck because of a problem she could help fix.

That problem is lack of high speed internet. A friend of mine is leaving the Northern Neck because of no high-speed internet. This problem has been around for some time and Ransone is aware of it, but she has not lifted a finger to help correct the problem.

Lack of high-speed internet makes it hard to attract businesses to the Northern Neck and keep them here.

It is time for a change in District 99. We need to be represented by someone who has ideas and policies about moving the area forward; we need Francis Edwards.

Horace Adams,
Reedville

Del. Ransone is broadminded

Amidst all of the rancor and political incivilities that have plagued this year's election cycle in the Virginia House of Delegates District 99 race, I would respectfully like to express my support for Margaret Ransone.

Margaret, a life-long resident of the Northern Neck who continues to work in our community, has consistently provided effective representation for our district during her tenure as our delegate.

Not only does she address our needs in her role at the General Assembly, she does so in a manner that balances those needs with the overall needs of

our nation.

Broadmindedness such as this is a rare quality in our world riddled with self importance today.

Mason Brent,
Heathsville

Vote Nov. 7

Last Thursday night at Lancaster Community Library all the candidates for local office participated in Candidate's Night. They each presented themselves in excellent tone, enthusiasm and willingness to inform those citizens in attendance. While positions differed, they conducted their presentations in a respectful manner. The candidates agreed to remain and take questions from the many citizens. This resulted in about an additional hour of discussion to the benefit of all present.

The Lancaster Community Library staff and Friends of Lancaster County members had the privilege of preparing the facility, developing and conducting the event. Lloyd Hill, our time-keeper, ensured every candidate had equal time and kept us on track.

The staff of the Rappahannock Record provided excellent support in furthering the contribution to the informing of our citizenry in this important endeavor. Also WIGO provided spots publicizing the event. This assistance was invaluable to our community.

The citizens of this county now have a major task on their hands on November 7. The local candidates that are selected face many challenges in the years ahead and their decisions will affect all the county citizens, not just "their" district.

We owe it to each other to be involved in the selection process and to vote in our local and state election on November 7.

Charles Costello, Merry Point,
president, FOLCVA

Gillespie flawed

Ed Gillespie, Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate, is telling voters he has a plan to bring jobs to Virginia, but never tells us what the plan is. In fact, he has remained silent while members of his party, most notably Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, have moved high-paying government jobs out of Northern Virginia to Huntsville.

Gillespie tells us the current governor's job creation program has not worked. That is incorrect. Virginia has a low unemployment rate and under McAuliffe some 200,000 jobs have been created. Gillespie doesn't say one word about his Republican colleagues targeting federal jobs in Virginia. Gillespie is uniquely qualified to stop this pillaging—he is a former head of the Republican Party.

Apparently Gillespie has lost none of his nefarious business dealings from his days with ENRON. Gillespie was a lobbyist for ENRON. Gillespie doesn't tell voters that ENRON executives were tried and convicted of a variety of crime including destroying documents. Company executives were sent to jail. Thousands of ENRON employees and stockholders lost their life's savings and were ruined. Does Virginia really need this kind of deceitful leadership in the Governor's mansion?

Gillespie's campaign ads also talk about his days working in a restaurant and serving beer. Next time I throw a party, rather than hire a Bavarian beer maid who can carry six steins in each hand, I'll call Gillespie. He is fit for serving beer, not running the state of Virginia.

Frank J. Kober,
Heathsville

Edwards is likable

I would like to know if Margaret Ransone wants to represent me. I can't find her to talk to her. I waited most of the morning at a Heathsville Farmers Market. I attended the NAACP Forum in the Northumberland High School auditorium.

I had hoped that she would agree to debate Francis Edwards at Rappahannock Community College. I called her office. I scanned her Facebook page. I asked a friend who works on her campaign to find out where I could find her. No luck.

I did vote for her when I first moved here and taught with her former sister-in-law. I even put up a yard sign. However, I do not see my life improving since that election.

I have talked to Francis Edwards, her opponent, several times. He was at the Heathsville Farmers Market. He was at the NAACP Forum. I like listening to him. I like what he says about developing Northern Neck businesses. I like his anti-fracking stance. I like his intelligence. I like his ethics. I like that he is accessible to me and to my questions.

Francis is a known entity to me. He deserves my vote. Get to know him yourself. He is easy to find.

Terry Dutcher,
Reedville

Del. Ransone is a friend to law enforcement

I would like to take this opportunity to share some personal thoughts regarding Del. Margaret Ransone and her bid for re-election.

I have gotten to know Margaret since I was elected Sheriff of Northumberland County. I cannot remember a time when I called her with a particular problem of my own or of another citizen that she did not take time to listen. On several occasions she has come to my office genuinely wanting to know what she could do to help with issues occurring in this county. She has always been accessible to this office regardless of whether she is at home or in Richmond.

She recently appeared at a meeting with six local sheriffs where for over two hours she intently listened to the problems that present themselves to rural law enforcement agencies. She is, and always has been, a friend to law enforcement.

I would encourage every citizen to vote for Margaret in the upcoming election because I know that she genuinely cares for the people in the Northern Neck.

James R. Lyons, Heathsville,
Sheriff, Northumberland County

YOUR LETTERS

Socey has my vote

It is my pleasure to endorse Margaret Socey for the Lancaster County School Board.

I have known Margaret for many years; and I can say without hesitation that her passion for our local youth and our schools is to be commended. My association with Margaret began years ago when she and her late husband began a program for all third graders in public school to have the opportunity to go on a field trip to Washington, D.C.

For the 2017-18 school term, the third-grade classes will take this trip for the 18th consecutive year. From this program evolved the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation, which last year put almost \$100,000 back into our local schools for field trips, robotics, band instruments, reading programs, SMART tables, to name only a few. Under Margaret's leadership, the foundation since its inception has raised approximately \$500,000 to support educational opportunities for our primary, middle and high school students.

She began a recognition program for students and teachers called "Celebration of Excellence."

Her efforts even helped to organize and fund a tutoring program for our public school system. Last year 169 students in grades K-12 were tutored by a volunteer base of 68 tutors. Margaret has been a tutor and mentor for local youth for 20 plus years. I am privileged to serve on the foundation board with Margaret and have seen firsthand her tireless efforts and her dedication to giving our local youth opportunities to enrich their lives and their futures.

Having worked so closely for many years with all of our teachers and administrators, Margaret has a keen understanding of our public schools: The needs, the issues and also what is working extremely well. I know she will be an asset to our school board; she most definitely has my vote.

Hazel Farmer,
Irvington

Bott is a proven asset

I'm endorsing George Bott for supervisor in District 1 because of his clear vision to create a growing and economically stimulated Lancaster County.

As a citizen, he has worked to ensure the boat tax revocation—which brought more boats to local marinas and created jobs. Pointing out budget surpluses, he successfully got the last two tax decreases.

He has laid the groundwork to provide high-speed internet to all of Lancaster County. Again, his perseverance and out-of-the-box thinking has provided proven direction in this endeavor. Investment in our future through creative contacts and partner-

ships will result in robust internet access that will benefit all in the county. This will provide impetus for expansion of existing businesses and for new companies to locate in the area.

His opponent, Mr. Larson, using old and often incorrect budget numbers, says the county cannot afford new schools. Mr. Bott, after almost two years of review, determined the overall health of our school district requires some new construction and renovation. Utilizing clear, defined operating budget reductions and actual revenue generated by the surplus energy production of the new state-of-the-art school campus, his proposal would only require a 3% tax increase. But, this investment would serve our existing community and attract new families. These families represent the stimuli Lancaster County needs to grow.

Mr. Larson's plan of putting more band-aids on a hemorrhaging school district will keep us in the same rut we now find ourselves in. He offers no substantive plan of action to remedy the problems in our schools. Mr. Bott recognizes the need for Lancaster to differentiate itself in the marketplace and believes that budget controlled investment in our schools is critical to our growth.

Mr. Bott has already proven himself an asset to building a stronger Lancaster County.

Sharon Gill,
Lancaster

Re-elect 'Champion of Regulatory Reform'

On November 7, the voters in District 99 have the opportunity to vote and allow Del. Margaret Ransone to continue representing the district.

As a lifelong resident of the area, Margaret is aware of the challenges and issues facing its residents. She is genuinely concerned about everyone, young and old, farmers, watermen, loggers, small business owners, as well as those who enjoy the recreational opportunities in the area.

She opposes increasing taxes on hardworking families and small businesses. She has also been an advocate of reducing regulations, earning her the "Champion of Regulatory Reform" Award for years 2015-17. Her common sense approach to issues, strong work ethic and conservative values have served us well for the past six years.

I have always found Margaret to be ready and willing to address any questions and concerns whenever contacted. She has been a guest at our committee meetings on several occasions, presenting legislative updates and explaining how legislation will affect the 99th District.

I urge voters throughout the district to go the polls on November 7 and vote to re-elect Margaret Ransone as our delegate in Richmond.

Debbie Harper, Warsaw,
chairman
Richmond County Republican
Committee

Excerpts

In 1974 Jim Heston retired, at the age of 53, after a highly decorated career in the Department of Defense, and with his wife, Marie, moved to a home in Westmoreland County on the banks of the Yeocomico River. His was not to be a typical retirement. As he was moving to the Northern Neck, the counties of Virginia were moving into a new form of county government, the result of which was Jim becoming the first county administrator of Westmoreland County.

In that capacity for five years he guided and directed the county into its current form of government, using his engineering background and long experience in federal service. In 1979 Jim retired again, this time upon leaving his position with the county, he entered the world of volunteerism. In that arena he flourished.

I used to tell Jim that with every organization in the Northern Neck his relationship could be described in one of two ways, either as chairman or non-member. He was such a stellar individual that every group sought his leadership, and he willingly gave abundantly of his time and talent. I should need far more than this column merely to list his various

Knowing that John is a great devotee of greens cooked in the Northern Neck manner, Jim made certain that the menu included them.

contributions, but to me two were particularly notable.

The first was the Northern Neck Planning District Commission. As county administrator of Westmoreland County he was present for the commission's formative years and after his second retirement served for many more years as one of the county's two citizen members.

Jim was gifted with a keen deliberative ability and he expressed his thoughts in reasoned discourse, to the enlightenment of all present. In truth he was the godfather of the commission and from his work there he went forward to serve on the State Commission on Local Government, which he chaired for several years and which, due to the regulatory

process, necessitated his departure from the Planning District Commission.

On the Local Government Commission Jim traveled all across the Commonwealth, advising localities, chairing public hearings and helping to bring about new initiatives. His energy level was profound and it matched his enthusiasm. Jim genuinely enjoyed the mechanics of government at the local level.

Another of his noteworthy contributions was in leading the Northern Neck Christian Men's Group, which met each month at Carmel Church in Westmoreland County. I need not say that his role again was chairman, in which position he brought in speakers to feast on a great home-cooked meal and to address the group on topics of community, regional and national interest.

At the end of each legislative session Sen. John Chichester would come to apprise the members of the new laws that had passed, as well as those that had not. Knowing that John is a great devotee of greens cooked in the Northern Neck manner, Jim made certain that the menu included them.

Jim was born in Philadelphia, shortly after the end of the First World War. He served in

the Army Air Corps throughout the Second World War, and then with the Department of the Air Force for most of his federal career. He was an engineering graduate of Temple University and reflected the engineer's "can-do" approach to every undertaking. He thrived on the nitty-gritty of a complex problem, working out the details and seeing it resolved.

Jim remained active well into his mid-90s and earlier this month he died at the age of 96. The Elder B.E. and I visited him four days before he died. He was unable to speak, but he extended his hand to shake hands, thereby confirming that he was pleased we had come to see him. He was ever the gracious host, whether presiding at a public hearing or greeting a visitor in his room in the nursing home. Jim was a mighty contributor to the progress made in the Northern Neck over the last third of the 20th century, but, more importantly, this Yankee from Philadelphia who came to our midst became in the minds of all who met him a true example of the Virginia Gentleman.

James Joseph Heston, Jr., January 29, 1921 – October 2, 2017. R.I.P.

by Henry Lane Hull



Do you remember?

This reproduction of a picture postcard shows Cobbs Hall near Kilmarnock. This structure was built about 1850 on the foundation of a previous house. It is believed to be the third Cobbs Hall plantation house, the previous two destroyed by fire. "The Immigrant" Col. Richard Lee I, the first Lee to arrive in Virginia from Shropshire, England, established Cobbs Hall about 1650. He died in 1664 and was buried there. The existing house is under renovation to restore it to its original glory, reported Kilmarnock Museum president Carroll Lee Ashburn. The house has 11 fire places and was a former home of Kilmarnock mayor Walter Harvey Sr. "Do you remember?" is a public service of the Kilmarnock Museum. Photo courtesy of Selden Richardson

YOUR LETTERS

Del. Ransone doesn't represent all of the people

I'm a resident of Kinsale and am acquainted with Del. Ransone and her family, who I'm sure exemplify traditional Northern Neck values. What concerns me, however, is her voting record on issues that affect all the families she represents.

Ransone voted in favor of fracking here. Injecting chemicals into the ground uses up to 8 million gallons of aquifer water per well. Fracking causes chemical contamination of ground surfaces, ground water and depletion of our fresh water aquifer. Fracking creates frequent and stronger earthquakes. I don't want this here at home, do you?

Secondly is her vote to use our dedicated public school tax dollars to fund private and charter schools. As a taxpayer, it's not my responsibility to fund private or charter school educations. The larger question is, can most families afford to send their kids to private schools? My tax dollars should stay where they are needed, in county schools that need more funding not less.

Thirdly is her push against redistricting. Drawing congressional boundaries that segregate populations into like-minded districts benefits the political party that draws those boundaries. Washington-bound representatives have no mandate, then, to place people over party. Instead they focus on placating their base, causing political gridlock. Officials won't compromise for fear of alienating that base. The better way forward for the Northern Neck and Virginia is not gerrymandering.

Lastly, Ransone refuses to meet with non-partisan organizations interested in comparing her views and values with her opponent's. How do we make an informed decision without thoughtful conversation?

Her refusal to attend such events and her support for the issues above clearly state she isn't interested in representing all of the people of the Northern Neck.

Hope Jackson,
Kinsale

YOUR LETTERS

Elect those who support referendum on school project

The unrealistic advertising done in April 2017 advocating a 40-year mortgage for a \$71 million school campus plus land, architecture/engineering and other overrun costs is based on want, not need.

It dramatically shows that voters should only vote November 7 for candidates who support a public referendum on the issue. To obligate a community for 40 years is beyond prudent comprehension. Some studies show a 24% annual increase in real estate taxes which would impair the county. Jack Larson, District 1 candidate, advocates "Make the Right Choice" and have more study.

All concerned citizens deserve transparency, objectivity and the best mix of effort for our students. Hearings, written responses and a public referendum will make for better deci-

sions. County demographics, school population direction, vital ratios re students and teachers/administrators, relative test scores, grad rates, turnovers and other data should be published.

The lame excuse of school ages is nonsense. In other areas of the world, 100-year-old buildings have outstanding educations in them. I guess we must bulldoze the ivy leagues. Meanwhile, will the existing facilities be torn down or converted at what costs?

The time span will be disruptive and cause more faculty turnover. Obviously, costs will go up. However, the most important consideration is the potential negative impact on the student body.

Vote for sponsors of a public referendum on the campus.

Rick Frisbie,
Weems

Endorsing Margaret Socey

We are writing to wholeheartedly endorse Margaret Socey for the Lancaster County School Board in District 5.

Ms. Socey has spent years donating her time and energy for the children of our community. She founded the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation that not only has provided new technology for the classroom, but has also provided the funds for an annual trip to Washington, D.C., for our third graders for years.

In addition to her commitment to the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation, Ms. Socey has served as a volunteer tutor for all grades for 20 years.

Please consider voting for Margaret Socey for the Lancaster County School Board on November 7.

Harriette B. Fishburne and
Cary N.D. Fishburne, Weems

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Above the fray

I continue to be amazed and disappointed by the statements by some people in our community about Margaret Ransone. Either they are uninformed or just spreading false or fake information in support of their candidate. This may play well in Washington politics, but is not appropriate here.

I have known and worked with Margaret Ransone for a number of years. I can attest that she:

- Knows the area, the people, the businesses.
- Serves all of her constituents and is always open and

available.

• Is most respected locally and in Richmond and gets results for the people in the Northern Neck.

I had the privilege of being with Margaret and her fellow delegates and our senators and saw firsthand how they sought her out for her opinion and advice.

Margaret has run a positive campaign, based on her record and ideas. Margaret has earned and deserves our support and vote.

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— Get to Know William Smith

There are scores of uncommon bankers at Bank of Lancaster.

While our bank will change its name to Virginia Commonwealth Bank in mid-November, our bankers won't change. So, getting to know William Smith and others like him demonstrates that our roots in the Northern Neck are as solid as an 87-year-old oak tree.

A Reedville native and graduate of Northumberland High School, William's roots are firmly planted here. He has been a Northern Neck banker since graduating from James Madison University in 1989. William and his wife Cathy along with their 3 children currently live in Kilmarnock.

"Supporting public education here is a big priority for me. A great education will help preserve what we love about living in the Northern Neck for decades."

William Smith
Vice President, Commercial Lending

Serving his commercial banking customers and public education are William's passions. As the former vice mayor of the Kilmarnock Town Council, he is most proud of the council's effort to support Rappahannock Community College in establishing a Kilmarnock campus. He's now Treasurer of Lancaster County High School's PTSO and the school's athletic boosters. His son, Daniel, is a member of the football team. He is also a board member of the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce and a member of the 2017 class of LEAD Northern Neck.

"Supporting my commercial customers is important for our community to maintain and grow jobs for students graduating from our area high schools and colleges," says William. "We are here to provide our customers with the very best in financial services, no matter the name of our bank. We're here. We're not going anywhere, because we love it here in the Northern Neck."



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Supporting Strong Branches

With seven branches in the Northern Neck, Bank of Lancaster makes banking easy and convenient. There are scores of other uncommon bankers, like William, at Bank of Lancaster. They assure you of exceptional service, optimum return on your investments, and an enduring focus on making our community a better place.

Want to speak with William about your commercial banking needs? Call (804) 761-4991 or e-mail him at wsmith@banklanc.com.

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Strong Roots and Branches

Because growth is essential

A bank is more than a name. It's about our people and their dedication to the Northern Neck that is as solid as an 87-year-old oak tree. In mid-November, the sign outside "your" Bank of Lancaster will read Virginia Commonwealth Bank. Here's what that means for you:

- More dollars to help Northern Neck businesses create new jobs
- Better services to make banking easier for you
- New options for families to save and invest
- Numerous branches in the Northern Neck for maximum convenience
- New resources to support community initiatives
- The staff you already know and trust

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