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1. I believe that the relationship between the Longwood community and Farmville is fairly cordial. As far as I’m aware, I have not noticed extreme tensions between the two communities.
2. I have seen a Town and Gown relationship in Farmville through the local stores and restaurants. For instance, places such as Wal-Mart and Pairet’s sell Longwood merchandise. An example of a negative Town and Gown relationship is the unfair advantage college students receive at places like Bar 202.
3. Community outreach can improve relations between a college community and the surrounding town if done properly. If college students work alongside townspeople to improve the community, it builds a positive relationship. However, if college students start working to improve the community without the help of the surrounding community, it can seem condescending towards the townspeople.
4. Our outreach day at Holliday Lake State Park may not have had an immediate impact on the relationship between the town and the university, but with continued service the relationship could be improved. I believe that altruistic service is the best way to form a positive relationship between Farmville residents and Longwood. Since we took time out of our schedules to genuinely help the surrounding community, our outreach day was a small step to further creating a cooperative relationship.