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Taste of summer

The first day of Summer Camp was a fun and crazy day at Chesapeake Academy. Counselor Brittany Jefferson was pied by Camp Irvington camper Denzel Johnson at the closing ceremony.

Planning commission puts developer on hold pending project site plan, town utility commitment

by Audrey Thomasson

LANCASTER—"I don't want to give blanket approval. I want to know what I'm getting," said planning commission chairman David Jones in calling on members to delay a vote on a 740-acre subdivision development until the developer presents a better plan. A motion to table a decision for 30 days passed, 6-0.

David Donofrio of Confederate Interest LLC came before the commission last week to request a zoning change from agriculture to residential for a triangular shaped property between Irvington Road, Lumberlost Road and crossing Black Stump Road near Kilmarnock.

According to his applica-

tion, approximately 37 acres is intended for single residential (R-1) use with 659 acres zoned (R-3), also residential but with lot sizes limited to 12,000 square feet. About 30 percent of the property would be open land, although county land use director Don Gill said there is a capacity for 43 percent.

Donofrio claimed the development would be the first community in Virginia based on environmental enhancements. He said his plans are to preserve all the wetlands and provide community amenities such as hiking trails, an arboretum and a community center. He also demonstrated his intent to hook into Kilmarnock's water and sewer utilities by presenting a letter from

Kilmarnock's acting zoning administrator and attorney Chris Stamm indicating the town has the capacity to handle the development.

Planners argued that having the capacity isn't enough and they want to see a commitment from Kilmarnock to provide utilities.

Of the two dozen people who attended the public hearing, only one spoke in favor of the plan.

Realtor Catherine Crabill said if Donofrio is granted water and sewer hook-ups, it could also be available to "everyone else along the way." She praised him for "the beautiful job" he did at Hills Quarter in terms of buffers and landscaping and for planning

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Independence parades name grand marshals

Judge Foster to preside in Irvington

by Alex Haseltine

Judge Dixon L. Foster will preside as grand marshal of the Irvington Fourth of July parade this year. "I guess they picked the oldest guy they could find," said Nancy Foster of her 85-year-old husband.

Born in 1923, Foster was raised in Williamsburg where he attended public school. From an early age he spent his summers in the Northern Neck with his grandparents.

Foster attended the College of William and Mary from 1940 to 1943, at which time he joined the Navy and enlisted in the V12 officer-training program.

He served as a small-boat officer in the Pacific theater of combat and, before returning to his studies in 1943, was stationed at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Three days after returning to the United States, Foster was married to Nancy Norris of Lively, whom he had met during his freshman year at W&M.

Foster received his law degree from W&M in 1949 and moved to the Northern Neck where he joined the practice of his father-in-law, Robert O. Norris Jr. Shortly after his relocation he moved to Irvington.

"I have been living in Irvington since, oh, 1950, 1951," said Foster.

In July 1967, he received an appointment as a Circuit Court judge and served in and around the Northern Neck until he retired in



Judge Dixon L. Foster

1988. He continued to serve as an alternate judge in the area until 2002.

Foster was active in the incorporation of the town of Irvington in 1955 and served on the first Irvington Town Council. He was a founding member of the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, serving as the first secretary. He also has served as the secretary of the Chesapeake Club and is active in the Lions Club.

Foster is a lifetime deacon of Irvington Baptist Church. He loves boating, fishing and golfing. He also loves music, and was a longtime member of the Northern Neck Bay Tones barbershop group.

Keyser is on deck in Reedville

For the past 20 years, Phillip Keyser has been considered the father of Little League in Northumberland County. Between running his father's surveying business, volunteering for the fire department and raising children of his own, Keyser has shared his infectious passion for baseball with a generation of young people.

In honor of his contributions to the county, Keyser has been asked to serve as grand marshal for the Reedville Independence Day Parade July 5.

Born in 1961, Keyser is a lifelong resident of Northumberland County.

He discovered the game of baseball at a very young age and recalls spending long summer days playing catch in the backyard. At the age of 9, he became one of the youngest players on the Wicomico Little League.

It was during his second year playing Little League that he discovered the catcher's position. "I thought it was neat to wear all that extra equipment and to be in on every play," he said.

Keyser attended Northumberland High School where he played football, basketball and baseball. He co-captained both the basketball and baseball teams, and continued to play catcher.

In 1978, when he was 17, a team from Tangier Island came over to play the Reedville Tornadoes in a softball game.

It would become one of the most defining moments of his life, one that he would remem-



Phillip Keyser

ber in detail 30 years later. A doubleheader was scheduled at the ball field on Main Street in Reedville.

Danny Haynie, the coach of the Tornadoes at the time, was short on players, so he invited Keyser to play.

"I just happened to have my glove and cleats in the car with me," Keyser said. "The games were tight and in the bottom of the last inning in second game with the score tied, I came to bat and singled up the middle to drive in the winning run."

Haynie named Keyser "Rookie of the Year" that season.

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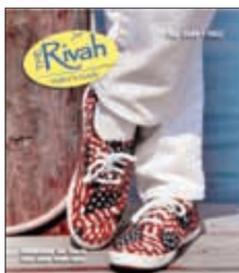


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The July 2008 edition of The Rivah Visitor's Guide is now on newsstands.



Jett survives unexpected dip in the storm-raging Chesapeake Bay

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

REEDVILLE—John M. Jett of Reedville got the scare of his life last weekend when he fell off his boat in rough seas while fishing alone in the Chesapeake Bay.

Jett was headed out of the Great Wicomico River Saturday afternoon on his way to the reef. He was still on the Reedville side of the shipping channel, somewhere near Buoy 62 (also called the [Dameron] Marsh Buoy) when the wind picked up and began to overpower his 22-foot center console.

He had turned around and was heading back in, riding parallel to the waves in the troughs, when a rogue wave caught the side of the boat.

"One second I was holding on to the controls and the next second my feet were over my head and I was in the water," Jett said. "It happened that fast."

The boat, along with all of Jett's floatation, kept on going in the direction of Dameron Marsh, leaving the father of two, husband, and employee of Jett's Marine swimming alone in four-foot seas wearing nothing but a bathing suit.

Jett grew up fishing on these

waters and has been boating in the area since he was 8 years old.

He knew he was too far out to make it to shore in rough conditions, and remembered there were a series of pound nets off Fleeton Point. He couldn't see them through the waves, but when a boat passed by in the distance, he caught sight of a piling and began to swim.

It took him nearly 45 minutes to reach the nearest pound. He sat down on the nets and gripped a piling, planning to wait out the storm.

He doesn't remember whether there was lightning that afternoon, or even rain, though some have told him that a bad storm rolled through the area. He was entirely focused on holding on to the piling while waves up to his neck pounded him, he said.

Jett evaluated his options. "If the weather stayed rough I could have sat there all night," he said. "I thought that if the winds calmed down I could swim from trap to trap and work my way back to shore."

"But I figured I had a lifetime to get there, so I was going to take my time."

Jett had been in the water



John M. Jett

about two hours when he eyed a pair of sailboats cutting into shore. He stood up on the nets and thought the second boat had seen him. It was heading directly toward him.

When Jett realized it was just dodging another pound net, he shouted. The captain heard him, even over the wind and waves, and as the sailboat pulled up, the captain said: "Is that you, John M?"

The familiar face of Jake Haynie appeared through the storm.

"I was so happy to see him,"

Jett said. "I didn't even know Jake owned a sailboat."

When Jett got back to shore he called the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard and Smith Point Sea Rescue to notify them his boat was still out there and he was safe. He didn't want anyone to start a search when the boat turned up without a captain.

Turn up it did, clear across the bay at Smith Island where it had ridden up on a sandbar.

After it beached, the engine kept running until it burned up and caught fire. When Jett flew over the next day, there was nothing left, he said.

Jett feels lucky to have made it home safely. It was a fluke set of circumstances that put him in the water, but it made him appreciate how easily accidents can happen.

"It can happen to anyone, and it can happen in an instant," he said.

"I'm just glad it was only me out there and that nobody got hurt by the boat," he added.

He said he hopes his story will serve as a caution to others:

"I can tell you that I won't be doing any fishing alone for a while."

June 26 Thursday

Bingo is played at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock. **AI-ANON** meets at 8 p.m. at Palmer Hall in Kilmarnock. **The RFM Boat Shop** opens at 9 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6629. **The RFM Modelers** meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529. **Mahjong** will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Drinks and dessert provided. Tables of three or more. \$2 per person. 438-4152. **A Depression Recovery Support Group** meets at 3 p.m. at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Kilmarnock. 758-8110. **The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild** meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377. **The Cory Daniels Band** will be featured at Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$5. **Acoustic Night** at Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246. **The Rappahannock District Youth Choir** will present a concert at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lively at 7:30 p.m. **The Board of Supervisors** for Lancaster County will meet at 7 p.m. **Take a Hike—Make a Hiking Stick** at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County from 10 a.m. to noon. Decorate a hiking stick with paint, glue, and decorations provided. Then try out your new stick on a short hike in the park. \$3. **The Annual Meeting** of the River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Chesapeake Operations Center on School Street in Kilmarnock at 5:30 p.m. **A Quilt Workshop** will be held by the Tavern Quilt Guild in the transportation building at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville from 1 to 3 p.m. 580-2539. **Northumberland Democrats** will host a discussion with Sen. Jim Webb's regional representative Charles F. Staton at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. **The Northern Neck Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists** will conduct a meeting at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m. to describe a course to begin in late August.

27 Friday

Bingo is played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7 p.m. **Sweet Justice** rocks the deck at Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock from 6 to 10:30 p.m. \$5. 435-6000. **Contraast** will be featured at Damon & Company in Gloucester. 693-7218. **Gridlock 64** plays Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246. **Take a Hike—Make a Hiking Stick** at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County from 10 a.m. to noon. \$3. 462-5030. **The Gwynn's Island Festival** in Mathews County will open with a chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. 725-7577. **A Yard Sale** to benefit the Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund For Animals will begin at 8 a.m. at 810 Griffins Landing Road near Lively. 462-0091. **The Rappahannock District Youth Choir** will present a concert at White Stone Church of the Nazarene at 7:30 p.m.

28 Saturday

The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377.



Dance party at Joe's

Sweet Justice (above) will be featured at Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock Friday, June 27, from 6 to 10:30 p.m. The band covers popular dance hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s. Band members, from left, are lead guitar player and vocalist Linnie Disse of Richmond, bass player and vocalist Rod McMordie of Urbanna, lead vocalist and band leader Beth Justice of Urbanna, drummer and vocalist Mike James of Richmond and lead guitar player and vocalist Trey Moyer of Richmond.

28 Saturday

Blue Line Highway will perform at 8 p.m. at Southwind Cafe in Mathews. Free, families welcome. 725-2766. **Crazy X** plays Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246. **The Dixie Power Trio** (Louisiana Zydeco) will present a Blumont Concert at Town Hill in downtown Colonial Beach at noon. Donations welcome. **The Gwynn's Island Festival** in Mathews County will feature music, food, arts and crafts, children's games, pet parade and lawnmower races. 725-7577. **A Pork Rib And Steamed Shrimp Dinner** will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Deltaville Rescue Squad building on Route 33. Tickets available at the door. \$18 adults, \$9 children ages 12 and under. **A Torch Relay** will be held on the streets of Kilmarnock from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Sen. John Warner lighting a big torch at the Northern Neck Family YMCA to kick off the Ball in the Halls. **The 2008 Ball In The Halls, Olympian Odyssey**, to benefit the Northern Neck Family YMCA Guardian Program in Kilmarnock will feature dinner, dancing, auctions and raffles. 5:30 p.m. \$150. For tickets, call 435-0223, or 438-5187. **Kilmarnock Farmers' Market**. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First and Main streets. 435-2850, ext. 6031. **A Sunset Canoe Trip** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 7 to 9 p.m. \$6. Reservations required. 462-5030. **The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association** will participate in the annual Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day from noon to noon on June 29 at the Mid-County Rescue Squad site near Heathsville. Visitors welcome. **An Instructional Shooting Clinic** for women only will be held at the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club at 640 Blueberry Point Road in White Stone from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10. To register, call 438-606. **A Yard Sale** to benefit the Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund For Animals will begin at 8 a.m. at 810 Griffins Landing Road near Lively. 462-0091. **A Shrimp Dinner** will be held by the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ULVFD pavilion in Lively. The meal will be followed by a dance with DJ Curtis Walker from 8 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets (\$25) may be purchased from auxiliary members. Dance only tickets will be sold at the gate, beginning at 8 p.m. **The Lettice Lee Chapter** of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century will meet at 11 a.m. at the Tavern in Heathsville to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

29 Sunday

The Widowed Persons Service for Lancaster and Northumberland counties holds its lunch brunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Kilmarnock immediately following church services. **Mr. Entertainment-Glen Abbott**, will be featured at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Kilmarnock from 5 to 8 p.m. **Made From Scratch** will perform bluegrass music on the green from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Colonial Court Circle at Gloucester Court House. Bring a chair, no cover. 693-1264. **Musical Entertainment** at Savannah Joe's in Kilmarnock from 1 to 4 p.m. No cover. **Share Your Treasures**, an antique and artifact identification program, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at 43 Court Square in Montross. \$5 per item. **A Discovery Table** nature program will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m. Free. 462-5030. **A Yard Sale** to benefit the Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund For Animals will begin at 8 a.m. at 810 Griffins Landing Road near Lively. 462-0091. **Guitarist Robert Keyes** will perform at Lancaster Tavern at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. 462-0080.

30 Monday

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. New members welcome. **Goin'-N-Seine** at Belle Isle State Park from 10 a.m. to noon. \$2. 462-5030.

July 1 Tuesday

The RFM Boat Shop opens at 9 a.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6629. **The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band** rehearses at 7:15 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems. 462-7125. **AI-ANON** meets at 8 p.m. at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. **Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. 462-0742. **The United Sates Air Force Heritage Of America Band** will present a free concert at the Irvington Commons, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Picnics welcome. 438-9058.

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1 Tuesday

The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. at the town office in Kilmarnock. 435-1302. **The Tavern Quilt Guild** meets at 10 a.m. in the transportation building at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville. **The Board Of Zoning Appeals For Kilmarnock** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. **The Northern Neck Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association** will meet at 2 p.m. at Coan Baptist Church on Coan Stege Road in Lottsburg. Chesapeake Bay author and news reporter Larry S. Chowning of Urbanna will give a presentation on the history and stories associated with Chesapeake Bay watermen. **The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild** meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377. **U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman's Staff** will conduct satellite office hours from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lancaster Community Library at 235 School Street in Kilmarnock; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville. **Insect Inspect** will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Belle Isle State Park. \$2. 462-5030.

2 Wednesday

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock. **The Kiwanis Club** meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. **The Rotary Club** for Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone meets at 12:30 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. **The Northern Neck Bay Tones** meets at 2 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. 453-2633. **The Woman's Club Of White Stone** meets at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished. **Duplicate Bridge** will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. 435-3441. **Acoustic Night** at Damon & Company in Gloucester. 693-7218. **Goin' Batty** will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. \$3 per person, \$8 per family. 462-5030. **The Rappahannock District Youth Choir** will present a concert at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Heathsville at 7:30 p.m.

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Area Events

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held June 26 at the Chesapeake Operations Center on School Street in Kilmarnock.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend for a short business meeting followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the board of directors. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m.

Heritage parade

On July 5 at 2 p.m., the annual Deltaville Heritage Day Parade will march and motor through the village. The Shriners and fire and rescue units will participate.

The DCA seeks additional participants. Call Bob Walker at 776-6461.

Concerts

Yates House Community Arts Center in Deltaville recently announced the "Groovin' on the Green" concerts from 6 to 8 p.m. Upcoming shows are July 12, Flat Out Bluegrass; July 26, Bill and Macon Gurley; August 16, Joshua Walker; August 30, Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys.

Sunday concerts will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. September 7, The Phun Doctors; and September 14, Susan Greenbaum.

Ophelia parade

The annual Ophelia July 4 parade will be held at 7 p.m. July 4. An indoor concert, featuring a bluegrass band, an organ duet and a patriotic hymn sing will follow.

The parade will begin at Cockrell's Railway and end at Afton Church. Call 453-3689 or 453-7245 to reserve a space. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult to participate in the parade. Refreshments will be available.

Concert series

The 2008 Music By the River series will continue July 12 with The Honeywind Bluegrass Boys, July 19 with Southern Grace, August 9 with Itchy Dog and August 16 with Ottoman at 4:30 followed by Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys. All other shows begin at 6 p.m.

The concerts are free. However, a daily parking fee of \$3 per vehicle applies.



Gator TS is raffle prize

The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department recently announced the raffle prize for the 31st annual ULVFD Firemen's Festival August 30 will be a John Deere Gator TS. Raffle tickets are \$10 and are on sale at businesses throughout the county. From left are fire department committee chairman Richard Selph, and Rappahannock Tractor representatives John Smith and Ben and Tina Sanford.

Patriotic program

The public is invited to join co-sponsors Middlesex County Public Library and Lower United Methodist Church in an Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration Thursday, July 3, at 7:15 p.m. at Lower Church on Route 33 at Hartfield.

Ginger Inabinet, mezzo soprano, accompanied by Kathy Merithew, will perform a variety of patriotic music and lead a sing-along.

Seed to stalk

Through June 30 at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center, American agriculture of the 17th and 18th centuries will be examined through comparison of Powhatan Indian and European methods of planting and cultivating crops grown for sustenance and for profit.

For admission, hours and directions, contact 757-253-4838, 888-593-4682, or historyisfun.org.

Foster care training

The Northern Neck Foster Parent Program will hold an in-service training session for Foster Parents June 30, at the Westmoreland Department of Social Services.

Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by training from 6 to 8 p.m. RSVP to Georgia Sprague at 580-3477 by June 25.

Moonshining

Moonshining in the Blue Ridge, an exhibit organized by the Blue Ridge Institute of Ferrum College, will be displayed at the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond through September 22. It is believed to be the largest exhibit on moonshining in the United States.

For directions, hours and admission information, call 358-4901, or visit vahistorical.org.

Ribs and shrimp

There will be an all-you-can-eat barbecue pork rib and steamed shrimp dinner Saturday, June 28, at the Deltaville Rescue Squad building. Dinner will be from 4 to 7 p.m. and will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lower Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The menu will include barbecue pork ribs, steamed shrimp, cole slaw, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade. Carry-outs available. Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$9 for children ages 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door.

Family gardens

On Tuesdays in June, July and August, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 1800 Lakeside Avenue in Richmond will offer a Families at Five program from 5 to 9 p.m. Family activities will be conducted in the Children's Garden where the WaterPlay remains open until 8:30 p.m.

Children-friendly boxed lunches may be ordered in advance at 262-9887, ext. 352. Call for admission or directions, or visit www.lewisginter.org.

Shrimp feast

The Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold an all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner June 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ULVFD pavilion in Lively. The meal will be followed by a dance with DJ Curtis Walker from 8 to 11 p.m.

Meal tickets (\$25) will only be available in advance. Dance only tickets will be sold at the gate, beginning at 8 p.m. Meal tickets are available from auxiliary members.

Upcoming

(continued from page A2)

3 Thursday

The Airport Club of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping, 758-5500. The Rappatamac Writers Critique Group meets at 10 a.m. at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church. The White Stone Town Council meets at 7 p.m. at the town office. American Legion Post 117 meets at 7 p.m. at the Post Home on School Street in Reedville. The Heathsville Forge Blacksmith Guild meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern. 580-3377. Acoustic Night at Cruisers Sports Bar in Gloucester. 693-6246. Ginger Inabinet And Kathy Merithew will present a free concert of patriotic music at 7:15 p.m. at Lower United Methodist Church on Route 33 in Hartfield. Nature Journaling will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon at Belle Isle State Park. \$2. 462-5030. The Rappahannock District Youth Choir will present a concert at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church in Kilmarnock at 7:30 p.m. (Submit calendar items to Robert Mason Jr., editor.)

Kinsale Day

Kinsale Day will be held September 20. The Kinsale Foundation's annual meeting will begin at 11 a.m. beside the gazebo. Henry Lane Hull will appraise antiques. There is a two-item limit per person and he does not evaluate jewelry, stamps, dolls, firearms or

modern collectibles.

Among other activities, a "Rubber Duckie Race" will be held just after lunch. There will be arts, crafts, vintage cars and tractors, music by Whitney Moss and a display of antique toys. To enter toys for display, call 472-3001, or visit the Kinsale Museum.

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Sept. 14 Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Experience closeup the marvels of flight from the Wright Brothers to the space age.

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Fiction or Fact

from Bob's Almanac

by Robert Mason Jr.

Curiosity got the best of me again.

So I went to Davesite.com, a storehouse of humor where you can find the "Top 10 Stupidest Lists."

At the top of the list of lists Dave offers the "Top 10 Things to do with a Newspaper!"

Adults, don't try these without child supervision.

From Dave:

10) Put it by the toilet to read.

9) Put it by the toilet in case you run out of toilet paper.

8) Shred it to make confetti.

7) Recycle.

6) Roll it up and whack your sibling over the head!

5) Roll it up and look through it, pretending to be a pirate!

4) Put it on the windowsill and discover the magic of fading!

3) Take it to work and show off that you get paid less than everyone!

2) Sit down in your armchair and pretend to read it in case your in-laws show up!

1) Take it to show and tell.

That's a good start, but I can think of a few more uses.

- Use it as a weed barrier in the flower bed and put mulch on top of it.

- Layer the bottom of a bird cage.

- Spread it on the table for picking crabs.

- Wallpaper a room.

- Clean the windows.

- Dry the car.

- Origami.

- Use it to insulate a dog house.

- Wrap gifts with it.

- Ball it up as stuffing for a scarecrow.

- Shelf liner.

- Take several issues and roll them together to make fireplace logs.

- Use it as a floor covering when painting.

- Train the dog.

- Icing down drinks, lay it across the top of the ice before you put the top on the cooler.

- Advertise.

- Subscribe.

- Read it.

- Share it with others.

Excerpts

by Henry Lane Hull

A week ago we were in Fredericksburg for the day, and as we like to make new tracks with each trip, we decided to visit Chatham, the great house overlooking the Rappahannock and the city. I had been there about 20 years ago, but the jaunt was a first for my good wife and the B.E.s.

Chatham is a property of the National Park Service, having been willed to the nation by the local industrialist, John Lee Pratt in 1975. He was a major player in the history of General Motors, where he served as vice president. He was one of three brothers, one of whom became a prominent physician in Fredericksburg, who founded the Pratt Clinic. The third went into law enforcement and rose to become chief of police of Washington, D.C. In that position he always was in the lead car in every Inaugural Parade.

John Lee Pratt bought Chatham in 1931, after the mansion's previous owners, Daniel and Helen Devore had saved the house from near ruin. The Devores were enthusiasts of the Colonial Revival phase of restoration so typical of the period, as witnessed by Mrs. Archibald McCrea's restoration of Carter's Grove outside of Williamsburg and Mrs. Alfred I. DuPont's restoration of Ditchley, here in Northumberland County.

Because of the Devores' efforts, the house was in good condition after 60 years of neglect following the Union Army occupation during the War Between the States. During the war it became a major headquarters and the frontal point for the siege of Fredericksburg. Some of the most brutal and bloody events of the war occurred on the property. The west wing became a hospital where hundreds of limbs were amputated and tossed out the window onto a pile in the yard. One cannot visit Chatham today, almost a century and a half later, without thinking of Gen. Sherman's comment, "War is hell."

One of those in command from the Chatham heights was Union Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, (whose shaving habits gave the world the term "sideburns") who sent his troops across the Rappahannock on pontoon bridges only to be mowed down by Confederate rifle fire. His time in those reaches of the Northern Neck impressed

the general to the extent that years later he purchased several lots in the new town of Colonial Beach and built a three-story Victorian mansion there. Later, he sold the property to the audiologist, Alexander Melville Bell, whose son, Alexander Graham Bell, already having invented the telephone, brought the young Helen Keller there to study her hearing disability.

Prior to the war, Chatham was a celebrated Virginia plantation with its own racecourse where other planters would send their best steeds to compete with those of the pre-war owner, Maj. John Churchill, and of his predecessor, Chatham's builder, William Fitzhugh, who constructed the mansion on his 1,280 acres between 1768 and 1771. Over 100 slaves worked its grounds. That acreage today is down to 30, but the dense forests shield the house from the neighboring suburbia.

The National Park Service opens the house for visiting each day and one sees it as restored through the Devore and Pratt ownerships. The parlor to the west has 1920s paneling which copies what the original was like, that woodwork having been used as firewood by Union troops. The grounds which one sees today are more elaborate in their appointments than they would have been in Colonial times, again thanks to the Colonial Revival influences of the 1920s.

The place is stable, but still in need of greater attention. The vista of the city across the river is almost unchanged from Burnside's time with the three famous steeples of the City Hall, and the Baptist and Episcopalian churches towering above the Colonial houses and shops. Unfortunately, an ugly modern office tower looms to the extreme left, but is partially hidden by foliage.

Chatham has been important in American history for almost two and a half centuries, and visiting it in the historical present provides an ever-deepening level of appreciation for the fabric of our past, from the dichotomy of life between planters and slaves, through the cruelty of war, and ending with the munificence of philanthropy. Chatham is one of the Northern Neck's most enduring resources and deserves to be known better by all of us privileged to live here.

Letters to the Editor

Ticks get around

From Gini Nowakowski, Irvington

Just how in the world did the writer of A Closer Look get into our house to conduct her interview with Big Tick and Side Tick?

Or has our puppy been blabbing? It was perfect.

America's renewable energy deficit

From Jerry Peill, Lancaster

For the seven years that President George W. Bush stonewalled renewable energy programs here, and denied the human contribution to climate change, "Old Europe" went it alone.

Germany became the global leader in solar technology and its implementation; Spain's Gamesa leads the world in wind turbines and sales; Denmark's Vestas Wind Systems is in second place, while our giant General Electric trails both foreign competitors.

Britain, Norway and Portugal are harnessing wave energy. Little Belgium is planting oil palms in Congo-Brazzaville to produce 250,000 tons of biodiesel annually.

"Old Europe" is filling billions of dollars of renewable energy orders from China which in the past would have gone to us, as the former high

tech leader of the world. Yet our Federal clean tech R&D budget is not even two percent of the cost of the Iraq war. Meanwhile, Japan's now old hybrid car technology left Detroit asleep at the wheel. Unable to catch up now the big three are closing plants and slashing their workforces.

Does President Bush, the avowed opponent of protectionism, have any positive results to show for his countervailing protection of our oil and auto industries? What are they?

Principles of freedom, self help extolled

From Morris Dillingham, Kilmarnock

Lately, much attention has been focused on the so-called health care crisis and the global warming scare.

What has gone by unnoticed is the crisis in our public and secondary education system. No longer do many graduates display any understanding of the workings of freedom and prosperity in the United States. They seem to think that government was meant to supply all needs and solve all problems.

The failures of communism and socialism are apparently no longer taught in our schools as one can determine by recent events in the news. House Democrats, reflecting the output of our school system, are calling for nationalization of the gasoline refineries. They didn't even learn from the Social Security mess that government is the problem and not the solution.

In our own backyard our Virginia delegate is calling for the governor to take on legislative powers. The chilling ideas in his "Delegates Report" of June 12 should be a wake-up call that we have serious problems, even on the Northern Neck. Implying that times have changed and our historical system of Democracy no longer works for our "complex society," Del. Pollard spins several analogies to support his notions, none of which make any sense in this Democratic Republic. "Sic Semper Tyrannis" (Thus Always to Tyrants) are words prominently displayed on our state flag. Can we expect Del. Pollard to call for their removal?

Many years ago we realized that a good public education system was needed to insure that each new generation is equipped to maintain the lamp of freedom, to recognize a despot and to discriminate between truths and lies. Something has happened along the way as is indicated by the extreme ignorance of our leaders.

We cannot trust the education of our young to people who engender ideas such as those above, but must insure that the principles of freedom, self help and enterprise are passed on to all new generations.

Too much paper

From Mary Lee Johnson, Kilmarnock

I don't know how many of you knew Mrs. Mary Louise Dawe Michal.

Perhaps some of you were taught by her. Mrs. Michal was an excellent English teacher at the local high school in the early fifties. I worked with her.

Daily I always think of her. She always said that many people said that the world was going to be destroyed by fire, but that she disagreed. She thought it would be sunk into the deep by paper. When I see the amount of paperwork required in record keeping of all kinds, I agree with her.

Mrs. Michal, Mrs. Ada Hudson, Mrs. Isabel McSwain, and some others made up an excellent team of teachers. One of their pupils recently told me that he had traveled the world over and at each stop he looked for teachers for his children who were as good as those he had as teachers. He never found them.

Another school year has ended. I taught for many years. I knew Mrs. Michal. If she could just see the paper work modern living requires, I am sure she would be more convinced than ever that the end of the world would be brought on by being sunk into the deep by paper. Are you inclined to agree with her?

Congressional Report

by Rep. Robert Wittman

Leadership in space and aviation development is an American trademark. NASA, the vanguard in space and aeronautics research, embodies our spirit of ingenuity and hard work. I'm proud to represent the backbone of our country's aeronautics research, the NASA Langley Research Center. I was especially pleased this week to vote in favor of the NASA authorization of \$853.5 million.

The NASA Authorization Act reaffirms our commitment to space exploration, doubles the authorization level for aeronautics research, encourages entrepreneurial efforts in the private sector and promotes math and science education. The NASA bill affirms the importance of the work done at NASA Langley including national aerospace enhancement, developing supersonic flight, aircraft noise and emissions reduction and weather research.

Of particular interest to

many is the bill's national airspace enhancement initiative, which requires NASA to establish a research program to improve the reliability and timeliness of implementing new technologies for air traffic control and airport management. As we've seen firsthand at Newport News-Williamsburg International airport, demand for air travel is growing continually. This research will help reduce congestion and effectively manage growth in the years to come.

As many are probably aware, the original NASA budget request would have cut funding for aeronautics research by nearly 50 percent. Having toured NASA Langley and seen the critical work performed by the employees, fixing this shortfall quickly became one of my chief priorities. Along with other concerned members of Congress, I petitioned to increase aeronautics research and development funding. This week's authorization is

a good sign that NASA Langley funding is on the right track.

After voting for this legislation June 18, I had the pleasure of visiting the NASA Day event at the Capitol. There I met several Langley Research Center employees and got caught up on the latest in the exploration, aeronautics and science

programs. The accomplishments of the NASA folks never fail to impress and I will certainly continue to advocate for long-term aeronautics research funding. NASA always has and will continue to lead the world in space exploration, aeronautics research and development, and science research programs.

Yesteryear in Lancaster

(Reprints from the June 20, 1908, issue of the Virginia Citizen)

Crisp News

Col. E. W. Nicholas has been chosen Superintendent of V.M.I.

On Sunday, June 28, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun, causing an eclipse, which will be visible throughout the entire United States. The eclipse will begin at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:53 p.m.

Irvington

Dr. W. J. Newbill was in Essex Tuesday on business and visiting relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Ransom, of Washington, is on a visit to her brother, George St. C. Smith.

A party of young ladies and gentlemen from this place were in Urbanna Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Callis returned Monday from Franklinton, N.C., where she has been as milliner this season.

Mrs. E.I. Wilder and son, Hunter of Fredericksburg, arrived Monday to spend some time with relatives here.

Millenbeck

Miss Bessie Schools, of Saluda, is visiting her brother here.

Dr. Joseph Keefer, of Washington, passed here en route to "Epping Forest" near Nuttsville, one day this week.

A Sunday School was organized here on Sunday.

Capt. T. I. Ratcliffe is in Fredericksburg running excursions.

W.H. Warren has just finished his last season's pack of tomatoes.

Mollusk

The wheat crop in this part of the county has proved quite a success this season.

Miss Allen Poole returned home last week after visiting friends at Warner.

Miss Annie Stoneham for the past month has been visiting in Charlottesville, Staunton and New Hope.

Harper Brent, of Heaths-ville, and Cyrus Harding, of Hopeside, were seen here recently.

Excursion to Irvington

Steamer Mabel W. Gouldman will leave Sharps 7 a.m., Bay Port 7:30 a.m., Wheelton 8 a.m., Waterview 8:30 a.m., Monaskon 9 a.m., on July 4th, for Irvington. Return 7 p.m., stopping at above wharves.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Rev. Wright not true to theology

From Albert Nunn, Kilmarnock

Black liberation theology is, unfortunately and ironically, largely understood. That is, it is what it appears to be.

If Martin Luther King Jr. proposed a vision of brotherhood, universality and reconciliation, black liberation as stated by the Rev. Jeremiah Wright proposes divisiveness, inflammation and alienation of all that Dr. King stood for. Where Wright rallied with the cry "God damn America," Dr. King said, "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

Where Dr. King called for following the "sunlit path of racial justice" in his vision of brotherhood, universality and reconciliation, pastor Wright contrarily said, "God damn America for treating our citizens as less than human. God damn America for as long as she acts like she is God and she is supreme."

Pastor Wright, in his presentation of black liberation theology, uses it only to inflame, divide, and further alienate the races. Pastor Wright makes no mention of the Civil Rights movement or the Civil War, in which many thousands lost their lives, or of Harriet Beecher Stowe, or of Abraham Lincoln, or of the many civil rights workers, black and white, who lost their lives in their crusade to end segregation.

Certainly racism is a concern in these United States, but most certainly it is much more of a problem in other countries. Pastor Wright's diatribe about the government infecting blacks with HIV is typical of the Left initiating lies to cause alienation and further drive a wedge between the races.

In short, pastor Wright knows nothing about Liberation Theology, but rather chooses to borrow a catchy phrase from Leonardo Boff and Gustavo Gutiérrez, embellish it with his own garnishments, and serve it up with his own socialist aims. Martin Luther King Jr., would be ashamed. Most certainly pastor Wright is very un-King-ish.

Rebate, stimulate, escalate, perpetuate, exasperate

From D.F. and Carol Williams, Weems

"Me and the Mrs." have recently received our portion of our U.S. Congress' economic stimulus package—a deposit of \$1,200 from the U.S. Treasury.

We've been thinking of the ways it could be used to help our faltering economy. We're thinking electronics such as an LCD flat screen TV; a new computer with VISTA; a new printer/scanner; a multi-function cell phone.

But wait!—We cannot get any of those because they are assembled and their parts made outside the USA, and the president wants us to stimulate our economy. OK, let's look closer to home—let's say we want to spend it all in Virginia, or better yet, Lancaster County.

Well, our board of supervisors (helped in large part by our school board, and fueled by a gaggle of unfunded mandates), along with our Virginia legislature and the U.S. Congress, have solved this problem. We can spend it all without leaving home. Here's our plan:

First, "Rebate!" We get \$1,200 of our own Federal tax money back from the Treasury.

Next, "Stimulate" the economy; we will try to spend it on U.S. products.

Now, "Escalate" our taxes and expenses. Our Lancaster County government plans to increase real estate taxes via reassessment and rate increase; Virginia has reneged on the elimination of the automobile property tax (remember that?); the Feds have instituted the net negative "corn to ethanol" program which in turn increases many food prices; Congress has done nothing in the last 20 years but throw roadblocks in front of relieving our dependence on foreign oil (no drilling in Alaska, no drilling offshore, no nuclear plants, no shale oil program) which in turn has helped take gasoline prices to record levels.

Then "perpetuate" the myth that you and I got a stimulus "gift" from our governments. How can that be? Every dollar our governments have come from us. Realistically, our governments have "re-gifted"

by returning some of our own money so we can then give it back to them in other forms. It would have saved some time and money if they had made a direct transfer of the "gift" to Lancaster County, and Virginia, and kept a little themselves for their thoughtfulness.

Anyway, our plan to spend the \$1,200 stimulus goes like this:

- \$675 for the increase in our real estate tax (22 percent over last year).
- \$180 for continuing automobile property tax.
- \$150 food price increases over next year.
- \$150 added gasoline cost over next year due to Fed's past inaction.

That totals \$1,155 but leaves \$45 for us. Oh, boy! What? Our board of supervisors is ready to spend that too? We'd better save it to pay for part of our portion of the first year's debt created by the new Lancaster County court facility project.

Here is a big "Thank You" to all of our elected representatives. You have taken a load off our minds. We just knew you would know how to spend our money better than we would. Now, we exasperate!

Snake column was funny

From Gloria Romaine, Lancaster

A Closer Look on June 5 was hysterically funny and brought back a memory from my past.

As I was reading it I thought, "This short story should be submitted to a well-known magazine for publication for others to enjoy a chuckle, and the fun loving spirit of a family living in the woods of the Northern Neck." I enjoyed it so much, I emailed it to my family and friends to enjoy, for they would recall a similar event I had when I was a young mother with two small children.

The following week I read a Letter to the Editor referencing the article. I started thinking. The wheels in my brain were turning...Was I wrong to find this article so humorous? Was I ignorant as well? Was there something wrong with me in enjoying a well-told story that kept my interest, got my heart racing, and feeling the anxiety and fear that I had once had when I encountered a big black snake with fangs and the head of a melon entangled on the bars that support the electric garage door opener?

Was I ignorant when I pressed the garage door button over 100 times hoping that the snake would somehow release himself with the up and down movement of the garage door? Did I find amusement in using the electric garage door as a deadly weapon? Was I ignorant in not running in the house to find out the species I had hanging in my garage?

No, I was terrified just as I'm sure the writer was, just trying to keep my family from harm's way. There was no time to analyze the moment rationally as to whether this was real or not or determine the species of this reptile. I was so terrified and so driven to protect myself and my young children including Buttons our dog, Tabby our cat and Thumper and Jumper, our gerbils. I did not want this reptile in my house or in the same state! Was I ignorant to think that way?

In reality, we are human and sometimes react in ways that we normally would not if we weren't terrified or feared for our personal safety or for the safety of our family.

I believe the writer did what she needed to do. This one terrifying humorous event that she chose to share with her endearing readers does not diminish at all the tremendous love she has for nature and creatures furry or not.

Please continue entertaining, educating and helping us take a closer look and please, "Do not fear those snakes in the grass!"

Hot weather help for older adults

by Frank McCarthy

When the heat is on it's time for everyone to take extra precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses and even death.

Each year, approximately 200 die of heat-related issues. Now is a critical time for preventing heat-related health issues in older adults. Numerous studies have proven that hot weather is more likely to affect adults ages 50 and older than younger ones.

As we age, physical changes take place and older adults lose the ability to cool down, whereas younger ones have the ability to cool themselves faster. These physical changes in older adults sometimes do not allow them to even feel the heat when temperatures rise to

dangerous levels.

Some seniors do not feel they are thirsty or over heated. This dangerous situation can result in significantly high levels of dehydration as their bodies have lost measurable amounts of water.

Major diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and other common with seniors increase the likelihood that they will have problems when the weather is hot and humid. Some medications, along with excessive heat, can make a volatile combination that shouldn't be ignored. Consult the prescribing physician.

Heat-related health problems in seniors can result when the outside temperature is only in the low 90 degree range. Those

caring for older adults should always check the temperature and monitor it and their loved one closely.

Here are some basic guidelines to prevent heat-related illnesses.

Move the individual to an air conditioned room and make sure that the thermostat is set cool enough. Also make sure the unit is in good reliable working order. Fans are not enough as all they do is re-circulate hot air.

If there is no air conditioning available, perhaps frequent trips to a shopping mall or grocery store are in order.

No senior should ever attempt to walk even short distances during severe temperatures. They should always drink

plenty of water or other clear liquid nutritional supplements.

Avoid caffeine and alcohol as these will dehydrate the body.

Frequent cool showers, baths or sponge baths are recommended.

Always wear light colored clothing that is loose fitting and preferably cotton, as it can breathe.

If going outdoors is a must, be sure a hat is always worn with a brim to cover the face and ears.

During extremely hot weather, stay indoors in the comfort of air conditioning.

(Frank McCarthy is the director of Visiting Angels, a provider of Living Assistance Services and Personal Homecare. He can be reached at 435-2229).

This Side of 60

by Marie Snider

Learn from the long-living tortoise

Most of the time, I feel like anything but a tortoise. I feel more like a bouncing hare. Or a bumblebee. Buzzing... zipping... dashing. From this thing to that thing.

There are lawns to mow. Entertaining to do. Cars to service. Appliances to repair. Volunteering to get involved in.

That's only a partial list of life's "shoulds." And every day grows more frantic. Sometimes I feel like a hummingbird, desperately fanning my wings just to keep from dropping to the ground.

Maybe that's why the conversation about turtles and tortoises so took my fancy.

I don't remember just how it all started, but people began spouting facts. We remembered the 1970s when pet shops across the country sold thousands of tiny turtles and every kitchen had a Pyrex dish with a pet turtle living out its short life in uneventful boredom.

That was before they told us those cute little pets were a prime source of salmonella; and mercifully, the turtles were spared.

We talked about snapping turtles and box turtles. And about the difference between turtles and tortoises. Tortoises,

Webb comments on GI Bill support

Sen. Jim Webb recently issued a statement regarding President George W. Bush's pledge not to veto S. 22, his 21st Century GI Bill.

"For the past 17 months, I and my staff have been working every day to provide first-class educational benefits to those who have served since 9/11," said Sen. Webb. "I am delighted that after having opposed this legislation, the president has now pledged that he will not veto it when it comes before him as part of this year's supplemental package."

"The bill contains every provision in S. 22, which has received meticulous scrutiny and the full support of every major veterans' organization. It will pay for a veteran's tuition, books, and a monthly stipend, along the lines of the benefits given to those who returned from World War II," said Sen. Webb.

"I would like to again express my appreciation to the veterans' service organizations, many of whom communicated their support of this bill directly to a skeptical White House, and to the 58 Senate and 302 House co-sponsors of this landmark legislation," said Sen. Webb. "This bipartisan coalition consistently rejected the allegations of President Bush and of Sen. McCain, Sen. Burr and Sen. Graham, among others, who claimed that the bill was too generous to our veterans, too difficult to administer and would hurt retention."

The bill gained wide support after Republicans added language allowing the veterans to transfer the education benefits to their spouses and children.

I discovered, are land-loving cousins of the turtle—never setting foot in water.

We talked about turtles as a threatened species. And we talked most of all about huge tortoises that count their lives in centuries rather than decades.

Then one young but wise member of the group observed, "Maybe the reason they live so long is because they never move very fast." And that was the last I heard of the turtle conversation.

Could there really be any truth in that statement?

Is it possible that all this speed and hurry is counter-productive? Maybe it isn't an accident that the word deadline contains the word "dead."

Could it be possible that the most important lesson about

how to live could come from a giant tortoise?

The Galapagos tortoise is a remarkable creature. Early Spanish explorers were so taken with the giant that they identified a whole chain of islands with the Spanish name for tortoise - Insulae de los Galapagos (Islands of the Tortoises).

The Galapagos tortoise grows up to four feet long and weighs 600 pounds. Legend has it that when Charles Darwin came to the Galapagos in 1835, he tested the speed of a tortoise by riding on its back for one hour. In that length of time, the creature had moved 360 yards. One-fifth of a mile.

If you want to measure your own frantic pace by that of a tortoise, try it sometime. Just try walking one mile in five

hours.

Aesop, a wise teller of tales who lived many centuries ago, understood perfectly the strength of the tortoise. He told of a race and the surprise winner.

In a frenzy of "hurry-sickness," the hare had rushed forward, only to wear out before the end. The purposeful tortoise, on the other hand, moved steadily to the finish line.

"Slow-moving" and "extremely long-lived." That's how the literature describes turtles and tortoises. And we might also add "effective."

So think about it. Is there anything you should be learning from the long-living tortoise that "never moves too fast?"

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Friday, July 4th at 10 a.m.

The Town of Irvington invites you to a 4th of July Hometown Parade. Starting near Crockett's Landing and following King Carter Drive east, to the Baptist and Methodist Churches at Rt. 200. Vintage Cars will be at the Irvington Town Commons after the parade.

Featuring:

The Mayor of Irvington and Town Officials, Kilmarnock & District Bagpipe Band, Children on Bicycles, Vintage Antique Cars, Shriner Cars, Santa Claus, Wonder Horses, Veterans and Mini Coopers.

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Births



Madeleine Barry Evans

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Evans IV announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Barry Evans, March 18, 2008, at 5:48 p.m. at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Montgomery County. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Col. and Mrs. Neil A. Smart of Mollusk.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Evans III of Irvington.

The family lives in Blacksburg.

Boats to parade on July 4

Boats decorated in patriotic themes will sail again this Fourth of July from Olverson's Marine on Lodge Creek near Callao. The colorful spectacle may be viewed from many shoreline vantage points along the Yeocomico River.

According to Fred Olverson, boats will depart the marina beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 4. The vessels will follow the south and western branches of the Yeocomico to Kinsale, then reverse their course to return to their slips at Olverson's.

"This year's parade will include local boats and some from the Richmond Power Squadron, which will rendezvous at our marina over the holiday weekend," said Olverson. "Every local boater is cordially invited to join the parade, and we expect a lot of folks will cheer us on from yards and docks along the shore."

The hour-long boat parade will be visible from Harry Hogan Point, Walker Point, Mundy Point, Horn Point and Long Point, said Olverson.

Santa plans special July 4 parade visit in Irvington

Santa Claus will be spending his summer in Irvington this year, and making an appearance at the town's Fourth of July parade.

Along with Saint Nick, the parade will feature Shriners in miniature cars, miniature horses, and antique automobiles. Presiding as grand marshal is Judge Dixon L. Foster. Former grand marshal Zoe Stancer, who celebrates her 100th birthday July 1, will be a guest of honor.

Rep. Rob Wittman, Del. Albert Pollard and Sen. Richard Stuart will participate in the event.

Children wishing to ride their bicycles in the parade are asked to meet at the corner of Lancaster and King Carter Drive. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will travel along King Carter Drive.

Local News

CMD (ret.) and Mrs. Carl Gruel of Barnes Creek were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by their two daughters and son and families at a reception at the Waterman's Museum in Yorktown. Approximately 100 family members and guests from all over the United States were present.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the Michael Joyner-Carolynn Eder wedding on Saturday were Mrs. May Ferguson and daughter, Carol Acuff, of Marion, Ark., Dick and Nora Abrams of Florida and Ms. Danielle Ellis of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher attended the Fletcher family

reunion in Manassas last week. They also visited their children in Northern Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Harding were in Richmond last week for the graduation of their grandson, Tyler Harding, an honor graduate of Powhatan High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Petty have returned from a two-week trip to Florida. While there they visited Allen and Mary Lee Millikin in Homosassa, Fla., Larry's aunt, Mrs. Ruth Dyer in Largo, Fla., Mrs. Janet Floyd in Zephyrhills, Fla., and Roy and Justine Bunnell in The Villages, Fla.

Mrs. Linda Peay and sons, Tyler and Cory, of Mechanics-

ville visited her mother, Mrs. Innis Wood, and Mr. Wood on Thursday. While here they enjoyed boat riding and crab potting. They visited the Kilmarnock Museum on Friday before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Baer were in Ashburn for the graduation of their grandson, Woody Dorward, an honor graduate of Stone Bridge High School, who will attend Virginia Tech this fall.

Mr. Roy Smith is a resident of The Lancashire following hospitalization. He would be happy to see his friends.

Mrs. Joan Baylor has returned to her home after being a patient at Rappahannock General Hospital.rtvvt



Kids love to hear books

Eva McGowan (left) and Anori Polk get read to at the Lancaster Community Library by Eva's grandmother, Cal McGowan. The next Babygarten program is Monday, June 30, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the library in Kilmarnock.

Independence Day celebration planned July 5 for Reedville

Reedville's Independence Day celebration will be held July 5.

The event will include a 5K race, a children's pie-eating contest, a parade, a fireworks display and a dance.

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum (RFM), Bethany United Methodist Church and Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department will host activities for children and families throughout the day, including an artists' arena craft fair, a boat show at the RFM pier on Cockrell's Creek and food.

Registration for the Firecracker 5K Race will be held at Festival Halle on Main Street July 4 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 8 p.m., and July 5 at the start/finish

line from 7 to 7:30 a.m. The race will begin at 8 a.m. Visit reedvillerun.org/index.htm

A patriotic sing-along will be held at 2 p.m. in the RFM pavillion.

A parade sponsored by Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department will start down Main Street at 3 p.m. The grand marshal will be Phillip Keyser of Burgess. To enter the parade, call Danny Haynie at 453-3127.

A fireworks extravaganza at the end of Main Street will be held at 9 p.m.

After the fireworks, a dance with a disc jockey will be held at the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department. Beer will be sold. Admission is \$10.

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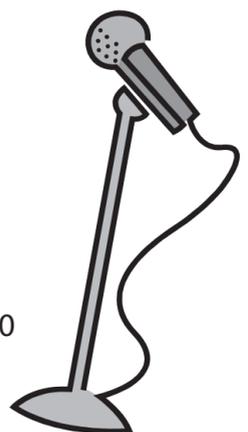


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Fire department pursues fund-raising campaigns

The Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department reminds the community that two major fund-raising campaigns are under way. The annual Firemen's Festival raffle tickets are on sale for \$10 each. The grand prize is a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup. It will be awarded on the final evening of the 73rd annual Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival. The event will be held at the carnival grounds off Waverly Avenue July 31 through August 9. Tickets may be purchased from any fire department member. Meanwhile, the campaign to help finance a new brush truck is about halfway to its goal. The fire department thanks the community for its help and support, noted president Tom Jones. Donations towards the brush truck may be sent to KVFD, P.O. Box 1295, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. From left are carnival president Johnny Smith and fund-raising campaign chairman Ryan Gordon.

Museum to host a needle art camp

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum quilters and needleers will hold a Grannies' Needle Art Camp August 4 to 8 at Festival Halle in Reedville.

This will be an opportunity for a new generation of young needleers to discover the fulfillment and enjoyment of the needle arts, according to Tippie DeLeo.

Participants will choose from a variety of skills including quilting, beading, needlepoint, sewing and knitting.

Quilting participants will make a quilted pillow embellished with beads and sequins using hand and machine sewing.

Those who choose beading will make necklaces and bracelets using beads and colors of their choice while learning beading methods.

The needlepoint group will make holiday decorations which can double as refrigerator magnets using basic needlepoint stitches.

Knitting I is basic beginner knitting, purl and knit, leading to making a scarf. Knitting II is following pattern directions to make a sleeveless Teddy Bear sweater.

Those who choose sewing will make a sun dress on the sewing machine. There will be two patterns from which to choose. Head bands will be made from fabric scraps.

Grannies' Needle Art Camp is open to children ages 10 and above. Registration is required.

The cost of the camp is \$35 payable at registration. Payment holds one's place and covers all supplies required to make a special item.

Sessions for the five-day program are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grannies' Needle Art Camp will conclude on a Friday afternoon with "show and tell."

To register, call the museum at 453-6529, or visit rfmuseum.org

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Lancaster Players announces cast for 'Three Women and Friends'

The Lancaster Players will present three one-act plays July 16 through 19 at the Playhouse in White Stone.

The program is titled "Three Women and Friends" and will include "The Loveliest After-

noon of the Year" by John Guare, "Graceland" by Ellen Byron, and "Thirteen Things about Ed Carpolotti" by Jeffrey Hatcher.

The cast for "The Loveliest Afternoon of the Year" includes Sarah Herring and Jordon

Rice. The cast for "Graceland" includes Susan Robertson and Caroline Shifflet. "Thirteen Things about Ed Carpolotti" is played by Donna Smith.

The plays will be directed by John Baumhardt.

Reservations are required; call 435-3776.

Service clubs crucial, Favazza tells Rotary

Addressing the Northern Neck Rotary Club June 18, YMCA executive director Mark Favazza emphasized the importance of service clubs such as Rotary and service providers such as the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club to the quality of life of people in the area.

The club generally meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock.

It was a message dear to

the club, which is preparing for its annual dinner and auction which in 17 years has raised more than \$425,000 under the banner: CAPINNÉ, Caring About People In the Northern Neck.

Favazza thanked the Rotary members for their commitment to meet the pervasive need evident in the community which he described as a great community with talent and wealth and also great needs leading to opportunity.

CAPINNÉ 2008 will be held July 12 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. The silent auction of items and services provided by local merchants and friends of the club will begin at 5 p.m. A live auction following a gourmet meal will offer 20 items including art work, getaways, cruises, beautiful home furnishings, a kayak, a lawn tractor and other items. Tickets are \$60 per person. Call 435-4169.

Library Corner

Lancaster Community Library July Calendar:

July 2: Storytime with Ms. Tonya, Back Yard Bug Hunt, 10 to 11 a.m., ages 2 and older.
July 7: "Insects and You," explore bugs with the Master Gardeners, 10 to 11 a.m.
July 9: Storytime with Ms. Tonya, Who's in your Pond? 10 to 11 a.m.; Movie Time, "Bee Movie," PG, 6 to 8 p.m.
July 14: "Bug juice and Beetle sandwiches," at Lancaster Middle School 11 a.m. to noon.

July 15: "Catch the Fitness Bug," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
July 16: Storytime with Ms. Tonya, Reading is a Picnic, 10 to 11 a.m.

July 17: "Reading is a Picnic," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a blanket and a picnic.
July 21: Babygarten 10:30 to 11 a.m., ages 3 months to 2 years.

July 23: Storytime with Ms. Tonya, Fly into Night, 10 to 11 a.m.; Movie Time, "Alvin and the Chipmunks," G, 6 to 8 p.m.
July 24: "Ventriloquism with Ty-Rone World," at Lancaster Middle School, 10 to 11 a.m.

July 28: Babygarten, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
July 30: Storytime with Ms. Tonya, Bee our Guest, 10 to 11 a.m.

Also at LCL
Art by Mary Jo Beswick is featured in the centrum.
The community bulletin

board showcases the United States Coast Guard.

Book clubs
Rappahannock Readers: *Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri.
River Readers: *Leonardo's Swans* by Karen Essex.
The Bookies: *Maytrees* by Annie Dillard.

A New Chapter: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.
The Novel Society: *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor.

Spotlight:
If you are a history buff, you probably already know that the library has a very large collection of historical nonfiction.

Interested in the Civil War or World War II? Find out everything you want to know by perusing the collection. Can't find it? The library can get it through interlibrary loan.

The library catalog contains over 1,500 books cataloged between the numbers 930 and 999 that the Dewey Decimal System uses to classify history.

For a library the size of ours, this collection reflects the fact that our community is not just interested in history, it is very interested.

And, for those who like history along with a bit of contributed imagination, the library also has an excellent collection of historical fiction.

Want to learn something about the Napoleonic Wars? Try Patrick O'Brian or Bernard Cornwell. Medieval England? Try Sharon Kay Penman

Computer users meet

On June 21, Lancaster Community Library director Lindsay Gardner reviewed medical information resources available on the internet.

She displayed to the Northern Neck Computer Users Group a collection of websites and provided an assessment of the kind, detail, quality and breadth of information of each.

In particular, she recommended MedicalPlus because of the broad range of information it provides, and because it is a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. The kinds of information avail-

able at this site include health topics, drugs and supplements, medical encyclopedia, dictionary, news, directories and local.

Following Gardner's presentation, Betty Lehman conducted a beginners PC tutorial.

On July 19, at 9:30 a.m., Bruce McMillan will make a presentation on scanning slides and photos. A beginner's tutorial will take place at about 11 a.m.

The group meets the third Saturday of every month at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury off Old Salem Road near Irvington.

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From left are Jayne McQuade and Carol Seymour.

Portrait wall features Heath

The Northumberland Public Library recently established a Portrait Wall which showcases pictures of prominent county residents. John Heath, for whose family the town of Heathsville is named, is the first person so honored.

Among his accomplishments, he and four other young men, while students at the College of William and Mary, founded the academic honor society Phi Beta Kappa (PKB).

Local resident Carol Seymour led the effort to acquire a picture of Heath for the library. She is a member of PKB, an honor she earned as an undergraduate at Emory University. She contacted the society's headquarters in Washington, D.C., which provided a high-quality digital copy of a portrait of Heath. Seymour had a print made and framed it. Members of PKB and the public were invited to the unveiling.

After remarks on Heath by Tom Wolf of the Northumberland Historical Society, PKB members met informally with a representative from the society's headquarters to talk about forming a chapter in the Northern Neck.

Attending members agreed to explore the idea of forming an informal Northern Neck group from the over 70 PKB members in Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster and Richmond counties. To be notified of other PKB gatherings, call Carol Seymour at 580-4216, or e-mail NNKPBK@yahoo.com



From left are Ta'Tiana Sanders, education committee chairman Mildred Christiansen and Steven Reid.

Club hosts scholarship meeting

The Woman's Club of White Stone hosted two past scholarship recipients at their June luncheon meeting.

Ta'Tiana Sanders, who attends Rappahannock Community College, and Steven Reid, who attends James Madison University, gave updates on their past year at college.

This year's scholarship recipients, receiving \$1,000 each, are Justin Stewart who will attend Old Dominion University, Emily Kohlhepp who will attend James Madison University and Darius Mitchell who will attend Rappahannock Community College. All are recent graduates of Lancaster High School.

Burgess twins donate ponytails for good cause

Twins Emily and Ashley Burgess, 5, of Glebe Point donated their hair to Locks of Love last week. They had been growing it for two years, said their mother, Tina Burgess, who was inspired after watching several television programs about kids with cancer who had lost their hair during treatment.

April Brenner of Wildest Dreams did the scissoring June 18, cutting 11 inches from Ashley and 10.5 inches from Emily.

"I told the girls what we were going to do with their hair and explained to them about the sick children who didn't have any hair," Burgess said. "Then I showed them a wig made out of real hair that my mother wore after she lost her hair during chemo treatment battling breast cancer. I think they understood."

Burgess said she was careful to keep the twin's hair trimmed and free of split ends so that it would all be usable.

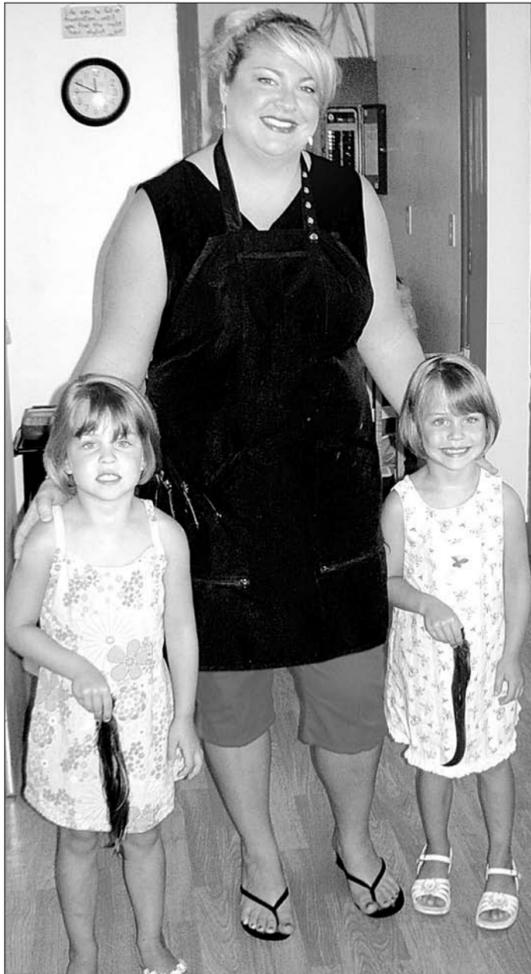
Ashley, the older of the twins, braved the salon chair first.

"It wasn't a hard decision since it's summer now and their hair was getting impossible to brush every day without tugging and hurting them," said Burgess. "Plus, knowing it was for a good cause made it an easy decision."

Burgess said the girls sat completely still while April lobbed off their locks.

"They smiled the whole time," Tina said. "And they like their new haircuts too."

To learn more about donating to Locks of Love, visit locksoflove.org.



Hair stylist April Brenner of Wildest Dreams in Burgess (center) gave twins Ashley (left) and Emily Burgess (right) the most meaningful haircut of their young lives last week. Their ponytails will be donated to young cancer patients through the Locks of Love program.



Rotary donations

From left, Chuck Penrod presents a check to executive director Julie Dudley of the River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross and David Dew presents a check to principal Randy Long of the Northern Neck Technical Center. The checks represent donations from the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Foundation, which is supported by the Bay Seafood Festival. The next seafood festival is September 5 at Belle Isle State Park. Tickets are \$50 per person. Order tickets at kiwsrotary.org, or call 800-777-9717.

Club supports annual Water Festival Program

During the May meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club, president Barbara Yinger presented a \$500 check to Audrey Brainard for the support of the Water Festival Program.

This program provides all sixth-grade students from Northumberland and Lancaster counties an all-day outdoor classroom to learn about the environment and how to care for water-related issues. The goals of the Water Festival Program are to promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water and the environment, according to Brainard.

She spent her career as an educational scientist, instructing teachers how to teach science to their students. In retirement, she can be found sharing the wonders of science with students. Originally, the Water Festival Program was conducted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Brainard organized and implemented the Water Festival Program for several years after



From left are Barbara Yinger and Audrey Brainard.

the DEQ no longer had the manpower to conduct the program.

Brainard formed a partnership among environmentally conscious groups including the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club, Northern Neck Audubon, Nor-

thumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship, Master Gardeners, Northumberland County Health Department, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, 4H, and the Rev. Fowler's SAIF Water. Through the years VEQ has been financially supportive and the name Virginia Ground Water Festival has been retained.

But DEQ is withdrawing financial support this year. It will be necessary for partnership organizations to come up with additional financial support for the Water Festival Program to continue. Donations of food, drink, and miscellaneous supplies as well as helpers are needed. To make a donation, contact Brainard at 804-580-5519, or brainard@nwnwif.com

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Speaker tells life cycle of monarch butterfly

The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club program in May featured a monarch butterfly presentation by Audrey Brainard.

She has traveled to Mexico to study this insect and presented a slide program. Members gained information about this species, important to the pollination of flowers.

Monarchs are known for their long migratory journey, flying from the United States and Canada to the center of Mexico, explained Brainard. Like many other species, they travel to a warmer climate for the winter months. Winters are too cold in the United States. Each adult monarch lives only about four to five weeks. But as autumn approaches, a very special generation of butterflies is born. These migratory butterflies survive seven or eight months and head south to hibernate in the mountains of central Mexico.

When the temperatures rise in late February, they mate and begin the northward journey, said Brainard. Once they reach the United States, a kind of

relay race begins: their short-lived offspring, with only four or five weeks to live, continue making the trek northward over several generations. They travel between 1,200 and 2,800 miles or more between their starting point and end point.

Monarch butterflies feed on the milkweed plant, she said. The monarch is sometimes called the "milkweed butterfly" because it is the only plant the monarch will eat. To attract monarchs to the garden, plant milkweed.

Adult monarchs have two brilliant orange wings with black veins and white dots. Males have a distinguishing black dot (stigmata) along the inner veins of their wings.

Adult female monarchs lay their eggs on the underside of the milkweed leaves, she said. The eggs hatch in three to 12 days.

Then the caterpillar develops into a chrysalis and finally a new butterfly emerges. The caterpillar completes the transformation into adult monarch butterfly in about two weeks.



Yarn poodles for children's clinic

Alice Chance, a resident at the Lancashire in Kilmarnock, has been working on yarn poodles to donate to the Pulmonary Children's Clinic at the Medical College of Virginia. She has made a total of 350 dogs. She has 25 to donate to the clinic where she has a grandson who is a patient.



Emergency planner Steve Rykal and assistant coordinator Valerie Prince

Three Rivers Medical Reserve Corps to form

Three Rivers Health District is part of the Peninsula Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), a partnership among Three Rivers, Hampton and Peninsula health districts. In order to provide a more dedicated focus to the communities within Three Rivers, as of July 1, the Three Rivers Medical Reserve Corps covering the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula will be formed.

The health district has about 200 volunteers who will continue to serve its communities by responding to health care needs and improve community emergency preparedness. Volunteers have the option of staying with Peninsula MRC by contacting Belinda Pasker at 757-594-8054, or at belinda.pasker@vdh.virginia.gov.

Medical and support volunteers are needed to aid the health district in preparing for and responding to health-related emergencies following hurricanes, tornadoes, chemical spills, or other disasters. Volunteer activities throughout the year include mass dispensing exercises, health fairs and recruiting.

With this transition, the focus will be on increasing and diversifying the training for volunteers. New topics will include psychological first aid, VDH blood pressure measurement specialist training, situational Spanish, CPR, and sign language. The corps hopes to partner with other services and volunteer groups throughout the ten counties it serves.

"Our MRC volunteers play an important role during public health emergencies," said Three Rivers emergency planner Steve Rykal.

The main office will be in the administrative offices of Three Rivers Health District in Saluda at 2780 General Puller Highway. The volunteer and community points of contact will remain the same. Rykal will be the MRC coordinator.

MRC assistant coordinator for the Northern Neck, Amanda Gallagher, will be in Richmond County at 333-4043, ext. 21. MRC assistant coordinator for the Middle Peninsula Valerie Prince will be in Middlesex County at 758-2381, ext 10.

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From left, Lancaster High's Sara Caudle and Luke Saunders were chosen to play in this summer's all-star softball and baseball games sponsored by the Virginia High School Coaches Association.

LHS sandlot shortstops chosen for all-star teams

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster High School produced a couple of all-stars during its spring sports season.

Recent graduates Sara Caudle and Luke Saunders will represent LHS and Region A in the Virginia High School Coaches Association (VHSCA) East-West All-Star softball and baseball games next Thursday, July 3.

The all-star softball game will begin at 11 a.m. The all-star baseball game will begin at 2 p.m. Both games will be played at Christopher Newport University (CNU) in Newport News.

Among other postseason games, the East-West All-Star Basketball Games will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at the Hampton Coliseum. The East-West All-Star Volleyball Game will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at CNU. The East-West All-Star Soccer games will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at CNU. The East-West All-Star Foot-

ball game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 4, at Darling Stadium in Hampton. The games highlight the VHSCA Clinic Week at CNU.

Caudle

Caudle, who plans to play softball at Roanoke College and major in business, is a decorated shortstop.

She was selected as the Northern Neck District's player of the year this season and made the all-district and All-Region A first teams, along with being chosen as the Lady Red Devils' most valuable player.

Caudle scored 23 runs and had five RBI during the regular season.

Also an all-academic honoree, Caudle is a four-year veteran of the LHS softball team, making the move from catcher to shortstop during her sophomore year.

She is the daughter of Sterling Caudle of White Stone and Gayle Caudle of Richmond.

Saunders

Saunders repeated this season as the Northern Neck District's player of the year. A two-year starter for the Red Devils baseball team, Saunders was named to the first team all-district and second team All-Region as shortstop. He also pitched.

Saunders helped lead Lancaster to back-to-back state tournament appearances and, along with his district most valuable player honor last year, was also chosen as the 2007 Region A player of the year and was an all-state selection.

He earned a .540 batting average over the last two seasons with 73 hits, including 25 doubles and eight home runs, 56 runs scored and 55 RBI.

The team's most valuable player for two years, Saunders will attend Christopher Newport University in the fall where he plans to play baseball and major in business. He is the son of Cres and Lynne Saunders of White Stone.

July activities announced for Belle Isle State Park

Belle Isle State Park interpretation and education chief Charlene Talcott recently posted the park's special events for July.

The park is off River Road in Lancaster County at 1632 Belle Isle Road on the Rappahannock River. Call ahead for directions and to confirm activities. Some events require reservations. In addition to the stated fees, the park's \$3 parking fee per vehicle applies. Call 462-5030.

On **July 1**, Insect Inspect will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will use nets to find bugs and insects, identify and learn more about them, and then release them back to their homes. \$2 per person.

On **July 2**, Goin' Batty will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will learn about bats in a short program, play a game about bats, and then go on a short hike with a ranger to see them. \$3 per person or \$8 per family.

On **July 3**, Nature Journaling will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will hear how others have written about nature, then learn how to keep a journal. \$2 per person.

On **July 5**, Campfire Cooking 101 will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn how to cook with Dutch ovens, stone, foil, and other methods over a campfire. For safety reasons no loose clothing and children should be supervised at all times. Free.

Also on **July 5**, A Triple Treat outing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will canoe along Mulberry Creek to Brewer's Point on the Rappahannock River, enjoy a hay ride through the park and end it with S'mores and stories around a campfire. \$10 per person.

From **July 7 through 9**, a Junior Rangers program will be offered. The focus will be arts in the park. Participants will create pottery, music, poetry and other artwork using nature as an inspiration. The program is sponsored in part by Lancaster/Northern Neck 4-H program. It is recommended for ages 9 to 12 and others may attend.

July 10 is Teddy Bear Picnic Day. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children are urged to bring a lunch and their favorite teddy bear, other stuffed friends, or dolls to the Teddy Bear Picnic. They will learn about healthy lunches with nutritionist Debbie Copeland and play some teddy bear games. Free.

On **July 11**, a Campfire Pickin' will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants may bring their instruments or just sing

along around the campfire. Music may be a mixture of bluegrass, folk, contemporary and historical depending on the musicians and the audience. Free.

On **July 12**, Canoeing 101 will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn how to paddle and maneuver a canoe and how to handle emergencies. Canoe, paddle, and life jacket provided. Registration required. Free.

Also on **July 12**, a Music By The River concert will feature the Honeywind Bluegrass Boys from 6 to 8 p.m. The band will play a variety of traditional bluegrass, country and gospel music. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket or lawn chair. The concert is provided through support from local businesses and the Friends of Belle Isle State Park.

On **July 13**, Discovery Table will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will learn about nature at a "touch and tell" table in the picnic area. Free.

On **July 14**, Goin' N Seine will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. "Seines are large nets for catching fish and other small aquatic animals," said Talcott. "We never know what we will find. Dress to go in the water and get wet." \$2 per person.

On **July 15**, a Marsh March will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn about the plants and animals that make the marsh their home, and why it is important to protect them. Go on a walk with a ranger to see where they live. Animals found at Belle Isle include herons, bald eagles, turkeys, otters, raccoons, deer and many species of birds. \$2 per person.

On **July 16**, Creatures of the Night will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will learn about bats, owls, raccoons and other nocturnal animals at the park, while hiking with a ranger. \$3 per person or \$8 per family.

On **July 17**, Make a Toad Abode from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn about toads and build a habitat to take home for their gardens. \$5 per person.

On **July 19**, a Music By The River concert will feature Southern Grace from 6 to 8 p.m. The band will perform gospel, traditional hymns and contemporary Christian music with an upbeat tempo and harmonies consistent with styles evolving in Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket or lawn chair. The concert is provided through support from local businesses and the Friends of Belle Isle State Park.

Also on **July 19**, a Full-

Moon Canoe Trip will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will paddle under a full moon as it reflects on Mulberry Creek and the Rappahannock River. Hear how the moon affects the tides, nature, and people, and how our senses change at night. Canoe, paddle, life jacket and experienced guide included. Reservations required. \$6 per person.

From **July 21 through 23**, a Junior Rangers program will be offered. The focus will be on new world explorers. Participants will learn about John Smith's exploration of the Rappahannock River and the people he met. Create crafts similar to the ones used by the Rappahannock and Moughtacund people who lived in the Northern Neck. Recommended for ages 9 to 12 and others may attend.

On **July 24**, Take A Hike—Make a Hiking Stick will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will decorate a hiking stick with paint, glue and materials provided. Then try out the stick on a short hike in the park. \$3 per person.

On **July 26**, a Sunset Canoe Trip will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will experience day turn into night while paddling along Mulberry Creek. Enjoy the colors of the evening, birds flying into roost and the magic of nightfall. Canoe, paddle, life jacket and experienced guide included. Reservations required. \$6 per person.

On **July 27**, Discovery Table will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Free.

On **July 28**, Goin' N Seine will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. \$2 per person.

On **July 29**, Whose Clues? will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. "Animals may be hard to find, but they always leave clues of where they have been," said Talcott. Learn how to read prints, scat and other signs of animals and go on a hike with a ranger to test the knowledge. \$2 per person.

On **July 30**, Owl Prowl will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will learn how owls were seen in different cultures. Then take a night time walk to call owls and hear them respond. \$3 per person or \$8 per family.

On **July 31**, Nest in Peace will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will make a bird house while learning about the kinds of birds that will make it their home. Take a walk afterwards to look for birds and learn more about them. \$2 per person plus \$15 per birdhouse. Reservations required.

Sport Shorts

\$10,000 raffle

Time and tickets are running out for a \$10,000 shopping spree at Chesapeake and Crescent. Tickets are \$50 and the proceeds from this raffle benefit the Northern Neck Family YMCA's Guardian program.

Tickets are available at the YMCA and Chesapeake Bank in Kilmarnock, Net Cruisers Cafe in Lancaster, Northern Neck State Bank in White Stone and The Dandelion in Irvington. A drawing will be held at the Ball in the Halls June 28.

Semipro ball

The Middle Peninsula Mariners will host the Tappahannock Tides at 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Deltaville Ballpark.

Deltas ball

The Deltaville Deltas will host the Peninsula Cardinals at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Deltaville Ballpark in a semi-pro baseball game.



Spade fish landed

Linda Griggs of Kilmarnock and George Crenshaw of White Stone hold spade fish they caught on a recent fishing trip aboard Dale Griggs' boat, the Reel Bonus II, at the Cell. Linda Griggs' catch weighed 7.7 pounds and was 19 inches long. Crenshaw's catch weighed 5 pounds.

The Fishing Line

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

Summer has finally arrived. The turn of the equinox has been kind to us with fair weather and mild temperatures. Temperatures are going to add a few notches this week-end and fishing is turning on. What more could a Rivah-neck ask for?

Striped bass fishing remains strong in Maryland waters. The Triangle area outside of the Potomac River is holding some fish near buoy 65 and in the Potomac you can find strippers off the Coan River where chumming is working well. The channel edge between buoys 70 and 72 continues to hold a mix of sizes from 21 to 28 inches in length. The best water depth is 22 to 24 feet. If you fish deeper water in that area, bluefish catches will increase. The S.W. Middle Grounds also is offering a mixed bag of bluefish and striped bass. The blues in that area are running chunky, yet the rockfish are only modestly sized.

In Virginia, some anglers have opted to target bluefish while chumming. This fishery is going well on the reefs and along the channel edge at average of 2 to 3 pounds. They make a great breakfast when the filets are salted overnight and poached in the morning. Serve the poached fish with eggs, bacon and toast. Several years ago, Dandridge Cockrell of Ophelia introduced me

to the meal, a favorite among watermen. There are a few rockfish still lingering in chum lines. Anglers need to practice careful catch and release in Virginia waters when the catches are mixed. The rockfish are susceptible to a high mortality rate as water temperatures rise.

For those anglers that prefer jigging action, the jetties at Smith Point and the lighthouse are both picking up in action. Flounder action has picked up in and around the Smith Point jetties. The best catches remain at the Cell and along the edges of the main shipping channel.

The Cell is also holding the largest concentration of spade-fish this week. Specimens up to 11 pounds have hit the rails in that area.

Bottom fishing is improving daily. The mainstay throughout the region is croaker. These fish are running in size from a modest 10 inches up to 19 inches. I have weighed hundreds of croakers for anglers at our Ingram Bay Marina weigh station and have found that in order to reach the minimum citation weight of 3 pounds, you must at least have a 19-inch fish. Keep on fishing for these tasty fish. By the way, both croaker and spot also make a great poached fish in the morning.

The artificial reefs are holding large croaker during the daytime hours. Also, the eastern side of the shipping chan-

nel from the cut channel up to Smith Point Light has been offering scattered schools of croaker. It is necessary to cull through the fish in order to get the larger 12- to 16-inch average that we have been achieving. The shorelines and shallow water of creeks continue to offer large samples during the evening hours.

Speckled trout fishing continues to go well in the Mobjack Bay and Piankatank area. Several citations have been recorded in the past two weeks. Sizes are ranging from 2 to 6 pounds with fish being landed on live minnows as well as artificial lures. Action remains slow north of the Rappahannock River. The main concern among inshore anglers is the overabundance of cow nosed rays in the bay and rivers. Populations have exploded and if left untapped, these rays will devastate the oyster grounds, soft shell clams, and the inshore fishery in general.

Get out on the water this week and act like a kid: go fishing.

"Fishing keeps us, part of us anyway, boys forever."—Geoffrey Norman.

I can honestly say that fishing not only brings back childhood memories, it keeps me there at heart. Have a save and enjoyable weekend on the water.

Until next time, fair winds.....

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White Stone/Grey's Point Tides, Sun, & Moon - June/July, 2008

Fri 6/27	Moonrise 1:01	Low 12:42	0.2'	Tue 7/1	Moonrise 3:46	Low 4:56	0.0'
	Sunrise 5:46	High 6:19	1.3'		Sunrise 5:48	High 10:30	1.4'
	Moonset 2:39	Low 12:47	0.0'		Moonset 7:34	Low 4:46	-0.1'
	Sunset 8:31	High 6:56	1.6'		Sunset 8:31	High 11:03	1.9'
Sat 6/28	Moonrise 1:31	Low 1:47	0.2'	Wed 7/2	Moonrise 4:52	Low 5:53	-0.1'
	Sunrise 5:47	High 7:21	1.3'		Sunrise 5:48	High 11:29	1.4'
	Moonset 3:52	Low 1:44	0.0'		Sunset 8:31	Low 5:45	-0.1'
	Sunset 8:31	High 7:58	1.7'		Moonset 8:35		
Sun 6/29	Moonrise 2:07	Low 2:53	0.1'	Thu 7/3	Sunrise 5:49	High 12:00	1.9'
	Sunrise 5:47	High 8:25	1.3'		Moonrise 6:06	Low 6:46	-0.1'
	Moonset 5:08	Low 2:44	0.0'		Sunset 8:31	High 12:25	1.5'
	Sunset 8:31	High 9:01	1.8'		Moonset 9:24	Low 6:43	-0.2'
Mon 6/30	Moonrise 2:51	Low 3:56	0.1'	Fri 7/4	Sunrise 5:49	High 12:54	1.9'
	Sunrise 5:48	High 9:29	1.3'		Moonrise 7:23	Low 7:37	-0.1'
	Moonset 6:24	Low 3:45	-0.1'		Sunset 8:31	High 1:19	1.5'
	Sunset 8:31	High 10:03	1.8'		Moonset 10:03	Low 7:39	-0.1'

Corrections
Piankatank River, Cherry Pt. -1:42 -1:44 86%
Great Wicomico River Light 0:30 0:20 76%
Smith Point Light 1:01 0:44 86%

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Club Golf

Hole-in-One

Billy Hudson, while playing in the recent member-guest practice round at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, recorded a hole-in-one on hole 16. His playing partners were Dr. Michael Molineaux and Bill Davenport.

ICYCC Men

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club men recently played a member-guest tournament. Overall tournament champions were Nelson Horsley and Brian Kirschbaum (39 1/2).

First flight winners were first, Ron Davis and Ward Currin (37); and second, Charles Faulkner and Alan McNamee (33 1/2).

Second flight winners were first, Hank George and Bruce Edwards (35 1/2); and second, Mike Molineaux and Bill Davenport (33 1/2).

Third flight winners were first, Joe Hudnall and Chris Valdrighi (37 1/2); and second, Ken Bransford and Eric Bransford (37 1/2).

Fourth flight winners were first, Randy Thompson and Charlie Kerfoot (33); and second, Gene Mapes and Dave Patterson (32).

Fifth flight winners were first, David Dew and Ty Brent (37 1/2); and second, Jim Georgiadis and Harrison Williams (33 1/2).

Shootout winners were George and Edwards.

ICYCC 18-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 18-holers on June 17 played a 1-2-3 team play tournament. Winners were first, Audrey Saunders, Meredith Townes, Harriet Baggett and Jeanne Kenny; second, Ellie Davis, Kayleen Hadd and Janet Blunt; and third, Barbara Hope, Linda Price and Jean Hagen. Pat Gwaltney had the only chip-in.

ICYCC 9-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-holers on June 19 played a scramble. Winners were first, Elaine Bentley, Linda Byrum, Mary Hoereman and Suzy Swift (42); and second, Nan Liner, Judy Ripley and Sheila Stepko (44).

Piankatank ladies

Piankatank River Ladies Golf Association on June 19 played low putts. First flight winners were first, Ann Padgett (28); second, Jeanne Rogers (31); and third, Karen Gorin (32). Second flight winners were first, Eva Mullins (32); second, Ann Stanley (33); and third, Barbara Keefe (35). Third flight winners were first, Bev



From left, Brian Kirschbaum and Nelson Horsley were the overall tournament champions in the recent Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club member-guest tournament.

Hudgins (35); second, Ann Powell (35); and third, Katherine Fenstermacher (36).

Quinton Oaks ladies

The Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association on June 11 played tee to green. Flight A winners were first, Bettey Garner; and second, Cheryl Rembisz. Flight B winners were first, Carol Uhlfelder; and second, Faith McDermott. Garner won low putts. Rembisz, Uhlfelder and Jean Lee each had a birdie.

On June 18, the association played 3 clubs and a putter. Flight A gross winners were first, Su Schmalz; second, P.J. Kienast; and third, Carol Reese. Low net winners were first, Terri Sartori; second, Judy Wise; and third, Rembisz.

Flight B gross winners were first, Betty Lou Dunn; second, Harriet Baggett; and third, Uhlfelder. Low net winners were first, McDermott; second, Sara Goodwyn; and third, (tied) Mary Frances Trunnell and Shirley Bishop. Goodwyn won low putts (32). McDermott had two chip-ins. Sherry Chevalier, McDermott, Sartori and Schmalz each had a birdie.

Tartan Golf Club

Twilight Scramble winners at the Tartan Golf Club for June 22 were first, (tie) Carl Roane and Nancy Pannell, Faith Kauders and Charles Craig; and third, Phyllis Dameron and Jamie Webb.



Schooner raffle launched

The Friends of Belle Isle recently launched a raffle. The grand prize is a schooner model, The Belle Isle IV, designed and built by chief ranger Mike Lambert. From left are Lambert and Friends of Belle Isle president Susie Pierce. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. Tickets may be purchased during all Music By the River concerts, or by calling Pierce at 462-7055, or Robert Mason Jr. at 580-0658. The ship will be awarded at The Bay Seafood Festival September 5 at the park. The next concert will feature the Honeywind Bluegrass Boys July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the park's picnic area.



Building a home

Park Interpreter Don Ball helps Taylor Webb and Dawn Ickes make cedar birdhouses during a "Nest In Peace" workshop at Belle Isle State Park. They also learned how to identify birds by sight and song. The next workshop will be July 31. To register, call 462-5030.

Woodland Academy golf tournament set

The 10th annual golf tournament to benefit Woodland Academy will be held at Hobb's Hole Golf Course in Tappahannock June 28.

A shotgun start will begin the tournament at 9 a.m. Registration is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Registrants will be provided coffee and donuts before starting and lunch after the

tournament. Free beverages will be supplied throughout the event. A one-year membership for Hobb's Hole Golf Course will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Awards will be given to the top five best scores and numerous drawings for prizes will be held.

To register, call 493-8258.

Junior Rivah Tour plays at Tartan Club

The Junior Rivah Tour played the Tartan Golf Club June 32. Some 21 junior golfers participated.

Club pro Don Nelson (PGA) reports the following results:

• ages 8 to 10 (5 holes); first, Drew Gilbert (26); and second, Trent Newsom (28).

• ages 11 to 14 (9 holes); first, Tensley Clowser (47); second, Larkin Gross (50); and third, Kendall Taylor (53).

• ages 15 to 18 (18 holes); first, Zack Hall (73); second, Matthew Smith (77); and third, (tie) Jeremy Gilbert and Cole Tomlinson (80).

Bridge Results

Eight tables of bridge were in play June 17 at the Women's Club of Lancaster.

Winners north/south were first, Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham; second, Mary Andrews and Barbara Hubbard; and third, Terry Carter and Bill Howard.

Winners east/west were first, Helen Kinne and Joy Straughan; second, Ronnie Gerster and Carolyn Reed; and third, Liz Hargett and Tot Winstead.

The next bridge for this group will be Tuesday, July 1, at 1 p.m.

The Women's Club of Lancaster held its regular bridge luncheon June 18. After lunch, attendees played bridge and mahjongg. The bridge winners were first, Barbara Bryand with 4,490 points; and second, Fran Dreher with 4,460 points.

The next regular sandwich bridge will be July 16 at the Women's Club. Call Betty Thornton at 462-0742 for reservations, or to be placed on a waiting list.

The winners of the Women's Club of Lancaster Marathon Bridge Tournament are:

Group A: first, Ilva Doggett and Carolyn Reed; and second, Dee Ross and Madeline Hooper;

Group B: first, Elaine Weekley and Barbara Shanklin; and second, Alexa McGrath and Ann Rau;

Group C: first, Penny Marshall and Ronnie Kerr; and second, Anna Lou Harney and Jan Mumma;

Group D: first, Jinx Wright and Edna Forshaw; and second, Betty Thornton and Judy Hagerstrom.

In couples competition, Charlie and Anne Costello placed first.

Seven tables of duplicate bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone June 19.

Winners north/south were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; second, Bev and Joe Oren; third, Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham.

Winners east/west were first, Ronnie Gerster and Shirley Crockett; second, Mary Andrews and Margaret Livesay; and third, Joy Straughan and Helen Kinne.

Five tables of duplicate bridge were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone June 23.

Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Arden Durham; and second, Ginger Klapp and Lynn Green.

Winners east/west were first, Alexa and Malena McGrath; and second, Ronnie Gerster and Shirley Crockett.

The next bridge for this group is July 9 at 1 p.m.

Sport Shorts

Life jacket exchange

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62 in Deltaville will hold a "Free Life Jacket Exchange" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 5 at the Heritage Day celebration in Deltaville. The flotilla will exchange a child's worn out or outgrown life jacket. Bring the child and unusable life jacket to the USCG Auxiliary booth.

Life jackets also will be exchanged July 10 at 4 p.m. at the Camp Rescue Program at the Deltaville Rescue Squad building on General Puller Highway in Deltaville. The child must be present to receive an exchange life jacket.

July 4 rides

The Northern Neck Cycling Club and the Richmond Area Bicycling Association have organized two rides, Friday, July 4, to Reedville and Saturday, July 5, to Heathsville. All bicyclists are welcome.

Riders will meet at the Lancaster Middle School parking lot in Kilmarnock at 9:30 a.m. both days. All bicyclists need to have helmets, water and snacks. Friday options are a 60-miler and a 25-miler. The Saturday ride will be 50 miles.

Cross country camp

Reebok's Mountain High Running Camp in Mars Hill, N.C., is accepting applications for the July 14 to 19 middle and high school crosscountry sessions. The camp features trails, free Reebok shoes and a staff of U.S. and Kenyan runners and coaches. For an application, visit mountainhighrunning.com, or contact Scott Simmons at coach@mountainhighrunning.com, or call 704-688-2814.

Meeting change

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club has moved its regular monthly meeting, at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, from the Bank of Lancaster to the American Legion Hall, .8 miles east of Kilmarnock on Waverly Avenue.

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Campers enjoy playtime on the playground at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. The church was the site of the 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp.

4-H holds day camp

From June 16 to 20, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 4-H held their first Cloverbud Day Camp for 36 children ages 5 to 8 years at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

The program included arts, crafts, nutrition and environmental classes that featured guest speakers from Belle Isle State Park, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and the U.S. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The highlight of the week was a "Share the Fun" session June 20 that featured skits and group singing. The night concluded with awards for each participant for completing the day camp, along with special recognition to those who read the most books during the week.

The participants included Hailey Banes, Danielle Blake, Olivia Brocklebank, Chris Cunningham, Jamari

Curry, Breanna Davis, Britany Davis, Brook Elbourn, Sherrod Fauntleroy, Kayla George, Rachel Hurst, Jerohl Jackson, Braiden Kent, Shelby Lewis, Riley Molincaux, Corey Palubinski, Talia Pena, Caden Rhodus, Ashley Roberts, Brandon Ross, Kaylee Sheets, Nathan Spiers, Amanda Steensma, Evan Steensma, Lizzy Sutton, Xavier Sutton, Adreena Taylor, Alicia Taylor, Tiffany Taylor, Xavier Ward, Michael Ward, Natalie Webb, Gwen Whichard, Rachel Woolard, Rachel Valdrighi and Brianna Williams.

Heather Carter, Angel Kelley and Will Slaughter served as teen counselors. Taylor Davis assisted as a counselor-in-training.

To learn more about 4-H, or activities and programs for children ages 5 to 8 years, contact Julie Tritz, 4-H Extension agent, at 462-5780 or jtritz@vt.edu.



From left, campers Shelby Lewis and Amanda Steensma sing "Five Little Monkeys" at talent night of the 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp.

Speaker discusses fire aboard the Oriskany

The Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society met June 19 at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping.

Chapter president "Doc" Broadway introduced retired U.S. Navy Capt. John Miles, who brought a film on the Aircraft Carrier Oriskany, and its crew members. He was a pilot aboard the Oriskany.

The film illustrated the disastrous fire aboard the ship, which resulted when sailors were storing new flares. One burst into flame and smoke and flames spread, resulting in the loss of 44 men. A-4 pilots were sleeping at the time, woke up and "it was like walking into a bag of fire."

When the Oriskany was repaired and returned to duty, a similar disaster consumed the Aircraft Carrier Forestal. John McCain was a pilot on this ship, and chose to join the crew of the Oriskany.

The film illustrated the landing area of the carrier, less than the distance from home base to first base on a baseball field. The only way to land on a carrier was to practice incessantly.

To train aircraft pilots, an airport has a landing strip laid out, and the student pilots fly the shipboard pattern for landing

hundreds of times before they even see a carrier. Pilots fly above the port side of the carrier, make a wide 180 degree turn to the carrier's stern which is moving forward at about 25½ miles per hour. If the landing is low, slow, high or fast, a red signal aborts the landing. The pilot must try again.

When the Oriskany returned to duty, pilots were returned to flying missions three times daily. In just the first week, five of the Sea Hawks crashed, and rescuers were able to save four of the pilots.

Control of the war in Vietnam was strictly controlled by a program called Rolling Thunder, and then Linebacker I, and II. Many prisoners of war were captured by the Vietnamese, and three men from the Oriskany were among them, Dave Carey, Jim Stockdale and John McCain, Republican candidate for the President of the United States.

There will be no regular meeting of the chapter in July. The annual meeting will be held at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury July 18, at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are \$18 per person and must be sent to Bob Schneider at 114 Club View Drive in Lancaster, VA 22503, no later than Friday, July 11.

Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrates anniversary

June 23, 1939, Congress authorized the formation of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This Act authorized the Coast Guard to use civilian volunteers to promote boating safety on the nation's waterways. On October 19, 1996, Congress greatly increased the responsibilities and training of the auxiliary. The intent of Congress was to expand the ability of the Coast Guard to utilize the Coast Guard Auxiliary for missions not contemplated in 1939.

The Coast Guard Authorization Act increased the scope of the auxiliaries' duties to include any role, mission or operation that the Commander of the Coast Guard might envision. In 2002, in response to 9/11, the Coast Guard Auxiliary became part of Homeland Security.

On an average day, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will complete 62.5 safety patrols, assist 28 people, save 1 life, save over \$341,000 in property, participate in 100 operational missions, educate 369 people on boating safety and perform 299 vessel safety checks.

All United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas recently received a congratulatory message from Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. In the message, Admiral Allen stated, "We take great pride in calling the men and women of

the auxiliary our shipmates. They have stood the watch as an integral part of Team Coast Guard continually since 1939. I consider every one of our auxiliary members an invaluable asset of Team Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or execute our missions on a day-to-day basis without their selfless devotion to duty. Our Coast Guard Auxiliary is truly the finest all-volunteer organization in the world.

"Over the past year, auxiliaries provided over three million hours of direct support. That translates into an average of over 100 volunteer hours by each of the 29,000 auxiliaries," said Admiral Allen. "Auxiliaries actions resulted in over 180 lives saved and the assisting of nearly 5,500 mariners."

Admiral Allen concluded by saying, "The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an extremely valuable asset to this service, the Department of Homeland Security and our nation."

"We are always interested in recruiting new members to voluntarily serve their country," said Joe Riley, commander of Division 3. "You don't have to be a boater to participate in the many programs the auxiliary has to offer."

To enlist, contact John Mill of the Kilmarnock flotilla at 436-0805, or Gary Palsgrove of the Callao flotilla at 472-3370.



Yacht club holds mini cruise

The Indian Creek Yacht Club recently held a mini-cruise at the home of Alex Kilmon on Indian Creek. Kilmon hosted 68 members and guests with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. About a dozen boats cruised in for the festivities. From left are Kilmon, Ann Burgess, commodore John Hunt and Page Hunt.

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From left are vice commodore Paul Lassanske, Peggy Lassanske, cruise captain Paul Harris, Susan Harris and cruise captain Vic Guyan.

Yacht club members cruise to Baltimore

Eleven boats from Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club recently participated in a 12-day cruise to Baltimore.

Led by cruise captains Vic Guyan, Paul Harris and Len Hoememan, the group's first two stops at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, Md., and Zahnizer's Marina at Solomons Island, Md., offered a leisurely start to the adventure. Upon departing Zahnizer's, however, the fleet encountered pea-soup fog, forcing six of the boats to turn back or remain in port, while five pressed on and diverted to a Choptank River anchorage for the night.

The following day, the group reunited at the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron on Gibson

Island, Md., for an afternoon at the pool and a dinner in the clubhouse, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay.

Day six brought the boaters to Baltimore and three days of dining and touring the waterfront attractions. Having satisfied their curiosity, the yachters again took to the seas, bound for several days in St. Michaels, Md., and a last stop at Solomons Yachting Center.

Not even an errant squall, delivering 68-knot winds and 4- to 6-foot rolling seas could dampen their spirits, as the fleet arrived home refreshed and looking forward to the next cruise to the south bay later this summer.

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From left are contractor Paul Ryan, county administrator William Pennell Jr., county supervisor Wally Beauchamp, chapter executive director Julie Dudley, disaster chair Wes Werling, chief of emergency services Scott Hudson and YMCA executive director Mark Favazza.

YMCA facility to serve as a disaster recovery center

KILMARNOCK—A 300 KW emergency generator is now operational at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock.

The River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross obtained a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to procure the generator. Lancaster County Homeland Security funding provided for the installation and initial operation.

Disaster chair Wes Werling said the generator will be an asset to the community in any disaster. The Red Cross chap-

ter's main office is in the building and is used as the main operating and distribution center for the River Counties Chapter.

Executive director Julie Dudley thanked everyone involved and supportive in the installation, especially the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, the Lancaster board of supervisors, the YMCA and contractor Paul Ryan.

In the event of a local emergency, the Northern Neck Family YMCA will serve residents of Lancaster County and

the lower portion of Northumberland County as a recovery center, said Dudley.

The recovery center will be where residents can get information on sheltering and mass feeding locations, she said. The facility also will be available for bathing and other personal hygiene purposes and the distribution of recovery supplies.

"The recovery center is a very important step in the return to normalcy after a disaster," said Lancaster County chief of emergency services Scott Hudson. "The county's emergency services staff thanks the River Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Northern Neck YMCA for making their resources available to assist local citizens following a local emergency."

16 area gymnasts headed to national event

State, regional and now national competition—16 gymnasts will represent the Northern Neck at the USA Jr. Olympic Tumbling and Trampoline National Championships in Kansas City July 1 through 6 in conjunction with the Trampoline Olympic Trials.

Olympic viewers got their first glimpse of trampoline in the 2000 Olympic Games, said Anna Kellum. However, the United States has hosted National Championships dating back to 1886.

Enthusiasm for this sport continues to build each year. Being traced back to tumbling and trampoline's archeological origins in ancient China, Egypt and Persia, power tumbling has evolved into three events—tumbling (tu), double mini trampoline (DMT) and trampoline (tr), she said.

Power tumbling is performed on elevated spring runways that help tumblers propel themselves higher than a basketball goal as they demonstrate speed, strength and skill while executing a series of acrobatic maneuvers, said Kellum. Top-level contenders will perform explosive somersaults with multiple flips and twists. Although even in the early years of tramp lining, notable American and international athletes performed many of the difficult skills and combinations of skills that are seen today, modern trampoline competitions are quite different from those of the early developmental years, due in part to advances in equipment design, changes in the rules

and governance, and more systematic training of the athletes, she explained.

International competition trampolines are larger and more powerful than those utilized in the early years and a far cry from the "backyard" models that are found today in most American suburban neighborhoods, said Kellum. These modern trampolines can propel trained athletes as high as 30 feet in the air during performances.

During two competitive routines of 10 skills each, upper-level athletes can easily demonstrate a graceful array of double, triple and twisting somersaults, she said. Double mini is a relatively new sport that combines the horizontal run of tumbling with the vertical rebound of trampoline. After a short run, the athlete jumps onto a small two-level trampoline to perform a rebounding trick immediately followed by a dismount element onto a landing mat. Double mini is similar in concept to springboard diving, using a mat instead of water.

How does one qualify for international competitions? It all begins with those first jumps on the first day of recreational gymnastics class, said Kellum. Designed to give a structured plan for training a gymnast, The National Jr. Olympic Program consists of Levels 1-10, Jr. and Sr. Elite. Within Virginia, there are only four gyms that have elevated programs to produce the high level of training required to compete nationally and internationally, said Kellum.

Without a lot of fanfare week after week, 12 months a year, 16 "High Flyers" file in and out of the Northern Neck Athletic Center. "Planting Dreams Harvesting Champions" is the vision of owner Janice Collins. Echoes throughout coach Collins' classes encourage students, "To only attempt new things and try one's best makes you a winner."

If it be dreams of gold medals, the High Flyers are a living reality. Through hard work the team has brought home 39 gold, 20 silver, 10 bronze and 7 finalists from Virginia State and Region 6 Championships, said Kellum.

In addition, Skylar Kellum won the Region 6 All Star spot on DMT. Impressive stats continue as 100 percent of the team has qualified for the National Competition and will go to Kansas City where approximately 2,000 athletes flip to take home gold.

The team includes Leisel Schram (Essex County), Kasey Daiger, Brittany Payne (Westmoreland County), Skylar Kellum, Shameia Taylor, Dazah Davenport, Calvin Henderson, Jahmekah Nickens (Lancaster County), Miracle Basey (Northumberland County), Lindsey Delano, Laura Milstead, Matthew Delano, Mary Alyce Bronner (Richmond County), Kylee Swedo, Makahalia Taliaferro (West Point) and Justice Derrick (King George County).

To help sponsor these athletes in their Olympic venture, call 333-6327, or e-mail nnacboosterclub@yahoo.com.



Clinic opens

The Animal Resource Foundation (Arf) recently held an open house at its new Spay Neuter Clinic at White Marsh Shopping Center in Gloucester. Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society (GMHS) president Charles Dickey Jr. presented Arf a donation from the GMHS board of directors. The clinic provides affordable surgery. From left are clinic medical director Leslie Dragon, DVM; Arf president, Ginger Zarske; Dickey Hawryluk and clinic executive director Linda Hawryluk.



From left, Bob Hudson, Bob Berry and Dick Townley

Hudson wins shotgun match

Bob Hudson prevailed in a shotgun match at the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club June 21. Hudson, Bob Berry, and Dick Townley each scored 43 hits from a total of 50 possible hits producing a three-way tie.

In a 10 shot shoot-off, Hudson scored nine hits to take the win, Berry placed second with eight, and Townley's seven hits put him in third.

The match consisted of 25 shots each in 16-yard-singles trap and report-doubles wobble-trap. The 12 gauge, over-and-under shotgun was used by most, including Hudson for the win.

In 16-yard-singles trap, shooters are positioned one each on five stations that are arranged in a partial semi-circle 16 yards behind a clay target launcher.

Contestants get one shot in succession at 4-inch diameter clay disks until five shots at a station are completed. At that point, the competitors move to the next station and repeat the sequence until all have shot at each station.

Report-doubles wobble-trap differs in that a portion of the targets are launched immediately following the shotgun's report from the previous shot. Of the 25 targets for each shooter, 10 are report doubles.

Additionally, the wobble-trap target throwing mechanism oscillates not only side to side, as in 16-yard-singles, but up and down as well. The typical result is rapidly emerging targets with very different flight paths to challenge the shooter's skill.

Swim clinic slated July 20

A swimming technique clinic, "Swim like the Big Fish, the Basics," will be held July 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the YMCA pool in Kilmarnock.

Instructor Kathryn Gregory is a certified water safety instructor, lifeguard, masters competitor for 22 years, founder and coach for the local Stripper Team.

Topics include body balance, proper breathing, efficient kick, proper arm pull, and turns. The opportunity to be videotaped also will be offered.

The program is for ages 18 and older who can swim at least 50 yards without stopping and who have a fitness level to swim further with rest breaks.



Mary Helne, a masters team member, will be among the assistants at the swimming clinic.

Register at the Northern Neck Family YMCA main facility at 39 Harris Drive in Kilmarnock by July 16. The cost is \$20 for YMCA members and \$40 for others.

Evans runs in marathon

William H. Evans IV, a 1993 graduate of Lancaster High School, ran the 112th Boston Marathon April 21. He completed the 26.2-mile race by crossing the finish line with a time of 3 hours 1 minute 41 seconds.

Of the 21,963 total participants, he finished 1,375 overall with a pace of 6 minutes 56 seconds per mile.

The Evans and Smart families also traveled to Boston to cheer him on. Evans qualified for the Boston Marathon in November 2006 at the Outer Banks Marathon in North Carolina.

He and his wife, Heather Smart Evans, a 1994 graduate of Lancaster High School, and their daughter, Madeleine Evans, live in Blacksburg.



William H. Evans IV



A babysitting class, sponsored by the Northern Neck Family YMCA, will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock July 14 and 15 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration ends July 7. The fee is \$25 per person for ages 12 to 17.

Register at Northern Neck Family YMCA at 39 Harris Road in Kilmarnock, or call 435-0223.

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License plate initiative launched

From left, Del. Albert Pollard, concept creator Chip Jones and Sen. Richard Stuart unveil the design of a proposed special revenue license plate for the Northern Neck. Sponsored by the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, the license plate initiative requires 350 pre-paid applications to be considered at the January 2009 legislative session. To sign up, contact the Northern Neck Land Conservancy. A portion of the plate sales will benefit the conservancy. (Photo by Alex Haseltine)

New laws regarding license plates will take effect July 1

A law impacting antique vehicle owners was amended by the Virginia General Assembly this year. Beginning July 1, applicants for antique license plates will not have to submit notarized certification that their antique vehicle meets safety equipment requirements for the model year it was manufactured.

Other laws surrounding antique vehicle owners remain in effect. Applicants for antique license plates must show evidence of ownership or regular use of another passenger car or motorcycle. A one-time fee of \$50 is charged for antique vehicle registration and plate purchase.

Antique plates are available from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for vehicles with a model year that is at least 25 years old. If an antique vehicle owner is convicted of operating an antique vehicle determined to be unsafe or not properly equipped, they will be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and DMV will suspend the own-

er's registration of the vehicle involved for five years.

In addition to antique vehicle plates, the legislature also passed several laws concerning special license plates. The one-time, \$10 fee will be eliminated July 1 for both the Gold Star and Purple Heart special license plates.

Special license plates supporting several organizations were authorized during the 2008 General Assembly session. The annual fee for the new plates and for most revenue-sharing special plates is \$25, in addition to the vehicle registration fee. Normally, \$15 of the \$25 special plate fee is paid to the organization featured on the plate after DMV receives 350 pre-paid applications and 1,000 sets of plates are sold. In 2007, DMV dispersed \$2.5 million to organizations and universities benefiting from the revenue-sharing plate program.

New revenue-sharing plates include:

- Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital Foundation.

- Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

- Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Fund.

- National D-Day Memorial Foundation Fund.

- Civil War plate. (This special plate marks the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, and the law authorizing this plate expires on July 1, 2015. The plates will require a one-time fee of \$15 and \$5 will be paid to the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. The minimum 350 pre-paid applications and 1,000 plate purchase requirements will not apply to this plate.

In addition to the new plates listed above, Virginia offers more than 200 special plates. Many represent the military, emergency personnel, fraternal orders, civic or community organizations, colleges and universities, conservationists and hobbyists.

To view and order special plates, visit www.dmvNOW.com.

▼ Rezoning . . . (continued from page A1)

more than one entrance into the new development. However, she also suggested proffers be included for adding affordable workforce housing into the mix.

Representing Friends of Lancaster County, Joe Urban said the plan is inconsistent with the county's comprehensive plan because it does not fall within the Planned Growth Area and "does not preserve the rural heritage and natural beauty of the area."

Urban said the site has been identified as a potential reservoir that could supply 240,000 gallons of water a day, enough for 2,400 people, and that the comprehensive plan calls for protecting such areas from development.

"The proffer is totally inadequate for a rezoning of this size," Urban added. He suggested Donofrio financially offset the impact to roads and public services. "The taxpayers of the county should not be expected to subsidize development impacts. . . We do not now know or understand the impact to our roads, fire and rescue services, water quality, and potential loss of water source from this application." He asked planners not to rush into a rezoning of this scale.

Urban also suggested that planners get things in writing to ensure that they happen, "as we've learned from the past."

Several citizens said Donofrio did not live up to this promises at Hills Quarter.

"Proffers means a promise made, such as walkways and nature trails," said Jack Chamberlain. "There were promises made for bowling alleys and a movie theater at Hills Quarter" that were not fulfilled.

Planner Rev. Dr. Rodney Waller also mentioned that people were excited about the prospect of the commercial amenities that never happened at Hills Quarter.

Supervisor Butch Jenkins clarified that the board of supervisors did not require commercial amenities be made as proffers at Hills Quarter so that Donofrio could be flexible to market conditions.

"Who will benefit?" asked Lloyd Hill. "What housing problems will this solve? How does this fit in with the area and the critical shortage of workforce housing?"

Terry Smith testified that while

Donofrio offered nature trails, gazebos and an event center, plans do not indicate community parking.

"People are excluded when there is no way to get to it," he said.

Smith also expressed concern for the impact on the community from a development of this magnitude. Considering that the population impact would be bigger than the town of Kilmarnock, he called for an environmental impact study on wildlife and aquifers as well as a cost impact study for services such as schools and police. He also suggested that it would put a strain on Dominion Power's "marginal electric power grid" in the area.

Smith, a land engineer, questioned the accuracy of subdivision plans based on "mapping errors," and said things are actually closer than indicated.

Calling the subdivision development "the largest rezoning" he had seen in the county, Jones expressed his concern about sending the request on to the board of supervisors without a plan.

"For something this size, we want to see a plan, not R-1 here and R-3 there," he said.

In defending his proposal, Donofrio said market conditions would dictate the plan.

"We can give you the plat, but two to three years from now when we get in there to start, it won't be the same plan. Numbers would be the same, but sites would change," Donofrio said.

The developer refused to commit to exact numbers, saying, "Early layouts are 600 to 700 sites, but we want to develop a community of quality rather than quantity."

Members of the commission stood firm in requiring a plat before making a decision and asked Donofrio to obtain a commitment from Kilmarnock on providing utilities.

Lancaster board to act on budget, tax increase

LANCASTER—Supervisors will vote tonight (June 26) on Lancaster County's proposed \$26.6 million 2009 fiscal year operations and capital improvement budget. The figure represents an increase of \$813,972 over the current budget and would take effect July 1.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the General District courtroom in Lancaster.

According to supervisors, the increase is mostly due to an \$800 million loss in school funding from the state, a need which will shift to county residents in the form of higher real estate taxes. A public hearing on increasing the tax rate by six cents on every \$100 of assessed real estate value for the 2008 calendar year will precede the budget vote. If approved, the increase would result in an adjusted tax rate of \$0.42 per \$100 of value.

Financing for construction of a new judicial center will not affect this year's property taxes but is expected to be phased in beginning with the 2009 calendar year, according to county administrator Bill Pennell.

In other business, supervisors will consider a request for a special exception to expand the existing Chesapeake Boat Basin commercial marina on Waverly Avenue. Also up for consideration are requests for a communication tower on Daniel Drive near Devil's Bottom Road and rezoning of a one-acre parcel from residential to commercial on Chesapeake Drive near White Stone.

▼ Keyser to serve as grand marshal for Reedville parade . . . (continued from page A1)

"I still have the trophy on my bookcase in my office," Keyser said.

After high school, he continued to play softball in Callao in the men's league and went to two state modified championship teams with the Lottsburg Clippers.

Haynie married Terry Gough of Ophelia in 1985. The birth of their first son, Nathan, in 1989 brought an end to Keyser's playing days. But, he had been coaching some for the Northumberland County recreation department league starting in 1981 and went on to coach the Wicomico team for several years, even winning a few championships.

"I still have former players come up to me and talk about the fun times of playing in that league," he said.

In 1992, the Keyser's welcomed home their second son, Patrick. By that time, Nathan had caught the baseball bug and spent a lot of time hanging around the ball field and dugout, practicing with the big kids.

When Nathan was old enough to join a team, the rec-

reation department was facing some challenges, Keyser said.

"When I inquired about what was involved in joining Little League Baseball Inc., I was surprised to find out that Lancaster and Richmond counties had split Northumberland amongst themselves, and if you wanted to play official Little League baseball or softball, you had to travel outside the county and play on their teams," Keyser said.

Keyser rallied other parents and community leaders and led the initiative to form the Northumberland County Little League.

Patrick took to the game in a different capacity. He became the youngest umpire in the district when he umpired his first All-Star game.

Not one to take all the credit, Keyser said: "A lot of people have performed a lot of hard work in order for the Little League to reach where it is now."

The ball fields in Claraville are the newest, and some say the best, in the district today.

Keyser followed in his

father's footsteps, starting in the land surveying during summers when he was 14 and going on to earn his degree. He is also a member of the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department and now serves as chief of the fire department.

These are exciting times at the fire department because of "an infusion of youth," said Keyser. "These young members have excited the older members and improved the ability to provide fire

protection to the community."

"I have worn many hats during my lifetime in Northumberland County, from student to ball player to coach to small-business owner to fire chief. I would like to take this opportunity to take off each hat and say 'thank you' to Danny Haynie for everything he has done to promote community spirit and to make sure community pride is perpetuated through the Fourth of July parades," said Keyser.

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