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Tuesday's ballot will include a long list of local candidates

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Candidates are in the final days of campaigning for state and local offices before voters cast ballots in the November 8 general election. Polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

The last day to cast an absentee ballot in person at the Voter Registrar's office is Saturday, November 5, by 7 p.m. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the registrar by 7 p.m. election day.

Registered voters need to show a Virginia voter identification card or photo identification. For additional information on voting or to confirm polling places, contact the registrar's office in Lancaster at 462-5277, or in Northumberland at 580-4655.

General Assembly

District 4 incumbent Republican Sen. Ryan T. McDougle is unopposed for re-election.

District 99 House of Delegates candidates are Democrat Nicholas Smith and Republican Margaret Bevans

Lancaster candidates

Candidates seeking election to Commonwealth's Attorney include incumbent C. Jeffers "Jeff" Schmidt Jr., Robert L. Cunningham and R. Wayne Nunnally.

Candidates for sheriff include incumbent Ronald E.

Crockett and Melvin L. Howard Jr. Incumbent Commissioner of the Revenue George E.

"Sonny" Thomas is unopposed for re-election. Candidates for Treasurer include incumbent Bonnie

J. D. Haynie and David L. Cook. Incumbent Ernest W. Palin Jr. is unopposed for

supervisor in District 2.

Candidates for District 3 supervisor include incumbent Peter N. "Pete" Geilich and Jason D. Bellows.

Incumbent District 4 supervisor Jack S. Russell is unopposed for re-election. District 1 school board member Robert Smart is

unopposed for the remaining two years of a four-year Candidates for District 2 school board member

include incumbent Ella Davis and Kelly B. Kellum. Incumbent District 4 school board member Patrick McCranie is unopposed for re-election.

Candidates for two open seats on the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District include E. Derwin Booker Jr. and write-in Wallace Carter.

Northumberland candidates

Incumbent Commonwealth's Attorney Jane Blackwell Wrightson is unopposed for re-election.

Candidates for sheriff include incumbent Charles A. Wilkins and Gregory W. "Greg" Keyser.

Incumbent Commissioner of the Revenue Todd E. Thomas is unopposed for re-election.

Incumbent Treasurer Ellen Booker Kirby is unopposed for re-election.

Incumbent District 1 supervisor Joseph A "Joe" Self Sr. is unopposed for re-election.

Incumbent District 4 supervisor Thomas H. "Tommy" Tomlin is unopposed for re-election.

Incumbent District 5 supervisor Ronald L. "Ronnie"

Jett is unopposed for re-election. Candidates for District 1 school board member include incumbent Susan D. Smith and Susan Cralle Saunders.

Candidates for District 4 school board member include incumbent Lee G. Scripture and Betsy B. Christopher.

District 5 school board candidate Richard Saxer is unopposed.

Candidates for two seats on the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District include John A. Kelley, Kirk Swann VanLandingham and Robert G. VanLandingham.

Polling places

Lancaster polling places include:

- District 1, Ruritan Center, 3989 White Chapel Road, Lancaster.
- District 2, Trinity Episcopal Church, 8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.
- District 3-precinct 301, White Stone firehouse, 578 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.
- District 3-precinct 302, Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock.
- District 4, Kilmarnock-Lancaster Rescue Squad
- building, 61 Harris Road, Kilmarnock. • District 5, Irvington Baptist Church, 53 King Carter
- Drive, Irvington.
- Central Absentee precinct, Voter Registrar's office, 8694 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.
- Northumberland polling places include:
- District 1, Callao firehouse, 314 Northumberland Highway, Callao.
- District 2, St. Stephen's Church, 6538 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.
- District 3-A, Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.
- District 3-B, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6749 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway.
- District 4, Wicomico Parish Church, 5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church.
- District 5, Fairfields firehouse, 119 Main Street,
- Central Absentee precinct, Northumberland County



Kids collect candy in Kilmarnock

Karen Bristow of EVB, aka "sheep," hands out candy to Lawrence Harding, a scary ghoul, during Kilmarnock's Kandy for Kids on Halloween. Some 700 children in costumes trickor-treated at participating businesses throughout town. The event was sponsored by the Lancaster By the Bay Chamber of Commerce. Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrigh



Jorja Peyton, 2, as Scooby Doo, was fascinated by a scarecrow while waiting for candy. View slides of the children trick-ortreating in Kilmarnock's Steptoe's District at RRecord.com.

Two of three hopefuls for Lancaster County Commonwealth's Attorney debate face to face

by Audrey Thomasson

LIVELY—Commonwealth's ney candidates C. Jeffers Schmidt and R. Wayne Nunnally demonstrated a clear difference in styles during a political debate Saturday at the Lively firehouse.

However, the contender who took the most verbal hits was absent. Candidate Robert Cunningham's camp said he had a previous commitment that day.

Debate official Roger Failmezger told some 50 citizens in attendance that the event was rescheduled to a date Cunningham suggested. Organizers immediately contacted the other two candidates with the change and then tried to contact Cunningham's campaign manager to confirm. When he didn't return phone calls, they went to the campaign headquarters and were told Cunningham was no longer available. Only three days had transpired, Failmezger said.

Schmidt began the line of attack on the absent candidate by asking Nunnally if he concurred that Cunningham's claim of clerking for an assistant to the Commonwealth's Attorney was misleading since "... at the time, he wasn't an attorney." Additionally, he said Cunningham's claim that he was a special assistant U.S. Attorney for



C. Jeffers Schmidt (left) and Wayne R. Nunnally ended their debate with a hand shake.

District was actually an internship assignment of political appointees in federal agencies. The program was designed for indoctrination into how the federal court

judges in the U.S. District Court—Eastern system works and the interns were commonly referred to as "90-day wonders," he

> Schmidt ticked off a list of judges who were serving at that time and asked Nun-

or federal investigators Cunningham said he worked with remembered him. After Nunnally agreed, Schmidt asked if he had found any evidence that Cunningham had an office in the county or was a practicing

Nunnally said he discovered Cunningham was not listed as a member of the Northern Neck Bar Association or listed in local directories as having any kind of legal practice or other kind of business. "I cannot find any place where he's working." Nunnally asked citizens to check Cunningham's Facebook page. "On it he lists himself as a politician." While noting Cunningham had made an unsuccessful run some years ago for the U.S. Congressional seat of Jo Ann Davis, he added, many of "... Cunningham's claims are not true and he should be held accountable."

Cunningham responds

Cunningham was contacted after the debate for his response. He said, "It's sad that in the closing days of an election some desperate people feel the need to falsely attack others.'

Cunningham explained that he had a

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Several Lancaster politicians take turns at the lectern

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—Candidates seeking local offices in Lancaster County took the podium last week to share their views on issues with voters at the Lancaster Community Library.

Many also gathered for a meet and greet Saturday at the Lively firehouse prior to the only debate candidates for Common-



wealth's Attorney. (See related story.)

The forum, sponsored by Friends of Lancaster and the Lancaster Community Library, gave voters an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates. Approximately 50 to 60 residents attended each event. Challengers were sequestered outside the room during their opponents' presentations.

For Sheriff

Sheriff Ronnie Crockett spoke about some of his accomplishments during his 28 years as sheriff. "The department is one of only 49 out of 129 sheriff's offices in Virginia that has been accredited," he said. Crockett also talked about several pro-active programs he's initiated, including a multijurisdictional Task Force with Richmond and Northumberland counties working with several state and federal agencies, two canine units, educating children on internet safety, and systems for checking on the elderly.

Melvin Howard, a 33-year veteran of Lancaster sheriff's department, is challenging Crockett with the promise of being a working sheriff who will improve response times, set up Neighborhood Watch teams, be available for the people when they call and give equal attention to all crimes. 'We've got to be out there doing

the job. If you're looking for hon-

esty, loyalty and integrity, vote for me," he said.

For Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth's Attorney C. Jeffers Schmidt Jr. discussed his accomplishments over 28 years in the office. Handling some 3,000 cases a year in all three courts circuit, general district, and family and domestic—he said, "We need an experienced prosecutor who knows the county and citizens..." Referring to the work of the tricounty Task Force, he said they were winning the war on crime. "Please don't be misled by comments in this race...'

Challenger Robert Cunningham said voters have the opportunity to change the criminal justice system in Lancaster for the better. "There's a great deal we can do...I

offer you a difference." He said he will initiate ways to "provide equal justice for all" and personally go to the schools and teach children about the juvenile justice

Contender R. Wayne Nunnally said he has "defended criminals, represented lovely ladies, and done corporate law..." He stressed the need for experience and while he commended Schmidt as a "competent lawyer," he said Schmidt has become "callous and arrogant. You have to have some

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Politicians take turns at the lectern

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common sense in this job." **For Treasurer**

Challenging the incumbent, David Cook said, "Lancaster has a fairly large and complex budget. Seeing the qualifications of the current Treasurer, I didn't see proper qualifications." With 26 years of banking experience and seven years of investment experience, he



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"This job is not about banking. It's about accounting," said Treasurer Bonnie Haynie. "Yes, I have to deal with investing, working with banks, but that's a small portion of this job. We have to collect taxes so the county has 'funds to run the county." Under her leadership, the department won accreditation for the first time in Lancaster's

history. For Commissioner of the Revenue

Running unopposed, Sonny Thomas has been Commissioner of the Revenue for 16 years. He thanked voters for their past support and asked them to support him for another term.

For District 3

supervisor Challenger Jason Bellows

tisan. Schmidt and Nunnally

are running as independents

while Cunningham is a polit-

totally by myself and my

wife. It shouldn't be financed

by anyone else" so that every

person is treated the same

way, said Nunnally. "It

should be impartial so the

public perception is a beauti-

ful picture that justice is fair;

justice is blind...that's our

system—all men are created

amount of slick and dirty

politics in many campaigns,

especially in Washington,

D.C. He brought up two cases

in which big city attorneys

representing local clients

had used intimidation to get

the cases against their clients

dropped. "I said that's not

how we do things here...I've

earned the people's respect...

by applying the law fairly

submitted by the public

and presented by Lancaster

school superintendent Dr.

Daniel Lukich. They focused

on issues of concern includ-

ing public outrage over a

case in which a couple was

on the fact the defendant was

white and in a professional

Nunnally explained how

the legal process works,

saying the "judge ruled

according to sentencing

guidelines of zero to five

(years). He gave him zero.

If that case was charged

differently—broken up at

40 and 40 plants—we would

have gotten at least three

Schmidt stressed the

The first questions were

and equally.

occupation.

months.'

Schmidt pointed out the

equal. You can't be partial."

"My campaign is financed

ical party candidate.

said it is important for our schools to be "top notch," not only for the children's future but for the future of economic development. He also noted the school buildings need to be replaced, suggesting a joint middle and high school as in Northumberland County and moving the primary school to the middle school building in Kilmarnock. He noted any suggestion of a boundary line

adjustment in White Stone needs the input of residents that would be affected.

Two-term supervisor Pete Geilich said the current board of supervisors works well together. His opinion on building new schools strengthened from an education forum the previous evening when he said no one had approached supervisors over the need for new schools. "If we need new facilities, I will support that," he said. He also noted other future needs of the county, including a fourlane highway, broadband and a small airport.

Other canddiates

Running unopposed in District 1 for two years remaining on a four-year term, Robert Smart warned that with declining budgets, the district would be facing a time when they must find other sources. "I believe in public education. This county is what it is today because of public education."

candidate District 3

Donald McCann is also running unopposed for re-election. "We have a 99.4% ontime graduation rate and all our schools are accredited... but there's always room for improvement," said McCann. He objected to the federal program "No Child Left Behind" as having impossible standards to meet, but said schools still need standards. "We need to teach

knowledge.' District 4 school board candidate Patrick McCranie could not participate because he was on duty, but stopped by at the beginning of the forum.

people how to apply their

District 2 school board candidate Kelly Kellum did not attend because of a conflict and her opponent, incumbent Ella Davis, said she couldn't attend.

District 2 supervisor Ernest Palin said he could not attend. District 4 supervisor Dr. Jack Russell said he had a medical appointment out of town.



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law practice in White Stone to the job," Nunnally stated. from 1996-2001 which he closed for a job working for a group of concerned citithe federal government. In zens using guidelines from 2009, he reopened his White Stone practice.

"I am known in the community for handling a variety of cases for Lancaster citizens including serving as a court-appointed defense counsel in Lancaster County for those who could not afford legal assistance," said Cunningham.

"I was a law student when I clerked in the Lancaster County Courthouse with Judge Walther Fidler as I have said in two previous forums with the other candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney. I was a practicing attorney and prosecutor as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia working for U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson, who is now a respected federal judge.

"I have made a commitment to the people of Lancaster County to conduct a positive campaign and I regret that other candidates have chosen a different course," said Cunningham.

Squaring off

Schmidt and Nunnally stressed the importance of courtroom experience because a prosecutor is the attorney who represents vic-

Schmidt said he felt a sense of accomplishment every day of his 28 years of serving as Commonwealth's Attorney. "People are frus- prosecuted for growing 80 trated by crimes, but I am marijuana plants and sharing able to do something about them with friends. Specifiit every day. We're winning the war on crime and I don't given a light sentence based want to see us lose those gains" because of inexperience or lack of familiarity with the area and people, he said.

Nunnally explained a prosecutor needs compassion and heart when dealing with victims of crime. "Maybe after some years callousness builds up. If you're a victim of a crime, you need someone who will hold your hand and look at you with compassion...we must bring fairness, civility and compassion back

after police spent some days The debate was hosted by investigating the evidence. "He was not charged with three burglaries...in court he was given a 10-day jail senthe non-partisan American League of Women Voters. tence..he is not in jail yet... and when he serves, his sen-Both candidates were asked tence may be reduced." to weigh in on the question of the Commonwealth's Attorney remaining non-par-

"If you can find the question, please answer Lukich told Nunnally.

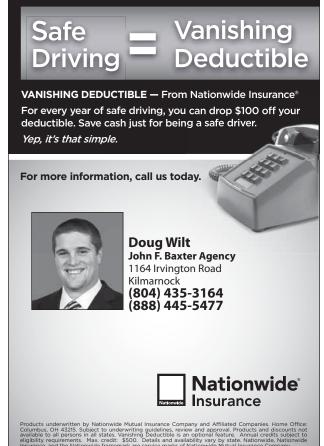
"This is why I'm running for Commonwealth's Attorney. We don't need to treat people ugly," Nunnally began. "The owner did not want to prosecute the kid... The reason he's not in jail is because I asked the judge" to allow him to return to his job during the fishing season. "He will be spending Christmas in jail. That's a tough lesson.

Nunnally questioned Schmidt on why he added an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and part-time secretary to his staff since he had the same caseload as

when he started in 1983. Schmidt said he handled approximately 3,000 cases a year in 1995 at a salary of \$80,000, "...which works out to below minimum wage.' He stated he still has about 3,000 cases a year. "I get about \$20 per case." The state authorizes positions in the Commonwealth Attorney's office and recently allowed the addition of a secretary at \$30,000

In closing, Schmidt said the election of a Commonwealth's Attorney is an important matter for people who become a victim of crime. "I assure you, you do not want someone without cally, citizens felt they were experience...and someone who does not know the people in the community representing you." He read a number of endorsement letters from the clerk of the court, courtroom deputies and other citizens who felt there was no better Commonwealth's Attorney, felt the community was safer, and made claims that other candidates had misrepresented facts. "Elect me on my merits and not the deficiency of the other candidate," Schmidt said.

"I didn't bring all my letdefendants were treated like ters," began Nunnally. "Thope you can see the difference between the candidates...I just want Jeff to retire." Nunnally said the citizens need a fresh voice, someone who brings compassion. "He gives a long political speech. He has the same caseload but now he has a full-time assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, a secretary and a parttime secretary....You have a genuine difference between Jeff and me...I am not an inexperienced litigator...but if you find me lacking in any way, if you don't vote for me, vote for Jeff rather than Cunningham. Because Jeff is qualified."



Robert Cunningham for Commonwealth's Attorney



"I have gotten to know Robert Cunningham well and I have found him to be strongly committed to serving the people of Lancaster County. Robert is a man of honesty and integrity and will work hard as your Commonwealth's Attorney. I believe he will serve the taxpayers well by operating the office efficiently and effectively." - Congressman Rob Wittman

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any other defendants in this kind of case. He said the judge acknowledged they had a strong case against the defendant and found him guilty. However, Schmidt explained that in 1995 the Virginia General Assembly abolished parole and set up a sentencing guideline system based on prior sentences. "That resulted in shorter sentences...and saved the state money on building penitentiaries. Judges follow sentencing guidelines because they want to get reappointed." Nunnally struck back on the same case, asking Schmidt why he had not charged the couple with more than one charge.

Schmidt said the process begins with a complaint made to the magistrate. It then precedes to General District Court, the grand jury, and then to trial. "There are four or five levels that decide what to charge. I don't believe in circumventing the state's process," he said.

immediately

In a question to Nunnally, Schmidt accused the defense attorney of misrepresenting a recent case against a client who was charged with breaking into Tri-Star Supermarket last summer. Schmidt alleged the man used a brick to break in and steal beer, and came back two more times to remove the brick and steal cigarettes. He was arrested R Jewelry Show

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Quenching an international thirst

Some 60 people participated in the nearly four-mile-long Walk for Water Sunday in Kilmarnock, raising approximately \$6,000 for Water Missions International. The walk from Grace Episcopal Church to Chesapeake Boat Basin and back was to simulate how far persons in some parts of the world walk to gather water on a daily basis. Above, participants fill their buckets from Indian Creek to carry back to the church. The walk is part of the local effort organized by Glenn Cockrell of Kilmarnock to raise awareness and support for Living Water Treatment Systems which help provide sustainable safe water solutions for disaster victims worldwide and to people in 49 developing countries. Photo by Shannon Rice

Coyotes create problems for sheep farmer

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—Catherine Bennett of Lancaster is single-handedly waging war against a pack of coyotes attacking her flock of sheep.

Last week, she asked the board of supervisors to intervene. The board asked the county administrator to gather more information on the issue.

"There have been four attacks in the past month," she said. On each occasion, she and her dog have managed to scare them off, but the pack is getting bolder. "After the third attack, they were back in 10 minutes."

The coyotes approach her farm off Pinckardsville Road late at night when she can't see them, but the sounds of their screeching makes her fearful. "It's tremendously upsetting to have to contend with them, especially out in the dark and on my own," she said.

They don't hunt wild animals because it's much easier for them to catch livestock or domesticated pets like dogs

and cats, she said. Bennett told supervisors coyotes are known to breed with dogs, making their offspring less fearful of humans. "In June of this year, a pack in North Carolina dragged a toddler into the woods.'

After attempts to get help from animal control, the game warden and animal conservation failed, Bennett turned to the board of supervisors. But rather than finding understanding, she said she felt frustrated.

Supervisor Butch Jenkins asked Bennett if she was raising the sheep for profit. "I hope to eventually get

there," she answered. Since this is a business, "...don't you think this is your problem?" Jenkins asked. "Should it be taken to

"If an animal is killed by a dog the county pays," said county administrator Frank

taxpayers?"

Chairman Wally Beauchamp suggested Bennett set traps. Supervisor Ernest Palin told her to contact Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and Jenkins suggested she invite local hunters to hunt them on her property.

Bennett told them the problem was not isolated to her farm. "This is more than one property owner," she said. She noted her neighbors are also concerned.

Beauchamp asked Pleva to meet with her to see what more could be done. After the meeting, Pleva said his limited research on the issue showed there didn't seem to be "a magic bullet out there" to solve the problem. "Trapping or shooting them doesn't seem to help," he said, adding he will continue to research it at the state level.

In other business, supervisors approved a special request by Dominion Power to put a new substation near Old Salem and Ring Farm roads

After a public hearing on allowing the county to co-hold conservation easements, a vote was tabled to give supervisors more time to study the issue.

Lancaster candidates speak at education forum

by Shannon Rice

KILMARNOCK—Lancaster Citizens for Education races to speak about their erly.

"The best way to do that it is all cost to the during an education forum last will be at minimal cost to the Tuesday at Lancaster Middle School.

Participating speakers included District 3 board of supervisors' candidates Pete Geilich and Jason Bellows as well as District 2 school board candidate Kelly Kellum. School board candidate Ella Davis declined an invitation to

Kellum suggested implementing block scheduling in Lancaster schools, similar to what is used in colleges and Richmond-area divisions. She said this form of scheduling can be approached by alternating classes on different days of the week or by dividing a course into different semes-

"It gives you a longer class period; instead of 50 minutes you get 65. It gives the teachers more time to educate, more time to work individually," said Kellum.

Kellum also spoke of the possibilities of partnering with the new Rappahannock Community College Center coming to Kilmarnock, which she says may give students more opportunities to take advanced classes and give them a head start on their college coursework.

Supervisor candidates

Geilich urged Lancaster citizens to actively participate in school board meetings, particularly those regarding budget decisions.

"If money is an issue that you're concerned about, then the time to get involved is when the school board is mulling over the budget. Go to the school board meetings and get your information there and make your suggestions at that time because when it gets to the board of supervisors, it's already been pretty much agreed to what's going to happen," said Geilich.

He also stressed the importance of planning ahead when it comes to long-range capital expenditures.

Bellows was critical of the national No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation and asked Lancaster citizens to challenge the status quo of NCLB testing.

"I feel that this high pressure testing has done nothing to improve our schools and has done irreparable damage to an entire generation," said Bellows.

He also noted that NCLB is a one-size-fits-all act and that its labeling of schools is misleading.

"The difference between an accredited school and a failing school could be one child, on one question, on one test. This is especially the case in a small school system like ours," said Bellows.

When asked about what the county should do to make starting teacher salaries more competitive with those of Fairfax County to draw in quality teachers, Bellows suggested that making those salaries more competitive with surrounding counties would be more ideal.

Bellows added that he feels the teachers Lancaster already

school system by just finding these good teachers in our classrooms, allowing these teachers to have professional development to go and sit in those classrooms and learn from their colleagues," said Bellows.

Questions and answers

During the question-andanswer period following the candidates' speeches, one of the most popular inquiries concerned the need for a new high school.

Although Geilich said the

school board had not brought a need for a new school to the board of supervisors' attention, he did note that now would be the opportune moment to start building.

"The county is in great shape financially. If we have to borrow something, interest rates are at record lows," said Geilich.

Bellows suggested taking an approach similar to Northumberland County public schools by building a new, combined high school and middle school.

"That way you can save on bus transportation because you wouldn't be having buses going to separate schools. I think we need to get started on it now," said Bellows.

Kellum agreed that a new high school is needed and

said new technology should be included in the plan as

Superintendent's view Superintendent Daniel Lukich ended the forum with his insights on the state of Lancaster public schools and his own vision for the divi-

Lukich said parent involvement starts by parents coming to the schools and talking with administrators, principals and teachers; not just by coming to PTA meetings or education

"The attitude I've discovered here so far is very good. The attitude is 'we can do better," said Lukich about his impression of volunteerism and concerns about educa-

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Donna Lynn Dawson

CRIME **SOLVERS**

Lancaster County Crime Solvers seeks information on the whereabouts of Donna Lynn Dawson, 40.

Dawson is wanted for failure to appear in court October 20, 2011. She is described as a white female with blond hair and blue eyes. She is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds. She has warrants in Lancaster and Essex County.

Report related information to Lancaster County Crime Solvers at 462-7463. You could receive a reward. Your call is not recorded and you do not have to appear in court.

by Shannon Rice KILMARNOCK—Northern Neck and Middle Penin-

sula law enforcement, emergency medical services and community service board personnel gathered at Lee's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) informational breakfast.

CIT is a pre-booking jail diversion program designed to improve the outcome of police interventions with people with mental illnesses.

"During most of these types of incidents, a police officer will be the first person on scene. If they can de-escalate the situation without anyone getting hurt, it's the best outcome for everyone," said CIT instructor and Community Care Sgt. Shane Waite.

The goal of the Northern Neck-Middle Peninsula Community Services Board (NNMPCSB) is to establish a CIT Academy in the area to provide this training for local officers on an on-going basis.

As a result of last week's breakfast and a similar one

held in Tappahannock, eight officers representing Essex, Richmond, Middlesex and Gloucester counties as well as, Tappahannock and Kilmarnock, have committed to attend training in Hampton-Newport News, Richmond Restaurant last Thursday for a and Henrico in the coming

> The week-long CIT training course includes information about what mental illness is and how to better help individuals in crisis, role playing exercises and information about legal issues and available resources.

> "CIT officers do a good job identifying individuals who need help and they're 25% more likely to transport individuals to a psychiatric treat-



Local law enforcement and emergency medical services representatives learn about the Crisis Intervention Team

ment facility than other officers," said Sgt. Waite.

"People with the training give great information to the pre-screener (at a psychiatric treatment facility or other mental health organization). There's just different things once you go through the CIT training, you know how to tell us and make our jobs a lot

easier because you observe different things," said Stacey Cromley of NNMPCSB.

Waite added that by sending officers to CIT training, law enforcement can likely avoid questions of civil liability rather than being held accountable for not taking advantage of available training.

"All this accrues towards your perception in the community. If you've demonstrated that you're motivated to do what you can to learn about and to assist the consumers you're dealing with who are behaviorally disordered, that pays off," said Kelly Ferguson, a licensed counselor with the Virginia Community Services chairman Martha Hall.

There are 23 programs in Virginia and more than 3,000 CIT trained officers.

Ferguson insists that CIT training is not meant to deter officers from their training or instincts.

"We're not going to turn you into social workers. We're just going to make your job a little easier and safer," said Ferguson.

CIT training also can benefit non-law enforcement types such as mental health professionals, magistrates and judges, according to Fergu-

Ferguson also notes that not everyone is equally suited to CIT which demands certain skill sets and experience. He says the ideal CIT candidate self-selected, comfortable with his basic skills and someone with significant road

experience. "Our board is 100% behind this initiative. We have no doubt that this is going to be successful," said NNMPCSB

Northern Neck schools victims of alleged scam

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Gill of Maryland, once promoter of a former NFL linebacker-turned-motivational speaker, is wanted in connection with allegedly scamming several Northern Neck schools

out of hundreds of dollars. According to Lancaster County Sheriff's Investigator Ronald Hudson, Gill entered into a contract with the Lancaster Middle School PTA and received \$650 from the organization, but did not produce either the original contracted speaker, actress Tanya Chisholm, or her substitute, former NFL player Levar Fisher.

Gill was a former promoter of Fisher's but, according to Hudson, is not associated with Chisholm.

Hudson said Gill is being sought and will be charged with obtaining money by false pretenses

The alleged scam unfolded early last week when the Northern Neck News posted Fisher's speaking schedule in the Northern Neck on its twitter site. Gill was alerted and contacted the paper, saying he did not have the schools on his speaking schedule.

Hudson said Gill had apparently contacted dozens of schools from Maryland to the Northern Neck, including Lancaster Middle and Northumberland High and Middle schools. Gill had also scheduled Fisher to appear at schools in Westmoreland and Richmond counties.

Hudson said Gill and his Annapolis-based company, Odyssey Group, had promised Fisher as a speaker to most of the local schools, but in Lancaster County he had contracted with the PTA for Chisholm to speak on October 25 about character education and a positive lifestyle. Chisholm starred in "High School

Musical" and appears in the Nickelodeon show "Big Time LANCASTER—Joseph

Hudson, who has been in contact with Chisholm, said the actress is shooting a movie in Canada and, although she has been sent emails by Gill,

is not affiliated with him.

'She's not under contract with this company and said she didn't know anything about coming to Lancaster Middle School," said Hudson.

Prior to Chisholm's scheduled appearance, Gill contacted the school and said her publicist said Chisholm was having a family emergency and was unable to appear. Gill said that Fisher would appear with an anti-bullying speech instead, said Hudson. According to Hudson, Chisholm doesn't have a publicist and self promotes.

The school officially filed a complaint about Gill with the Lancaster Sheriff's Office on October 25, said Hudson.

Gill is on parole and his probation officer has told Hudson he is not at his residence in Maryland. Hudson said he "is clearly on the run."

Chamber to Hold Annual Membership Meeting

The Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their Annual Membership Meeting. The dinner meeting will be held Thursday, November 10th, 2011, at the White Stone Event

The Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce strives to promote the economic vitality of its members, encourage economic development, and enhance the quality of life in the community where we live. "With the economic pressures that we face, the annual dinner is a great opportunity to come together to share war stories, celebrate accomplishments of the year and do our part to keep the enthusiasm going! Good things happen when you get enthusiastic people together," stated chamber President, Thomas Richardson.

Cocktails, music, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction start at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., and the keynote speaker, Congressman Rob Wittman at 8:00 p.m.

More information is available through The Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce office at 506 North Main Street, or by calling Edie Jett, Executive Director, at 804-435-6092.

VOTE NOVEMBER 8



GREG KEYSER FOR SHERIFF OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

I will have an up-to-date Policy and Procedure Manual in the hands of every employee of the Sheriff's Office at the beginning of 2012, replacing the woefully inadequate 1993 edition currently in use. Not having a more up-to-date manual is inexcusable.

Begin the accreditation process immediately by filing the required application, and working diligently to complete this very important task in a timely manner, and without taking any Road Officer away from their assigned duties. We are the only Sheriff's Office in the Northern Neck that is not accredited or working towards that goal. I am fully committed to this program and, upon election, will immediately begin the process.

Form a Citizens' Advisory Group made up of a diverse cross-section of citizens from throughout the county. We will meet regularly to discuss needs, concerns, and ways to improve our community relations. All voices will be heard and all will have an equal say.

Construct a functioning internet web site for the Sheriff's Office. Such a site would make it very easy for our citizens to have access to much needed information, forms, and contact information for each employee, allowing you to interact with us more efficiently.

Work with school administration, parents, and other jurisdictions that have drug education programs in place, to create a Drug Education Program for our children. Currently there is no drug education program in place and no plans to create one.

Enhance and improve our relationships with all local, state, and federal agencies, not just a select few.

These are but a few of my goals for the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office. I am committed to these goals and to the citizens of our county. I would appreciate your support and VOTE on November 8, for positive and effective leadership in your Sheriff's Office.

Paid for and Authorized by Greg Keyser for Sheriff



Please Vote to **Re-Elect**

Jeff Schmidt Commonwealth's Attorney

Jeff Schmidt and his law enforcement partners who are sworn to uphold all the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia along with the unsung officers and investigators whose names and efforts are not publicized, many of whom daily risk their lives for us, are winning the war against crime in the Northern Neck. They do not want, and you do not want them, to lose the gains they have made by having a new or inexperienced prosecutor. Jeff Schmidt has served Lancaster County faithfully and diligently as its Commonwealth's Attorney during his 28 years in office, and he has lived here, worked here and raised his family here. Lancaster County court deputies say, "It would be an injustice to the people of Lancaster County not to re-elect Jeff Schmidt."

Authorized by C. Jeffers "Jeff" Schmidt, Jr.

Re-elect Sheriff Ronnie Crockett

Lancaster County Sheriff on November 8, 2011

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SHERIFFS' REPORTS

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

Felonies

Lorraine E. Olmstead, 21, of Goodluck Road was charged October 29 by Henrico authorities for (felony) unauthorized use of a 1999 Dodge van taken from a Goodluck Road residence (the van was recovered and returned to the owner).

Misdemeanors

A Buzzards Neck Road man, 22, was charged October 26 with violation of a protective order.

A Nuttsville Road man, 53, was charged October 26 with contempt of court.

26 with contempt of a Northumberland court.

failure to pay child support.

Activity report Oct. 24: Staff responded to a domestic argument with KPD and VSP to a fight (boyfriend/girlfriend) in the call on North Main Street, to 5300 block of Morattico Road, to a second disturbance involving a landlord/ tenant dispute at the same residence, to a man with gun and shot fired call on Gaskins Road (assault and not specified) on Ocran battery involved, victim declined to prosecute) and to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Berkley Forest

Oct. 25: Staff responded with the Kilmarnock Police Department (KPD) to a mental health emergency at the local emergency room (combative subject), to an animal control complaint on Windmill Point Road (motorist reported a horse was trying to get through the fence), to a trespass/ attempted larceny of scrap metal on Weems Road (no larceny, complainant declined to prosecute, no trespass notice issued), with Virginia State Police (VSP) to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 3500 block of Irvington Road, to Black Stump Road on a motorist's complaint of a pedestrian interfering with traffic, and to a prowler/noise complaint in the 1700 block of Morattico Road (dog roaming the area). Staff received a fraud report from the Lancaster PTA (motivational speaker failed to show up on more than on occasion, \$650 loss); checked on the wellbeing of a Mastons Wharf Road resident at the request of a concerned out-of-town citizen (no emergency services needed) and notified Middlesex authorities of a cellular E911 disconnect call in the Topping area.

Oct. 26: Staff received a sexual assault report, responded to an animal control complaint in the 4400 block of Irvington Road (dog attacked by another dog), to a larceny complaint from the 1600 block of Waverly Avenue, to a fraud complaint in the 10500 block of Jesse duPont Highway, to an E911 disconnect call in the 800 block of Kamps Mill Road (no emergency services needed) and to a child custody complaint on Lowery Creek Road.

Oct. 27: Staff responded with the canine to assist Richmond County authorities, to the Department of Social Services on a possible child safety seat violation and received a credit card fraud report from a Greentown Road resident (\$602 loss).

Oct. 28: 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 responded to the 1200 block of Goodluck Road on a suspicious activity complaint (well drilling company dropped off equipment).

Oct. 29: Staff responded with KPD to a noise complaint on Chase Street, with KPD to a domestic disturbance (boyfriend/girlfriend) on School Street, checked on the well-being of two Keep Safe program participants after prearranged telephone contact could not be made (no emergency services needed in either case), received a report of A Riverwood Drive man, the unauthorized use of a 39, was charged October motor vehicle from Goodluck Road (arrest reported above) and received a report A Lara Road man, 48, was of the theft of a firearm from charged October 26 with a Waverly Avenue residence (Browning Buckmark .22 cal. pistol, \$400 loss).

Oct. 30: Staff responded an illegal hunting complaint in the area of Tabbs Creek (subjects target shooting on property off of Little Bay Road), to a domestic disturbance (family relationship,

(boyfriend/girlfriend) on Gaskins Road, to a shots fired complaint on Oak Hill Road, and to an assault call in the 3700 block of Weems Road (intoxicated complainant). Staff received a residential burglary report from King Carter Drive (cash, gold nugget cuff links, silver bracelet, gold bracelet, silver and gold bracelet, silver filigree and amethyst bracelet, silver ring, silver baby cups, bag

of old coins, \$15,500 loss). Oct. 31: Staff received a destruction of property report from the 2200 block of Weems Road (aluminum downspouts and elbows removed from the building, \$1,054 loss) and a breaking and entering report from Oak Leaf Drive (outbuilding entered, fuel additive poured on floor, \$5 loss).

Nov. I: Staff notified the telephone company of line problems related to two E911 disconnect calls.

Staff also conducted 14 traffic stops, issued two summonses, assisted seven motorists, reported two deer strikes, handled three calls for traffic control, investigated three building alarms, logged four inmate

Road, to a domestic assault transports and fielded one call for animal control ser-

Fire calls

The White Stone Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) responded to a traffic crash in the 3500 block of Irvington Road and with the Kilmarnock VFD to a structure fire on Blue Heron Lane and a smoke report on Ring Farm Road.

The Upper Lancaster VFD responded to a fire alarm in the 5900 block of

Morattico Road. Northumberland

County Sheriff Charles A. Wilkins this week reported charges against seven individuals.

Felonies

Brian Chandler Luckham, 23, of Kilmarnock was charged October 27 with grand larceny.

Misdemeanors

A Reedville man, 52, was charged October 21 with driving while intoxicated.

A Reedville man, 30, was charged October 24 with assault and battery of a family or household member.

A Reedville man, 33, was charged October 25 with assault and battery of a family member and assault and battery.

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A Heathsville woman, 44, was charged October 26 with appearing intoxicated in public.

A Toano man, 21, was charged October 27 with failure to appear in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations court.

A Heathsville man, 28, was charged October 29 with assault and battery of a family member.



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Magnificent Muhly grass—a November bloomer.

Photo by Kathy Powell

Submit your interesting photos capturing the life and times in the Northern Neck to editor@rrecord.com, subject line Focal Point.

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(Reprints from the November 3, 1911 issue of the Virginia Citizen)

Flying Machine Seen

After getting away to a splendid start and with all indications favorable for a record flight up the bay from Fort Monroe last Monday, Lieutenants Theodore G. Ellyson and John H Towers, the navy experts in the handling of air craft of the hydro-aeroplane type, landed at the mouth of York river, 40 miles from the starting point, where the Triad broke down. A new pump was sent them, and they started Tuesday afternoon up the bay again.

The machine was seen by Capt. Jno. Brewington and several oystermen of Irvington when crossing the mouth of the Rappahannock about 3 p.m. Tuesday. Mason Bros. reported that the machine came within about a hundred yards of where they were oystering in the bay and was flying about seventy-five feet high and seemed to be going about a mile a minute. In fact, they said it was not over five minutes from the crossing of Stingray Point until it was out of sight beyond Windmill Point.

Swept Overboard And Drowned

Wm. Albert Wood was swept overboard from the deck of the steamer W. L. Messick Friday nght by a sea and drowned. The Messick was heavily loaded with fish and bound to Irvington where she belonged when a storm struck her, washing overboard the man and a deck load of fish. Wood's body has not been recovered. He is survived by his wife, two children, mother, and sister, all of whom lived near Tombs.

Monaskon

Mrs. R. T. Peirce is spending the winter in Richmond with her daughter, Mrs. Meade Clark.

George Sanford, of Hague, is visiting his brother at this

The ladies of White Chapel church are preparing for a

drama, bazaar, etc., to be held at Molusk on Dec. 8th. Get ready to enjoy "A Kentucky Belle." The Citizen will tell you more about it later. The new floor in the grand old church is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Ottoman

Grover Blakemore, of Senora, left by Monday's steamer for a week's visit to Baltimore and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gresham and daughter spent Sunday last at Plain View, the home of Mr. Gresham's parents.

Mrs. Geo. Sanford and son, George of Westmoreland, were the guests of Mrs. Bruce Cottingham Saturday and Sunday last. Mrs. Sanford will remain with her daughter for several weeks.

Frank Beane, of Mollusk, boarded Monday's steamer for a business trip to Baltimore.

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

Unbiased reporting?

What is with our local newspaper? Despite the task force being in existence for three years, why does the Rappahannock Record choose the week before the election to bring this out as front page news?

To my knowledge, there has been very little printed about the task force, or its accomplishments. Now on the eve of the election, it is suddenly front page news, with a picture of all the incumbents.

Many would consider this to be an endorsement for those running for re-election. While I firmly believe the Record has the right to endorse any candidate it wishes, it should do so openly and not in a roundabout manner.

I would think the main headline would be better for campaign issues, rather than a back door endorsement for those seeking re-election.

Archie Lake, Lancaster

Editor's note: Local sheriffs and Commonwealth's attorneys are in the news on a regular basis. The Rappahannock Record does not ignore the news because a campaign is under way. Coverage of the tri-county Task Force was not meant to be an endorsement.

Support your local library

Last Friday at the Northumberland Public Library about 25 individuals stuffed 6,000 envelopes with a donation request. As you receive this packet, please don't use your circular file.

Rather, consider the library as an opportunity to give something back to your community. The library provides an incredible portfolio of free services to all residents and visitors with a limited and courteous staff.

The library receives some support for operation from the county and the state, but, more and more, the dominant source of funding

function of procuring and unfold. checking out current best sellers and a broad range man and bank executive of topical books, the library Kenneth Bransford said, provides free access to online computers that are the tax base for Kilmarused heavily for job search and job application. Since computer application for jobs has become mandatory at many companies, this free web access is crucial to many. The library's WIFI site is available to all who have their own laptops, including those seen parked in front of the library during off-hours.

Have you ... visited while the Homework Center is in action? Enjoyed conversaing room? Enjoyed a CD or DVD on loan? Been to a library sponsored tea or

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concert? Visited local artists and craftsmen during the Spring Art Tour? Just wandered in to browse the current newspapers and magazines?

The next time you are in Heathsville, drop by and see what is there for you. Watch the bulletin board out front for the next event. Don't forget the annual December Book Sale.

Unfortunately, diminishing budget sources are pushing your library toward reduced service. A little extra help is needed this year. Please consider and give what you can.

Lee Allain, Lottsburg

Tipping point

Five previous town council members, a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, bank presidents, the executive director for VISIONS and the founder of MTEQ, all favored the Kilmarnock Town Council on October 17 to fund an unbudgeted \$82,000 request from Rappahannock Community College, to help establish a Kilmarnock Center.

Former councilman Les Spivey called the expenditure a 'tipping point' for Kilmarnock. Resident Sonja Headley described, "a dream where new opportunities" will be born. Irvington councilman R. Wayne Nunnally advocated an educated community is one of less crime and stronger citizens' leadership.

RCC president Dr. Eliz-'Sissy' Crowther urged council to be a part of the Northern Neck partnerships "never thought possible" by so many. She described the Kilmarnock Center as an unfolding \$1 million project for workforce development, college credit courses and continuing education.

All council members and the mayor offered support. The dilemma or as has often been said, 'the Devil is in the details,' where is the money? When a budget is already passed, how do you add a single line item that will consume 40% without a budget amendment? In addition to the normal That is the issue that must

> Or, as former council-"I believe the majority of nock is in this room tonight supporting this project." Former councilman and hospital vice president Emerson Gravatt described his support and the value the Kilmarnock Center-RCC campus will contribute to Rappahannock General Hospital operation and staff needs.

With a 3-2 vote council voted full support, even the dissenting voters favored the initiative. That vote was tion with the author of a a beautiful moment in the current book? Visited the history of Kilmarnock to display of art in the meet- witness— 'tipping point' sure enough.

Lee Hood Capps, Irvington

Seeking help to assist others

The Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council was formed about 30 years ago to be a point to serve the needy in Lancaster and Northumberland.

organization was The formed by a consortium of churches feeling an organized effort was more efficient than those of each congregation. We operate strictly on dona-

In the past, Interfaith has donations of individuals and benevolent organizations. While there have been some times when it appeared we would have to curtail operations, donors have always come through.

This year is scary finan-Demands increased while donations have dwindled. Due to dwindling finances, we have had to reduce the amount provided to those needing assistance with rent or utilities from \$200 per case to \$100.

Our program of assisting the needy in making house repairs has been almost eliminated. Some other agencies are taking up some of the slack, but only the most severe repairs are being made.

When the economy was better, Interfaith, through some generous gifts, built an endowment fund for tough times. Those times have arrived. The endowment fund has been decimated by nearly 50%. With a quarter of the year left, and the critical times of cooler weather and more demanding assistance, the fund will dwindle even more just to meet daily demands.

A mere 3% of our costs are classified as administrative consisting of telephone, lighting and heat for our facilities.

If you can spare anything to assist us in assisting others, any amount will help. All donations are tax free. Our organizing constitution prohibits us from holding any type of organized fund drive. We hope this clarifies why we use a soft approach of soliciting assistance.

Contributions can be sent to Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council, P. O. Box 868, Kilmarnock, VA

Terence Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council

Consider the facts

I am the owner of Bluff Point and submitted the special exception request for the planned unit development (PUD) at Bluff Point. While I recognize many readers may have tired of the letters and articles, many also may be unaware of the facts about the project

While the PUD still requires approval of the Northumberland board of supervisors, a By-Right subdivision plan has been approved. Both plans have the same number of residential lots; however, the By-Right plan is likely to create more traffic. The PUD does not have a transfer of division rights between zoning districts despite many claims to the

contrary.

The economic impact is markedly different between the two plans. The By-Right plan will cost the county millions to provide services to the residents of this subdivision. The PUD can generate millions of dollars to help provide additional services. The economic impact from the By-Right subdivision may require an increase in county taxes.

Bluff Point is on the bay and there are important environmental issues and concerns. The Bluff Point land is not operated successfully on as low-lying as portrayed by opponents, many of whom are neighbors and have chosen to live on similar ground.

Approving the PUD will not establish any precedent as a planned unit development on C-1 land has previously been approved. A special exception for a planned unit development is allowed under zoning ordinances. This use was retained when density changes were made to C-1 in

I am deeply committed to creating the best community possible for Bluff Point. The Bluff Point PUD will be a responsible neighbor, provide employment opportunities for Northern Neck citizens and create positive economic benefit to Northumberland.

For more information, visit bluffpointva.com, or contact us at info@Bluffpointva.com Tom Dingledine, Charlottesville

Timing may be off for College Center

Recent discussions of the merits and cost-effectiveness of the RCC College Center in Kilmarnock, and the \$1 million expenditure its construction would require, reminds me of the discussions taking place when I was a high school student in Mathews and Rappahannock Community College was on the drawing board.

Then, like now, there were various hearings to drum up support for a community college to serve the needs of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck. I was a strong advocate for the community college system then, as I am now.

Before RCC was built, day students were faced with the time and expense it took to commute to Richmond, Williamsburg, Newport News or Hampton to attend college classes with a commuting time of between one-and-ahalf to two hours. Advocates for RCC told us that a commute time of 30 to 45 minutes is excessive, and 10 to 15 minutes is more like it. I cannot help but wonder where will this line of reasoning end.

I am sure that the \$1 million facility will be beautiful, and I can envision the ribboncutting ceremony; however, at a time when our country is \$3 trillion in debt, perhaps we should be more tough-minded and suggest to students who are unwilling to drive 30 minutes to Glenns or Warsaw that perhaps geography and gas prices are not a problem for which a \$1 million dollar expenditure is the solution.

Andrew J. Billups III, White Stone

Excerpts

ilmarnock has many notable and memorable faces. In any enumeration of them, one that would be at the forefront of such a list would be that of Earl Tomlin, the face of the grocery business in Lancaster County. For decades Earl has worked at Tri-Star Supermarket, keeping the inventory, stocking the shelves, and most importantly greeting the public. As a merchant Earl is the prototype of how to serve the customer, how to win and maintain goodwill, and what to do to keep a neat and orderly presentation

of his wares. To see Earl functioning in his always cheerful and helpful manner, interacting with his customers, all of whom he knows by name and family, is to observe a born merchant of the old-fashioned kind. He is a person who makes his customers look forward to going to the store, not as a chore or errand, but as a social outing, as any encounter with Earl immediately becomes. A new customer is right away his friend, and he views his workday job to be of service in assisting folks with the everyday, but all important, routine of life, namely getting the provisions for

As a merchant Earl is the prototype of how to serve the customer, how to win and maintain goodwill, and what to do to keep a neat and orderly presentation of his wares.

daily living.

Important as that role is, one can say further that to meet Earl in his grocery milieu is to attain but a glimpse of all that he does to help others. His door is open to anyone in need of assistance. He truly finds his greatest happiness in doing for others. For a number of years, he did his job and all of his "pitching in" for folks across the county while caring for his devoted wife who was ill for a protracted period before she passed on several years

Not knowing that she had died, driving past their church during her funeral I beheld one of the largest assemblages one does not travel far without meeting of cars I ever have witnessed in Kilmarnock. I remarked to my good wife that the person must have been greatly beloved, only to learn the following day that the gathering was for Earl's wife, and indeed was a community tribute to her and to

In his store, regardless of how busy he is, every customer gets a greeting and a handshake, even if the latter means putting down a box of items he is shelving. Such a gesture is but a part of his nature, for I think Earl invented the concept of networking prior to anyone hearing of Twitter, Facebook or what-have-you.

In this digital age, dominated by computers, robots and faceless media, Earl is the personification of that abiding level of customer service that harkens back to a better time. He is a practitioner of the lost art of personal merchandizing. He could give seminars on how to build a trade by establishing honest, sincere and direct personal relationships between merchants and customers. To know Earl Tomlin is to be part of his network.

At the more personal level, in this area annos!'

some of his family. His daughter, Pauline, for many years has worked at the Kilmarnock Post Office, and served for a period as the Officer-in-Charge at the Farnham Post Office, and for a while his granddaughter, Kisa, worked at the Wicomico Church Post Office. Family is paramount to Earl, and he often speaks with justifiable pride of and gratitude for his children's successes, to which I reply by reminding this most modest man what

by Henry Lane Hull

their immediate ancestry has been. Today is Earl's birthday. Most likely, he will be at work, spending his day being productive and helpful, as he spends every other day, finding his most enduring satisfaction in being available to lend his hand to making the day better for everyone he meets. Earl does not know how to waste time; he utilizes each moment to do his best at whatever task is before him. In a most genuine way, Earl is a face of both goodness and professionalism in our midst, striving each day to make the Northern Neck the wonderful place it is.

Happy Birthday, Earl! "Ad multos

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Library needs our help

On October 28, my wife, hundreds of Northumberland Public Library contrithat many of us have now otherwise. received.

I just want to follow up and personally ask readers library whatever amount of money they can afford.

I know these are hard times, but the library depends on our support to continue its operations.

an irreplaceable free service for our community and has become an essential part of many of our lives. So please be generous.

Mike Harwood, Wicomico Church

An investment not, nor contribution

the Record included a story about the Kilmarnock Town Council's recent approval of a motion to contribute \$82,000 "to help Rappahannock Community College set up a higher education center in Kilmarnock."

According to the story, "Every speaker asked for RCC's "Kilmarnock council to approve the full amount as an investment..." Indeed, the word "investment" or some variation of already committed and under me a curiosity he had just it appeared at least 11 times in the article, by my count.

In face, the contribution of the \$82,000 is, most emphatically, not an investment.

least these characteristics: an intention to increase one's wealth, an objective the mayor could only vote if method whereby the investor can calculate profit or loss, and ownership of the investment by one or more specific persons.

means whatsoever to calculate whether a profit or project possible. loss will occur through its "investment" in RCC. After investment through increas-

spending the \$82,000, will it ing sales taxes and attraction other head should prefer the be worth \$85,000 one year of new or expanding busifrom now, \$150,000 two nesses to replace those lost years from now, or \$10,000 in recent years. The coun-Adele, and I helped with the three years from now? It is cil's deliberations offset (I impossible for the council hope forever) its sometimes to make such a calculation, bution solicitation letters and it is dishonest to claim

council's "investment" in RCC is a "contribution," the to take this request seriously council will own nothing in and send or deliver to the return. It will have no title and no equity. This ensures that a profit/loss calculation is impossible.

One final point—the funds the council will "contribute" to RCC were obtained The library is providing through taxes. However, a contribution can only conof funds. If a transfer isn't tion. There is nothing volun- and supporters. tary about taxes.

action is not a bona fide Neck as my home; a natuinvestment or contribu- rally beautiful, thoughtful tion. It's a giveaway with no and progressive community. The October 20 issue of accountability. It's a crime. Or should be.

Hank Hoover,

A thoughtful council

Last week's vote by the town council to approve the full \$82,000 funding request Center" was well thought out from both perspectives.

Since the facility was construction the mayor and two council members sought to substantially reduce the grant amount. It was a practical and less costly course. The three members who A true investment has at supported the full amount gave eloquent and thoughtful statements. In the end the council had been tied.

We, the taxpayers of the town and county, are the winners as the town becomes a "full and contributing part-In fact, the council has no ner" to the growing coali- the situation of this snake, if tion of interests making this

image as a sophomoric and personality clashing body.

All of us will reap the Moreover, because the benefits. Local businesses get a strong partner to better prepare their work forces. Our youth get a critical boost in their development without abandoning home. Older workers can sharpen or learn new, more marketable skills. Retirees, like myself, can better tap new worlds through the Rappahannock Institute for Life Long Learning. And we all sist of a voluntary transfer have a new and responsive source to contribute to as voluntary, it isn't a contribu-students, teachers, mentors

It is just one more reason In sum, the council's why I chose the Northern Dave Alberts,

Millenbeck

Snakebit

On the eve of the vote on The Great Compromise creating our current form of Northumberland government, Doctor Franklin met with Dr. Manasseh Cutler of Massachusetts, who related part of the discussion he had with Frank-

"The Doctor showed received, and with which he was pleased. It was a snake with two heads, preserved in a large vial. It was taken near the confluence of the Schuylkill with the Delaware, about four miles from this city (Philladephia). It was about ten inches long, well proportioned, the heads perfect, and united to the body about one-fourth of an inch below the extremities of the jaws....

The Doctor mentioned it was traveling amoung the bushes, and one head should The town will recoup its choose to go on one side of the stem of a bush and the

other side, and that neither of the heads would consent to come back or give way to the other. He was then going to mention a humourous matter that had occurred in Convention, in consequence of his comparing the snake to America, for he seemed to forget that every thing in Convention was to be kept a profound secret, but the secrecy of Convention matters was suggested to him, which stopped him, and deprived me of the story he was going to tell. " (The First American, The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by H. W. Brands)

Had it not been for this great compromise the government could have not been formed. It is unlikely Franklin could have envisioned the modern day snake stuck on the branch existing in today's legislative branch which weakens the country and threatens its very existance as a world power.

Roy Cameron, White Stone

Republicans to hold rally

Northumberland County Republican Committee will hold a pre-election rally from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, at the Northumberland County Courthouse in Heathsville.

Meet Sen. McDougle and Margaret Ransone, Republican candidates for the General Assembly in the November election. Refreshments will be available.

See sample ballots on RRecord.com

CROCKETT-CUNNINGHAM WHAT A GREAT TEAM FOR OUR COUNTY!

We vote next week. It is one of the wonderful privileges we have living in our great country. Because it is a privilege we should cast our vote wisely. Our sheriff Ronnie Crockett has served our county with honor, integrity and fairness for 25 years. Sheriff Crockett is one of the longest serving and most respected sheriffs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Why would we want a change? If change is needed it can be a great tool. To change what is excellent is foolishness. Vote for the best. Vote for a great sheriff. Vote for the reelection of Sheriff Crockett.

It IS time to vote for a change of Commonwealth's Attorney. Robert Cunningham will bring fresh and constructive new ideas as Commonwealth's Attorney. A fine young man with strong family values. Cunningham wants to work in conjunction with the sheriff's office to help educate the youth of our county to prevent them from entering a life of crime. Having spent most of his life in our community, Cunningham is dedicated to its present and future safety. Cunningham cares and should be our next Commonwealth's

Fred Gilman

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Robert Cunningham for Commonwealth's Attorney



"We Also Support Robert Cunningham for **Lancaster Commonwealth's Attorney"**

Roger Donaldson Sue Donaldson Jimmie Carter **Charles R. Pruitt** Dr. Steve Glessner

Jim Dennis **Pat Dennis** Joe Curry Jim McDaniel B.H. Hubbard, Esq.

(See Additional Endorsements on Other Pages)

Elect Robert Cunningham Tuesday, November 8th

Authorized by

Cunningham for Commonwealth's Attorney

From left are: Shane Hammell, Corey Bertrand, Cody Smith, Shannon Bush & Sgt. Eddie Headley

In March of the 2008 the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office began a youth program sponsored by Sheriff Ronnie Crockett. The program began as a First Responders Exploring Post but has evolved into so much more. Recently the Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office has begun to move into the old General District Court Room. The senior members of the post saw a need and filled that need. They pooled their resources and worked with Creative Designs in White Stone to have a sign made to mark the new Patrol Division's location. They said it was the least they could do. Danielle Warner said, "As I look back on the experiences I've had with the Lancaster County Explorers I couldn't be more sincere in saying that it has truly made an immense impact on my life. In all honesty this program has shown me the greater parts of being in law enforcement and helped me decide just exactly what I plan to do with my future. Upon joining the Explorers I had every intent on going to school to become Abby from NCIS. But after riding along with Sergeant Headley I decided I wanted to be more like Andy McNally from Rookie Blue. I want to be working with my community in hopes of impacting peoples lives for the greater good. I can't imagine where I'd be today without the past four years as a Lancaster County Explorer." Shane Hammell, past captain and now present Senior Captain says that the Explorers is the best thing that has happened to him in a long time. "I have been with the post since the beginning back in March of 2008. Law enforcement is what I have always wanted to pursue. With my grandfather being past sheriff of Lancaster County, I feel like it would just fall into place for me to do the same as him and pursue a career as a future K-9 unit for the Virginia State Police. Sgt. Headley has been one of the biggest role models in my life. I can say that with the things that he has taught me and the opportunities given to me that I am not sure what I would be doing today that would be as a great an asset to Lancaster County without him. I am glad that I get the chance to perform good deeds for the community and in return get the chance to ride along with the deputies and learn from what I have learned from Sgt. Headley and the other officers who assist with the program, it has really helped me through the schooling that I have received. Knowing what they have taught me has really made school easier. I have enjoyed the program for the past four years and look forward to continuing with the program for the next three years until I turn 21 and are able to seek employment with a law enforcement agency." Corey Bertrand says after four years "The Explorers program has taught me a lot. I want to pursue a career as a Game Warden. I have learned a lot in the last five years; from how to direct traffic at an accident to helping people in a hurricane. I know what I have learned will help me out with my future endeavors." Cody Smith, current Captain, joined the program in Nov. of 2009. "I have had a lot of great experiences since joining. The experiences that you gain from the Explorers are unreal, riding with the Deputies, learning the county that you would probably never knew existed. Going on trips has to be one of the funnest parts of the program, each year we take a trip to Washington D.C. to view the Fallen Police Officers National Memorial, we get to see all the officers who have ever fell in the Line of Duty, we also view the National Crime and Punishment museum, and get to talk to some of the on or off duty officers of the Washington D.C Police Department also other police officers from around the world. Being in the Explorers you learn to find out that it is one big family if you need help with anything then you

can talk to anyone of the members and they will be there to help out. Authorized by Crockett for Sheriff

VOTE NOVEMBER 8



MELVIN L. HOWARD, JR.

SHERIFF OF LANCASTER COUNTY

"IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO BE YOUR NEXT SHERIFF "

33 Years of Experience: 12 years experience as Corrections Officer (Promoted to Sergeant) 21 years experience as Field Officer (Promoted to Master **Deputy & Field Training Officer)**

As Sheriff I will:

- Build a strong relationship with the citizens of Lancaster County by being a **WORKING** Sheriff.
- · Rebuild the trust and confidence between the people and the Sheriff's Office.
- Work beside my deputies by being in the field working with my deputies.
- Work to improve response times by dividing the county into sections and assigning a deputy to each.
- Encourage and strengthen neighborhood watch programs by working closely with communities to ensure the Sheriff's Office is giving the best possible support and response.
- Improve the working relationship with the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to better serve our county.
- Establish an open-door-policy between the Sheriff and ALL the citizens, to address concerns, identify problems, and work together to find solutions.
- Give equal attention to <u>ALL</u> crimes.
- I will be a full-time Sheriff devoted to serving and protecting ALL the people and provide the needed leadership by being involved in the day-to-day operations to ensure you are receiving the full attention of the Office.
- I will not be distracted by a second vocation and will give my full attention to carrying out the duties that I would be elected to do. I will lead the Sheriff's Office and its personnel to its fullest potential.

Authorized by Melvin L. Howard, Jr. for Sheriff Campaign

YOUR LETTERS

No shame

people vote for their rep- another term should not resentatives and then send be their 'primary goal' as first job where they received them to Washington to represent them. This means House Majority Leader. that congressmen are sent to Washington to vote the with Congress wanting will of the people.

decided they don't care what the people want, they are going to carry out their own agenda. Recent polls support the president's job people's will and pass people back to work.

that our president can be seas everyday. seen as not being effec-

stand the 'primary goal' of that Congress has no Congress should be taking shame. care of the business of passing legislation to govern

our country. The fact that Unsustainable congressmen don't want We are taught that President Obama to have is so often stated by the

I don't have a problem President Obama to be a It seems as if our cur- one-term president. But rent congressmen have shouldn't that be left up to the will of the people?

people one of the things that our brave soldiers have ments. It was just a portion have shown the American been fighting for in other people overwhelmingly countries? We are engaged in eight years plus wars in bill. It would then seem two countries, meddling to be a no-brainer for the in the affairs of countless Congress to carry out the other countries all in the was more and more people name of letting the peolegislation that would put ple's voices be heard. That hood. is how democracy works However, it appears that we say and yet we deny the Congress is willing to very thing at home that our allow people to suffer so brave soldiers die for over-

I want to say shame, shame on you Congress, I believe people under- but I have long realized

Lloyd N. Hill,

Where's the "Leadership"? That's the question. Sheriff Crockett would have you believe that he leads the office that serves the community. Clearly there is conflictive information. We have yet another "seasoned" veteran of the Sheriff's Office retire and then decide to run for sheriff. One letter in last week's paper brought out the fact that four years ago another "one" ran for sheriff and lost. Yes, four years ago another "seasoned" veteran with 28 years of service retired. He was willing to forfeit his retirement because he saw a need and knew he had to try to improve the quality of service and leadership to better serve the citizens of the county.

Now we have another "seasoned" veteran with 33 years of service who is willing to forfeit his retirement because he sees a need for leadership and also wants to build trust between the citizens and the Sheriff's Office by being a "FULL TIME WORKING" sheriff.

I think we should take a closer look at why two former deputies were willing to give up their retirement and would want to get back into the job they just left and take on more responsibility as sheriff. When anyone puts in as many years as they did, they are going to know the failures, poor judgment, poor work ethics, lack of leadership that is instrumental in the breakdown of the effectiveness and productivity of the Sheriff's Office. Each had concerns about the false representation and want to convey to the citizens that there is a problem. Melvin Howard, like the one four years ago, could be enjoying his retirement, but he has something to say. When Melvin Howard says I will work, improve, establish, build, encourage, evaluate, be responsible, lead, he is saying it's not being done now and he is willing to step up and make it right. It was said he doesn't qualify because he was a deputy for 33 years. Melvin Howard is more than qualified. He started working in the jail, then became a road officer. He has worked out in this community, responding to all different calls for service. He is well-known and respected by the citizens of this county. When he says he will be a working sheriff, it's because that's what he's always been, "working."

When Crockett was asked what changes he would make he stated, "he would add hours to the days, days to the weeks, weeks to the months, and months to the years," I say let him have all the time he needs to focus on his other vocation. Vote Melvin Howard for our "working" sheriff, who will be committed to using his hours for the purpose the position of sheriff should be elected for. Sherry A. Harcum

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systems

Many may remember their a Social Security card. Thus began their journey as productive, tax-paying members of society.

Paying into the system, tax payers watched as a greater and greater portion of their hard-earned dollar went to Isn't the will of the state and federal treasuries for government entitleand it seemed necessary and good that the government should provide a safety net for those in need. However, an unintended consequence were using it as a liveli-

> The increasing numbers of otherwise capable people who are the beneficiaries of government entitlements have somehow been led to believe that fatigued taxpayers should be resented for wanting to hold back and budget [their] tax dollars. A lot of people don't hear this because it doesn't fit the mainstream media's divisive agenda, which appears to be a propaganda arm of the Democrat Party. They refuse to acknowledge that government entitlement spending has become unsustainable.

In 2012, assume President Obama and the Democrat party succeed again at pitting Americans against one another through the divisive politics of class warfare.

The resentful voters will continue to vote themselves money from the treasury by electing people who promise to give them more money in exchange for electing them.

This too is unsustainable. Matt W. Johnston, Morattico

What price for education and freedom?

Education, education, education is to personal success what location, location, location is to business suc-

Without exception one of the best days I have had, for the sake of our town and community, was the day last summer I walked into the former Sears location and asked the workers what they were doing. They said they

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were preparing the storefront for Rappahannock Community College class-

rooms.

I could not believe it. What a perfect idea in a perfect town at a perfect time. I was so excited I told

everybody I could. What price freedom? What price education?

Yet, last Monday night this minimal financial contribution request barely squeaks by town council, 3-2, when it should have been a real quick no-brainer, 5-0.

person, with or without any authority, not stand up throughout the entire meeting with enthusiasm over this incredible opportunity? downsides of this investment outweigh the good?

Praise to those who pushed and a finger wagging to those who raised a hand against.

Kilmarnock

Wittman endorses **Robert Cunningham**

The Robert Cunningham for Commonwealth's Attorney campaign recently announced the endorsement of First District Rep. Rob Wittman.

"I have gotten to know Robert Cunningham well, and I have found him to be strongly committed to serving the people of Lancaster County," said Wittman in a statement released by the of honesty and integrity and will work hard as your How could one single Commonwealth's Attorney. taxpayers well by operating the office efficiently and effectively."

How could anyone think the endorsement for Robert as cinelli, who said, "Robert Election Day nears," said can chairman Joan Black-

ment," said Cunningham. Attorney."



From left are Rep. Rob Wittman and Cunningham.

"This is going to be a very campaign. "Robert is a man close election, so the Congressman's support will be very helpful in encouraging Lancaster County residents I believe he will serve the to vote for a change on November 8."

Cunningham was also endorsed by Virginia Att-"This is an important torney General Ken Cucis a former Special Assis-Lancaster County Republi- tant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and his public and private "We are very pleased to legal experience make him have received Congress- uniquely qualified for the Rick Moss, man Wittman's endorse- post of Commonwealth's

SHERIFF RONNIE CROCKETT



I was born in Lancaster County. I am part of this community.

Serving as your sheriff is not just a job, it is a privilege and an honor.

I ask that you let me continue to be your sheriff by voting for me on November 8th.

Authorized by Crockett for Sheriff

DISTRICT 3

Elect



JASON BELLOWS

SUPERVISOR

I'd like to ask for your support on November the 8th. Together we can.



Authorized and paid for by Friends of Jason Bellows



RE-ELECT

JEFF **SCHMIDT**

Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Schmidt and his family (Sallie, Eliza Carr, Lollie and Jeff) would sincerely appreciate your support and your vote on November 8

Paid for and authorized by C. Jeffers "Jeff" Schmidt, Jr.



From left are Gov. Bob McDonnell and Republican candidate for Delegate in District 99 Margaret Bevans

Governor endorses Ransone

Gov. Bob McDonnell tion that will help our local recently endorsed District businesses create jobs," said 99 House of Delegates can- Gov. McDonnell. didate Margaret Bevans Ransone.

"I am proud to have the rience creating jobs in the full support of our governor in this important election. Gov. McDonnell is a true ability and background repleader and reformer, who resenting the 99th District has led the charge to balance in Richmond," said Gov. Virginia's budget and cut spending," said Ransone. born and raised in the 99th "I look forward to work- District, and understands ing with Gov. McDonnell how dependent the area is into new precincts and are to expand our economy in the 99th District and get our am very pleased to give because they either did not unemployed back to work."

"Margaret is a strong conservative business leader with a successful record of 99th District." creating jobs in her community. Her district needs her working hard for them in Richmond, and I look forward to working with Margaret to pass commonsense, pro-growth legisla-

Sheriff Chuck Wilkins receives endorsements

Retired Northumberland Sheriff L. Wayne Middleton and Virginia's senior Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert recently endorsed Chuck Wilkins for re-election as Sheriff of Northumberland County

The following statements were released at the time of their endorsement:

"As your former sheriff, I have read a lot about accreditation, policy manuals and the internet this past month. Although these are important, they do not make a sheriff's office — the sheriff, his deputies and staff do. The Northumberland sheriff's office maintains an excellent record of keeping crime low and solving most, especially serious and drug crimes.

If you and your family are not safe in your community or home, a lot of this other does not matter. Sheriff Wilkins is working toward each issue brought up in this campaign. I have seen the policy manual; it is as thick as the family Bible.

Let's keep Northumberland County a safe place to live; Sheriff Wilkins has my support and vote."

L. Wayne Middleton,

Retired Sheriff of Northumberland "As the longest serving Commonwealth's Attorney in the state, it is my pleasure to endorse Sheriff C. A. Wilkins for re-election. I know him to be an effective, dedicated law enforcement official. The people of Northumberland County will be well served if he returns to lead his department."

Paul B. Ebert, Attorney for the Commonwealth, Manassas, Manassas Park and Prince William County. Ebert also is a property owner and frequents Northumberland County.



Rapppahannock Record We recycle.

Some Lancaster voters should plan for extra time at the polls for paperwork

Due to redistricting in July, new voters cards were mailed to all 8,637 registered voters in Lancaster County. Approximately 800 of the cards were returned to the registrar's office because the voter either moved out of the county,

moved to On Nov. 8 another location in polls open the county, at 6 a.m. changed or deleted and close their post at 7 p.m. office box and did not

notify the registrar, reported voter registrar Peggy Hard-

Because the voter registration books closed October 17, those voters whose cards were returned because of failure to make these changes will have to fill out a form when they go to the polls on election day, causing them to have a short wait to correct their address before they can cast their ballot, said Harding.

Many voters were moved not aware of this move Margaret Ransone my full receive a card or have not endorsement in her can- noticed the new change on didacy for Delegate of the their new cards. Because of this, on election day Among other support, she they may have to be sent to their new precinct in order Sen. Ryan to cast their ballot, she added.

Delegates honored

The Virginia League of Conservation recently honored retiring Del. Harvey Morgan (left) and Del. Albert Pollard at a reception at Lansdowne Urbanna. The two delegates were thanked for protecting Virginia's environment during their years of service in the General Assembly. Photo by Larry Chowning





On November 8 Re-elect Bonnie J.D. Haynie, your Master Governmental Treasurer

Anna Lee C. Haynie **Bill & Jeannine Pennell Douglas Monroe** Richard "Mac" Davis William L & Cathy Smith **Harmon & Sandra Treakle**

David Jones William & Kathy Conrad E. Jeems & Chris Love Franklin & Virginia Haywood William Louis Lee Dr. Robert & Fran Westbrook

Authorized by Bonnie J. D. Haynie

THE CITIZENS OF LANCASTER COUNTY SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF SHERIFF RONNIE CROCKETT

EXPERIENCE

"Margaret is the only can-

didate in this race with expe-

private sector, and it's crucial

that we have someone of her

McDonnell. "Margaret was

on its natural resources. I

also received an endorse-

ment from

McDougle.

I have more confidence and feel safer with a knowledgeable, seasoned, veteran sheriff such as Ronnie Crockett rather than hiring a new sheriff in training.

Lee Pulling, Lancaster (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

We do not need to regress to where Ronnie started.

Rev. Marian Paul White, Kilmarnock (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

I know Melvin Howard and agree that he is one of the finest gentlemen I know, but being a deputy for 33 years doesn't qualify him to be sheriff.

Bob Norman, Lancaster (Rappahannock Record, October 20, 2011)

Life is good! Keep it that way! Keep Crockett!

Carroll Vanlandingham, Wes McAden, Lancaster (Rappahannock Record, Ocobert 27, 2011)

In non-election years we never hear anything about the Sheriff's Department. That is because it is well run. Then, every fourth year we get hysterical letters to the editor saying that the Sheriff's Office is broken. It's not broken and we don't need to change just for the sake of change.

John Martin, Kilmarnock (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

LEADERSHIP

He is in charge of a great staff who work diligently to make your community a safe place to live. Bill Webb, Reedville (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

How fortunate we are to have such a fine Sheriff's Department and be thankful for the leadership of our outstanding sheriff. Bill Richards, Weems (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

Lancaster County is a wonderful place to live. Sheriff Crockett and his deputies help make it so. James C. Breeden, Irvington (Rappahannock Record, October 2011)

We are aware of the need for strong and effective leadership at all levels of the criminal justice system. With this in mind we enthusiastically endorse the re-election of Sheriff Ronnie Crockett. Sheriff Crockett is the consummate professional who, for the past 28 years, has steadfastly served the citizens of Lancaster County. His integrity, leadership and strength of character are

Retired Federal Agents and National Security Specialists for Sheriff Crockett (Rappahannock Record, October 20, 2011)

I can tell the citizens of Lancaster County that all crimes in the County are being aggressively investigated. Bill Webb, Reedville (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

INTEGRITY

There has never been any hint of scandal or mismanagement as has occurred in neighboring counties. John Martin, Kilmarnock (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

I know he was asked to intercede on behalf of a friend. But out of respect for me and the law, he never asked me to compromise my professional ethic.

R.C. Mathers, Va. Game Warden (Ret), Lancaster (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

Ladies and gentlemen, we have the best. Let us re-elect Ronnie Crockett as our sheriff. Bill Richards, Weems (Rappahannock Record, October 27, 2011)

A wise writer once said, "We sleep quietly in our beds at night because strong men are on watch." Sheriff Crockett is such a strong man. We need to keep him on watch.

Bert Chase, Weems (Rappahannock Record, October 20, 2011)

Again, I feel the urge to remind the voting public how fortunate we are to have a sheriff the caliber of Sheriff Crockett. Ned Crockett, Irvington (Rappahannock Record, October 6, 2011)

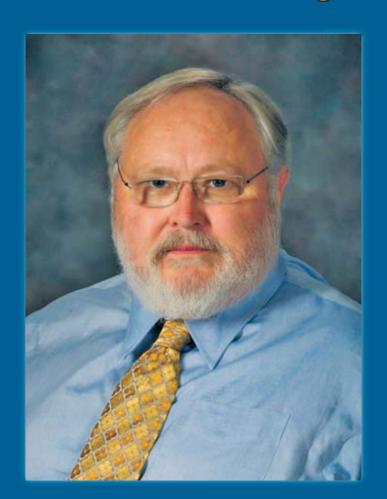
PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH TO RE-ELECT SHERIFF RONNIE CROCKETT **EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY**

Authorized by Crockett for Sheriff

Elect *** NUNINALY

The Serious Choice for Commonwealth's Attorney

A Force Against Crime & Corruption



"Nunnally has decades of courtroom experience ... as well as time-in-grade as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. He will be a great Commonwealth's Attorney for Lancaster County.

Please vote for
R. Wayne Nunnally on November 8, 2011."

John Howard Farmer Irvington

Lancaster's Next Generation of Leaders Create a Musical Tribute to Nunnally's Journey

Nunnally's on a journey to be Commonwealth Attorney.

His experience will ease our fears, He's practiced forty years.

Enforcing the law, he will protect both you and me,

And a great public servant he will be...

He'll fight for our rights to keep us safe both day and night, He'll put crimes of murder, robbery both high upon his plate. A gentle man whose word supports all people I have heard, Nunnally's on a journey to be Commonwealth Attorney...

He has no use for alcohol or drugs or child abuse, Fines and fees he will collect, all to control the county's debt. The Nunnally choice for Lancaster is surely for the best, Yes, Nunnally's on a journey to be Commonwealth Attorney.

> Lyrics by: Kelli N. Tignor & Le'Aria Kelley Lancaster Students

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- * Trial Attorney over three decades
- * Including Service as Asst. Commonwealth's Attorney for City of Portsmouth
- * Law Practice throughout the Northern Neck and Virginia
- * Successful litigator before Supreme Court of Virginia
- * Northern Neck Bar Association Active Member

COMMUNITY TRUST & LEADERSHIP:

- * Town Council Member Irvington* Irvington Baptist Church Deacon
- * Northern Neck Maternity Center Founding Board Member
- * Northern Neck Boys & Girls Club Board Member
- * Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge General Counsel
- * NAACP Life Member
- * Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce Member

DEVOTION TO FAMILY AND THE NORTHERN NECK:

- * Married to Frances R. Lumpkin 46 years & more to be
- * Father of two terrific sons, 'one in Texas, one in Heaven'
- * 'Uncle Wayne' to many IBC, NNBGC and Teen Challenge members
- * Proud restorer of wife's great-great-grandparents residence, 'The Home Place' on King Carter Drive in Irvington



Commonwealth's Attorney (Vote for not more than one)

- Robert L. Cunningham
- R. Wayne Nunnally
- C. Jeffers "Jeff" Schmidt, Jr.



